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GYMEA VILLAGE FAIR SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER



Maxi Day 08 November 2025

8:45	Open Lilli Pilli Workshop
9:00	Monthly Meeting
9:30	Ian's videos
10:00	Morning Tea
10:30	Guest Speaker GREG de MOORE - "Finding Sanity: John Cade, lithium and the taming of bipolar disorder"
11:30	Show and Tell
12:00	Lunch
1.00	Raffle
1.30	Close

Future Events

- Thu 20 Nov - Woollooware Shores Market day
- Thu 4 Dec - Sutherland Hospital
- Thu 4 Dec - Bunnings Evening 6pm-8pm
- Fri 5 Dec - Visit by Shire Mayor
- Sat 6 Dec - Bunnings Front Foyer
- Delivery to Family Co - TBA

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MAXIDAY SHOW AND TELL 11 OCTOBER

Alan Ritchie

Trivets are placed under a serving dish, bowl, or pan, on a dining table, usually to protect the table from heat damage. Over the years I have found that trivets are popular during our sales. I have developed several designs for trivets to be made on the CNC machine. These are the latest batch. I was able to make some themed trivets. This batch included several different dogs, a cat, a horse, a Santa face, a Christmas candle, a tree, and a tree ornament. Also, I made some elliptical shaped ones. These were prepared for Gymea Fair and end of year sales to give our customers a wide choice.

TRIVETS



QUICK RELEASE DUST COLLECTION HOSE

Neil Matthews



At home in my small workshop, I have four machines that share one bench. The mitre saw has a permanent connection to my dust collection machine. The other three, my router table, my belt sander and my spindle sander, share the other dust collection hose that needs to be changed over to the machine being used. This became a nuisance undoing the clamp screw or leaving the hose loose & propping the hose up with a bit of wood so it doesn't fall off. Simple fix: cut the clamp in half, bend the ends up at right angles and pop rivet them to an old spring clamp. This arrangement also the advantage, that I can use the original screw in the clamp for fine adjustment if and when needed

Ian Rudd

SILKY OAK BOX

This jewellery box was made from Silky Oak and the Club was able to use it as second prize in the Gymea Fair raffle. The box is lined with a blue suede leather and the finish was burnishing oil.



BED MAKING WEDGES

Ray Tregoning



These wedges started with a plastic one Richard brought in to copy because he needed another one to help make the bed.

I made a pattern and started making a stack as I thought they might be a good seller for the Woollooware Shores Workshop and the Shire Woodworking Club. So far I have made 47 and sold 39.

I have a jig to sit them in the laser to engrave "Helps Make Your Bed" on the top for some decoration.

There have been four versions, being different materials and looks. There is another version in production at the moment.

Richard Cain

The club wanted an article for Gymea Fair Raffle. I had a cheese board already made from re-cycled "merbau" and American Oak. Handles were "best quality" stainless steel "aquired" from local kitchen cupboard supplier. The underside of the board uses self-adhesive felt. It was finished with food grade oil. Laser used to produce cheese/bottle of shiraz image.



GUEST SPEAKER

HAND SAWS AND SPECIALIST PLANES

MICHAEL GREEN



The presentation covered areas of western type saws in comparison to Japanese type saws with the emphasis on western type saws.

Specific areas covered were the difference between rip saws and crosscut saws. Rip saw teeth are filed in a way that act as small chisels and are used to cut along the grain of the wood. Cross cut saws have their teeth filed in a way that act like bread knives and are used to cut across the grain.

Examples of each of the following saws were presented to the club members to see and handle.

- . Dovetail saw – which is usually has its teeth filed in a rip pattern. Usually have between 16-18 teeth per inch.

- . Carcass saws – which usually have their teeth filed in a rip pattern but can also be filed in a crosscut pattern. Usually 12-16 teeth per inch.

- . Tenon saws – which usually have their teeth filed in a crosscut pattern. Usually, 10-12 teeth per inch but can be more.

- . Panel saws – which are a smaller version of a full Ripsaw or Crosscut saw. Usually filed in a crosscut pattern. Usually between 7 and 10 teeth per inch.



- . Full size handsaws. Usually between 24 and 26 inches long. They are filed in either Rip or Cross cut pattern. Rip generally 3-5 1/2 teeth per inch. Crosscut generally between 6-10 teeth per inch.

Benefits of using hand saws and generally other hand tools as compared with power tools are:

- . Safer. Unlikely to cut your finger or hand off. No micro saw dust thrown into the air.
- . Can be used in a small sheds or garages.
- . For small to medium work most times quicker but if a lot of repetitive work may be more efficient with power tools.
- . Less expensive. A reasonable set of hand tools to undertake woodwork is a fraction of the price of power tools. Most items in the tool kit can be obtained for a couple of hundred dollars particularly if you can obtain second hand and in reasonable to good condition. A new table saw of a commercial brand will cost between \$800 - \$2000 depending on the brand like Makita, DeWalt, Hare and Forbes, Carbatec.

There was also a discussion on specialist planes for example plough planes and rebate planes.



PLANK COMPETITION AWARDS

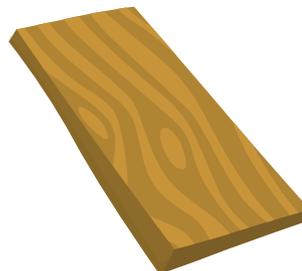


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The following members were awarded certificates and Bunnings vouchers but were not able to join us on presentation day. Certificates and Bunnings vouchers available at the club.

