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The Club's Website is LIVE

With the valued guidance of the Club's website consultant (Linda we thank you) the Club has a website that extols the virtue of the Club.

The website's address is:

WWW.SHIREWOODWORKING.COM.AU

Below is a screen grab of the home page that greets visitors to our website.



Welcome

There's much to see here on our website. So, take your time, look around, and learn all there is to know about us. We hope you enjoy our site and take a moment to drop us a line. Why not make a visit to our Gallery and our Workshop to see what we have to offer?

Please take a look at what the website shows about the Club. Already there are plans for enhancements. If you have any suggestions to offer about the website, the Club's committee will be very happy to consider your ideas.

Notice to members who have not renewed their membership for 2023-24

If you are waiting to decide whether to renew; if you haven't paid by the end of September your membership will lapse. That'd be a pity, we'd hate to lose you.

CLUB COMMITTEE:

President: Ian Rudd
Vice President: Malcolm Armstrong
Secretary: Maurice Smith
 Telephone 0414 538 475
Treasurer: Alan Ritchie
Committee Members: Roger Dixon, Gary Healey
 Graham Ethell

SUB-COMMITTEES & Auxiliary Positions

Assistant Secretary: Roger Dixon
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Walsh
Project Sub-Committee: Gary Healey, Roger Walsh & Ray Tregoning.
Librarian: Roger Walsh
Safety Officers: David Edwards, Gary Healey, Axel Tennie & Bob Quigley,
Welfare Officer: Malcolm Armstrong, & Kevin Gowen
First Aid Officers: Graham Ethell, Alan Ritchie & Gary Healey
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Equipment & Training : Roger Dixon, David Edwards, Neil Mathews, Kevin Gowen, Gary Healey, Maurice Smith, Ray Tregoning & James Windschuttle
Raffles: Gary Mitchell
Exhibitions Sub-Committee: Graham Ethell & Steve Lansley
Property Sub-Committee: Graham Ethell & Alan Ritchie
Toymaking: Malcolm Armstrong, Barry Gardner, Steve Lansley, Neil Mathews, Glen Reeve, Reno Scriberras & Maurice Smith.,
Facebook: Alan Ritchie
WebMaster: Maurice Smith
Woodcarvers' Liaison:

Useful website of the month

From committee member Graham Ethell: Recently I had occasion to seek out some parts for a Triton Superjaws. Carbatec didn't have them, and gave me a reference to a UK website.

So, if you are looking for spare parts for Triton or GMC equipment and Carbatec doesn't have them, you can look at:

www.toolsparesonline.com

This is a UK company, the prices are in pounds and there is freight to be paid. However they seem to have spares going down to the minutest bits for all the Triton woodworking equipment.

If you would like to receive this Newsletter please email the editor at info@shirewoodworking.com.au or if you have an article that you think would be suitable for publication in this newsletter your Editor would be most pleased to receive it.

**MAXIDAY:
SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023
AGENDA**

8:45am	Open Lilli Pilli Workshop
9:00am	Monthly Meeting
9:30am	Video — Ian's selection
9:55am	Presentation of ayn OBE
10:00am	Morning Tea
10:30am	Show & Tell
11:00am	Plank Competition: * Presentations by competition entrants * Judging * Results announcement
12:00noon	Lunch –
1:00pm	Raffle Draw
1:15pm	Members projects
3.00pm	Workshop Close

President's Report

At the Annual General Meeting held in August our new committee was elected. Graham Ethell has stood down as Secretary after 13 years of outstanding service and Maurice Smith has agreed to take on the Secretary role. Graham remains on the committee and will continue to ensure a smooth transition. Malcolm Armstrong is Vice President and Alan Ritchie remains Treasurer. Roger Dixon is Assistant Secretary and your new committee member is Gary Healey. I look forward to another successful year where we continue to see our club grow and serve our community. My thanks also to Dave Edwards for his valued contribution as a retiring committee member.

The Shire Woodworking Club now has an active website that allows anyone the opportunity to learn about our club and how we operate in our community. We have a great story to tell and our website provides comprehensive information on our history, our workshop, our members and encourages interested men and women on how to join. A great feature of the new website is the ability to update each month with a new online copy of Sawdust & Shavings. This has been a long process getting the website to this stage and my thanks to all involved in creating this voice for our club. In particular, Maurice Smith spent many hours and numerous meetings with our professional adviser creating this site.

