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Woodcarvers' Liason: Ron O'Malley



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

Oh! What a month!

The last 30 or so days since our last publication of this Newsletter our Club has experienced one of our most eventful months as can be seen from this summary of events.

- ◆ Regretfully have to report the loss of one of our foundation members Fred Seligmann (see story Page 2).
- ◆ Also we regretfully report the passing of another long serving member, Ian McRae. (see story Page 4)
- ◆ We celebrated the 90 birthday of two of our members. (see story Page 5)
- ◆ We also awarded one of our members with his OBE. (see story below)
- ◆ We received great news on the funding of our proposed Laser Cutter/Engraver (see story Page 3)
- ◆ Our stall at the Cook Classic fair at North Cronulla was a great success (see story on page 5)
- ◆ The filters on our Dust Extraction System have been replaced making a huge difference to the benefits of our dust reduction (see story Page 6)
- ◆ The garden and pathways helpfully funded by the Imb Bank Foundation and the Sutherland Shire Council have been completed. (see story Page 6)
- ◆ Tuesday 4 December we saw our annual toy donation to local Charities (see story Page 10)
- ◆ Wednesday 5 December we welcomed a visit from the Child Life Therapists from the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick for morning tea. (see story in next months Newsletter)
- ◆ Our November Workshop sales days were somewhat mixed due to weather conditions. (see story page 6)



President Ian is seen above awarding the Club's OBE to Neil Mathews in attaining the age of 80. Congratulation Neil.

An explanation for those youngsters amongst us. Prior to the introduction to the Order of Australia citizen recognitions the Queen would bestow on individuals awards one of which was the OBE or Order of the British Empire.

We have now reclaimed this honour by making it the honour of being "Over Bloody Eighty".

**SATURDAY
8 DECEMBER, 2018**
This reminder is not just to advise members of our Christmas Lunch where spouses and partners are invited but also it is the judging of our Club's Annual Excellence Awards. Have you got your masterpiece ready for presentation on the day?



VALE: FRED SELIGMANN

It is our sad duty to report the passing on Wednesday, 28 November, 2018 at Kareena Private Hospital one of our founding members (member no. 41) Fred Seligmann. He was aged 92 and our third most senior member.



Upon informing members of Fred's passing the following tributes were sent to Secretary Graham by fellow members.

"Thanks for the sad news. He was a nice bloke our Fred".

"Sorry to hear about our old mate Fred, a very nice and a good bloke he will be sadly missed by all the members".

"Very sad news. Fred was a great person, a great club member, a conscientious woodworker, a good friend and a real gentleman. he will be greatly missed".

"I'm very sad to hear your news about Fred. Like with you, Fred was one of the first blokes I met when I joined the club back at the Oyster Bay club house".

"Fred was a great mentor and model in our club and his bright presence will be missed by many members and others who had the privilege to know him".

"Very sorry to hear of his passing. I'm glad I had a chance to talk with him last week. I will miss him!"

Fred joined our Club in 1997 and was a prolific woodworker all his retirement life. He was renowned for his Children's Table and Chair Sets and his Dolls Houses. Many of the table and chair sets ended up in many children's wards at Randwick, Westmead and Sutherland as did the dolls houses. It has been suggested that when the hospitals fall down with age Fred's tables and chairs will still be standing.

Fred was born at Ascot Vale, Victoria, on 20 November, 1926 and lived at Rosanna for the next 20 years. Leaving his job area of radio receiver servicing and public address amplifier installation he joined the announcing staff of 3SR Shepperton in 1950. Joining the PMG in 1951 he transferred back into a technical work environment at Radio Australia, Shepperton the international High Frequency Transmitting Station.

Married in 1951 Fred and Val built their brick veneer home in Shepperton.

With qualification and promotion he was appointed Officer-in-Charge of the first NSW co-sited National and Commercial Television Transmitting Stations at Griffith in the Riverina. Following the installation, commissioning and operation and maintenance of the ABON7 and MTNY services he transferred to the NSW PMG Broadcasting Branch inspectorial staff in Sydney.

