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## May 2025



**Anzac Day 2025**

### Maxi Day 10 May

8:45	Open Lilli Pilli Workshop
9:00	Monthly Meeting
9:30	Ian's Videos
10:00	Morning Tea
10:30	Show & Tell/Buy Swap Sell
11.30	Guest Speaker - Brett Degenhardt from PolAir
12:30	Lunch
1.30	Raffle

### Guest Speakers coming up

- May 10<sup>th</sup>** Brett Degenhardt - PolAir  
**June 14<sup>th</sup>** Michael Green (Club member) - Saws & Planes  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>** Carbatec  
**August 9<sup>th</sup>** Greg De Moore - Psychiatrist, Historian & Author  
**Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** Marine Area Command

I would welcome suggestions from club members to support an agenda that allows a mix of both woodworking and general presenters.

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## Visit to the Bunnings' Easter Night 10th April



Maurice Smith and Roger Walsh had an eventful Thursday night at Bunnings with many families. Once the magician finished his act further down the aisle from us we had a steady flow of parents and children admiring our work with a very pleasing sales outcome.

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## Anzac Day plaque presentation by Alan Ritchie to Lilli Pilli Primary school - 08 April 2025





# SHOW AND TELL

## Neil Matthews

## What is it? Stool? Seat? Table?

Recently my next-door neighbour gave me some pieces of a 30-year-old deck that he replaced with a much larger unit using the same timber, I believe to be spotted gum. Since the deck timber has hold down screw holes every 450mm it restricts where you can use it. My thoughts were an outside piece to accompany a barbeque. The holes were plugged with 10mm hole plugs. The assembly is connected with unglued Kreg screws that are plugged to protect the screws against weather. The finish is two coats of Tung Oil.



## This is a pull-along-parent annoyer.



Neil saw this on Pinterest & thought it looked cute. Its basically made from scrap wood and some wooden balls bought on-line. The drum is made by cutting a donut with two hole-saws in an old door-jam and a 3mm ply top.

Cute, but a challenge. Working out how to hold the wooden balls & drill a hole in the right place without damaging the ball was a problem. The balls had a 4mm through hole. I used vice-grips with a layer of soft plastic around the ball and then used a 4mm drill to align the ball in the vice-grips before drilling a 6mm hole. Once the 6mm dowel is through the ball you can easily hold it down in a countersunk hole to drill other holes.

Working out exactly where to drill holes for pivots so the mechanism can work was another problem. As usual for me without any plans, but a satisfying result.

The paint job is from very expensive Aldi tubular acrylic paints, about \$1 a tube.

This toy is for the gallery and I hope some kid can get enjoyment from annoying his parents with it.

## Toy Dog

## Tony Browne



I saw my nieces daughter with a similar toy, she walks it everywhere, so I made a 20 piece template and it's better,all wood accept the shock cord tail base. I am now trying 10 simpler 9 piece template.

See how it goes.



## Chapsticks



## Peter Warren

I made aboriginal chapsticks from leftover hardwood. Maybe spotted gum. Dimensions 230 mm long, 38 mm diam. Thanks to Barry for coaching me on the lathe which allowed me to turn them. Sand on the lathe with 150 and 300 grit. Finished in 50/50 oil and beeswax. I think I'm turning Aborigine.

## Alan Ritchie



## Anzac Day plaque

## Shop entry sign

Alan prepared the above articles using his skills on the 3D router. Refer page .....for presentation made to the school.

## Ken Brunker

They are made from a slab of camphor laurel which Ken cut down to 12 mm pieces, dovetailed into boxes and but off the top to form lids, fitted brass hinges, stays and locks. They were then sanded down to a 800 wet and dry and finished off with Gillys wax and polish.

## Jewellery Boxes



## 2025 Royal Easter Show - Standard of Excellence

Geof Tong and Ray Bywater had great success at the Royal Easter Show. Ray won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the .....section ..... Geof won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Craft section. Congratulations guys.



**Fire Engine**



**Segmented Vase**



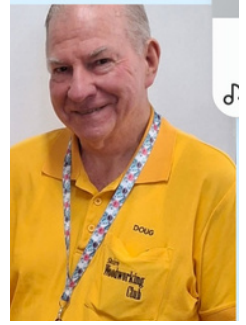
## OBE Presentation

At our Maxi Day on the 12 April Doug O'Hara and Alan Stubbs were presented with their OBE Awards (Over Bloody Eighty)



We note several other members are ready for their OBE awards - Reno Sciberras, Rob Steege and John Lischeld

## **GUEST SPEAKER - Doug O'Hara (Mentoring)**



Being a Mentor provides assistance to others and makes a difference in their lives. A Mentor must be a good listener and be able to devote time. You have to be willing to invest an ongoing slot of time to people you are mentoring so both parties do not suffer in the process. I can say from experience that you will know the right amount of time.

You will be able to give constructive feedback and become an experienced and trusted adviser, always treating others with respect. You will coach your candidate through their fears and insecurities.

The beauty of Mentoring lies in its flexibility. Whether it's about career progression, skill enhancement or personal growth. Goals can be tailored to fit unique mentoring relationships.



