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**WHAT A SATURDAY: 9 September, 2017**

At our September Maxiday we hosted Scott Morrison, our Federal Treasurer, Mark Speakman the NSW Attorney General and Camillo Pasce Mayor of the Sutherland Shire together with member spouses and friends to a sausage sandwich and to view the entries in the Club's Annual Plank Competition and to stay for our ever entertaining Show & Tell segment. We think they all enjoyed their visit giving the polies a reprise from politicking and enjoying getting some sawdust in their hair. Many thanks for accepting our invitation.



However the highlight of the day was by far the talk by Susie Barrington. Susie is blind and is the person from Vision Australia, Caringbah Office that asked us to make the Swish Ball Table. Susie with Tilley entertained us with her life story particularly spending eight and a half years as a blind person with her then husband sailing around the world in a 32 foot yacht. Many thanks Susie.

It is understood that Susie has asked our Club to put up a Swish Ball team to challenge the vision impaired team at Caringbah.



On Tuesday 26 September we made another delivery of 400 toys and the therapy items to the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

See story on page 9.

**Charitable Toy & Therapy Item delivery count for 2017 to date 1,166**

**WOODWORKING**  
 is one third planning, one third execution and one third figuring out how to change your plan to cover up that mistake that you just made during the execution.

**VALE:** It is with deep regret that we have to report the passing of our long time member ALAN DAVIS member no. 208 on 20 September 2017 after a long fight with Mesothelioma.

Alan was a great supporter of our Club and was renowned amongst other things for his making of many band sawn boxes. Some of his many efforts are seen in the following photos.



Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Rhonda and their son Christopher and the family.

May Alan rest in peace.

Your Committee had to determine how best we could use these items and have decided that obviously first priority is for Club sponsored projects.

If members would wish to take one or more for their use then a contribution to Club funds of \$2.00 each (pair of hinges) item is asked.

Please see Barry Gardner to obtain supplies.



**MAXIDAY:  
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER, 2017  
AGENDA**

- 8:45am Open Lilli Pilli Workshop
- 9:00am Monthly Meeting
- 9:45am Videos on "Bending Wood"
- 10:00am Morning Tea
- 10:30am Show & Tell
- 11:00am Table Saw Review
- 11:15am The Scroll Saw hands on particularly involved with 3D scroll sawing
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00pm Presentation of Certificates and Prizes for the 2017 Toymaking Plank Competition
- 1:15pm Raffle Draw
- 1:30pm Continue with hands on Scroll Sawing and Members own projects
- About 4:00pm Close

**Raffle Prize Winners  
SEPTEMBER 2017  
MAXIDAY**

- 1st Prize: Frank Van Luyt
- Gift Pack compliments of Gloria Jeans, Gymea
- 2nd Prize John Field
- Toblerone Bar compliments of Bunnings, Caringbah

- 3rd Prize Frank Van Luyt \$25.00
- 4th Prize David Johnson \$15.00
- 5th Prize Ray De Marco \$5.00
- 6th Prize Roger Walsh Bottle of Wine

Picture at right is Aris from Gloria Jeans, Gymea presenting the Gloria Jeans Gift Pack to Frank with Fred our liason with Gloria Jeans looking on



**2017 Plank Competition**

## CATEGORY "A" *Previous winners of the Plank Competition*

The winner in Category "A" with 439 votes was Roger Walsh with his model airplane and advised "This model is based on the Boeing Stearman Trainer Airplane. It was used as a standard training plane for the US Air Force and Navy prior to and during World War 2. Approx. 10,626 aircraft were built many of which still in use as crop duster aircraft as well as Aerobic. It has a span of 32 feet, a length of 25 feet and a height of 9 feet. It could travel at a speed of 124MPH over a distance of approximately 500 miles. Because the original colour of the plane was yellow and so many students scared so many instructors during training flights, the aircraft picked up the nickname of **YELLOW PERIL**.

The model was built from plans and instructions provided in the book I purchased titled 'GREAT BOOK OF WOODEN TOYS' BY NORM MARSHALL AND BILL JONES. This is an excellent publication showing 50 easy to build projects.