Fred retired from Telecom Australia as a Principal Technical Officer in 1991. Like many retirees he wondered where he ever found time to go to work.

Over the 21 years of membership Fred held many positions culminating as our Club President from September 2004 to August 2007. Because of his association with radio announcing he regularly promoted our Club activities on ABC radio. We all will miss him.

He is survived by his wife Val, daughters Lesley and Anne and son David, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family.

May he rest in peace.



MAXIDAY: SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER, 2018 AGENDA

8:45am Open Lilli Pilli Workshop
9:00am Monthly Meeting
9:30am Video -
10:00am Morning Tea
10:30am Show & Tell
11:00am Presentation of entrants into
SWC Excellence Award 2018
12:00noon Christmas Lunch
2:00pm Raffle Draw
2:15pm Announcement of SWC
Excellence Awards for 2018
About 4:00pm Close

Raffle Prize Winners

November 2018

MAXIDAY

1st Prize:	Graham Ethell	\$25.00
2nd Prize	Geoff Tong	\$15.00
3rd Prize	Steve Lansley	\$5.00
4th Prize	Bob Davis	Bottle of Wine

If you would like to receive this Newsletter please email the editor at shirewoodworking@bigpond.com or if you have an article that you think would be suitable for publication in this newsletter your Editor would be most pleased to receive it.

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.



The NSW Government has an annual Grants Program this year titled **“2018 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS”**. As the Club is in the Electorate of Cronulla our local member is Mark Speakman, the NSW Attorney General. See photo at right of Mark with Barry, Gary, Maurice and Graham taken at the Gymea Spring Fair in October. Mark provided us with the opportunity earlier this year to apply for a grant to enable the Club to purchase a Laser Cutter/Engraver for use by the Club in helping our charitable endeavours.

After the necessary investigations and reviews we were very pleased to be notified on 19 November that we with 10 other Cronulla Electorate Community Not for Profit organisations to receive a grant. The value of ours was \$15,200.00. We thank Mark and the NSW Government for their assistance.

Now comes the serious business of buying the appropriate Laser Cutter/Engraver. As these Laser machines are what one might call current technology it is constantly being upgraded even since we applied for the Grant earlier this year. In addition our Club has had a most successful selling season at the Gymea Spring Fair, The Imb Cook Classic Raffle and Fair and a couple of Bunnings BBQs we are looking at adding some additional money to the Grant to buy a bigger, brighter and better machine. This is based on the old adage “always purchase tools that are the best one can afford”. It is also interesting to note that as we now have the money to purchase such a Laser Cutter/Engraver the sellers are sharpening their pencils.

For those of us uninitiated into the realms of Laser Cutter/Engravers they provide a method of using light to cut or engrave many types of material from wood to glass far more accurately and finely than regular saws. A regular table saw blade has a kerf of around 3mm. A scroll saw blade's kerf is around 0.4mm. Laser beam is less than a fraction of a millimetre. They are computer controlled taking a drawing or image and converting the lines on a drawing to a “Vector” file for cutting or a “Raster” file for engraving. A vector file follows a line whereas a raster file works like a printer and moves across the workpiece line by line. Of course the beauty of being computer controlled means that once the file has been made then it can be used over and over again. There are limits to what can be done with them most of which is determined by how much money one has and the space available to house the machine. For machines that have a bed size of around half a square metre one can pay anything from \$2,000 to \$100,000.

The complexity does not stop there. One then has to consider the type of laser such as glass, metal or ceramic or whether the laser is CO2 or fibre and its power from 30watt upwards. So one can see we all have a learning curve coming up. However just think what we can provide for our charities.

If you would like a simple PDF book titled “Laser Cutter 101 Learn the basics to getting started on the laser cutter” by the Obrary eBooks library please email the Editor and request a copy.

Our President and Secretary with Roger Dixon, Alan Ritchie and Barry Gardner are gathering quotations and inspecting machines suitable for our Club and hopefully will be providing some recommendations to the Committee soon. This Group was to receive a demonstration of a machine on Wednesday 26 November however the severe weather on that day intervened and the demonstration postponed. Oh! Well they say life is not meant to be easy.

