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NOTICE TO MEMBERS Your 2016-2017 **Subscription** is now due. \$30.00 Treasurer Alan Ritchie

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ELECTION DAY WINNER WAS US!





Shire Woodworking

President: Ray De Marco

Member Profile: **Roger Stephens** Member No. 296

Our itinerant member Roger joined us during 2015.

The circumstances in joining us are as remarkable as his life experience and achievements from his schooling throughout his working career.

Roger has given me a very comprehensive life essay which I could not possibly improve on.

I am quoting directly from his written words:-

"Roger and his wife Maureen have been visiting Australia since 2009 after their daughter married and Australian and came to live in Miranda. Mostly their visits were for 3 months (the 90 day visa limit) and mainly via home exchanges. Now having both a daughter and son living in Oz, with 3 grandchildren here as well, Roger & Maureen managed to obtain a one year visa, arriving here in Sept 2015 and will be returning home early August this vear.

Born in Chingford, London on 06-March 1947 Roger's primary schools were varied in London, Yorkshire and Essex. Having passed the relevant entrance exam, secondary education was at Abbs Cross Technical High School, Hornchurch, Essex. Leaving school at 16 with both A and O level qualifications England Printing Works (what a dream job printing legitimate money!). with day release for further education. At various colleges in Essex and North London, Roger attained HNC (Higher National Certificate) level.

After completing his apprenticeship he moved into their Research and Development Dept working on new web printing machinery and currency printing plates (actually cylinders). At 22 he moved to Bristol in the West Country as a development engineer on paper machinery and printing. Aged 28, a change of direction was made into Project Engineering and Management in Materials Handling and Processing with a move to Guildford, Surrey, over the years progressing to Operations Manager. Retired from full time work in 2012, but is still working part time as a consultant in the same industry.

Roger joined the club in Oct 2015 having been told about it by first home exchangee SWC member Kevin Gowen, then making contact via the SWC stand at Gymea Fair in 2015.

Married to Maureen and living in Malmesbury, Wiltshire, they have 2 sons, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren

Hobbies include Cycling, Snooker, Woodwork, DIY, Music, Formula 1 Motor Racing, Travel. Travel destinations have included USA, Europe, China, USSR, Korea, Argentina, India, New Zealand and Caribbean. Roger has taken a few woodturning courses in the UK and has a reasonable quantity of wood working machinery and hand tools at home.

At SWC Roger started off making jigsaws and wooden Christmas decoration for the club, following on in the new year by making two end-grain cutting boards. Currently making an unusual design cheese board – still in progress.

Roger has really enjoyed the facilities and the friendship of SWC members, hoping to wake up some people in the UK as to what can be achieved after returning home! Pretty sure we will return again to Oz in the future, but not for so long, however will be sure to visit SWC when here."



Best Wishes from us all.

Fred Seligmann.

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or if you have an article that you think would be suitable for publication in this newsletter your Editor should be pleased to receive it.









Another Unusual **Request!**

Following on our story last month relating to a request came from Ackroyd, Manager Communities Unit, Sutherland Shire Council asking if we could help the Seniors Activity Unit who amongst other things provide lighting around

the Shire over the Christmas period. The storage insert is pictured at right. David has sent the photo at left showing our construction to Burt's design in its home of Burt and a couple of other members from our Seniors Activities

David also commented "The concept / idea actually got circulated far and wide - to our engineering staff as a potential way of organising our own Christmas lights a bit more effectively."

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Shire Woodworking Club

The Workshop, 2B Turriell Bay Road, Lilli Pilli 2229

AGENDA

- To confirm the Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held 8
- To receive the President's Report for the year ended 30 June 2016.
- To receive the Financial Report for the Club for the year ended 30
- To elect office bearers for the ensuing year.
- To consider any other matter which may lawfully be brought to the



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WE HAVE HAD A DIAMOND **CELEBRATION!**

Congratulations to Peter and Barbara Mott who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 2016.

