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A Santa Post Box for the Children's Hospital.



See story page 3



Sometimes it is very hard work operating a stall at a fair on behalf of the Club. The Cook Classic Carnival Fair at Cronulla Beach is not one of them.

On a delightful sunny Sunday 19 November at the invitation of our local Federal Member the Hon. Scott Morrison and the Cook Classic Committee we set up shop at Cronulla Beach. This Carnival is basically for the sponsors of the Classic Major Fundraising Raffle and the local Cook Electorate charities and community organisations to show off their wares. No

putting up tents and setting up tables they are all provided. All we have to do is stock the tables and be ready to communicate with the public and possibly sell our wares for the Club's benefit. We did both.

A great day was had by all with thanks to Secretary Graham for his organisation and to Ian, Maurice, Roger D, Ray T, Barry and Gary for their help on the stand.



***Merry Christmas & a
Happy New Year to all.***

England Calling:

"Hi Woodworkers,

Thanks again for your hospitality and friendly reception during my recent brief visit to Oz and SWC.

As a member of our local U3A Science and Technology group I recently visited the famous Morgan car factory where a significant number of their cars continue to be made comprising ash chassis, with high levels of craftsmanship still involved.

The visit reminded me of the wood bending demonstration during the Maxi Day that I attended at SWC, so I attach 3 photos,

A) Car cross section showing the completed wooden chassis

B) An oak bending jig for wings that is more than 60 years old and still in use

C) Bending jig for what I believe is a dashboard component
Thought you may find these of interest.

Roger Stephens"



Many thanks for your contribution Roger and it is great to hear from you. One problem though next time rather than just sending a few photos of Morgans you could send us some samples of the completed car. Ed.

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

MAXIDAY: SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER, 2017 AGENDA

- 8:45am Open Lilli Pilli Workshop
- 9:00am Monthly Meeting
- 9:45am Videos on "SAW STOP Table Saw"
- 10:00am Morning Tea
- 10:30am Show & Tell
- 11:00am Presentation by members who have entered items in the SWC Award of Excellence judging (limited to 2 minutes each entrant)
- 11:30am Members are asked to vacate the workshop at this time to allow our catering committee to ready our workshop for our Christmas Feast and the SWC Award judging
- 12:00noon Christmas Banquet
- 1:00pm SWC Award Winners announcement
- 1:15pm Raffle Draw
- About 3:00pm Close

If you would like to receive this Newsletter please email the editor at

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or if you have an article that you think would be suitable for publication in this newsletter your Editor would be



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.

Raffle Prize Winners

OCTOBER 2017

MAXIDAY

1st Prize:	Gary Mitchell	\$25.00
2nd Prize	Barry Gardner	\$15.00
3rd Prize	Lynn Messenger	\$ 5.00
4th Prize	Ray De Marco	Bottle of Wine

A Santa Post Box for the Children's Hospital.

From page 1

On Thursday 16 November your Editor received an email from the Therapists at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick asking if we could make a Santa Letter Box for the Emergency Ward. We confirmed we would and I immediately emailed members for their thoughts and ideas. A few of the members responded by return with thoughts and suggestions. At the Lilli Pilli Workshop on the following Saturday with about 15 members at morning tea discussions pursued as to type, size, shape etc. Ideas submitted by Ray D, Bob D, Ian R, and myself were tabled and the members present contributed their ideas. At one stage I thought we may end up with a camel and not a letter box. However consensus was reached when President Ian sketched up and sized an Auspost look alike letter box. Neil M undertook to cut out and construct the frame by the following Tuesday. Steve L was persuaded to scroll saw a Santa image and wording for the letterbox front. I was to organise the paint etc.

The Tuesday arrived with Neil's frame ready for the curved top to be made. A search of our wood supplies did not produce any 3mm ply suitable for bending so a trip to home to get a sheet only to find that it split when attempting to curve it. Then a trip to Bunnings for a couple of sheets of 3mm ply and 3mm MDF. Ray T then determined by under scoring the MDF would do a better job. It did and after gluing and clamping up left it for the following day. In the interim I made a trip to the Miranda Post Office to see if I could get some Auspost decals to no avail. Coming out of Westfield Miranda I made a decision to turn left to again visit Bunnings, Kirrawee to buy some Gloss Cherry Red paint, a piano hinge and hasp bolt.

