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IF YOU ARE NOT WELL, YOU ARE NOT WELCOME AT THE SHED!



WAVERLEY COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at 3:00pm on Wednesday, 1st November, 2023
at the Men's Shed in the grounds of
The War Memorial Hospital, 125 Birrell Street, Waverley.

At this meeting an Executive Committee and Board Members for
2023/24 will be elected.



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE PROJECT

The Ronald McDonald House adjacent to the Prince of Wales Hospital asked the Waverley Shed to make two outdoor tables and benches for use of their residents (as previously reported).

Peter Black has made the first set out of West Australian Jarrah and is shown here when he delivered the set to RMH..





FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As you read this, I am away from my desk and travelling around the USA and Canada. I am more reliant than ever on you, the members, for contributions to get the next (and the one after that ... indeed all) issues of Scuttlebutt together.

I know it's a nuisance and most of you are out of your comfort zone, but **if you don't do it, who will?** Your contributions don't need to be full articles (although that is preferred), just a photo or two and a short description will greatly assist. **This month's issue was assisted by contributions galore, thank you (you know who I mean!!)**

By the way, if you don't know how to get the photos and articles to me, just send them to tom@aces.net.au. Deep down I hope to get inundated with good stuff, but it's up to **YOU!**

Tom

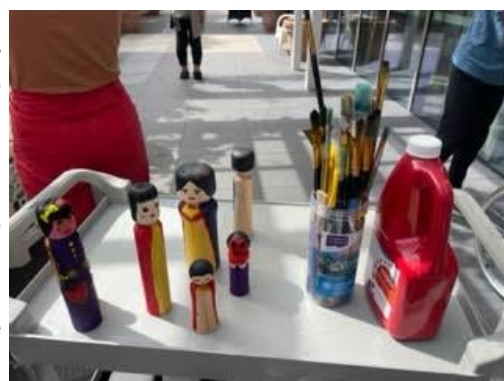


KOKESHI DOLLS AT MARK MORAN VAUCLUSE

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VAUCLUSE

The Mark Moran Men's Shed is a facility that has been made generously available by the management of that retirement village/nursing home and has had a long association with the Waverley Shed, with Tom Wolf and Dach Hall carrying out work and doing activities with the residents. In August 2023, Archana Karki, the Leisure and Lifestyle Team Leader at MMV conducted an activity with the residents in Age Care memory support unit with Kokeshi Doll blanks provided by the Waverley Shed.

The residents of MMV thoroughly enjoyed painting the wooden dolls provided, a fact is evident from their faces in the photos.



Mark Moran Vauculuse thanks the Waverley Men's Shed for their support.



Uniting War Memorial Hospital invites you to a free seminar on

Future planning

Monday 9th October 12.30pm to 2.30pm

- Information on staying in your home vs moving to a residential aged care
- Find out about power of attorney, enduring guardianship, wills and advanced care plans

Entry from 12pm, light lunch provided
Bookings essential: Catriona 93690215
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War Memorial Hospital Day Centre
125 Birrell St Waverley



Seniors only

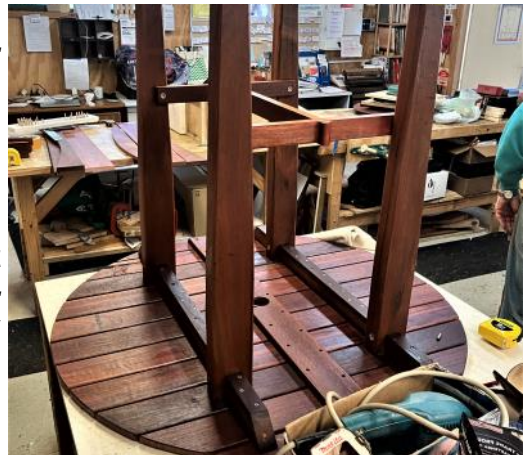


SHED GOINGS-ON (CURRENT PROJECTS ETC.)