We have another demonstration booked by another supplier on Thursday 6 December.

Keep watching this space.



HALF SHEET SANDING FILE SET.

A few weeks ago I was making up some conventional type Jewellery Boxes with hinged lids and I do not have a belt sander at my disposal at home to finish the box and lid after they have been sawn apart. In the past to obtain an accurate fit-up of these two mating parts by hand was a little time consuming to achieve my standard of finish, so I decided to make up a set of half sheet sanding files.

Materials used were: Melamine Sheeting, Double Sided Tape & Sandpaper.



Over the years I have found that new Melamine Particle Board Sheeting -16 mm is a very stable and an ideal flat product for this project. If you intend using second-hand shelving material or timbers, check for distortion and/or twist before use.

Whatever material you use, it is important to use a reliable straight edge to check that the surface is FLAT, also check the diagonals both ways for flatness.

Cut the width of the wooden file smaller than the paper half a sheet width, this is to allow for final trimming of the paper when it is attached to the file.

Shape the handle then sand off all sharp edges down to just near where the sandpaper is attached, leave sharp edges where the sandpaper is adhered to file, its ideal for use on inside corners.

The sand paper used for this exercise, is used by Motor Vehicle Smash Repairers; A4 size Open-Cut Paper, Grit sizes: 80, 120, 180 & 240, cut the sheets in half-lengthwise..... *Continued page 9*

VALE: IAN McRAE

It is our sad duty to report the passing on Wednesday, 28 November, 2018 at Calvary Private Hospital member no. 237 Ian McRae.

Ian's widow, Gail advised

"I opened the emails to inform you of Ian's passing and saw the news of Fred. Fred was one of the last people, other than family that he spoke to Ian. As you are aware, Ian has been sick for over 4 years. The last year being extremely painful and debilitating for him. 2 weeks ago it was so bad that he finally was admitted into palliative care at Calvary hospital. They were absolutely amazing in taking care of him. It relieved a big stress on me as I was really worried the amount of suffering that he may have to experience at the end.

He finally gave up the struggle on Wednesday and passed away at 12.00pm. His youngest grand-daughter got some comfort as at that time she was in a woodworking class at school.

Please know that being a member of your club was one of the happiest times for him. There were so many times that I asked would he like me to drive him down to the club and initially he said he would like that but when the time came he just couldn't muster the effort. I always said that the club members were the best group of people and he agreed. Thank-you for the friendship that he was given by all of you to him.

We won't be holding a funeral as this was his wish and we are having just family to do something in his memory. If the club has a policy of sending flowers, I would prefer that a donation to a children's charity be given in lieu of flowers.

One of the last things that I said to him before he passed was to go peacefully and build a wooden boat in the sky and go sailing. The 2 things that made him happy.

All the best to all members and keep on woodworking and once again thank-you.

Regards,

Gail McRae

All the best to the club"

Ian was born in nearby Marrickville and was educated at Canterbury High. Apprenticed as a boilermaker, he spent time at the old Regent's Park factory of Babcock and Wilcox. As the noise and grime did not appeal all that much, Ian undertook evening study towards an engineering degree. After completing his apprenticeship he joined Bernard Smith as a draftsman and stayed there for 15 years. His employment for the remainder of his working life was with a variety of Major Engineers on Construction work around Australia. He moved to the drawing office and basically stayed there until his retirement in 2008. He has lived at Grays Point and moved to Woronora Heights in 2007.

Ian was our Club's guru on running the Bunnings BBQs until regretfully bad health took control of his life.

Our sincere condolences go out to Gail and the family.

May he rest in peace.



