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August 2025



Maxi Day

Guest Speakers coming up

August 9th Greg de Moore.

Greg is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry based at Sydney's Westmead Hospital. He has written and co-written four books. Greg's talk will draw from these four books.

“Tom Wills” The insubordinate life of an Australian sporting legend. An incredible story starting in the Dandenong's, to school at the Rugby School in UK, playing cricket at the MCG, to organising the aboriginal cricket team to tour England, being the founder of Australian Rules Football and so much more. This book is in its third edition.

“A National Game”: The history of Australian Rules Football”

“Finding Sanity”, John Cade , Lithium and the taming of bipolar disorder”

“Australia's Game” . The History of Australian Football”

Oct 11th Michael Green (Club member) - Saws & Planes

Future Events

- Sat 23 Aug - Bunnings BBQ
- Wed 27 Aug - Delivery to Children's Hospital
- Sat 13 Sep - Maxi Day Plank Competition Judging
- Sun 26 Oct - Gymea Village Festival - Main street location
- Thu 20 November - Woollooware Shores Market day
- Sat 6 Dec - Bunnings Front Foyer

Maxi Day 9 August 2025

8:45	Open Lilli Pilli Workshop
9:00	Monthly Meeting
9:30	AGM
10:00	Morning Tea
10:30	Demonstration of 3D Printer by Simon Pike (Club Member)
11.15	Guest Speaker - Greg De Moore (refer explanation)
12:15	Lunch
1.00	Show & Tell
1.30	Raffle

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A warm welcome to the new members, Ian Knight, Paul Bright, Benjamin Shipman and Richard Wright.

Thanks to Roger Wash for arranging the visit to Polair at Bankstown Airport, a very interesting insight into the Police Air Wing.

Thanks to all members who attended the July toy making day as we will be making a delivery to the hospital later this month.

During August we will be rolling out updated Machine Induction Sheets that Roger Dixon has been tirelessly updating. Of particular interest are the Sawstop table saws sheet, please make sure you are aware the changes to the sheets.

This Maxi day will include the Annual General Meeting and the election of the committee.
Safety – Safety is the responsibility of every member of the club. If in doubt, ASK.

Gary Healey
President

TO SAVOUR YOUR PALATE

Menu for August

Our chef (Axel) provides the following menu in Latin for next Saturday:

“Pulmenti”

Cucurbitu and Solanum Tuberosum with Condimentum of Cremor Acidus and Crusta.

This translates into - Soup with pumpkin and potato with condiments of cream and croutons.

GET TO KNOW US

Stephen Lansley



I joined the club over ten years ago, today I am as busy as ever. Keeping active is very important. My spare time is split between family, hobbies and trips away.

My family numbers continue to grow, as of last October the number of grand kids rose to ten. The last a girl named Saskia the first to live locally, the others live at least 50 klm's away ranging from Canberra to Terrigal.

My hobbies include toy making, lawn bowls and old cars. My 1926 Chev is sitting in the shed in need of repairs, currently procrastinating as my wife is not willing to rally with me in it. The Riley is currently on the road, went to Dubbo earlier this year, Bundaberg last year and planning a trip to South Australia next May for annual Riley Rally.

Rallies in the Riley and numerous trips away remain joint interests with my wife Christine, along with day to day activities and family visits.



MAXIDAY SHOW AND TELL



KOALA MONEY BOX Ian Rudd



This money box was made a while ago and I drew the original templates using the laser. It is a big, bold Koala with a happy face and a heart big enough to collect plenty of coins. Hopefully the club can sell it and raise some much needed funds

SEGMENTED CHEESE SERVING BOARD

David Johnson



The segment wood used is a piece from a kitchen bench top which was cut out for the sink. I added 2 strips left over from a cutting board to make the board wider. It was cut, shaped and sanded at the Club, then finished with bee's wax and food safe mineral oil at home.