Peter Black's work on the *Ronald McDonald House table and chairs* project is continuing



Craig Rubenstein is working on a community project making a **street library** for an early education centre



As another community project, Tony Mandarano and Mo Dhanoya are making a **model farm** for a childcare centre (right)



Frank Fay and Sid Lewinski are busy making **toy tractors** galore for the Buntings activity (left)

Harry Jacobs is not one to do anything in half-measures. He's making **chess boards** for all his grandchildren (right)



Justin McNamara is making an **electric guitar** for himself. Lots of work, but a beautifully crafted object (below)

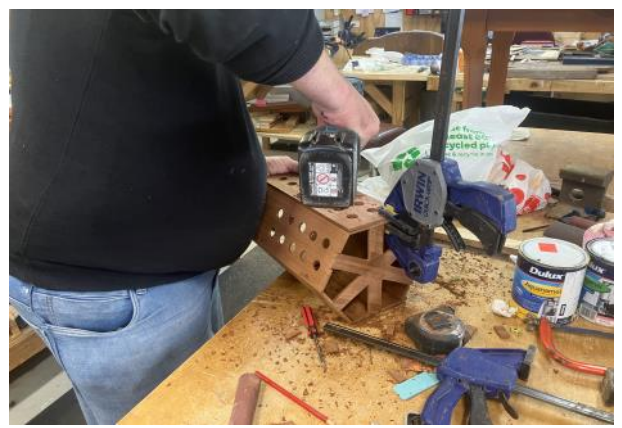
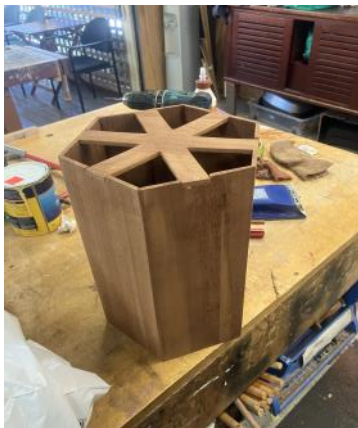


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After some years of absence (he preferred making money by returning to the work-force), **David Nathan** is back to full-time shedding. Not only is he making a **coffee table**, but he is also taking turns learning on the **lathe**.

Another great project by **Craig Rubenstein** is a **wooden light stand and shade**. (below)



When it comes to "galore", **Tom Wolf** is making **60 lifeboats** for the various 1:350 scale cruise ships he is constructing. A light touch makes it easy.

Our friends at Waverley Council brought in two items from gardening department. The first was a trolley that needed its handle reattached, it's floor put back in place and four new wheels. The second was a wheelbarrow that needed a new wheel. Both tasks completed in time for the weekend gardening event by Council. The photo on the right shows the now repaired wheelbarrow being used to help the Waverley organiser go back to his car.



Ian Dawes is working on a Box Elder piece that the Waverley Shed was given with the long bed Vicmarc lathe we were given last year. He is turning a bowl that is likely to be given to someone who helped the Shed out recently with some printing.

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Members of the Shed have been invited to run an activity at Bunnings Eastgardens, so lots of design templates of simple cut-out bits to show what can be done by beginners are being prepared. The **tree design** on the below is by **Mo Dhanoya**. Using the design pattern, Peter Robilliard is also making some of the decorative trees



Previously featured, the **shortened coffee table** undertaken by **David Brem** and **Graham Ely** for David Nathan is progressing slowly, especially as (regrettably) “Bremmy” has had extremely serious health issues which will prevent him returning to the Shed for a long time. **We wish “Bremmy” a speedy recovery.**

Tony Mandarano is carrying out repairs to an **old rocking chair** (right).



William Honeyball has undertaken the honourable job of repairing/restoring the **honour boards** for the Clovelly Life Saving Club. He has done a fantastic job with the customer very excited and satisfied.



Sid Lewinsky is quite prolific with his work, he has made a number of **coffee tables**, he has just put the finishing touches (stain and varnish) to yet another table.



VOLUNTEER EXPO '23

Report by Peter Charlton

On Saturday 16 September members of the Waverley Men's Shed took part in the **Volunteering Expo** that **Waverley Council** held at the Bondi Pavilion.

The aim of the Expo was to increase the amount of volunteering in the community and more than 25 local organisations were invited to participate.

Waverley Council looked after us with a light lunch and tea/coffee and the lovely sunny weather helped with the turn out. In addition, the event had been promoted widely resulting in a pleasingly large number of attendees.