EXCELLENCE AWARD HONOUR

ROLL

2003: Winner Overall	Bill Lewis
Best Toy	Fred Seligmann & Barbara & Bert Willemssen
Best Art Piece	Peter Mott
Best Furniture Piece	Barry Camper
Best Woodturning Piece	Les Noble
2004: Winner Overall	Barbara Willemssen
2005: Winner Overall	Ken Phillips
Best Toy	Fred Seligmann
Best Art Piece	Barbara Willemssen
Best Utility Piece	Barry Gardner
2006: Winner Overall	Ray Schofield
Best Furniture Piece	Ken Phillips
Best Art Piece	Barbara Willemssen
Best Utility Piece	Barry Gardner
2007: Winner Overall	Gavin Wenham
Best Furniture Piece	Ken Phillips
Best Art Piece	Gavin Wenham
Best Utility Piece	Ray De Marco
2008: Winner Overall	Barry Gardner
2009: Winner Overall	Trevor Nicholson
Best Furniture Piece	Ken Phillips
Best Art Piece	Ken Phillips
Best Utility Piece	Barry Gardner
2010: Winner Overall	Bob Davis
Best Furniture Piece	Roger Dixon
Best Art Piece	Ken Phillips
Best Toy	Ken Tyson
2011: Winner Overall	Bill O'Reilly
Best Furniture Piece	Bryan McMahon
Best Toy	Barry Gardner
2012: Winner Overall	Warwick Tame
Best Furniture Piece	Bob Davis
Best Art Piece	Ian Rudd
Best Utility Piece	Bill Lewis
2013: Winner Overall	Warwick Tame
Best Furniture Piece	Roger Dixon
Best Art Piece	David Whitney
Best Utility Piece	Richard Cain
2014: Winner Overall	John Fallon
2015: Winner Overall	Ron O'Malley
Best Toy	Fred Seligmann
Best Art Piece	Ian Rudd
Best Utility Piece	Ray Tregoning
2016: Winner Overall	Ray Tregoning
Best Toy	Glen Reeve
Best Art Piece	Ray Tregoning
Best Utility Piece	David Whitney
2017: Winner Overall	Geoff Tong
Best Collectable/Model	Steve Lansley
Best Art Piece	Geoff Tong
Best Utility Piece	Ray Tregoning
Best Furniture Piece	Gary Mitchell

Why not try to add your name to the above list by presenting your latest creation to the judging of the Excellence Award at our December Maxiday.

You have to be in it to win it.

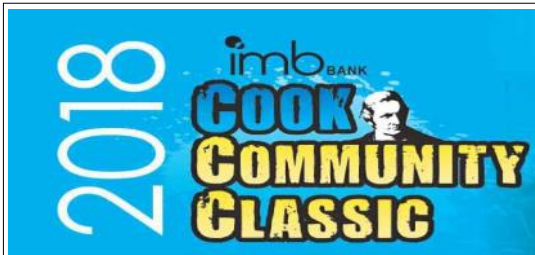


Our Club has since relocating to Lilli Pilli set up a tradition to have a celebratory lunch for members turning 90 years of age. We had Ron O'Malley who turned 90 in October and Alan Shoebridge who turns 90 next March. Any excuse for a party.

The Nonagenarian party was held at the Brookside Restaurant at the Ardency Aroona Retirement Resort on Friday 16 November 2018. What better way to describe the party than by showing the following photos.



*Happy
Birthday
Alan & Ron*



Pictured at below left is our stall at Dunningham Park, North Cronulla Beach on Sunday 18 November 2018. This event is the culmination of the Imb Cook Classic initiative by our local Federal member for Cook and now Prime Minister the Hon. Scott Morrison. The initiative is a major raffle where all not for profit Clubs and Societies in the Cook electorate are entitled to sell raffle tickets at \$2 each and retain all the proceeds. Our Club has participated in the raffle over the past five years and this year selling 790 tickets.

The prizes were drawn on 1 December 2018 and the winning tickets are listed below. Did you win?

1st Ticket No. 78506

Qantas Trip to Los Angeles

2nd Ticket No. 04806

Crown Plaza, Hunter Valley 2 night stay

3rd Ticket No. 99721

\$1000 Westfield Gift Cards

4th Ticket No. 73741

Cronulla Experience at The Quest Cronulla Beach

5th Ticket No. 82414 Bose Quiet Comfort Headphone set





On Thursday 15 November 2018 the workshop was closed to enable servicing of the Micronair Dust Collector. See photo at left.