Only to find that Kirrawee had sold out of the red paint. So a trip to Bunnings Taren Point that did have the paint. I should have turned right and not left.

Late Wednesday afternoon we were able to put a coat of primer, sealer undercoat (courtesy of Roger D) on and a first coat of the red and green. The following day I gave a second coat of paint.

Saturday saw the putting together of all the items with Ian R using his special two part marine epoxy glue to glue both the Steve L design and the Auspost cutouts to the Letterbox. The letterbox was then given a coat of Mod Podge Sparkle and the side decorations put in place with the help of Steve and Lyn M who undertook making some wooden wrapped presents for under the Christmas Tree. The final item was a spray of "snow". Many thanks to all who participated in its making. A real Club joint effort.

Ed.



On Friday 1 December we delivered the Santa Letter Box together with 191 wooden items and 72 knitted hand puppets and small bears to the Child Life and Music Therapists at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. This brings the number of items delivered to the Hospital this year to 1,429.

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Library Matters

We have received our December 2017 Issue 264 of Fine Woodworking magazine. Some interesting reading:



Workshop Tips: Two simple jigs add up to perfect dovetail cuts, use a PVC cutting mat for better glue-ups, jet-black filler looks like a natural pitch pocket ...

Tools & Materials: The combination plane done right, compressor by California Air Tools whispers rather than roars, a jig for big box joints

Handwork: Make a chisel for delicate detail work,

Designers Notebook: A tall dresser, round bistro table

Tool Test: Dovetail saws – the cream of the crop.

Handmade Gifts: Tasteful projects made from scraps

Smart Technique for Gluing Thin Panels.

Projects: Elegant Bookcase, Build a perfect picture frame, Iridescent Inlay

Magazine will be in club library from Thursday 9th November.

Happy woodworking.

Roger Walsh, Club Librarian.

CAPTION NEEDED????



Last month members will recall the request for a suitable caption for the photo at left. Well we received 2 responses. The first from Roger Dixon

“This Messenger is not going anywhere????”

The second was from Ray Tregoning

“This is not a war horse. This is a poor horse????”

On Tuesday 14 November, 2017 after reading about us in the Leader Mrs Joy Baker from Kareela contacted Secretary Graham to enquire whether we had a dolls house for sale.

Graham told her we only had one left and virtually sold it to her on the phone and would keep it for her to pick up at our stall the next day.

Unlike other customers who buy this sort of item for their grandchildren Joy bought this for herself. I thought she should meet the maker, Fred Seligmann so I took her into the workshop for a chat and photo op.



Roger Dixon



While at the Caringbah office of Vision Australia earlier in November their Paediatric Physiotherapist Laura asked if we could do something with the child's trolley and stools that are used in teaching vision impaired children. The trolley and stools had had a lot of use and were in need of some TLC. (Tender Loving Care).

Ray Tregoning undertook the task and returned them to Laura later in the month.

STEVE's HOT ROD



This turns in this



Into this



Into this and a number of other combinations as the motor also is removable



All done with a dovetail slide and magnets.

SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DELIVERYcontinued from page 3

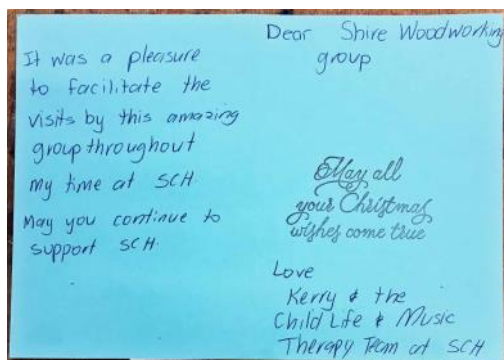


As reported on page 3 we delivered another 263 items including the Santa Post Box. The therapists were delighted with not only the Post Box but also the variety of other items. In fact the joint manager of the Department, Janet, related a very recent story of how one of our simply wooden kangaroos helped a two and a half year old boy overcome a frightening visit to the Hospital. The young bloke was operated on for a simple appendectomy at Wollongong but infection and complications arose and he was transferred to Randwick. Obviously needing urgent medical attention he was no going to have anybody go near him let alone touch him. Janet was called in to help and she spied he had a cuddly plush toy kangaroo. A search of our toy deliveries gained a wooden kangaroo. This with a few paints and a brush had Janet

calming him so that the medical staff could do their work. The end of the story is he returned home all well and ahead of the time expected. See wood does have some healing properties!!!! We have to report however that our contact at the hospital Kerry Crannis (pictured in photo above) of over the past 12 years or so is moving to a new position as the resident Child Life Therapist at the Royal North Shore Hospital. It is Randwick's and our loss and we wish her well in the new position. Kerry and the Child Life and Music Therapy Dept gave us all a Christmas present (pictured) no doubt to be enjoyed at our Christmas celebration on 9 December.

