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Alas, the workshop is shut until the Coronavirus issues have passed and it is safe to resume our usual practices. This issue is based on members activities prior to the workshop closure.

Children's Hospital, Randwick Therapy & Joy Collection.

Our scheduled “Easter” delivery to the Children’s Hospital at Randwick was curtailed by the outbreak of the Coronavirus. However we were pleased that Matt Ralph from the hospital collected all 245 items from our closed workshop on Wednesday 25 March, 2020.

At all times we maintained 1.5metre separation. We packed the items in boxes and took the boxes outside the workshop. We then moved away and Matt picked them up and loaded his car. Matt told us that the therapists job over this trying time will be in high demand as visitations and external entertainment has been curtailed.

This delivery included a large number of Easter themed items cut on our Laser Cutter/engraver for the first time. Our ability now to produce more complex items quickly enabled us to deliver a lot more items.

As an example for us to cut and make a Fairy House using the scroll saw and other Club equipment pre laser, it is estimated would take maybe 10 hours. Where the same thing plus engraving would take about 40 minutes to cut out on the laser then another 30 minutes to assemble and glue up. Having made one means we can make as many as time and material is available and all would be identical.

Individual and groups of some of the items included in the pickup can be seen in the montage on page 3.



Major items in this edition

- ◇ Children’s Hospital Delivery
- ◇ Guest Appearance by Warwick Tame
- ◇ Show & Tell
- ◇ Equipment News and Review
- ◇ Notice Board

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Editor's Musings—

The Coronavirus has changed the world as we knew it.

But woodworking will continue to be a wonderful outlet for us even while the virus is sweeping Australia and the rest of the world and it will continue to be our outlet when the world recovers and a sense of normality returns to our lives. This edition will be the last “old style edition” until the workshop re-opens to regular use.

From next edition, the content will still have a woodworking focus, but will need lots of input from readers. I will need your photos, don't worry if words fail you, I'm happy to “interview” you by telephone for the story.

If you would like to receive this Newsletter please email the editor at theshirewoodworkingclub@gmail.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.

MAXIDAY:

The date of our next Maxiday is unknown. I'm sure that we will have some stories to tell when next we are able to gather together,

In the meantime tell me about your major project that you have started as a way of staying sane while we are in social-isolation. This is a new section that will showcase member's projects (warts and all).

My major social isolation project

To kickstart this new section, here is what I'm working on. Without access to the club's large and precise equipment and owning only very limited equipment I have bravely (foolishly) decided to build a desk that will be about 2.1 metres long for my home office.

I have found a farm house style design on the internet and I will be “inspired” by that design to build my own version. Part of the challenge will be the sheer scale of the desk. The final assembly will have to occur in the office, however all of the building of the components will occur on the floor of my garage and on my workbench. I suspect that there will be occasions when my car will be relegated to the weather while various sections are assembled and glued up on the garage floor.

I will keep you updated on progress.

President's Report

Our March Hospital toy delivery comprised a whole range of Easter themed items that were picked up from our club by staff from The Children's Hospital Randwick. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak social distancing was in place when the toys were handed over to Matt Ralph from the Hospital. The feedback is that the toys were very well received and hopefully make some child's Easter a little happier. Thanks to all those members who have devoted time to make these treasured items.

With the Club being closed due to the Coronavirus outbreak our members are all holed up at their homes for the foreseeable future. If you have some sort of workshop you may still be able to work on projects such as the Plank competition. We need to keep active where ever possible and without the benefit of the Club workshop this is difficult.

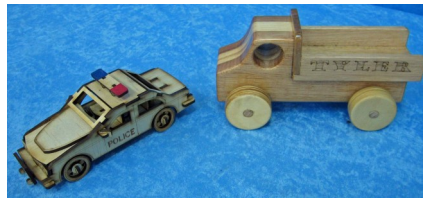
While the club is closed for the foreseeable future, Maurice Smith will continue his good work in producing *Sawdust and Shavings* each month and this will help in keeping all members up to date with items of interest with our club. These are very difficult times and I extend my best wishes to all members and hope we get through this and normality returns to our lives. On reflection I can see how the very existence of The Shire Woodworking club is so important to its members. Please stay in touch with other members when you can.

Stay safe and I look forward to the day when we can reopen our club for normal business.

Ian Rudd

Children's Hospital, Randwick Therapy & Joy Collection.

Photographs of items provided to Randwick Children's Hospital



Librarian's Report

We have not received a further issue of Fine Woodwork so I cannot report anything on this front.

I have collected my plank from the club and now trying to come up with a toy that will test and enhance my skills. I am happy to receive any suggestions from you guys. If you need a book from the library, let me know and I will try and get it to you.

As some of you may know I do play and sometimes enjoy a game of golf. Regrettably however most clubs, including my own Woollooware, are now closed as a result of the latest COVID 19 restrictions. So, I am home on Wednesday afternoon; normally I would be on the course, as are all of my golfing buddies. We understand the seriousness of our situation and we all need to do the right thing.