THE HEART SHAPED BOX



Ken Brunker

I made this box for eldest granddaughter who has always loved heart designs

I had a piece of Camphor Laurel with a nasty knot in the middle, making it possibly unusable until I turned it over in my hands and noticed a dark section of the grain that if cut right I might be able to cut out a Heart Design into a flip top trinket box.

The rest is history carefully shaping, cutting the top off and routing out the inside to make the box.

Mim loves it which means it must be ok

PROJECT

Coffee Table for verandah - Tony Browne

When the wife asked for a coffee table on the verandah I had an offcut from inlaws bench, the flowerpot was a great base.



VISIT TO POLAIR ON FRIDAY 25 JULY 2025

A large group of our members visited the PolAir organisation located at Bankstown airport. The visit was hosted by Brett Degenhardt, Senior Sergeant Operations Coordinator. It was an excellent experience providing us all with a great understanding of what the PolAir organisation performs for our community. Following is a brief explanation of what we saw on the day.

Polair aircraft, operated by NSW Police, are equipped with a variety of specialized technology for law enforcement and emergency operations. These include high-definition video cameras, Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) systems, powerful searchlights (like the NiteSun), rescue winches, and GPS navigation systems. They also utilize digital radio systems and can downlink live video feeds to ground stations. [🔗](#)



Navigation:

GPS navigation systems ensure accurate flight paths and help locate people or objects during searches. [🔗](#)

Lighting:

High-powered searchlights, like the NiteSun, illuminate areas for search and rescue operations or to assist in locating suspects. [🔗](#)

Communication:

Digital radio systems facilitate communication between the aircraft and ground units, while the ability to downlink live video allows for real-time information sharing. [🔗](#)

Specialized Aircraft:

Polair aircraft include both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, each equipped with tailored technology for their specific roles. For example, PolAir 4, an EC135 P2+, is equipped with a FLIR camera, NiteSun searchlight, and a two-person winch. [🔗](#)

Training:

NSW Police Aviation Command utilizes simulators, including a winch simulator, to train crews on specialized equipment and procedures, ensuring safety and proficiency. [🔗](#)

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

Surveillance and Reconnaissance:

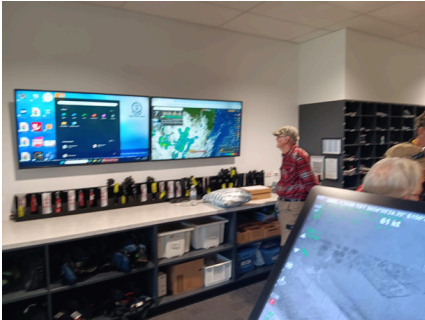
FLIR (Forward Looking Infra-Red) cameras and high-definition video cameras allow for surveillance and observation, day or night, in various weather conditions. [🔗](#)



Search and Rescue:

Rescue winches are essential for rescuing individuals in remote or difficult-to-access locations. [🔗](#)

POLAIR



GUEST SPEAKER

Mark Thomas

Carbatec

Mark made an excellent presentaion of a range of woodworking equipment available from Carbatec. Refer following pictures.



NOTICE BOARD



Birthdays in August

09 Aug John Lisheld
10 Aug Alan Ritchie
12 Aug John Barker
12 Aug Steve Lansley
13 Aug Arthur Tilley
15 Aug Terry Murphy
15 Aug Michael Faure
15 Aug Brian Martin
16 Aug William Gygi
17 Aug Axel Tennie
18 Aug Regina McMahon
21 Aug David Edwards
22 Aug Brian McMahon
24 Aug Robert Winwood
26 Aug Tony Browne
27 Aug Gary Bye



Buy Swap Sell

We have introduced a new agenda item to our maxiday events. If you have tools and equipment that you no longer use and you want to get rid of them we can advertise them in the newsletter. Just drop me a line (copy in Maurice Smith) and we will try to sell them.