The list of items delivered to the hospital included

• Keepsake boxes	8
• Worry Boxes	8
• Christmas Trees	48
• Photo folder	1
• Dog upstanding cutouts	5
• Christmas Trees turned	5
• Vases	3
• Santa Jigsaw	2
• Racing Cars	9
• Roadrollers	4
• Elephants	3
• Reindeer	4
• Carnival Horses	4
• Dog rocker	1
• Santa in Chimney	4
• Block puzzle (hard)	1
• Paddle Steamers	3
• Monster Utes	3
• Christmas Cutout	
Decorations	30
• 3D Crocodiles	4
• Book lge & small	2
• Peacock Pencil holders	2
• Electric Guitars	18
• Bi-planes	3
• Star Wands	10
• Star cutouts	4
• Bulldog puzzle	1
• Santa Sleigh	1
• Knitted Hand Puppets	60
• Knitted Mini Bears	12



CHRISTMAS TOY GIVEAWAY

Tuesday of this week saw our annual toy giveaway to Shire organisations which support disadvantaged kids and kids subjected to family violence.

We were very happy to again welcome Lola from Sutherland Shire Family Services and to meet Sharon from the Kingsway Community Church. Both organisations asked for a lesser number of toys this year as they still had some remaining from our previous donations.

Apologies were received from Mark Speakman MP and Cr Carmelo Pesce.

Both organisations welcomed the boy's toys and the knitted articles from Barbara Taaffe. Barbara also knitted 12 hand puppets and 12 small teddy bears for the Children's Hospital, which are included in the hospital delivery referred to above.

Lola said Sutherland Shire Family Services gives the toys to needy children they know will appreciate them. Sharon said the Church makes up hampers for families and include a toy where appropriate for the age of any children. This is why she asked for predominantly smaller items.

All in all we donated 42 items this year to these two very worthy organisations.

Graham Ethell



And the Winners of the Raffle are:

1st	Ticket	41918
2nd	Ticket	41845
3rd	Ticket	06749
4th	Ticket	54431
5th	Ticket	09621

It is reported that there were 55,912 tickets sold in this annual raffle meaning that almost \$112,000 went directly to the various community voluntary organisations.

Many thanks to the organisers.

**Charitable Toy &
Therapy Item delivery count for 2017 was
1471**

Very Special

In our August 2016 newsletter we had a story on a very important request for a purpose built table for a special little girl called Josie. This request at the time was enthusiastically undertaken by our super craftsmen Ian Rudd and Ray Tregoning.

Josie has a very rare condition called FoxG1 and her condition is one of impaired development from birth. It is complex as Josie is unable to walk or speak and has involuntary movements of her limbs with a difficulty in learning.

Josie is now five years old and sleeps in a bed that has two removable safety rails that are positioned each side at the pillow end. Last month we received request from her parents as Josie's involuntary movements meant she moved to the end of the bed where there were no rails and she fell to the floor.

The job at hand was to copy the existing design and construct another two for the bed to make it safe. Roger Dixon helped and with my timber and some from the club we took advantage of the variety of machines at the Club to accurately plane, cut, reduce and sand the timber.

The image at right shows the completed job much to the delight of her parents Sara and Scott. With the paint, used two coats of a BRINLAY water based sealer, primer and undercoat and finished

with two coats of an oil based enamel to match the original finish.

Ray De Marco



Ray and Maurice are seen being trounced by the vision impaired team at Swish Ball at the Vision Australia's office at Caringbah in November. The Swish Ball Table was designed and made by our Club as reported last month.