At the Shed we have a member waiting list so unlike most of the other organisations we were not touting for volunteers but it gave us the opportunity to enlarge the number of people who know of the good work we do for the community and in addition we had the chance to again meet the Mayor and some of her senior staff.



The War Memorial Hospital's re-development plans and the resulting predicament for us was a topic that we discussed and agreed to action further in the near future.

Our stall was very well situated and attracted a lot of interest although the presence of our A Frame and pull-up with the corflutes provided by **Rodney Goldberg** (he organised both the art work and the printing of the corflutes, stand-ups and posters) helped direct interest to us.

The members staffing the stall were **William Honeyball, Mike Barker, Peter Black, Peter Robilliard** as well as Peter Charlton.



INVITATION: MAKE A WINE BOTTLE STAND

Would you like to learn how to make a wine bottle stand like the one in this photo?

If yes, ask Peter Charlton



LASER PRINTED IDENTIFICATION



As previously reported, Peter Black has been making outdoor furniture for Donald McDonald House.

To identify these items as being made by the Waverley Shed, the logo of the Shed was laser burned into the timbers of the tables and chairs.



We thank **Jordan Stuart** who gave us the loan of a **laser printer** he recently purchased for a project he has been promoting ever since he joined the Shed some years ago. We are sure that members will be able to make use of the printer quite often to identify or make signs for ongoing projects.

THANKS



Over the years **Richard Cortis** has been given lots of rusty and unloved metal tools that were not required by the Shed, and he has turned them into wonderful decorative objects raising lots of money for the Shed. But that is not the end of the story. Some years ago, Richard's and Ian Dawes' grandson Alex suffered serious brain injury when he fell from height onto his head, and his recovery is remarkable but limited.

Richard spends much time with Alex who has come up with "**Godzilla**", members will immediately recognise the spent SawStop cartridge and blade provided by the Shed used as the body for this project.

Richard has asked that his gratitude for all the support he receives from the Shed and the members to be expressed in this article.



You are welcome!

Medical IDs Save Lives!



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Seizures





FATHER'S DAY ACTIVITY

Report by Peter Charlton

On Thursday 31 August, **Bunnings at Eastgardens** ran a Father's Day event to which we were invited, along with perhaps 10 other organisations.

The event was well publicised and there were X00 kids registered to attend (Peter Black knows the figure).

Some of the reasons for the large numbers were that there was a free sausage sizzle, face painting and a science show for the kids as well as our Men's Shed action tables. Our job was to entertain the kids.



We had three tables, two for assembly and one for painting the toys the kids had assembled.

We took 9 tractors for assembly and 12 Kokeshi dolls to the Show, we planned that the kids would paint their new toys.

This was not enough for the massive number of kids, it was just lucky for us that Bunnings provided approx 20 trucks for assembly.

We also gave away kids size fluoro vests printed with the Bunnings logos.

The **lessons** we learnt were:

- We had expected to be able to use 240V power to drive our Scroll saw (the scroll saw was to be a major part of our show) but the location was in the trade area not the usual DIY area so no electricity. Lesson: Check out the location in more detail before attending.
- The large number of kids was well over our expectation. Lesson: check with the organiser as to their expectation.
- We had both tractors and dolls so that we could appeal to both genders, but we were wrong, no dolls were painted. In the modern world girls can be tradies.
- We did not anticipate that the paint would still be wet when the kid wanted to put it in the car. Bunnings provided cardboard cartons to keep the upholstery clean.
- We did not bring enough rags or paper towels to clean our hands.



Our glue took too long to set which meant that several of the exhaust pipes fell off the trucks as the truck was being taken to the car.

Thanks to the Shed team we certainly entertained a large number of kids and I am sure Bunnings were pleased with our performance.

The team was **Graham Ely; Peter Black; Peter Robilliard; Peter Charlton and Ian Dawes.**



BUILDING A SMALL HALL TABLE

By Peter Charlton

In January–February 2023, I set about making a small hall table. The raw material was the top of an old Partner's desk made of Queensland Maple, the timber was 350 x 1505 x 22.5 mm.

This meant that to get sturdy enough legs some of the Queensland Maple needed to be laminated together, this gave me the opportunity to put a pale timber stripe in the joint which provided a highlight the fine features of the finished table. The finished size was to be 635 high, 945 long and 350mm deep.