The club has now purchased the Mirka 3.0 Rectangular sander and a large quantity of Abranet sanding sheets in various grits to improve our sanding capabilities. Our Mirka sanding station now has a neater method of securing the vacuum hose and power cord that reduces the trip hazard we had previously. When using the Mirka sanding heads do not run them on the maximum speed setting.

In the last week of August we delivered over 600 items to the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick and also made a delivery of 20 painted boxes to the Family Co at Jannali. Thanks to all the members

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SHOW & TELL

Connect 4—larger than life

A few weeks ago I received a call from Ken at Bunnings, Taren Point to ask if we would consider making a LARGE "Connect 4" game that he can take around to nursing homes, preschools etc as part of Bunnings' charity activities. He said Bunnings would donate the materials.

Coincidentally, I had just finished making this game (much smaller) for my entry into the Plank Competition, so I understood the maths to get it all to fit. There are four critical measurements - if you change any one it affects each of the other.

Initial dimensions requested were very big, we settled on the main board being 1200mm x 800mm, with the counters being 125mm diameter.

Ian arranged for the circles on the boards to be cut out on a high-tech CNC machine (using his contact who also cut out the soldier silhouette previously).



This is what is shown in the photo opposite.

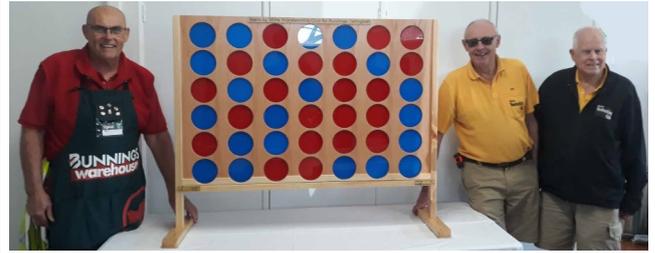
The counters were made from two sheets of 3mm acrylic glued together and then cut out on the laser by Ian Rudd.

Ray Tregoning generously provided his time and skills in finalising the initial design and then made the side supports, bases and hinged trapdoor (all in less than a day!) to allow the counters to fall out at the end of each game. The game was finished with multiple coats of gloss polyurethane.

Ian made the presentation plaque that is glued to the top, and Alan Ritchie has made a box to hold all the counters.

The game was collected from the Club by Ken on Tuesday 29th August. He was delighted with it and was going to give it the first test at the Fathers' Day evening later that week.

The Club thanks Bunnings for donating all the materials which had a retail value of over \$500.



The photo above shows Ken, Ray and Graham when Ken collected the game

Postscript: Editor here: As mentioned above, Ken intended to test the game out. On the evening of Thursday 31st of August, Bunnings held a special event in anticipation of Fathers Day. I had a need to attend Bunnings to have a key cut so while there I found two of the Club's members at the table displaying and selling some of the Club's many sales items. The photo below shows members Gary Healey (left) and Mike Green (right) on duty.



While there I walked around and found the Connect 4 game in use with several children giving it a workout. (Their faces are deliberately obscured in the photo opposite.)



SHOW & TELL

Barry Gardner and some wonderful bandsaw figures

Barry reports: I presented a few items. The first was a desk set. Many years ago I found an unusual "arty" scroll-saw plan that I af-



fixed to a piece of scrap hardwood. It has laid around in my workshop for many years. The weekend before Maxiday I cut it out. Then thought what would I do with it now. I came up with this idea by adding a clock insert a pen holder and a base. The finish is four coats of Anchor Satin Spray.

For the past 12 months or so I have been cutting 3D models on the bandsaw for delivery to the Sydney Childrens Hospital, Randwick. I have been using the Hemlock wood 35mm x 50mm profile. The Hemlock has a finer grain pattern and thus allows better profiling.

However some of the 3D animals were a little too frail to be handled by sick children. So thought I needed to make them larger.

After a suggestion from President Ian split a length of Hemlock in half and glued one half to one edge and the other half to the other edge thus giving a profile of roughly 43mm x 73mm. One then has to resize the image plan to fit the piece of wood. The initial results are now shown. They take about 15 to 30 minutes to cut out each on the Clubs Laguna Bandsaw.

Ron Cameron's Foyer Table

Ron reports: I made this table for our foyer based on a photograph that my wife gave me. It was my first attempt at furniture.