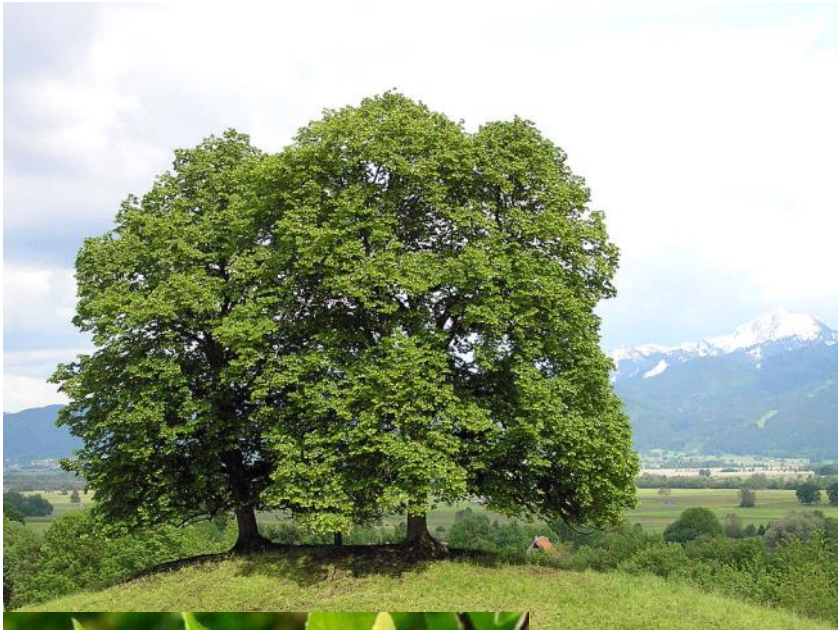
OUR NOVEMBER MAXIDAY EVENT PROVED A MOST REWARDING EVENT AS SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING PHOTOS:



Again our Lilli Pilli Workshop November Sales event proved most successful. The stall is seen ready for customers.

A month or so ago Zdena Vonda advised that a friend was cutting down a LINDEN tree located at Cronulla and asked if we could use it. We could not find anybody in the Club at the time who had heard of it or knew anything about a Linden tree. Zdena advised that it is sort after in Europe as it is an excellent wood for carving. We mentioned this to the wood carvers who jumped at the chance of getting some. One never stops learning in this world.

Zdena has provided the following in the hope of advancing our knowledge. Many thanks Zdena.



The Linden tree is of the genus *Tilia* which also is commonly called Lime tree (not the fruit) in the British Isles. In the USA it is also called Basswood. Grows in western, central and southern Europe, southern Sweden, in

Caucas and Little Asia.

Wood of the Linden tree is pale, almost white, with straight grain, fine and uniform texture, featureless, variable weight, dries rapidly and may tend to distort. Readily attacked in conditions favouring decay. Once dry, it is stable in use. Not a strong wood, but excellent in working properties. The Linden bast is very tough and strong and before the invention of artificial fibres was used to make woven industrial fabric.

Flowers of the linden tree are known for its healing properties. For centuries the linden tea and honey were used as medication against a common flu. The firm Koro Tea is selling this tea under the label Linden-Lipa tea in Sydney.

It is described as a large leaf Linden tree (*Lillia Platyphyllos Scop.*) is very solid tree reaching over 25 meters in height. The Czech Wikipedia states there is in the Czech Republic at the moment thirteen Linden trees between 350 and 1,100 years old. The largest measured Linden tree was 1,305 cm in diameter.

In working with linden wood remarkable details could be obtained. Other uses are small turned items, toys, bobbins and sometimes plywood.

One of the best woods for carving !

MENTORING PROGRAM

Doug O'Hara introduced Spencer Ramsay to our Club earlier this year to undertake a mentoring program and advised "Spencer is a Year 9 student from De La Salle Catholic College, Caringbah in the 2017 Youth Frontiers Mentoring program. He undertook woodworking projects for the Children's Hospital in the 'general category' as his 2017 contribution.

The Youth Frontiers Mentoring Program is an initiative of the NSW State Government for young people in Year 8 and 9 to benefit from mentoring and gain life skills by typically spending at least 30 hours over six months by being involved in their community supporting them to achieve their goals.

The program gives mentees an opportunity to build life skills and self-confidence by

working with their mentors to undertake a project that makes a positive difference in their local community.

At the end of the six months, students, mentors and families attend a showcase where students have the opportunity to share their community projects. The most innovative projects are nominated for state-wide recognition.

Southern Sydney Business Education Network ([SSBEN](#)), has implemented this program over the past three years cross 11 electorates in the Sydney Region.