The fuselage is made by gluing together three pieces of 19mm pine. The shape is made using the band saw for both the outside lines as well as the cockpit cutouts then sanded using both the belt sander and vertical spindle sander. Lower wing and tailplane cutouts were also made on the band saw. Wing sections, engine, propeller and wheels were made using the thicknesser, bandsaw and scroll saw. Landing gear assembly used the drop saw and pedestal drill. The model was glued together using the Club's Titebond. Additional strength was given to the landing gear assembly through use of a couple of screws. The model could have been kept in timber colour but given that it was to be used as a toy I decided to paint it. Not the best decision and I had a lot of trouble getting a good finish. I sealed the timber using Feast Watson sanding sealer. The model uses a gloss enamel I obtained from a paint shop at Sutherland."



In Second place in Category "A" with 438 votes was Geoff Tong with his large Grasshopper. Geoff advised "I started by making a template for the body and cut three pieces before laminating them.

Little holes for the position of the eyes and wheels were drilled in the template so that I can accurately mark and drill from both sides of the body.

I felt this method would be more accurate than drilling through from one side.

Holes in the wheels are drilled to within 5mm of the thickness of wood together with the 19mm dowel axle makes it a sturdy toy.

The front legs are attached loosely to the body and hind legs attached to the rim of the back wheels. The joint of the legs are held together with small nut and bolt.

Originally I used two dowels for the antennae but they looked so lifeless so I replaced them with short pieces of cover from an old goose neck lamp. A little round ball at the tip of the antenna adds a finishing touch.

Finished it with several coats of polyurethane satin, sanding with 600 grit paper between coats."



In Third place in Category "A" with 420 votes was Ray De Marco with his fleet of Murray River Paddle Wheelers and advised "With the Plank competition the difficulty experienced by me and some others each year is the answer to "What can I make?" This year my decision was made easier with a toys only entry and a recent trip to Echuca on the Murray River. There we spent two nights on a paddle steamer called the Emmylou.

This paddle steamer was built locally of a 19<sup>th</sup> century design in 1982 and like the old steamers is wood-fired with local redgum logs. This generated interest and prompted an online research with steamers that from 1853 played an important and interesting pioneer history of the old river highways between NSW and Victoria. This research resulted in the flat bottomed design with two side paddle wheels and of two deck design to make three traditional and one more modern one based on the Emmylou.

Of the three, one is unpainted as a sample to stimulate some interest in the activities of the steamers for the children in the Children's Hospital and for them to paint. The other two and the Emmylou copy were coloured with FEAST WATSON PROOFTINT and CABOTS Varnish stains and a final clear coat with a CABOTS CABOTHANE Satin finish."



**2017 Plank Competition**

**CATEGORY "A"** *Previous winners of the Plank Competition*

Fourth in Category "A" with 416 votes was Bob Davis with his "American Truck" and advised "This is a model of an American Truck made from a picture taken in 1910 at work in a timber yard. There is a fair amount of detail with 64 separate parts"



Fifth in Category "A" with 399 votes was Barry Gardner with his "Fairly Castle" and advised "Trying to find something different to make from the plank that could be used by one of the charities our Club support I came up with a block set idea and a photo from Pinterest.com. It looked simple. Not so. Firstly I thought it should be compatible with Lego so scale became important. Thus settled on 50mm X 50mm X 19mm units so that the blocks were all multiples of the base size.



The block set could be made into anything from a Fairy Castle to a space station. The coloured pieces were coloured using the U-beaut food safe water based dye. All other blocks were left in raw wood with the exception of the gold leafed steeple which as a few coats of Polyurethane to protect the gold leaf. There are 86 pieces in total and this meant that there were over 1000 edges that had to be rounded over on the Dremel router table and at least 1000 faces that had to be hand sanded. " Am pleased to report that the block set is currently doing its duty in a playroom at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick."

Sixth in Category "A" with 391 votes was Graham Ethell with his "Animal Train" and advised "I made a similar animal train many years ago at Oyster Bay. This is a new one! Animal cut outs were secured to the carriages with dowels. Wheels were found in the Club wheel boxes – I liked the contrasting colours with the carriages. I bought some axle pegs from a place in Victoria, I think they give a better finish than just sanding off the dowels level with the wheels. Finish was quite a few coats of wipe on poly courtesy of Ray Tregoning.



With the timber remaining I made some more animals for the hospital."



