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**Woodcarvers' Liason:** Don Williams

**People who  
think of the  
glass being half  
full or it being  
half empty  
are missing the  
point  
THE GLASS  
IS  
REFILLABLE!**

## A NEW CAPTAIN AT THE HELM

After 7 years at the helm Ray De Marco has stepped down as our Club President at the Club's Annual General Meeting held on the 13 August 2016.

Stepping up to the helm we welcome Ian Rudd as our new President. Also there are a few changes to our sub committee memberships as can be seen in the list of Office Bearers at left.

A special welcome to Mike Green, Neil Matthews, Terry Murphy and Bob Quigley and thanks for accepting a nomination to a committee position. We hope you find the extra involvement with the Club interesting and stimulating.

Ray's report to Annual General Meeting is reproduced on page 3. President Ian's report is in the usual President's space on page 10.

Ian's first duty as President was to present Ray De Marco with a turned Silky Oak platter, suitably inscribed, made by Barry Gardner as seen in the photo.



The inscription reads  
"Presented to  
Ray De Marco  
by the  
Shire Woodworking Club Inc.  
in recognition of his contribution  
to our Club as President  
from 2009 to 2016.

13 August, 2016"



## From Secretary Graham!

Here is a photo of Richard. The caption could read:

“What is an Englishman doing with a cake of soap at the Workshop? First correct answer on maxi day will win a valuable prize.”



Well the answer is to rub a little on the screw thread it helps to lubricate and make light work when using the screwdriver.

The winner of a Cherry Ripe Bar was Gary Mitchell and a Cherry Ripe Bar went to Richard for putting up with the POM jokes.

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### Raffle Prize Winners

#### AUGUST 2016 MAXIDAY

<b>1st Prize:</b>	<b>Steve Lansley</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>Ian Rudd</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>3rd Prize</b>	<b>Trevor Lewis</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>4th Prize</b>	<b>Bob Davis</b>	

**Bottle of Wine**

### MAXIDAY: SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2016 ... AGENDA

8:45am Open Lilli Pilli Workshop  
9:00am Monthly Meeting  
9.30am Introduction to Survey for 2017 program  
10:00am Morning Tea  
10:30am Plank Competition presentation and voting  
12:30pm Lunch  
1:15pm Show & Tell  
1:45pm Brief review of Linisher use  
2:00pm Announcement of Plank Competition Winners  
2:15pm Raffle Draw  
2:30pm Members own projects  
About 4:00pm Close

# Oops!

We can report a couple of Oops! at Lilli Pilli Workshop this month.

There was the one where a member was sanding a few pieces of a jigsaw puzzle on the Linisher only to let them go. They ended up in the dust collection system and no doubt in a wheelie bin full of sawdust and shavings somewhere.

However the one that takes the cake belongs to the CEO of Raffles.

August Maxiday saw two books of raffle tickets sold. On drawing the winning ticket “Purple B34” from the barrel two members stood up to claim their prize. Both had ticket number “Purple B34”.

A quick look at both tickets and the butt drawn from the barrel showed a printing variation in the purple colour to determine the winner. It turns out that when the first book was sold a second book was collected from the office and it so happened to also be Purple and B numbered tickets.

Oh! well Murphy’s Law does apply most of the time

## What's on next year?

It is that time of the year again when we should start thinking what we want to do in 2017. To this end your Projects Committee will be handing out a Survey at our September Maxiday asking members to rate from “0” (no interest) to “5”(essential) some 50 listed topics. There is additional space if a member has alternate suggestions. Members not present on Maxiday will be contacted by email to obtain their ideas.

Please consider each of the 50 categories scoring each from 0 to 5. As an example if you consider you would like to learn or be involved with a category then you would score it a 4 or 5. If you have a take it or leave it attitude to a category you would score it a 2 or 3. If you considered a category essential to the Club you would score it a 5. If you had no interest in a category you would score it a 0 or 1.

When you have completed the survey would you please return it as soon as possible to Barry Gardner. Many thanks for your cooperation.





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

To open it is important for us at this important time to remember the passing of our members during this year. We will take one minute silence for three of our valued friends namely Kevin Winter in July, Bill Riley in September and John Brownjohn in December.