## Visit to Children's Hospital 3 Apr 2025

On Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> April a group of our members visited the Children's hospital and delivered a large quantity of toys. A big thank you to all the club members who participated in the regular Childrens' hospital toy making days.

Matt,

*On behalf of The Shire Woodworking Club I would like to thank you and your team for your hospitality and morning tea today. I would like to commend you and your colleagues on the wonderful work you do to help the sick children and their families to be more comfortable during their stay/visit at the hospital. The club takes pride in helping out by providing toys/games to keep the children occupied during their stay. The club members enjoy making the toys that we provide and we are only too happy to help out with special orders as they arise.*

*Kind regards, Gary Healey President*

The following was received from Matt Ralph (Music therapy co-ordinator)

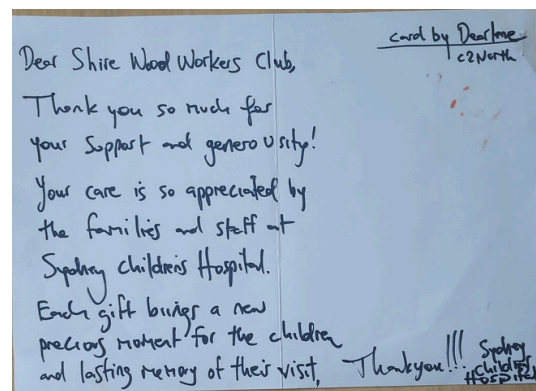
*Thank you for your very lovely email. We are so fortunate to have such a meaningful relationship with The Shire Woodworking Club. Our purpose of creating the best childhood possible for children using the skills and ideas we have is shared between us. Thank you for your flexibility and encouragement for new ideas. They often come about through listening to the children and discovering the projects that they are most engaged with whilst they are here in the hospital. The name plaques are very special to the families. I had the honour of delivering one of them to a little boy in ICU and it meant so much to his mum. The drums have been a hit and are so lovely and friendly to play. The skateboards have already been given and the mandalas shared with the wards. All of your Easter gifts will make this years occasion memorable and give many hours of busy craft fun for the children.*

*We value our partnership very much!*

*Please pass on our thanks and gratitude to your wonderful club.*

*Looking forward to our next morning tea and delivery!*

*Matt 😊*



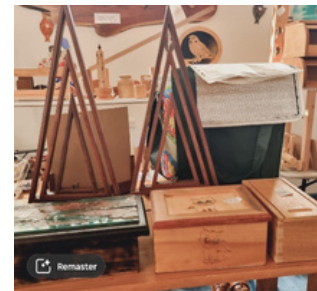
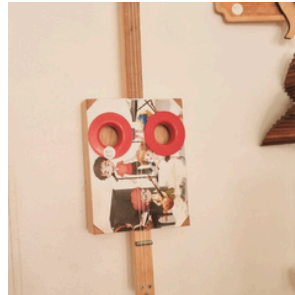
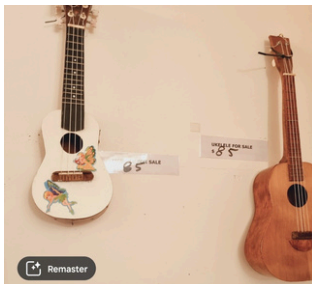








# For Sale





## NOTICE BOARD

- **Raffle Winners**

1st - Richard Cain  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Geof Tong  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Graham Ethell



- **New Members**

William J Gygi

- **Birthdays in May!**

2 May Ghazi Nader  
10 May Steve Shakeshaft  
14 May Conac Downie  
24 May Bob Davis  
26 May Peter Mott  
29 May Matt Stuart



## Safety Notice

**Fire Extinguishers:** Please ensure that access to the fire extinguishers is kept clear at all times.

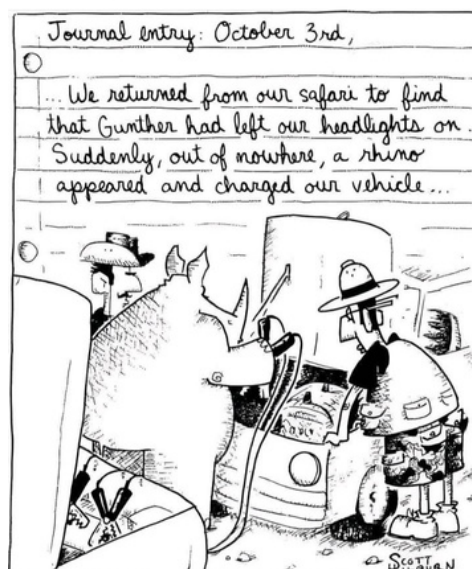
**Dust Extractors Bins:** We had a situation where the bin was full to the top. Please ensure the bins are emptied often and not more than half full.







Cartoon by Scott Hilburn



**A LUMBERJACK WENT IN TO A MAGIC FOREST TO CUT A TREE. UPON ARRIVAL HE STARTED TO SWING AT THE TREE WHEN IT SHOUTED, "WAIT! I'M A TALKING TREE!"**  
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**THE LUMBERJACK GRINNED AND SAID: "AND YOU WILL DIALOGUE."**



## 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	