**Facebook page**

I have prepared a Facebook page for the Club. It has limited information including contact details and what will be on at the next Maxi day. Those of you who use Facebook can view it; search for Shire Woodworking Club within Facebook. The page is sometimes found when searching using browsers such as Google, Internet Explorer and Safari.

Alan Ritchie

If you would like to receive this Newsletter please email the editor at [shirewoodworking@bigpond.com](mailto:shirewoodworking@bigpond.com) 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.

2017 Plank Competition

## CATEGORY "B" *Previous 1st and 2nd winners in Category "C"*

Winner in Category "B" with 536 votes was Malcolm Armstrong with his "Pull along Inch Worm" and advised "My plank project for this year came from an article in The Australasian Toy-Maker, Issue 6, 2009.

It has many 'fiddly' parts! There are 4 body segments, each a 4-part lamination. The head segment is legless but also a 4-part lamination. Each body segment as well as the head segment contains a cam which operates the 4 humps which simulate how the natural worm moves along. The 8 wheels and 4 cams were made by gluing pieces of plank into stock suitable for turning on a lathe, then parted and placed in a jig for drilling the offset axle holes. There are 12 leg pieces and 18 individually turned pegs to link them. The 4 humps, cam followers, nose, antennas and pull handle were turned. The plastic eyes were purchased and fixed to the head with 2-part epoxy resin.

I wasn't happy with the look of the worm in the magazine article. Worms have more circular features rather than flat features as in the article. So I glued/stacked plank pieces for turning and managed to make the worm's head as a ball. It was dowelled and glued with epoxy to the head segment. The tail-piece was made in a similar fashion in the form of 2 turned beads of reducing diameter. It was dowelled and glued with epoxy to the body segment. The mouth was done with a pyrography stylus. The other departure from the plan was to have a hump in the head segment. I used 'U-Beaut' non-toxic water dyes and sealed with wipe-on polyethylene. I was happy with the result!"



Second in Category "B" with 489 votes was Ian Rudd with his "Peacock Coloured Pencil Holders" and advised "I saw an image of this and decided it would be a good project for the plank competition. I have drawn the design using Sketch Up and now have full size plans for our toymaking days. The Peacock looks great with all the various coloured pencils and is an ideal item for our Children's Hospital donations."



Third in Category "B" with 453 votes was Steve Lansley with his "Model of a Morgan Three Wheel Racer and " and advised "Plans for the model came from David Farmer's Morgan Models found on the Morgan Sports Car Club of Canada website. The plans also included instructions for making jigs. Construction was straight forward until it came time to install the rear wheel. The instruction details were somewhat misleading.

The body was finished in U-beaut cedar stain, engine and tyres were painted in acrylic and then all coated in satin clear polyurethane clear finish.

With the plank pieces left over at my wife's suggestion were cut into shapes and the "minions" pattern pyrographed in."



# 2017 Plank Competition

## CATEGORY "B" Previous 1st and 2nd winners in Category "C"

Fourth in Category "B" with 447 votes was Bob Quigley with his "Large Domino Set" and advised "The idea of a oversized domino set came to me when I was playing on the floor with my granddaughter with a regular sized set. The size I thought would be fun to play outdoors. The final size was calculated to use the maximum size of the plank. I used the router and the brad point drills. The only problem came trying to stop the colouring bleeding into the pine. The solution vanished before and after painting using a tooth pick to apply the dots. The small piece of plank leftover I used to make the box with a bit of plywood."



Fifth in Category "B" with 438 votes was David Whitney with his "Jigsaw Puzzles" and advised "As can obviously be seen my item x 2 is a jig-saw puzzle. I wanted to do something simple and when I saw my grandson putting one together I thought it would be ideal for a 3 yr old..

The width of the pine board was ideal so I cut it in half down the longitude centre. The length was cut in proportion to the height. I then used the scroll saw to cut out random shapes on one of the halves and put a small dowel through the middle to pick up the shape to place it from whence it came. I then glued the top half to the bottom and glued in various animal pictures from the "cheap shop" I finished off top and bottom with a couple of coats of white enamel paint."