On review of our financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 it is not difficult to recognise that we are at an interesting point in time where we have reached a mature stage. Looked at from differing viewpoints and outcomes it is not hard to acknowledge the importance of the time and committed team efforts of our Executive and those members who make up our important Sub-Committees.

As a combined team we had a mix of knowledge and skills together with generous time we have exhibited good judgement and made "business like" decisions in an open and friendly manner in our monthly Committee meetings. This has in turn given us operational effectiveness that flowed through to the general membership and we are all encouraged in turn by their support. This has allowed members to grow and display a wide range of increased skills with our new equipment whilst operating in a safe environment.



Before covering some of our member activities in recognition of their efforts I will start with finance in general terms. Our 2015 Financial year gave us a strong surplus of funds at our commencement in July 2015. We continued with our fundraising efforts but not to the same level as we reduced our days with the Bunning's barbeque. However our receipts for the Cook Classic and Gynea Fair did increase and interestingly so did our Door Entry receipts by 7.8% an increase that is a real positive indicator of our growth in Workshop attendances. In summary, we finished the year in a healthy position only slightly down by comparison to a strong 2015. With expenses we have had some operational increases out of our control but in the main only an increase of 1.7% over last year. It will be our continued long term aim to ensure that our club has no financial constraints so we can continue to end each year with a healthy surplus. With that we can forecast, commit and pay any agreed debt when it falls due. This will also enable us to achieve our needs to be safer with up-to-date equipment, to undertake repairs and to acquire new options etc. so we can continue to grow as a Club. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank Alan Ritchie our Treasurer with his important flow of informative financial reports with comparisons to assist us in decision making.

With our Sub-Committees they were all active over the twelve months and their research, thoughtful and financially based (in some cases) recommendations to the Committee and Executive that resulted in important decisions being made in a timely manner. A good examples of this is the purchase of the external Dust Extractions system, the need for a Drum Sander and increased wood storage with a shed to name a few.

In relation to Safety it is a very important ongoing consideration of our Committee members so we have continued our operational emphasis with active duty safety officers being present and vigilant on each opening day. This includes the close attention to operation of and safety in use of equipment together with guidance for members on request. Added to safety we had our external dust extraction system operational in August and with its continued use it has worked well. Importantly it has reduced the airborne respiratory dust as evidenced that we now remove less dust particles from our existing four elevated air filters. We also now experience a cleaner Workshop. Not surprisingly, this cleaner environment is a direct result of the considerable time and effort in the investigation of a complex product, to make the right recommendations in terms of product choice, being external, ducting, capacity etc. These important aspects are an example of the considerable time and effort of the Safety and Equipment Sub-Committees made up of Roger Dixon, Alan Ritchie, Warwick Tame, Ian Rudd and Ray Tregoning. A big thank you to these key members as it was decisions well made for the conditions that we now experience.

Despite our fund raising activities we could not have undertaken the acquisition and consequent outlay of our dust collection system without help in the form of grants. Therefore, it was important that we gave recognition the Sutherland Shire Council and the IMB Bank. We expressed our appreciation for the significant support we received from the Council similarly with the IMB Bank for their financial support, some of which was unsolicited. We really did appreciate the time they took with us and very pleasing that their representatives visited us at various times consolidating the friendship that has been built.

With our Charity and Toy Making activities we held our fourth "Workshop Christmas Toy Give Away" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December adding to make a total of seventeen. Present were the three Shire charities namely, Project Youth at Miranda, The Sutherland Shire Family Services at Jannali and The John Franklin Christmas Lunch at Sutherland. ....cont. page 4

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

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We displayed 189 items a number of which were requests to give an increase on the previous year. It was pleasing for those members and wives present to see those happy faces from the Charities. When you total the toys delivered to the Children's Hospital at Randwick in September, December and March of 1,017 it takes our total for the financial year of 1,206 toys. To our Toymaking Sub-Committee made up of Malcolm Armstrong, Barry Gardner, Roger Dixon, Ken Tyson, Steve Lansley, Glen Reeve, Reno Scriberras, Fred Seligmann and Don Williams congratulations on another fine effort to make some young children very happy.