Let me provide a bit of humour that may lighten your day. Just click on the following link. It is of Kitty Flanagan telling of her experience with golf, or just search 'Kitty Flanagan Golf'

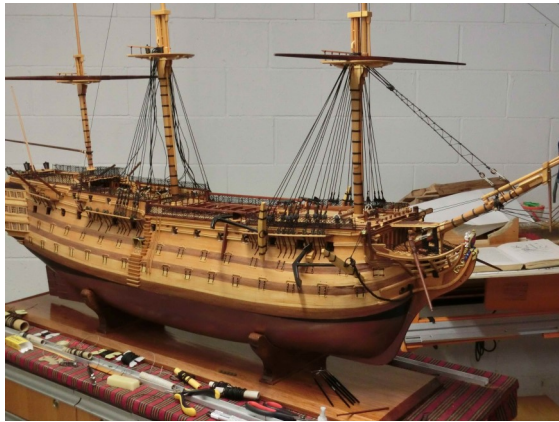
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I hope you, your family and friends are all well as can be expected in these difficult times. See you soon.
Roger Walsh



Guest appearance of Warwick Tame, a former member

Through club member Malcolm Armstrong, Warwick Tame, a former member and model maker of amazing skill, has provided us with photos of some of his recent work; along with a funny story. Warwick is now resident in Launceston, Tasmania and a member of the local Mens Shed.



The 2 photos above are of a model of HMS Victory, the British flag ship of Admiral Nelson. The real-life HMS Victory is permanently moored in Portsmouth, on the south coast of England.



The funny story is "A lady approached the Shed and requested a model of a Vincent motor bike made from all Tasmanian wood. The only details she had were some pictures of an old Vincent motorbike and a wooden model her Uncle had made. Looked a bit like a Harley. So with the help of Mr Google, I might add I have never build a bike before, I was able to construct a model close to the original. The guards, wheel rims and smaller items are all made from Huon pine. The wheels, petrol tank, and frame are made from Tasmanian Blackwood. Other parts from Tasmanian Myrtle. The strange thing is that we still have the bike at the Shed as we are unable to contact her nor has she contacted us, that was almost a year ago. The Shed now has place a \$600+ price to sell after a display case is built."

SHOW & TELL

Neil Mathews is proud of his sanding blocks

I have wanted to pension-off my old rubber sanding blocks for some time.

A couple of months ago I made a wooden block sander that worked well, but proved impractical. It needed a 410mm x70mm piece of sandpaper that had to be cut from a 1m x 100mm roll of paper.

I saw a similar block sander in a magazine and decided to make six of my own design. I needed to get the size exact to use a quarter sheet of sandpaper and finished with a block size of 180x70x35mm.

For the wedges I drilled a 7mm hole 35mm from each end, measured 10mm from each side and drew lines to the edge of the hole and cut the wedges with a Gikoh pull saw. The ends of the block needed to be trimmed 5mm to allow the wedges to protrude from the block so they can be tapped in to secure the sandpaper. I then sanded and shaped the blocks and routed finger grooves with a 12mm cove bit.

I used the same timber for a 300x228x80mm dovetail box to house the sanding blocks, finished with Anchor satin clear spray and labelled the paper grade of each block with a Dymo.



Peter O'Connell's Shower Caddy

Peter told us that at home he has a glass sided shower. This is a shelf built to hang over the side of the glass wall to hold shampoo bottles and other accessories that previously rested on the floor.

Wood was 19mm pine from Bunnings. The shelves were held together with biscuits and glued with 2 part epoxy, it was then finished with several coats of Cabot's Exterior Clear Satin spray.



Peter O'Connell is on YouTube

Follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/yfwlFW7pWoo>

Or copy it into the search bar on your internet browser. It is quite safe to follow the link, as I have done.

There you will see Peter explaining how he achieved the "nice round curve" on the top of the shower caddy. Please take the few minutes to watch Peter and support his efforts in demonstrating how he has built his collection of curves to use on a router, etc.

David Whitney and his Ukelele stand

"I recently attended the Seniors Expo. held at



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Cartoon courtesy of Peter O'Connell

Raw toilet paper for sale \$20



Some assembly required

SHOW & TELL

David Whitney and his Ukulele stand

Tradies and viewed a lot of stalls with some very interesting activities to participate in. In my wanderings there I saw 3 ukuleles standing proud on their ends and I wondered how that could be.

(Readers, please be aware that David makes Ukuleles, among other musical instruments. Editor)

On inspection the ukuleles were fitted into a jig into which the ukulele is placed allowing it to stand upright. I immediately realised that I could make that jig. Very cheekily I asked the stall-holder for a pen and one of their advertising sheets. (Very cheeky indeed. Editor)

I then took the jig apart and proceeded to trace the outline of the 2-part jig on to their brochure. From then on it was simply a matter of cutting out the tracings on a piece of 4 mm ply, painting them and put them together. I have now done 6 of them with 3 more to go.”

The photo opposite shows one of David’s Ukuleles on one of the stands. I’m far more admiring the Ukulele, than the stand, Editor.