SSBEN links students with screened and trained adult mentors who help them to build life skills and self-confidence while working collaboratively on a community project.

The student can choose a project of interest to them from themes such as:

- Community Harmony
- Empowering Women
- Sport
- Environment
- Anzac
- Youth Mental Health
- and a General category.

SSBEN offer Mentor Training, conduct the screening and match mentors with students that have similar interests close to home/work. I have been a mentor in this program for the past the past three years."

Spencer has proved a most likeable and enthusiastic member of our Club. He has proved he has some skills in woodworking and hopefully we have not taught him any bad habits.



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Roger presented this special box with an acrylic lid and advised "My niece Amanda asked me if I would make her a box to store her



train set that forms part of a Christmas village scene.

After receiving a sketch with the compartment layout I proceeded with the project.

The sides were made from 8mm ply with dovetail joints. They were then rebated at the bottom to fit the 8mm ply base panel then a 4mm groove was cut 5mm from the top to accommodate sliding lid which

was made from left over acrylic sheet from our kitchen splashback.

All but one partition was made from 6mm ply, grooved into bottom & sides. The remaining curved partition was made from 2 x 2mm veneers of bamboo glued & clamped in a 2 piece block. All compartments were glued to base then the sides were glued & fitted over the top & down to the base.

All parts were sanded smooth before assembly"



Barry presented this Christmas decoration and advised "I saw a jigsaw puzzle design on Pinterest and thought this may work as a

stand alone 3d style Christmas decoration that the children at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick could paint and decorate.

It is a prototype and I think it works"



Happy Christmas to Ruth.

Ruth has been very generous to our club over the years with several purchases of tables, chairs, toys, etc. She also presents us with a Christmas cake each year, not to mention the \$100 of raffle tickets at the Gynea Village Fair.

The materials are Cedar, Baltic Pine and Jarrah. Coating is Polyurethane spray gloss with a bit of red, white and black paint. This time I tried to keep a log of time to make as drawings – approx. 18 hours.

I thought a gift would be something to say our THANKS to Ruth.

Ray Tregoning

Diamond Puzzle Box.

I saw this box on a website from a man who makes incredible puzzle boxes and I thought I would have a go at reverse engineering the whole concept. I like a project like this one as half the fun is discovering how it works as you throw away the trial attempts. I started with just understanding part of how the box may work and so began making a simple prototype using Masonite and ply. By the time I got to prototype number 4 I realized this was going to take a few sleepless nights to not only fully understand the final design but also how to make it. Because it is a mechanism with multiple moving parts I found you had to be incredibly accurate making the box. The final box has miniature tongue and grooved mating faces on the moving parts and when the box is fully opened the centre diamond changes from blue to red!

The various timbers used are Australian Rosewood, New Guinea Rosewood, marine ply and figured Tasmanian Blackwood veneer on the moving triangles.

Ian Rudd



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Members will recall some months ago Barry making a number of 3D style Koalas for the Hospital. Well one of the residents at Ardency Aroona saw them being made and purchased one from the Club. Fayejean is an artist took the raw wood Koala to her art class and "gave it an artistic coat of paint". The result is seen above. Too good for us mere woodworkers.



Secretary Graham over the past few weeks was seen at the workshop making a large box. It was suggest by some that maybe he was making coffin. However Graham advised "We have had an Email Weather-wall air conditioner for over 30 years. It had a huge outside unit, connecting directly to the inside distribution area. To install it I

had to cut holes in the outside brickwork, also the inside gyprock. We decided to replace it as it had reached the end of it's useful life. The outside hole was bricked up. I was just about to get a gyprocker (?) to fix the inside when the women in my life suggested I should make an insert to fit in the cavity which was about 900mm x 420 mm x 140 mm deep. This is the result. Top, bottom and both shelves were secured with biscuits. Something else to dust??? It has been painted white. Although all the rest of the timber in the house has been finished with polyurethane, it was decided white for this particular item would look better, and it does."



Malcolm presented these pencil cases and advised "A number of magazines were culled from our club library earlier this year so I took a few with articles that interested me. One such article was for an unusual pencil case in The Australian Woodworker, July/August 2012. Each case comprises a base with a routed recess 16mm deep; a lid and a hand grip with offset dowel that releases the lid when twisted/rotated. The lid is kept in place by a small locating dowel and small recessed magnets in the base, at the opposite end of the hand grip. Strengthening ribs were machined into each end of the lid and the handgrip to prevent warping. Three jigs were necessary to make the pencil case which makes it easy to duplicate more cases in the future. The first jig allowed the pencil case recess to be template routed and the stock to be docked easily for each base; the second jig was made for routing grooves through the end grain; the third jig was to ensure the curved rebate for the hand grip could be machined in the correct position for each lid. It took time to get the third jig just right but the effort was worth it. It's a pencil case with a twist, literally!"