As in previous years we have maintained a diversity of high quality wood items produced, in detail and with quality finishes all made easier with our new equipment. As examples our members produced interesting and time consuming items such as Stephen Lansley's early history steam train, Warwick Tames garbage truck and model roadster, Ian Rudd's variety of quality boxes and nest of tables. Additionally, for the children we had tongue drums, newly designed guitars, "Lady Bird" boxes, Santa Sleighs and special requests like "Under the Sea" wooden shapes, all the preceding just to name a few.

As previously mentioned we have a happy environment with members and committee working closely together so in relation to the future there will always be the challenge to continue this and to have our club vibrant and interesting. As in the Finance review, it was very pleasing to see that our surplus as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 will give us a good start into the 2017 financial year and to keep our club in surplus we will continue with our fund raising activities.

From an operational viewpoint I made reference at the beginning of our Executive and Sub-Committees. So I would like to give recognition to them as they represent the foundation for our successful operations. They are not in any particular order or relative importance.

So, start, our kitchen "Chefs"; firstly to Richard Caine for his dedication to pleasing our members, his duties like looking after our amenities and to Trevor Lewis with his added time taken from his work to look after our front lawn.

To Peter Mott for his amenities work and supplies with the cleaning of our dust filters and welfare reporting.

Ian Rudd again has been very prominent this year in his capacity as Vice President together with his very active involvement and businesslike approach in the Safety and Equipment Sub-Committees. These together with the assistance, transfer of his knowledge and skills to members makes him a valuable member of our team.

As previously mentioned Alan Ritchie has been committed as Treasurer with the challenge of coming to grips with our new online accounting system together with his toymaking activities and being actively involved with the Safety and Equipment Sub-Committees.

There is Barry Gardner, our editor who faithfully produces our growing Sawdust & Shavings newsletter each month and remains very active and the driving force in our Toymaking Sub-Committee along with Malcolm Armstrong and Bob Davis.

We have Roger Dixon well known for his attention to detail in secretarial support in producing minutes of our Meetings and also detailed and thorough in his approach to equipment reliability and safety.

Finally, an important thank you to Graham Ethell our Secretary with his attention to detail related to communications and administrative follow up to our members and external parties. It is a commitment that is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all members for the friendship and support during the year. It is a wonderful Club when you look at our results in such a environment of teamwork.

*Ray De Marco*



A busy and most successful Club Fund Raising day was had on Saturday 3 September, 2016 at BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE, Taren Point. Many thanks must go to Bunnings in allowing us the



opportunity to fund raise at their Taren Point premises. Just for interest we cooked and sold some 650 sausage sandwiches together with drinks and IMB Cook Community Raffle Tickets.



Many thanks to Club members Graham Ethell, Roger Dixon, Lyn Messenger, Peter Mott, Ray Tregoning, Richard Cain, Ray De Marco, Steve Lansley, Alan Ritchie, Mike Green, Ian Rudd, Roger Walsh, Kevin Gowen, Peter O'Connell, Ray Schofield and Les Symons who helped on the day.



# MOUNTING PICTURES:

Our September Maxiday saw Glen Reeve and Barry Gardner explain how to mount that oil or water colour paint, print or photo in preparation for framing so as to enhance the item being framed. Both Barry and Glen demonstrated different commercial matt cutters.

Barry led off with showing two photos blown up to around A4 size of two events notable to our Club. One was of the first Committee meeting held at our Lilli Pilli Workshop and the second was of the model garbage truck presented to the Sutherland Shire Council as reported last month.

He advised the purpose of a mount is to draw the viewers attention to the picture, phot or print. The matt used for this purpose come generally in A1 or A2 sizes and a myriad of colours. A matt A2 sheet costs from around \$10. Barry uses the Frameco Matt Cutter, Ruler and other accessories. It is also important to note that all materials used in mounting a painting etc. should be acid free. If not one might find over a number of years that the painting etc no longer exists. It is also important that when framed the backing should be sealed with acid free tape.

All measurement and cutting is done from the back of the matt as seen in phot at right. The Frameco Ruler is especially made and includes a groove into which the spring loaded cutter slides at left below. Barry also used an additional accessory photo below right to add a groove on the face of the matt. This also runs in the groove in the ruler.