Ray Tregoning, Roger Dixon and Bob Quigley removed the existing (4) filters and replaced with new ones purchased at a cost of just under \$1,000.00.

The job consisted of removing the left hand upper side panel to gain access to the filters, shaker frame with motor attached. During removal of this panel 2 of the nut inserts gave way and Ray will make up a threaded rail to fix to back of frame.

Bob (our resident electrician) turned off the power at the board and then disconnected the wires to the shaker motor at the junction box.

The filters are held in place with a 12mm screwed rod passing through a hole in the base and in the shaker frame and attached with Stainless steel lock nuts. See photo (at below left) showing inside the cabinet where the

bottom gasket seals & screwed rod passes through to be anchored from underneath with lock nut.

The shaker motor complete with frame was then disconnected from top of filters. The frame had rust caused by water ingress.

The bottom of the filters were disconnected from the base and removed one at a time. The tops of these filters were also covered in rust. See photo top right.

New filters c/w screwed rods, lock nuts and washers were fitted. Panel refitted but will be removed at a later date to fit threaded bar and also fit 2 grab handles for ease of handling with future service.

The original filters. see

photos at right, have since been cleaned with compressed air gun with extended nozzle, washed out with pressure water, treated rust, painted where applicable, fitted new screwed rod, s/steel washers, nuts and lock nuts, packed in cardboard cartons and stored away for next service.

Roger Dixon



A Note for your Diary

SATURDAY 12 JANUARY, 2019

Our first Maxiday for 2019 has the theme of

THE DREMEL and its associated equipment and accessories and UNUSUAL or DIFFERENT POWER TOOLS ie The file sander, The renovator etc.

If you have an unusual or different power tool bring it along on 12 January to let us see it demonstrated.

As members are aware one of our Club's few money making activities each year is the sales day we have out front of our Lilli Pilli Workshop on each Wednesday in November.

This was planned again this year with Secretary Graham in charge. However of the four Wednesdays in November this year two were interrupted by very inclement weather.

However we did make some sales. Again we thank the Imb Bank for the loan of their marquee and to Graham and all members who assisted on the days.



SHOW & TELL NOVEMBER 2018



Gary presented this what looked like a stool. However we were informed it was a dog table where the family elderly dog's food was placed.

Terry presented this portrait candelabra and advised "My portrait candelabra was a piece of Jacaranda sealed with tung oil then sprayed with Carbothane gloss. The centre test tube could be used as specimen vase or a diffuser for aromatic oils"



Steve had been busy making Christmas related decorations and provided some samples for the November Show & Tell.

These are appreciated by the Children's Hospital.

As a side comment our proposed laser cutter/engraver would be ideal for making these items



Bob Quigley is another of our quiet achievers in the Club. Quiet may be an exaggeration!!!

However he has been busy throughout the year making many simple toy trucks for the Children's Hospital. This is just a sample.

We all know about and seen the open segment turnings that Geoff Tong has presented in Show & Tell over many years. Well, at our November Maxiday he brought along the jig he developed to glue up the segments.

It would need much more space than we have in this newsletter to explain how it works but Geoff did provide the following.

"Open segment projects are fascinating as you are only restricted by your imagination and availability of different timber.

It is time consuming but fairly easy once you have made your jig. Most of the materials for the jig are from my work shop and a lot of help from Les Madden.

There are a few different type/versions of the jig on the internet, some with step by step instructions on making it.

One very important thing you should keep in mind if you decide to make the jig and that is the accuracy of your jig will show in your project"



Library Matters

We have received a further issue of *Fine WoodWorking Tools & Shops* (Winter 2019):

Workshop Tips: Sawhorse design used to construct 'rolling tool rack', Tablesaw sled makes safe precise cuts at any angle, uses of hydraulic lift cart, File for levelling epoxy.

Tools & Materials: Pin nailing (Ryobi), IBC's Skew chisels, Bessey GearKlampVeritas, Shooting Board Fence

Fundamentals: Seventeen tools I can't do without, Basic Outfeed Table, Custom Moldings, Shopmade Cam Clamps

Shop Design: Building a barn shop in Vermont, Hanging panels keep tools close at hand, At home in the shop, Sliding Tablesaw

Tool Test: Randon-Orbit sanders

Shop Maintenance: How to get rid of rust
Magazine will be in the library from Thursday 28th Nov 18.