Ukulele on a stand



Marine Lounge Table - David Whitney

My wife and I recently had a cruise on the Diamond Princess (prior to Covid 19) and whilst enjoying a gin and tonic in one of their lounges I noticed there were quite a number of these side tables which I thought were quite attractive and appropriate.

If one places the sides and ends in the vertical it prevents drinks and nibblies from sliding off the table in rough seas. I also allows the steward to lift the table top via the loop handles and take it away.

I forgot to take my tape measure with me so the best I could do was take a photograph. Aside from estimating the height to be knee height, all measurements were by estimation and hoping my guesses were all in proportion.



I could have done a lot better with the choice of timber. It was not at all uniform. Different grains made it difficult to get an even finish. To try and get a good finish I applied a grain filler, sanded it back, then applied an English Mahogany stain. Thereafter it was a matter of many coats of wipe-on polyurethane finish. Even then the grain still showed through. Brass hinges from Bunnings finished the project. I am happy with the end job as we use the table in our lounge room.

Worshop Equipment News & Reviews

Barry Gardner shows how to use the Robert Sorby Pro-Edge Sharpener

Barry demonstrated his skill in using the Robert Sorby Pro-Edge Sharpener. This sharpener can be used to sharpen a myriad of tools that require a sharp edge, including:

- Chisels
- Wood plane blades
- Woodturning chisels
- Etc.



The Sharpener is usually mounted on the bench near the storeroom and is easy to use. If all else fails, and you're unsure of its correct use, ask one of our resident gurus; as usual they are always ready and willing to assist.

Ray Tregoning shows how to sharpen blunt drill bits

Ray Tregoning demonstrated to the members how to sharpen blunt drill bits.

The club's bench grinder is usually mounted on the bench adjacent to the Robert Sorby Sharpener; but for this demonstration the grinder was front and centre. Ray explained the intricacies of the correct angles required for accurate drilling.



Your editor, for one, when the Covid-19 shut-down is over intends to take lessons from Ray, as I have numerous blunt drill bits that need sharpening.

Barry Gardner has been trawling EBay

Barry, now that he is no longer Editor of this esteemed publication, has a lot more time on his hands. He was recently browsing EBay as one does and found the item below that is for sale. He asks "Does anyone have any experience with this tool? Can it be used on a lathe?"

DIY wooden beaded string tool set

Wooden Bead Maker Beads Drill Bit Milling Cutter Set Tool Kit for Woodworking #T

AU \$21.37
+Free postage
Est. delivery Mon, 20 Apr - Tue, 21 Apr

[Buy It Now](#)
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Click & Collect 30-day returns

Bulk savings: Qty 1

Buy 1 AU \$21.37 each	Buy 2 AU \$21.16 each	Buy 3 AU \$20.94
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Does any member have relevant experience?

Coming Up!

NOTICE BOARD

SAFETY

Club Calendar

Regrettably there is no club calendar to publish. Hope that we can resume our activities soon, but in the meantime, the first priority is to stay virus-free and healthy.

SAFETY FIRST: Members are asked on all club days to bring along and use their personal safety gear. ie. hearing protection, dust mask, eye protection, ensure they are wearing good sturdy protective footwear and no loose fitting clothes.



OUR 2020 PLANK COMPETITION

As you would appreciate from Graham’s timely email of 27th March the corona virus has caused the closure of our Club completely for an indefinite time.

When it comes to our Plank Competition along with our other activities there are some uncertainties that we cannot answer or plan at this stage. To keep you updated, we only have two planks left out of fifteen and our list on the board is 20 with only eight entries. So, can you please advise me if you have taken a plank and not entered your name or you are now in a position to enter as an additional member. Barry estimates we need another ten planks but he is uncertain as his source have not advised of their next delivery and our need to finalise the number of entrants.

When it comes to our normal Maxi Saturday in August for the entries to be judged there will be a challenge with the uncertainty of “allowable” Club access for some members. They may not have time to complete their entries. Access to our Club with the variety of equipment will be needed as the main cause factor with time available for most. We may however, consider a later Maxi Saturday such as December. The judging date may be combined with the SWC Excellence Award that would make it a big day with our Xmas lunch. Graham as usual will be keeping us all updated

Members with Birthdays in April

Day	Member
8	Mike Bladwell
10	Ken Tyson
15	John Barter
16	Sam Simmons

Hope every one of you have a wonderful birthday and lots more of them.

Day	Member
21	David Edwards
24	Julie Dodds
25	Reno Sciberras
26	Peter Mott
30	Doug Wickens

Doug Wickens 99th birthday

On 30th April, Doug Wickens will celebrate his 99th birthday. Due to the Covid-19 social isolation regime in place we are unable to physically wish Doug all the best for his birthday. Doug please be assured that we will raise our glass in toast to you and look forward to seeing you in the workshop as soon as we are able to re-open.

March Raffle winners

1. Roger Dixon
2. Alan Hendry
3. Graham Ethell
4. Trevor Lewis



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