The best teachers are those who tell you where to look, but don't tell you what to see.



Clocks, Clocks and more Clocks!

(including weather stations)

June 2016 Maxiday was "Clock" day where members brought in clocks they had made or would like to make. It proved most successful as the following photos show.







Continuing on the "Clocks, Clocks and more Clocks!" theme

your Editor visited late last month the New England Woodworkers Paradise at Ponds Road, Gilgai. You may well ask where is Gilgai! Well it is about 8km from Inverell, NSW just off the Guyra Road. This place and the Gallery are well worth a visit. It is amongst other things a woodworkers clock makers and admirers heaven as seen in the following photos.



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FRED THE BUILDER!

We are pleased to report that Fred has just completed his latest batch of the 5 furnished doll's houses pictured at left. Fred's prowess at doll's house building started some 14 years ago and he has actually built some 18 of them for the Club. These houses have been gifted to the Outpatients Department Playrooms at the Sydney Children's Hospital both at Randwick and Westmead, the Child Protection Unit at Randwick, The Children's Ward at Sutherland Shire Hospital and Sutherland Shire Family Services at Jannali.

The proceeds from the sale of the others

have greatly assisted with our Club funding. Great job Fred and many thanks from our Club.

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We are pleased to report that our Election Day Workshop Open Day and Sales Event was without doubt our best ever Open



Day. Roger D reported "We had a great day selling our wares starting with Richard talking with the passing public on their way to the voting booth and invited them to come back to have a look at what we do including our charity work with a display of toys that will be donated to The Children's Hospital at Randwick. In addition and to add to the entertainment David Whitney (resident musician & ukulele maker) was playing & singing both outside & inside the building

There were a number of large items sold including the big train, child's crib, 2 table/ chair sets and two rocking horses. This has cleared a lot of shelf space for the smaller items.

We also set up two stations for selling IMB Cook Community Classic raffle tickets that was also very successful

David Ackroyd (Manager, community unit, S.S.C.) and Scott Morrison (Federal member for Cook) both showed up in support. Scott's staff took some photos as well."



The clean up crew having a well earned rest on Thursday 30 June.

(My thanks go to Roger D for these photos and information on the days. Ed.)





Barry then came up with these "Edge People". They are for the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. The idea being they are to be painted in the favourite football team of the child patient.



We had some late entries in the June Show & Tell. Firstly there was these Christmas Themed Santa sleighs presented by Ray T for sale at our forthcoming Election Day Stall..



Library Matters

We have received the August 2016 Issue 255 of Fine Woodworking.

They seem to be getting earlier and earlier. Another good read:

Workshop Tips – make your push stick safer with hot-mely glue, turn pipe clamps into support stands...

Tools & materials – compact collector devours dust and chips, Tsquare fence for the router table, hinges for sleeper stronger boxes...

Fundamentals – 10 essential layout tools,

Feature Articles -A table for 2, 4 or 6, Looking at mistakes from the past, Sleek box with a sliding lids, Which waxes work best, Marriage of metal and wood, Turn a bowl, Make an elliptical tabletop

Tool Test – Track saws,

Handwork – Two block planes are better than one

The magazine is in the club library. Have a read. Happy wood-working.

Roger Walsh, Club Librarian







Sawdust & Shavings



Our resident "Horse Whisperer" Ray has been at it again and produced another 2 hobby horses for the Club.



Gary has taken on GM, Ford or is that Toyota and produced this group of transport for the Sydney Children's Hospital.







Roger presented this partly completed box which is part of some lessons he is receiving from Ian on the "Sketch Up" program.





Brian presented this Shaker style box and the tray with a unique corner arrangement





Barry presented these Salt & Pepper Shaker Sets for the Club to sell and also

showed this scroll sawn F16 fight plane cut from 8mm plywood.

Chief cook and bottle washer, Richard presented this tissue box cover.