Happy Woodworking
Roger Walsh, Club Librarian



SHOW & TELL NOVEMBER 2018



Don Williams presented this carved Amorial that we featured in our October Sawdust & Shavings.

It enabled members to see Don's work up close and personal



Tony presented this mobile digger and advised "A club member for only 3 months I decided to make my first project based on a toy I saw being made on the House & Garden TV Show.

The instructions were straight forward until it came to the swivel assembly so I had to improvise and make my own. I decided to make an additional trench bucket.

You will all be pleased to know that the digger has been working long hours in my sons garden. The boys have also used it on shrubs and pot plants much to their parents discust. Thank you all for your encouragement."



This year our Club has made well over 100 of these Christmas Trees for distribution particularly to the Child Life therapists at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. Thanks to all members who participated in their making



Our November Maxiday theme was operation of the Festool Domino Jointing System. President Ian with Ray T and Roger D

were the presenters. The following photos show the workings on the day. At the end of the session we had a nest of tables just needing to be glued up and safety glass purchased for the tops.



Barry presented these four crayons he purchased recently at the Illawarra Wood Show. He advised they were simply a tree branch cut to size with a 10mm hole board down the centre and a large crayon inserted. Then sharpened to look like a pencil. They were selling like hot cakes at \$3 each or 4 for \$10. Barry suggested that we could look at something similar to sell.



SHOW & TELL NOVEMBER 2018



Ian presented these two items and advised "This Dodecahedron was made with a Christmas theme as each face has a silhouette of snowflakes or Christmas trees. It was made from New Guinea Rosewood and uses magnets on each adjoining face. The jigs to make this item is now available at the club for members.

The Huon pine peppermill was made in the shape of a wine bottle. The unit is fitted with a Crushgrind ceramic mechanism. The peppermill was made as a twenty first birthday gift for a nephew and was laser engraved with a suitable inscription."



HALF SHEET SANDING FILES *continued from page 3*

Apply double sided tape to the entire surface of one sheet of each grit size, ensuring that you don't overlap the tape, it's better to have a very small gap between the joints. Trim excess tape from the taped paper using a straight edge/rule and a sharp extendable blade type knife. Remove backing tape from paper and carefully apply the sanding file to the adhesive side of the paper; press them firmly together then trim edges with a knife.

File No 1: has the Coarse Grits: 80 & 120

File No 2: has the Fine Grits: 180 & 240

Don't forget to use a marking pen to write the paper grit size on the file.

Useful Hint: When placing double sided tape to any item, apply pressure to the tape to ensure that it has a good contact, trim excess with a sharp knife and using the point of the sharp knife to lift the corner edge of the backing paper then remove it.

When the paper grits become dull, smooth or you can see the backing paper you have reached its use by date, time to replace it, again use the point of a sharp knife to lift the corners and slowly remove all the paper and tape. If the tape is adhered to the file, simply roll it off with your thumb or fingers or use a suitable solvent.

Summary-Half Sheet Sanding Files

Surprisingly the flat broad handle of the file was very comfortable and ideal for its intended use.

Material removed from the box & lid was quick and easy with the final joint finish was very good.

See you amongst the shavings.

John Field



At the Gynea Spring Fair a lady asked if we had a tanker truck. We had to advise we did not have one and from memory we had never been asked for one or had it been a suggested that a tanker be included on our truck list. So back to the Club and finding a partly finished "Fendered" truck Maurice undertook the task. He found an offcut of hand railing that scaled correctly for the truck. (Some people have all the luck) The photo above show the result.



Richard presented this preparation table and advised "My son requested Dad to make a presentation table for his new BBQ area.

Dad obliged with the help of Ray Tregoning. The table top is end grain hardwood that was recycled from the Illawong Public School building alterations.

The stand was put together with Festool Dominos with mitred corners.