A visit to the inaugural ILLAWARRA FESTIVAL OF WOOD held over Friday and Saturday 6 and 7 October 2017 at the Bulli Showgrounds proved to be a most enjoyable outing. There were around 50 exhibitors showing and selling their wares associated with woodwork from Coffin making to tools and a lot in between. Congratulations to the organisers and hopefully this will be a fair for many years to come.



**Our Club will again be well represented at this significant Fair where we will have a double size stall promoting our Club and selling our wares. See you there.**

A colorful poster for the GyMEA Village Fair. The text on the poster includes: "A FUN DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!", "One Stage of Entertainment", "Local Shopping", "Food Stalls", "Rides", "Arts &amp; Craft", "Model Railways", "Fashion", "Over 195 Stalls", "Roaming Entertainers", "Last Sunday in October", "GyMEA Bay Road", "9am to 4pm", "www.gymeavillage.com.au", and "Proudly brought to you by The GyMEA Chamber of Commerce". The GyMEA logo is also present.

**2017 Plank Competition** *CATEGORY "C"*

Winner in Category "C" with 399 votes was Regina McGrillen with her "Jigsaw Puzzles" and advised "As my entry to the Plank Competition I decided to design and make a puzzle. The first step was to draw a grid on tracing paper. On top of this I drew interlocking worms that fit snug around each other. The main work was to neatly cut the shapes on the scroll saw. After drilling small holes for the eyes I carefully sanded every piece by hand. The outside frame was then glued on a piece of thin plywood. To give the puzzle protection and a smooth finish I applied 3 coats of wipe on polyurethane."



Second in Category "C" with 377 votes was Glen Reeve with his combination of novelty items and advised "Piggy Bank: Made a number of single piece piggy banks over time. Found this three piece one on the net and decided to make one. The two outer pieces, stuck together and cut out as one. All done on scroll saw. Bobbin sanded the inside after gluing together then followed by routing step for Perspex. Finished sanding, cut Perspex to suit and finished by painting and sealing.

Trapeze Clown: I have a real old one that I thought I would like to try and copy. I first made a prototype to see if it would work. Made a few design changes to suit. Clown cut on scroll saw, used screws as each item was individually painted prior to assembly. Clown took a while to finish as there are a number of colours used. Happy with the way it turned out and the it worked.

Mountain Climber: Climber cut out on scroll saw. The pegs require accurate alignment, squareness and spacing, if not the climber may get stuck or fall off. Had a lot of dummy runs to see how the climber went. All the pegs were pre painted before gluing. Maybe a template may have helped with this assembly. Also slope of frame is important, if too upright, climber descends too fast and will fall off. Took a while to work this out. Also if too much weight in the climber, he will fall off. Modified length of arms to suit correct workings. Sanded, painted to suit, finished with sealing coats. Happy with outcome."



Third in Category "C" with 376 votes was Gary Halder with his train set and advised "Quite a while ago I had bought a set of full size train set plans from toys and joys which included all the wheels, axles and smoke stack. The plans were US\$12 and the kit an additional US\$16.

This is what the plans were for:  
Plans are full size

As I have a lathe I decided to turn the boiler but otherwise use the plans as is where possible and not be too critical over thicknesses.

As I was using a plank I spent a lot of time getting parts to the required (or close enough) thicknesses; luckily for the bases I was able to use the timber as it was.

Mostly used the sander for the roof sections but the cab roof was too big for the sander so had to use a hand plane then hand sand.

Only 2 real issues found with the plans:

1. The engine rear wheels actually touched when using the marked hole placement.
2. The holes for the smaller wheels were too big so had to drop a size; I did use imperial bits as per the plans. A work in progress shot is seen at right.

Experimented with finishes on a standard sanded piece plus the offcut from the boiler as this was sanded on the lathe to a higher level.

I ended up using Danish oil and two coats of wipe on poly. The garage stunk for a week after applying the Danish oil; it takes ages to cure fully."



## 2017 Plank Competition CATEGORY "C"

Fourth in Category "C" with 345 votes was Neil Mathews with his fleet of people movers and advised "The decision of what to make was solved by my wife, Pat, who while having a cleanout found a page torn from a 1980's magazine of some wooden toy cars. I figured with a little design modification I could make these.