The completed mounting of the photos are seen at right.

Glen's system is different and is known as The "Dexter Matt Cutter" photo below.

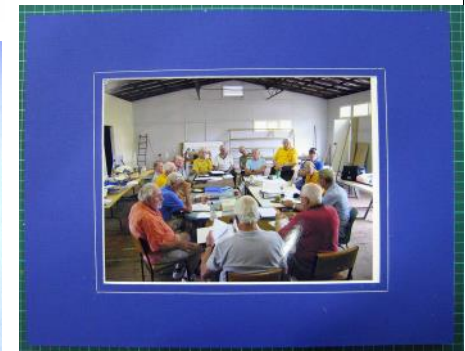


Glen advised "The cut out is done by placing the mounting board face down on a cutting mat or another piece of scrap cardboard. Draw outline to be cut.

I use a T square clamped to a drawing board at the correction to line up the cutter with the line. I start 3mm prior to the line and push the cutter to the opposite corner, overcutting by approx 2mm.

Repeat the other 3 sides going in anti clock wise direction. After the fourth cut, the inner piece should come out, take it easy so no tears occur if not cut through at any point."

Also on Maxiday Roger D with some help from Ray T gave us a lesson on and a demonstration of our new "toy"our Ubeaut Router Table





## CHILDREN'S ARTISTIC APPROACH TO OUR THERAPY ITEMS

We have received the following photos of what happens to a few of the many items we provide to the Child Life and Music Therapists at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. Many thanks Kerry for the photos.



Kerry reports "The owl boxes were decorated by girls between 8 and 11 years. The guitar from a 4 year old boy who lives at Cronulla. He has painted it red and green

(obviously a Souths Supporter)...dad joked and said next time they are in they will do another one and it will be in Sharks colours :)

In regard to owl necklaces that's a great idea.

The children can have string ...we will provide plastic string which we use for our beading and necklaces with plastic beads. Our string is approximately 1mm thick and 80cm in length.



The party day theme was just announced and it is cartoons and comics. I sent Leila the WIP photos of the tree and she is super excited. Thanks so much for making it for them. If you wish add the details of the group to the tree so people are aware of your great work."

The reference to the Owl necklaces results from our enquiry as to whether there would be a problem with the children wearing necklaces while in hospital. Obviously not so members here is another challenge! Lets make some owl necklaces.

Am not certain whether we can contribute this year to the party day theme of "cartoons and comics". Anybody any ideas?

As members are aware The Child Life Therapists at Royal North Shore Hospital admired the "Hope" trees we have made in the past for Randwick and asked if we could make one

for them. By the good offices of Ron O'Malley who procured a donation from Gary, Michael and Jo at Kitchen Panel & Supplies in Taren Point of an 8 x 4 sheet of 12mm ply for which we thank them. Steve Lansley, having the largest member vehicle picked up the ply, Barry Gardner drew up the tree on the board and he, Steve and Ray Tregoning set about the task of cutting it out. Steve and Ray then rounded off all edges and gave it an undercoat of paint. Waiting for the finishing coats.





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**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE** Weekend getaway to Caves Beach for two people + \$500 spending money.

**4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** \$500 Westfield shopping vouchers. Donated by Westfield Miranda.

**5<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** Apple iPad mini WiFi 16GB Space Grey. Donated by Storage King Kurnell.

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100% of proceeds from the IMB Bank Cook Community Classic raffle benefit various participating not-for-profits, community groups, P&C's & sporting clubs operating in the Sutherland Shire. Details of organisations can be viewed at [www.cookcommunityclassic.com.au](http://www.cookcommunityclassic.com.au) or on Facebook. The organisation selling any given ticket is the beneficiary of that sale.

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## DELIVERY TO OUR MAN in the SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS



On Tuesday 23 August, 2016 Graham Ethell and Roger Dixon delivered this fully operational router and table to Bill Lewis at his new address in Mittagong.

He was very appreciative of this gift and is already using it in his toy making activities. We thought we would be travelling home empty but to our surprise and delight Bill had plenty of toys for us to bring back. They included Trucks, Trains, Train Whistles and Chopping Boards as seen in the following photo.