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Safety Notice



Safety is the responsibility of every member of the club

Raffle Winners 12 July Maxi Day



1st Gary Mitchell
2nd Bob Quigley
3rd Graham Ethell
4th Ken Brunker

New Members



Ian Knight (413)
Paul Bright (414)
Benjamin Shipman (415)
Righard Wright (416)

THE BRITISH MILITARY WRITES OFR'S (OFFICER FITNESS REPORTS). THE FORM USED FOR THE ROYAL NAVY AND MARINES FITNESS REPORTS IS THE "206'S" FOLLOWING ARE SOME ACTUAL EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM PEOPLE'S "206'S".

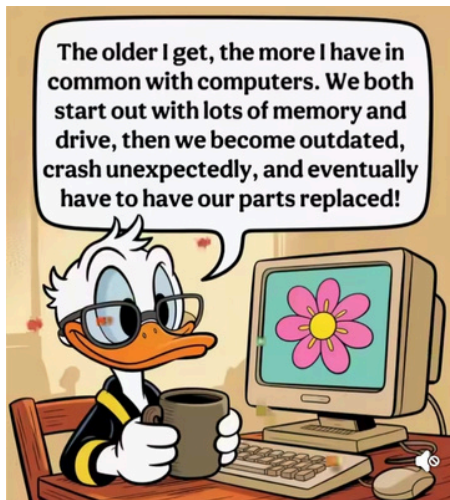
- *His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of of curiosity.*
- *Technically sound, but socially impossible*
- *This officer reminds me very much of a gyroscope always spinning around as a frantic pace but not really going anywhere*
- *This officer should go far and the sooner he starts, the better*

"A bit harsh but humorous".

COMEDY CORNER



Shire Woodworking Club



My coffee cup reminding me why I shouldn't have a donut with it. 😂



SHIRE WOODWORKING CLUB 2025 CALENDAR

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LEGEND:

- Club Days - Every Tuesday to Thursday + Saturdays **except 1st Saturday**
- Committee Meeting 12:30pm - Tuesday, prior to 2nd Saturday.
Note: Own projects catered for before & after meeting
- Maxi Day & General Meeting - 2nd Saturday.
- Toy Making Day - Last Thursday (Except December- 3rd Thursday) - **No own projects**

Note: Last club day for 2025 is Saturday 20 December. Resume Tuesday 6 January 2026

Note: There must be a minimum of 3 members present on any day. No exceptions.

Note: Wood carvers attend 1st Saturday + 3rd Wednesday (Evening)

CLUB COMMITTEE, SUB COMMITTEES & AUXILIARY POSITIONS

President	Gary Healey
Vice President	Roger Walsh
Secretary	Maurice Smith - Ph : 0414 538 475
Treasurer	Alan Ritchie
Committee Member	Ian Rudd, Roger Dixon, Graham Ethell

Assistant Secretary	Roger Dixon
Assistant Treasurer	Roger Walsh
Project Sub-Committee	Gary Healey, Ray Tregoning
Librarian	Roger Walsh
Safety Officers	Gary Healey, Ian Rudd, Ray Tregoning
Welfare Officer	Malcolm Armstrong, & Kevin Gowen
First Aid Officers	Graham Ethell & Alan Ritchie
Newsletter Editor	Roger and Jan Walsh
Catering Officers	Axel Tennie Richard Cain, Steve Lansley, Neil Mathews, Ray Tregoning,
Equipment & Training	Roger Dixon, Ray Tregoning, Maurice Smith, Ian Rudd
Raffles	Gary Mitchell
FundRaising & Exhibitions	Graham Ethell, Ian Rudd, Malcolm Armstrong
Property Sub-Committee	Graham Ethell & Alan Ritchie, Maurice Smith
Toymaking	Malcolm Armstrong, Steve Lansley, Maurice Smith, Ian Rudd, Axel Tennie, Reno Sciberras
Facebook	Alan Ritchie
Webmaster	Maurice Smith
Woodcarvers' Liaison	