The cutting of the bodies was relatively easy but what to do for the people was a different matter. To solve this I found some 38mm diameter wooden balls at Spotlight. These were affixed to the car bodies by 8mm dowel. The faces on these ball were drawn using textas.



The cars were painted using the U-beaut water based dye followed by a water based gloss polyurethane. Things learnt included using water based polyurethane over water based dye, the 38mm diameter beads varied in diameter considerably and I drew the faces while loose only to find when positioned some faces were looking down and others up"

Fifth in Category "C" with 344 votes was John Field with his group of steam locomotives and advised "The Plank Competition for me was all about making as many Steam Locomotives for The Sydney Children's Hospital.

The initial rough sketch indicated the possibility of 7 or 8 trains, however marking-out the plank and allowing for blade Kerf cuts left me with just 30 wheels, 2 short to make up 8 completed trains. Determined to achieve 8 trains from the plank I decided to reduce the lengths of both the Train Base and the Boiler by 10mm, re-marking the plank had a successful outcome. Having only a 20mm Forstner Bit and the plank material being 19mm thick it was necessary to glue scrap material together to turn Chimney Stacks. All components were hand sanded then assembled ready for painting by our courageous children at The Sydney Children's Hospital.



Sixth in Category "C" with 335 votes was Alan Hendry with his rocking dolls cot and advised "As a new member of the club, Barry signed me up to enter the Plank Competition, for which I had no idea of what I was letting myself in for. When I was given the PLANK I had to fill in some sap holes with body filler, I decided to make a Rocking Cot cradle to match the Rocking Chair that I had previously made and given to the club.. I ran into a few problems such as trying to turn spindles, as the wood was not very suitable, so ended up substituting with dowel rod. In the end I was happy with the end result of the cot but after seeing the other competitors in Class "C" you had better include a Class D and E for my standard.. !! "



Seventh in Category "C" with 315 votes was Peter Mott with his group of cutouts and advised "Not much to say about the entries They were cut from the blanks i have at home i thought that the children would enjoy painting them very simple but could bring some pleasure to the children I hope."



# SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DELIVERY 26 September, 2017



As can be seen in the photos above and that on page 1 our delivery was very varied in content from the Dulcimer donated by David Whitney, the keepsake and owl boxes, the furnished dolls rooms, books and book stands to returning the repaired ukuleles.

The list of the items is as follows:

• Electric Guitars	6
• Boxes Keepsake, Owl, & Lady bird	61
• Vases	39
• Block trucks	10
• Elephants	4
• Whales	4
• Pigs	11
• Racing Cars—modern	9
• Large Emu, Kangaroo, Giraffe & Koala	4
• Steam Engines	8
• Fairy Castle Block Set	86pcs
• Large Steam Engine	2
• Book covers Large & Small	9
• Racing Cars—vintage	2
• Rolling Pin	1
• Horse Jigsaw puzzle	3
• Bulldozer Jigsaw	1
• Wacky Dog/Cat & person	2
• Owl Jigsaw puzzle	2
• Minions	10
• Dolls rooms	4
• Dolls House furniture	28
• Animal Statues, Horse, Tassy Devil, Kangaroo with Joey, Hopping Kangaroo, Wombat, Crocodile,	13
• Ballet dancer	8
• Cat and Pencil holder	1
• Koala in Tree	7
• Fairy cutouts	3
• Coloured Pencil Peacock Holder	2
• Knitted hand puppets	54
• Dulcimer	1
• Book stands	3
• Material offcuts bags	2
	400

The music therapists at the Hospital were delighted with the gift of the Dulcimer (pictured at right). It was put into service immediately it arrived at the hospital when it was taken and played by Matt to a baby girl in isolation suffering with Leukaemia. On return Matt reported the smile on the baby's face when hearing the music was an absolute joy.

However on a sadder note members may recall over the last few years a young 5 year old spent considerable time in hospital with some neurological problems and became Kerry's Official Toy Tester and had an official badge to prove it. He used to enjoy our visits as it gave him some work to do. The only problem was he had a preference for wheeled toys and toys that made a noise. Tom had a relapse and his kidneys failed. A couple of weeks ago he was to undergo a kidney transplant donated by his father. However he contracted the flu and the family went on a holiday to Port Stephens to recuperate. Tom, now 8 years old, suffered a relapse, was raced back to Randwick but sadly passed away.