It was finished with exterior wood preservative."



Another couple of our quiet achiever toymakers include the Road Roller builder Gordon McDonald a sample of his wares is seen in the photo at the left.

The other is Kevin

Gowan who has been making toy helicopters as seen in the photo below.



WHAT'S ON!

Saturday, 8 December, 2018

MAXIDAY

SWC EXCELLENCE AWARD

JUDGING

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

SHOW & TELL

Tuesday, 11 December, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 12 December, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Thursday, 13 December, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 15 December, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 18 December, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 19 December, 2018

Lilli Pilli Workshop Sales event

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Thursday, 20 December, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 22 December, 2018

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Tuesday, 25 December, 2018

Club Closed

Wednesday, 26 December, 2018

Club Closed

Thursday, 27 December, 2018

Club Closed

Saturday, 29 December, 2018

Club Closed

BUNNINGS BBQ, TAREN POINT

Tuesday, 1 January, 2019

Club Closed

Wednesday, 2 January, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Thursday, 3 January, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 5 January, 2019

Woodcarvers meeting

Tuesday, 8 January, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

12:30pm Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 9 January, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Thursday, 10 January, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Saturday, 12 January, 2019

MAXIDAY

The DREMEL equipment

Other unusual Power Tools ie Power

File Sander

SHOW & TELL

Tuesday, 15 January, 2019

Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

Wednesday, 16 January, 2019

9:00am Club Day, Lilli Pilli Workshop

7:00pm Woodcarvers meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to confirm the Shire Woodworking Club has been successful in obtaining a grant from the NSW Government Community Building Partnership. The grant was for the purchase and installation of a Laser Engraver/Cutter that will enhance our capabilities especially when making toys but also for our general woodworking items. It will be a challenge for our members to learn how to use the equipment and to design items from scratch using computers. The acquisition of this machine will be our single highest purchase and the opportunities it presents for our members is only limited by our imagination.

Your committee have been researching various laser engraving machines that meet our requirements and that also fit within our budget. Hopefully by mid-December we will have selected a suitable supplier/machine and look forward to the installation and training process.

In November we lost two of our long serving members with the passing of Fred Seligmann and Ian McRae. Fred was a past President of our club and usually the first to welcome any new member to the Shire Woodworking Club as he would arrange to get the new members biography published in Sawdust and Shavings. Over the years Fred made many children's table and chair sets that were sold by the club and also countless dolls houses, all carefully hand painted and decorated in great detail. Ian McRae was the first member I met and he encouraged me to join this club.

The November Wednesday sales have been successful despite some inclement weather and thanks to all those members who have helped set up and dismantle the stalls. A highlight of this year's sales has been Ray Tregonings Santa sleighs. These are items the club should make during our monthly Toymaking days.

During November, Roger Dixon, Ray Tregoning and Bob Quigley carried out a major maintenance program on our Micronair dust extraction system, New Microfilters were fitted and the old filters were thoroughly cleaned and prepared as spare replacements. The difference in performance of the dust collector was extreme and will go a long way to improving the environment in the workshop.

As another year draws closer my thanks to all our members who have contributed to this club. I am proud of the way the members of this club help each other and are part of our local community.

Happy Woodworking

Ian Rudd, President



Tuesday 4 December, 2018 we received Lola Hearn from Sutherland Shire Family Services, Dianne Batty from the John Franklin Christmas Lunch and Fiona Madden from the Kingsway Community Care for morning tea at our Lilli Pilli Workshop. The purpose of their visit was for them to collect toys and other items assisting in their respective Christmas needs.

There were 95 gifts in total and we allowed the ladies to select what best suited their respective charitable needs. Included in the gifts were 4 owl boxes, 3 keepsake boxes, 3 electric guitars in wood, 8 dolls beds, 6 steam trains, 14 soft toys, 18 hand puppets, 7 Christmas decorations, 5 bud vases, 3 turned bowls, 11 trucks and cars, 6 boats, 2 spinning tops, Pencil Car stand etc.

**Charitable Toy &
 Therapy Item delivery
 count for 2018 to date is
 947**