## MAYBE WORTH A VISIT!

On Saturday, 29 October 2016 at the Milton Showground around 200km south of Lilli Pilli they are presenting the **SHOALHAVEN TIMBER FESTIVAL**

Their blurb describes "Festival goers will get to view some of the important parts of the timber history of the Shoalhaven."

- View Photos and Displays of the early Timber Getting Days dating back to the 1800's
  - Historic information of the timber industry, past and present.
  - Talk to representatives of the past and present building, timber and logging days.
  - View the many tools used in the late 1800's and the 1900's to cut and prepare timber for housing, fencing, wharves, boats and so much more.
  - Take a stroll through the many woodwork and other handcrafted stalls
  - See the skills of splitting of shingles
  - Experience real timber men using a crosscut saw
  - Wood chops and chain saw demonstrations.
  - Discover the heritage of people and places from Milton Ulladulla – Shoalhaven – South Coast – Australian history
  - Loaded log trucks
  - Timber Demonstrations
  - Horse and bullock teams
  - Vintage and modern timber workings
- Non stop from 9am, entry \$5.00"





# SHOW & TELL AUGUST 2016



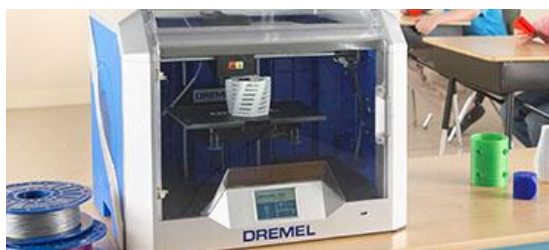
Fred has for a time abandoned his house building and table and chair making exploits to take on aeronautical engineering by making a fleet of unique byplanes as pictured. This is the prototype. We look forward seeing the finished items.



Ray presented this rather large cutting board made to order.

**A CNC CARVER.** Our member Alan Stubbs is currently in the throws of making such a carver. Hopefully we will talk him into giving us a demonstration and talk of its prowess at our October Maxiday meeting.

We will try to get somebody to also give us a look at the phenomena of 3D Printing. Dremel have just introduced one to the Australian market.



Gary presented this toy garage.

In fact this was the finished article being Gary's entry into the Plank Competition last year.



Glen took on the job of making those snails for the board game used in the Children's Oncology Ward as reported in the last Sawdust & Shavings.

The snail in the plastic bag was the last one left at the hospital and was used by Glen as the template for making the replacements.

**Charitable Toy & Item  
delivery count for  
2016 to date  
424**



## ***AN ALL ROUND HEARTFELT THANKS.***

A very warm appreciation and thanks was extended to us during a visit to our workshop in September. The Secretary, Susan Leahy and President, Dr. David Horton of the Knights of St George Association came to receive a donation box for their fund raising activities. It was appropriately laser engraved with their Associations logo, name and with the words "with heartfelt thanks".

Their Association is not for profit very closely attached to the Cardio Thoracic Surgery Unit at St. George Hospital and does rely solely on grants and donations to help source funds for new equipment for the unit.

Dr. David Horton has visited our Club on previous occasions at Oyster Bay and was pleased to see the growth and progress made with our Club as evidenced with the variety of our equipment and attendance of members in our new premises.

Special thanks to Ian Rudd, Ray Tregoning and the "builder" Richard Cain for their efforts in the designing and build of the box.



Hence the "All round heartfelt thanks".  
Ray De Marco

Photo at left Richard Cain, Susan Leahy and Dr. David Horton



## **Laguna 14" Bandsaw search**

A very wet and wintery early spring day, 2 September, 2016 saw your editor chauffeur President Ian and Roger Dixon to the Trend Timbers Open day. Neither Ian nor Roger had ever been to Trend Timbers. Barry had been many years ago at its premises at McGrath's Hill near Windsor. After picking up Ian then Roger at Ramsgate discussion was had as what was the best route to take. Barry was thinking we needed to get onto the Windsor Road, Ian thought it may be quicker going by Lane Cove. Roger was busy looking up google maps on his phone. Barry then found Trend Timbers on the car GPS so off we set through driving rain. The forecast was that Sydney would receive up to 100mm on that day.