The legs were cut at 45 degrees. The table is fully glued with dominoes used to attach the legs to the table and the leg bases. Initially I was not going to have a base but the difficulty of ensuring that all 12 legs were the same length made the bases the simpler approach

Thanks to Ray, Malcolm and Maurice for their help.



Editor here: I had to ask Ron "does it meet your wife's expectations?"

Ron responded: "Yes she loves it - so job done."

President's report (cont'd)

who have contributed their time in making items. Our once a month Toymaking day always attracts some members on that day who enjoy helping our cause. Your dedication is appreciated. Please see the special report on the hospital delivery.

The club has now purchased a large stock of special ply for toymaking. The ply that has virtually no defects and is also suitable for use with the laser. As part of the Grant we received from the Sutherland Council we were also able to purchase a range of coloured and mirrored acrylic.

Please remember that Safety is everyone's responsibility. Be aware of your surrounds as you work on various machines in the workshop.

Happy Woodworking, Ian Rudd, President

DELIVERY TO THE THERAPISTS AT SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, RANDWICK on 30 August 2023



Roger Dixon, Chris and Brian Harward and Barry Gardner loaded up Roger's Land Rover Discovery to the gills with 613 items, most of which are seen in the photo above, plus 8 crocheted rugs from Julie Edwards and 8 other items. Upon unloading in loading dock 3 in the bowels of the Children's Hospital we were invited to the Therapists office on the 3rd floor for a pleasant afternoon tea. As always they were most grateful for the toys and therapy items and quickly some items were moved into the wards.

Of particular note, members would be aware, that regularly the hospital provides names of children and if those children have a particular interest, that interest. On this occasion we received 10 names, 5 boys and 5 girls with just 2 noted having a special interest. The first was "Max 5 (loves chevy /ford ranger type cars)". The trouble was we did not have in the gallery a suitable model so we provided him with the first model of a Ford one of Steve Lanslie's T Model Flat Bed trucks.

The second was "Andy 3 (loves excavators/diggers type machines)". This time we were a little more successful and found Andy the low loader and bulldozer made by Maurice Smith. (see photo below).



On arrival at the hospital they were keen to get it to Andy as he had returned to the wards after he had spent the last week in the ICU. However it could not be delivered then as he was having a CT scan. We all wish young Andy a very quick recovery and he is able to get cracking moving sand around the sand pit. The other 8 received engraved boxes similar to those in the photo at right.

Our next delivery to the Child Life and Music Therapists will be around the last week in November or the first week in December, This will be our Christmas delivery. We do need to include in this delivery Jewish Hanukkah related items as well as possibly star wands for children of the Muslim faith. (report continues on page 6)



In addition the therapists asked if we could make some toy skate boards about 250mm long on wheels that could be played with and written on while children are confined to bed. The request has come as a results of friends bringing skate boards into the hospital duly signed in the form of get well cards from mates.

Talking with the therapists the preferred items of the children are the boxes, the cars and trucks and rolling pins; but all our items are sought after. Following on from 5yo Max mentioned previously it seems obvious that the mums and dads drive twin cab Utes or SUV's and so children would like to play with a toy vehicle similar to the vehicle that mum and dad drive.

To this end I did some searching but had difficulty finding any plans that would allow us to make such vehicles in quantity. I do have plans for a laser cut Toyota Hilux (see photo below left) but it has over 100 parts to put together and so is not suited.



The other is a Ute (see photo below right) that I have made previously which is relatively simple but not a 2023 type model.



Any members have any ideas? Please let us know. Barry Gardner

ITEMS DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL

Keepsake boxes	113
Ducks & Horses on stand	16
Jigsaw truck	1
Animal Groups on Stand	3
Hippos moving jaw	5
3D Animals & characters lge	8
3D Animals & characters med	23
Rocket ships	15
Boxes Laser patterned	23
Half Cabin boats	13
Tug Boats	22
Racing Cars lge	6
USB Boxes	34
T Model Trucks & Tanker	3
Utes small	14
Hot Rod	1
Cars med	20
Steam Engine	14
Trucks for Steam engine	44
Speed cars with driver	16
Play Dough Rolling Pins	74
Cars, Bus Trucks Mini	48
Vases	6
Guitars lge	10
Hand Puppets	28
Hearts with Forget Me Not	41
Named items	10
Cutout whales	2
Crocheted rugs	16
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Delivery to Family Co

The club made a special delivery of painted boxes to Family Co at Jannali in August. These items will be distributed to disadvantaged families in our Shire and were gratefully received by the wonderful staff at Family Co. These boxes were assembled by a number of our members who attend the Toymaking Day.