- Ray Bywater- Cat A - 1st place
- David Edwards - Cat B - 1st place
- Gary Healey (joint with Alan Ritchie) - Cat B - 3rd place
- Bob Winwood - Cat C - 1st place
- Ken Brunner - Cat C - 2nd place



TO SAVOUR YOUR PALATE

Menu for November

Honey sesame seed sweet chilli soy slow cooked Bavarian Jungfrau Hahnchen Schenkel. With sides of: Appel, Birne & Walnuss Salat. and Krautsalat.....Axel

JOURNEY NORTH

Roger and Jan Walsh



Pacific Hotel - Yamba



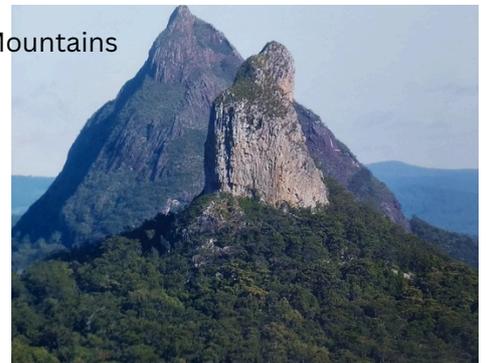
Trucks on the road. Are there any road rules for trucks?



The Wharf - Mooloolaba



Glasshouse Mountains



Montville Lake Baroon



Mooloolaba



Project Greenlift for disaster & relief



Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara Temple-Woolgoolga



Our journey North in October '25 took us to Yamba-Mooloolaba-Montville and Woolgoolga and lots of places in between. Going North a quick stopover in Buladelah for refreshments then staying three nights in Yamba at the Flinders Lodge across from the beach. Roads are great except for the trucks - there are many of them and they are in every lane. The old Pacific Hotel in Yamba is being renovated but still open for business. Heading further north to Mooloolaba via Tweed Heads we were on a three lane highway when a huge truck blew a tyre, lost the tread and it bounced across the expressway right in front of us. Scary! We recommend the "Fish House" down the Marina end and Bella Venezia Italian in the main street opposite the beach for dinner at Mooloolaba. During our 10 days in Mooloolaba we visited the "Glasshouse Mountains" in the hinterland-25 million years old. They are not volcanoes but Magma Inrusions. A little visit to Montville for lunch. We broke our return home trip with several days at Woolgoolga. An interesting history with the Sikh community. Beautiful places to visit. Our journey took us 2,500 kms.

NOTICE BOARD



Safety Notice



Safety is the responsibility of every member of the club

Birthdays in November

11 Nov - Tim Dodds
15 Nov - Ray Bywater
16 Nov - Stelios Shizas
19 Nov - Maurice Smith
23 Nov - Nilgun Uzunlar
24 Nov - Brad Smith
25 Nov - Neil Matthews

Raffle Winners



11 Oct Maxi Day

1st - Axel Tennie (voucher to Watercress cafe at Woollooware Shores)
2nd - Ray de Maco
3rd - Graham Ethell
4th - George Lycakis

New Members:

Octavia Barrington

Buy Swap Sell

If you have tools and equipment that you 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.

Reminder

Please do not leave sawstop saw guard in up position & turn switch to off position after use.

Another constant reminder: Do not walk away from any machine while still running

Cook Raffle

The raffle is primarily a fund-raising avenue for community organisations run by the current MP Simon Kennedy. His office sources the prizes and prints the tickets and advertising material.

Clubs such as ours are able to sell tickets at \$3 each or books of 10 for \$25. Clubs keep 100% of the proceeds from the ticket sales. So this is a fairly painless and cost-efficient way for clubs to raise much needed funds. The Club has participated in this raffle for the past eleven years, raising around \$2,000 each year.

First prize is 4 return tickets to anywhere on the Qantas domestic network plus \$1,000 Airbnb voucher.

There are two ways you can buy tickets and support the Club. See Roger Dixon, Alan Ritchie or Maurice Smith for preference, then any of Gary Healey, Roger Walsh, Ian Rudd. Sorry but credit card payments are NOT available for these ticket purchases.

Raffle to be drawn on 13th February 2026.

Maurice Smith - Club Secretary

Welfare

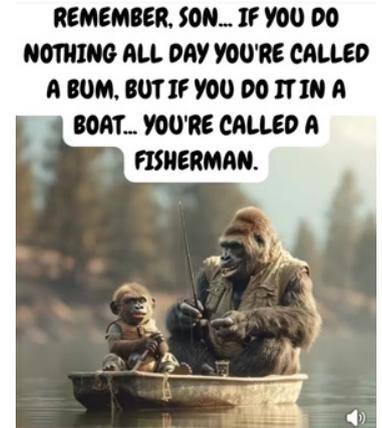
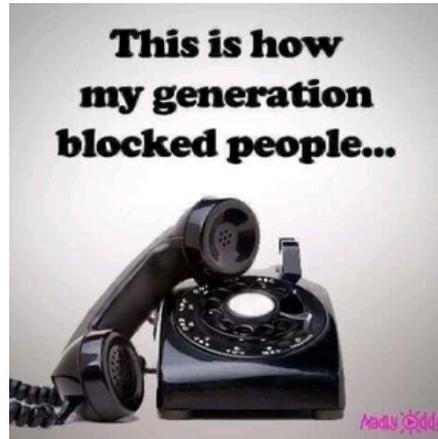
- Peter Toby recovering from dual knee replacements
- Gary Mitchell recovering after shoulder surgery
- Dave Edwards away for knee replacements & recovery
- Reno Sciberras recovering from heart condition



COMEDY CORNER



Shire Woodworking Club



All of us older folks know all about living on the edge, we used to answer the phone without knowing who it was.

I can't afford an Ancestry DNA Kit to learn about my relatives. So instead, I posted online that I had won the lottery.



We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me. That's my story.





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	