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MAXIDAY All you need to know about staining wood with Warwick Tame Show & Tell Tuesday, 12 July, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop Wednesday, 13 July, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop Saturday, 16 July, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop Tuesday, 19 July, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop Wednesday, 20 July, 2016 9:00am Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 9 July, 2016

7:00am Club Day, Lill Pill Workshop 7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting

Saturday, 23 July, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 26 July, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 27 July, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Thursday 28 July, 2016 Toymaking, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 30 July, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 2 August, 2016 *Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop* Wednesday, 3 August, 2016

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop Saturday, 6 August, 2016

Woodcarvers Meeting Tuesday, 9 August, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop 12:30pm Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 10 August, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 13 August, 2016 MAXIDAY

PICTURE MOUNTING. How to frame that oil painting and mounting it to bring out its highlights. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 16 August , 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 17 August, 2016 9:00am Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop 7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting

Saturday, 20 August, 2016 Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 23 August, 2016 *Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop* Wednesday, 24 August, 2016

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop Thursday 25 August, 2016 Toymaking, Lilli Pilli Workshop PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a busy and rewarding time over the last weeks of June. Because voting was held next door to us at the school this lead to us having an "Open Workshop Day" to coincide with the Federal Election on Saturday the 2^{nd} July.

The start of this busy time began with us commencing a trial for a short period of time to open the Workshop on the 4th Thursday of each month. The aim was to devote dedicated time to produce toys and other wood items for charities and also with other organisations and individuals that are in need. We commenced this trial on Thursday 23^{rd} June and it was a successful day with fourteen members in attendance and the output of a number of varied and quality items.

On the following Thursday we had a working bee to undertake a cleanup and prepare the Workshop for Election Day. This resulted in us having items on display that were very impressive when seen in total and well laid out in the Workshop. It showed the skill and varied interest of members we have when making wood items. We also had members add to the list of items that were graciously donated to the Club.

On the Saturday of the Election we opened the Workshop with the aim to introduce voters to our Club and invite the community that know of us to enter the premises. As mentioned above it was also to meet us and to see our extensive range and variety of items and the equipment we use. It was a very successful day as the community showed a lot of interest, with smiles and greetings when passing with a majority of our open invitations being accepted to enter to see our display. Success can also be measured in that we can now have a good idea of which items are of interest to the community so we can plan and have a quantity available in future. The community were also happy to purchase tickets from us in the IMB Cook Community Classic that helps us directly in financial terms. As the community is aware the Hon. Scott Morrison MP, our Federal Member for Cook, was the brainchild of the Cook Classic and we are very appreciative that his office supplied us with the tickets and Scott called in to see us. We also had a visit from 0ur friend David Ackroyd the Community Manager from Sutherland Council. Thank you to Scott and David for taking the time to see us.

We had a very successful day so a big thanks to Graham Ethell our Secretary! Graham was committed to making the day successful and he started very early and stayed all day at the Workshop. Also there was Barry Gardner who produced a "rolling number of images" for viewing on our TV screen for visitors to see. Mentions should also be made for Bob Davis, Ian Rudd, Fred Seligmann and Ray Tregoning whose items contributed greatly to the success. We had a large number of members present; too many to mention here, but very much appreciated.

In terms of our next delivery to the Children's Hospital at Randwick we plan to have another delivery in the second week this month so we could have their items on display at the front door entry on our Open Day to show the community the extensive range of unpainted toys.

Lastly a reminder, that we are now close to having our Plank Competition, the second one under the new format of three groups. So, I am asking those members who have not taken a plank or Club timber to consider entering an item and those who have taken one to please finish their item. We will look forward to some varied and creative entries.

Ray De Marco

WOOD STAINS. Warwick Tame is to give us some lessons on SATURDAY 9 JULY 2016 (JULY MAXIDAY) on wood staining. A stain should accentuate the wood grain. If it obscures the grain then is it not a paint? An interesting question for Warwick!

Also should not a stain penetrate the wood? We see that most commercial stains use a combination of dyes that are penetrating and pigments which are opaque and do not penetrate the wood.

It should be an entertaining and enthralling session.