The boxes were presented by Ian Rudd to Nola Hearn at their office in Jannali as pictured below.



Sailing From France to Australia

Roger Walsh reports: On MaxiDay 13th August we had the pleasure of a presentation of the aviation and sailing exploits of Gordon and Louise Coates. Gordon started his aviation background with Qantas as a ground engineer at Mascot. He gained airframe and engine licences on both Boeing and Airbus aircraft. He progressed through the engineering ranks moving into the flight engineering ranks then to the flight crews reaching the ranks of a A380 Captain. His career interrupted by Covid, leaving Qantas in 2021 after 42 years with the company.

Gordon and his wife Louise have a love of sailing and their more recent acquisition was a 44 foot catamaran ELBA45 Fountaine Pajot, called Larrikin. This boat comes equipped with very high tech communication, navigation, sailing, accommodation and comfort equipment. A full explanation can be found in the Multihull Solutions website at [youtube.com/watch?v=9PjrDQQqVWQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PjrDQQqVWQ)

Gordon and Loise took delivery of their boat in Port Cogolin France, then sailed it back to Australia leaving France on 17th November 2019. Their journey took them to Gibraltar (to pickup their crew, a mate that lives in Stanwell Tops), Canary Islands 01 Dec 2020, Martinique in the Caribbean (but leaving boat to attend daughter's wedding on 27th Dec 2019), Panama with a pilot to transit the canal leaving 27th Feb 2020, Tahiti arriving 26th March leaving 31st March 2020 arriving back in Southport Queensland 28th April 2020.

During their journey they encountered the full range of sailing conditions from no wind, to perfect wind to Cyclone Harold that formed in the Solomon Islands then travelled over Vanuatu, Fiji and Cook Islands. One of the largest and damaging cyclones in 50 years with 12 deaths. They were hit by an intense low, with wind strengths up to 70 kts just below the Island of Pines in New Caledonia. They encountered COVID restrictions in Papeete and later back in Australia contending with isolation requirements. A curious encounter, given they had been isolated on their boat for several months. They had sailed over 14,000 nautical miles and two oceans in a total of 90 sailing days.

Gordon and Louise live in Cronulla. For family reasons they sold the boat in July 2022. They now own a 2008 SeaRay 425. A terrific presentation.



President Ian Rudd and guest Gordon Coates



Google image of Elba 45 cruising catamaran

Photo of new member—Tony Browne #392



Sound Advice: Hearing Protection

I'm sure that members will be extremely aware that some woodworking machinery used is very noisy.

So the article in Issue 120 September 2023 of the *Australian Wood Review* with the above title is very pertinent. I recently had my hearing tested and apart from age related high frequency hearing loss I have good hearing. But I will be upgrading my hearing protection worn in the workshop to better protect my hearing. What are your hearing?

Coming Up!

Club Calendar

September 2023							9
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October 2023							10
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Legend:

	Committee meeting 12.30 pm
	Club Days—members own projects
	Toy Making—No own projects
	Club Day and Woodcarvers evening
	MaxiDays
	First Saturday is Woodcarvers use of the Workshop

NOTICE BOARD

SAFETY

SAFETY FIRST: Members are asked on all club days to bring along and use their personal safety gear. ie. hearing protection, dust mask, eye protection, ensure they are wearing good sturdy protective footwear and no loose fitting clothes.

Timber, Tools & Artisans Show

We have been advised that the much deferred TT&S show, shrunk down to just Brisbane for this year will not be going ahead for financial reasons. Although the show's organisers want to bring the shows to Australia's woodworkers we wonder if this is final attempt.

I Finally Did It!
I bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

Donations so far this year

1,222 items

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Members with birthdays in September

Day	Member
3	James Windschuttle
4	Tom Croucher
9	Paul Kennedy
7	Lloyd Kirkland
12	Barry Gardner
14	Ken Bruncker
23	Glen Reeve
25	Brian Harward
28	Roger Dixon

Happy birthday to all and may you have lots more of them.

Welcome to our new members

Please join me in welcoming the following new member to our wonderful club. We look forward to working with you.

#392 Tony Browne

Members please note:

October MaxiDay is 3rd Saturday of the month. The workshop will open normally on the 14th October.



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