We are scheduling our next delivery to the hospital for the last week in November or first week in December. This delivery will include Christmas items. To this end at our recent Toymaking day Bob, Glen, Ray and Barry commenced making Christmas Trees similar to those seen in the photo. In fact some 40 have already been made. If members are looking for something to do then why not look to making some Santa Clauses and other Christmas themed items.



## OUR NOVEMBER MAXIDAY THEME:

- ◆ Cutting Boards, Cheese Boards and all other Boards
  - ◆ Clamps, Clamps and more Clamps
- See you on Saturday, 11 November, 2017**

# SHOW & TELL SEPTEMBER 2017

VP Malcolm presented these book stands. The idea arose out of the Children's Hospital request for "literacy" items for the themed week in October. They were part of the delivery to the hospital reported on in page 9.



At a visit to the Children's Hospital, Randwick we were asked if we could repair a couple of Ukuleles used by the therapists. Our resident music instrument maker, David, got to it and the repaired Ukuleles were returned with other items as reported on page 9.



Terry presented these 54 hand puppets made by the ladies and a couple of friends from the Engadine Central Probus Club. They were made for the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and are now in their possession and no doubt being put to good use by the children.



Lyn was seen at the Workshop earlier this year making this set of book ends. We understand they were being made for a friend and a number of members helped in their making.

Secretary Graham was busy last month with a little help from other members making a planter box and advised "We received a request from Linda to see if we could make her a planter box. Linda had previously bought some children's toys from us at the Gynea Fair in 2016. She supplied a detailed drawing and very precise measurements.

Richard provided the timber for the sides and the base which was five floorboards glued together. It was all assembled with Richard's domino machine and painted with a couple of coats of polyurethane by Peter Mott. Technical advice was as always provided by Ray Tregoning.

The box was delivered last month and fitted the space perfectly. Within a few hours Linda had planted a number of succulents and made the impressive fairy garden, as shown in the photo, for her little girl.



Barry presented a quantity of Australian animals including Koalas, Kangaroos with and without a Joey, Wombats, Tassy Devels, A Frill neck Lizard and a Platypus even though it looks more like a Crocodile together with a number of pirouetting ballet dancers all made for the hospital and a few other items including a 2 drawer bandsawn box made in Silky Oak.

At our August meeting David presented this table and advised "An old friend (literally) of mine saw his neighbour about to throw in the council clean-up a table with all legs broken. So much for the legs but the table top was a beautiful 3 inch cross section of a Eucalypt stump. My friend could not pass it by and immediately thought of me and my woodworking interest. I gratefully thanked my friend for the gift and set about making some plain and simple legs as well as giving it a couple of coats of finish. It serves as a night light table beside my son's bed in his new home."



# SHOW & TELL SEPTEMBER 2017



Maurice presented this cutting board at our August Maxiday and he advised "Slowly, ever so slowly I'm acquiring some basic wood-working skills that most members of the club take for granted. There is so much truth in the old saying about old dogs and new tricks. As a recently retired accounting

software specialist being detailed oriented is natural however when applied to timber another set of skills is needed because timber has it's own idiosyncrasies and how best to use the timber to achieve the desired results is a skill that is also a learning experience.

When my wife and I decided earlier this year to renovate our back deck and extend it it was a brave decision to undertake it myself using my new skills. Happily the results are pleasing. One of the by-products was plenty of offcuts of of Merbau and also Black Butt timber. These offcuts are now being converted to serving platters and our friends and relatives are likely to receive the offer of one in the near future. Making the first usable platter meant mastering not only the equipment but also the best means of finishing the assembled piece."



Peter again has proved his interest in everything that is mobile with this large array of boats, planes and automobiles all painted ready for the Christmas Charity Toy giveaway.

A delivery of 6 pallets of pavers courtesy of the Sutherland Shire Council required all hands on deck at our Saturday Workshop on 23 September to restack.



**VALE:** It is with deep regret that we have to report the passing of our long time member RAY SCHOFIELD member no. 198 on 24 September 2017 after succumbing to a brain tumour.