Peter Mott presented this sparkling Santa Sleigh with reindeer for sale by our Club.

Needless to say it did not last long on our November Workshop sales table. Thank Peter.



poles. Barry undertook the challenge. The photo shows the sample which was in Coachwood (top) and the three were made by Barry from our supply of PNG Rosewood. The poles are about 550mm long and taper down from a 30mm diameter centre. When delivered the lady was delighted with the poles and made a contribution to the Club funds. Secretary Graham now wants one for personal use. Any other takers.

Secretary Graham, in late November received a phone call from a lady asking if we could make 3 Physiotherapy

WHAT'S ON!

Saturday, 9 December, 2017

MAXIDAY
JUDGING OF SWC AWARD OF
EXCELLENCE
CHRISTMAS BANQUET
SHOW & TELL

Tuesday, 12 December, 2017

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 13 December, 2017

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 16 December, 2017

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 19 December, 2017

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 20 December, 2017

9:00am Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting

Saturday, 23 December, 2017

Club Closed

Tuesday, 26 December, 2017

Club Closed

Wednesday, 27 December, 2017

Club Closed

Thursday, 28 December, 2017

Club Closed

Saturday, 30 December, 2017

Club Closed

Tuesday, 2 January, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 3 January, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 6 January, 2018

Woodcarvers meeting

Tuesday, 9 January, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

12:30pm Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 10 January, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 13 January, 2018

MAXIDAY

ROUTER BITS and ROUTER
TECHNIQUES including Router Jigs.
 Safety issues with Routers. Freehand
 routing. Router table routing. Tem-
 plate Routing
 Sanding Techniques and Router Pro-
 files Sanding

SHOW & TELL

Tuesday, 16 January, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

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7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting

Saturday, 20 January, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 23 January, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past year our club has continued to function in a harmonious way with members making both their own projects and also making items for the club to be donated to various causes. This year we introduced a dedicated Toymaking day each month and this has been very well attended by many members and the outputs from these dedicated days has increased the quality and quantity of items manufactured. The extra day also meant that we were able to expedite charitable projects such as the Swish Table and Santa Letter box.

I would like to thank those members who participated in the Plank competition this year. The revised rules resulted in the club receiving a large quantity of very high quality, well designed toys. It is pleasing to see the items made this year reflect our improved skills. Many of the items were sold either at the Gynea Fair or during our Lilli Pilli Wednesday November toy sales.

During the year we held numerous safety reviews on maxi days in an effort to keep members aware and up to date on machine procedures. Reviewing our workshop practices is a continuous project and all members are urged to treat the workshop and machinery with respect. Our housekeeping needs to improve especially as we have limited space. Please take your projects home each week.

We can record a very healthy financial report for the year. Our fundraising efforts in 2017 have been exceptional and our committee is pleased to report that the club had record sales at both the Gynea Fair and the Lilli Pilli November Toy sales. We would also acknowledge Bunnings for two very successful sausage sizzle days.

Our Secretary, Graham Ethell was nominated for a Cook Community Award for his outstanding role as secretary of the Shire Woodworking Club for the past 12 years and was presented with the award by the Hon Scott Morrison at the official function held on Saturday 2nd December 2017. Graham works tirelessly behind the scenes at our club organizing our fund raising efforts, corresponding with the local council and the many and various organizations that we deal with. Bravo Graham for your unrelenting dedication.

In particular I would like to thank all members for their efforts in making this club a place where fellow woodworkers can enjoy their hobby. The culture, friendship and atmosphere this club enjoys are quite unique and our membership rightly can take credit for our success.

Happy woodworking and seasons wishes to all.

Ian Rudd, President

CAPTION NEEDED????



Your Ed.
 suggests
**"That's not
 a helmet
 this is a
 helmet"**



The SWC AWARD OF
EXCELLENCE
is being judged this coming
Maxiday

9 December, 2017.

So members please present your
masterpieces for
judgement on this day.