The GPS took us on the M5, the M7, through Vineyard, Riverstone to Mulgrave and miracles of miracles Trend Timbers. The cup of coffee at the open day put on by Windsor Rotary was very welcome. Ian did remark on the return journey after leaving Mulgrave "this is the second time I have been here in my life, the first time was this morning".

The round trip of over 160kms to Trend was well worth it. Their factory is a woodworkers paradise.

We were able to see both the Jet and Laguna 14" bandsaws.

One of the demonstrations on the day was an expert bandsawn box maker using the Laguna 14" saw. The Laguna has ceramic blade guides while the Jet has the traditional bearing guides.

The consensus was that overall the Laguna seemed to be a preferred machine for our Club.



## WHAT'S ON!

**Saturday, 10 September, 2016**

**MAXIDAY**

**PLANK COMPETITION JUDGING DAY.**

*Show & Tell*

**Tuesday, 13 September, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 14 September, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Saturday, 17 September, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Tuesday, 20 September, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 21 September, 2016**

*9:00am Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

*7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting*

**Saturday, 24 September, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Tuesday, 27 September, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 28 September, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Thursday 29 September, 2016**

*Toymaking, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Saturday, 1 October, 2016**

*Woodcarvers meeting*

**Tuesday, 4 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

*12:30pm Committee Meeting*

**Wednesday, 5 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Saturday, 8 October, 2016**

**MAXIDAY**

*A CNC Carver demonstration*

*Show & Tell*

**Tuesday, 11 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 12 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Saturday, 15 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Tuesday, 18 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 19 October, 2016**

*9:00am Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

*7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting*

**Saturday, 22 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Tuesday, 25 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 26 October, 2016**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Thursday 27 October, 2016**

*Toymaking, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Sunday 30 October, 2016**

**GYMEA VILLAGE SPRING FAIR**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In presenting my first report, I would firstly like to reflect on the success of the past President and his committees. Ray De Marco oversaw a period of development of this club that experienced major changes that took the Shire Woodworking Club from sharing small premises in Oyster Bay to now having our own premises and a fully equipped workshop at Lilli Pilli. The voluntary work that was carried out in setting up these premises along with all the necessary requirements of negotiating with council, applying for grants and continually arranging fund raising leaves a legacy for which every club member should be grateful. To Ray and his numerous committees over the period we all thank you.

Your equipment committee is in the process of evaluating and selecting an additional medium size bandsaw to add to our workshop. We have recognized that often members have to wait for the existing small bandsaw to be available. A recommendation for purchase will be made at this months committee meeting.

In line with the clubs goal of ensuring best practices are in place when members are using equipment the Equipment Committee are developing Machine Induction Procedures (MIP) for each machine. These will cover the safe operation of each item of equipment and every member will go through the process of being trained and recorded for each machine. In the next three months I am hopeful that we will have every active member trained and signed off on all machines. As part of the induction process for new members to our club, they will need to go through this training process before using machines. The records of MIP training will be kept and updated by the equipment committee. If anyone is in doubt about any aspect of using the Club's machinery please do not hesitate to ask for assistance.

A timely reminder that the Club is a beneficiary of the IMB Cook Community Classic Raffle. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our club and every dollar raised by selling tickets goes to the Club. I urge you all to make an extra effort and try and sell a few tickets.

We have a vibrant Club that is continually evolving and I urge you all to use the various committees to help make improvements for the overall benefit of members. We are in a unique position where the Club can contribute to our community with regard to charitable worthwhile organizations and we should be prepared to go the extra mile to help those less fortunate.

*Ian Rudd*

## Big Day— Saturday 10 September, 2016

**Our PLANK COMPETITION JUDGING takes place at our Lilli Pilli Workshop on this Day. It is a very special day for our Club and as usual we invite our spouses or partners to participate in the day and join us for morning tea and lunch.**

**Hopefully Chef Richard may put on something special.**

**Also we have an excellent raffle prize, pictured, to go with the day courtesy of**

**GLORIA JEAN's, GYMEA,**

**who we offer our grateful thanks, as pictured.**

Please let Chef Richard know whether you will be attending with your spouse or partner on or before Tuesday, 6 September 2016