Ray will be remembered for his irreverent humour generally displayed in his pyrography pieces. He was our resident horse whisperer making many hobby horses. He was a regular entrant into our Club's Annual Plank Competition winning it twice in 2007 and 2013 and achieving other placings over five other years. He won the Al Usherwood Award (now the SWC Award of Excellence) in 2006. Some of his many efforts are seen in the following photos.



Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Debbie and the family.  
May Ray rest in peace.

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## WHAT'S ON!

**Saturday, 14 October, 2017**

*MAXIDAY*

*THE SCROLL SAW*

*STEAM and other forms of  
BENDING WOOD*

*SHOW & TELL*

**Tuesday, 17 October, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 18 October, 2017**

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

*7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting*

**Saturday, 21 October, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Tuesday, 24 October, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 25 October, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Thursday, 26 October, 2017**

*Toymaking Day*

**Saturday, 28 October, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Sunday, 29 October, 2017**

*GYMEA SPRING FAIR*

**Tuesday, 31 October, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 1 November, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Saturday, 4 November, 2017**

*Woodcarvers meeting*

**Sunday, 5 November, 2017**

*Bunnings BBQ, Caringbah*

**Tuesday, 7 November, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

*12:30pm Committee Meeting*

**Wednesday, 8 November, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

*Lilli Pilli Workshop Sales event*

**Saturday, 11 November, 2017**

*MAXIDAY*

*CUTTING BOARDS, CHEESE  
BOARDS etc*

*CLAMPS of all types*

*SHOW & TELL*

**Tuesday, 14 November, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 15 November, 2017**

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

*Lilli Pilli Workshop Sales event*

*7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting*

**Saturday, 18 November, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Tuesday, 21 November, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

**Wednesday, 22 November, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

*Lilli Pilli Workshop Sales event*

**Saturday, 25 November, 2017**

*Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the past month our club lost two long time members who have greatly contributed to our club over many years. Our club extends sincere sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of Alan Davis and Ray Schofield. Our Maxi Days were always enhanced by their attendance and the numerous items that were made by these members over many years. We will always remember the contribution and friendship of Ray and Alan.

The GyMEA October Fair will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and our club has taken some additional space this year to display a wide range of toys and woodwork items. We will need some volunteers to man the stall and I believe that our raffle will appeal to the visitors on the day. This Fair presents another opportunity to show what the Shire Woodworking Club does for our community and our members. We will also be able to sell tickets in the Cook Community Raffle.

September saw another large delivery of toys and items to the Children's Hospital at Randwick and special mention is made of the repair to two ukuleles and the supply of a Dulcimer that was made by David Whitney. I am told that Matt, who is the music therapist at the hospital, was delighted with the new instrument and immediately used it with one of the 12 month old patients. Apparently the smile he received from the child when she heard the dulcimer play was priceless. To the toymaking committee special thanks for your efforts. To all members if you are able to attend on the last Thursday in each month you will be welcomed to help make toys for this cause.

The Sutherland Shire Council has now delivered about 39 square meters of pavers and quotations are being sought to lay these pavers from the street down to the outside wood storage shed. This will improve the side area and also provide outdoor space where we can install the BBQ on certain maxi days. The assistance from the Council is greatly appreciated.

A final reminder on safety in the workshop. Please think about what you are doing when using machinery in the workshop and be aware of what other members are doing. If you have any doubts about an operation do not be afraid to ask for advice. Also remember to clean up after you have used any machine and before leaving sweep the floors in the area where you have been working.

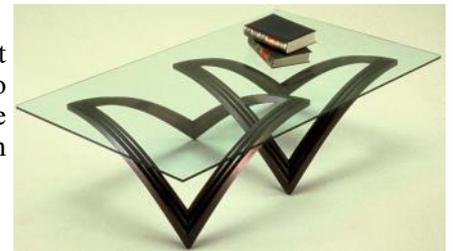
Happy and safe woodworking.

Ian Rudd, President

### MAXIDAY SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017

The theme for the day is "Bending Wood" followed by making things on the Scroll Saw.

We have some interesting videos that come via our Club's subscription to Fine Woodworking. You will be amazed at what you can do with wood.



These videos will be followed by a hands on approach to making some intriguing items on the Scroll Saw. Some of these will be of the 3D and compound variety.

**WE WOULD ASK MEMBERS TO BRING ALONG THEIR SCROLL SAW ON THE DAY.**