After detailed drawings were done the desk-top was put through the thicknesser to clean the top surface (it came up beautifully).

Eight strips were cut for the legs each 22.5 x 52 x 650mm, then eight strips of Rock Maple each 6 x 20 x 650mm were cut. The maple was not thick enough to give a strip that would go right through the leg so two strips went into each leg.

The 6mm strips were put through the thicknesser to bring them down to 3mm thick. After the glue up the legs were put through the thicknesser to bring them to 48 x 48mm square.



A mortice was cut into the top of each leg to accept the stiffeners. The mortice was cut so that the stiffeners were just 7mm inside the outside of the legs, (That is not in the centre of the legs.)

The taper was achieved on the table saw after doing a full size drawing so as to be sure of the taper required, that gave a 26 x 26mm foot to the leg. Prior research had shown that all four sides of the leg should be tapered and that the taper needed to be gentle.

The 3 stiffeners (back and both sides) were cut to be 200 deep but they should have been 130 deep and were cut with a 10mm tenon on each end to fit into the mortice cut in the legs.

To provide extra stiffness, pieces of the Queensland Maple 50 x 22.5mm were glued to the top of each of the stiffeners, giving a larger surface area glued to the table top.

There was a small (8mm deep) hole in the rear edge of the table. Previously, It had been a dowel joining two of the Queensland Maple planks together, but in separating

the planks apart the dowel splintered. To make a feature of this it was drilled out to 12mm and a Rock Maple plug turned and fitted into the hole leaving a circular white dot on the rear edge of the table.

The legs and top were sanded to 240 grit and the whole table was finished with 3 to 4 coats of clear varnish.

The glue used was Gorilla foaming glue and all joints were clamped tight while the glue was setting. No other fastenings were used.

The table was delivered on 17 February 2023.





MAKING TOY CARS WITH THE JOEY SCOUTS

Over 2 late afternoons in August 2023, **Tom Wolf** attended the meetings of the **3rd Rose Bay (Judean) Joey Scout Mob** and with the assistance of Joey Leader **Shirley Politzer** ran an activity of assembling toy cars (the first meeting) and the following meeting having the kids painting their **"Batmobile" toy cars**.

Joey Scouts are the youngest scouting age group with the kids aged between 6 years and 8 years old. For the activity, Tom had cut (with the invaluable assistance of **Mo Dhanoya**) 6 toy car kits, each with a car body, 2 fenders and axles, and 4 wheels.



On the first day the kids were shown how to sand back the rougher surfaces of their toy, and then to glue the car kit together. Before commencing, each Joey wrote his/her name on the underside of the car



body, when the gluing was finally completed the toys were set aside to set and dry until the following week.

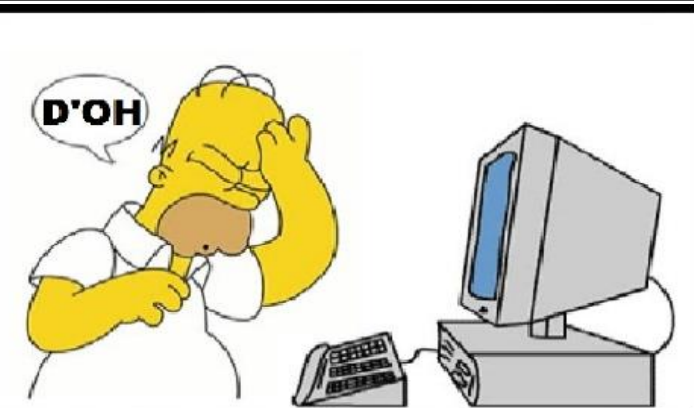
The second day on the following week was exciting because the Joeys were given paints and they could paint their cars whatever colour they wanted.



Seeing the imaginative colours used made Tom realise why he will never let youngsters paint his car!!

It turned out to be a fantastic activity, and Tom received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Joeys.

By the way, parental permission was obtained for the photos!



**I'VE CHANGED ALL MY
PASSWORDS TO
"INCORRECT".**

**NOW, WHENEVER I
FORGET MY PASSWORD,
THE COMPUTER TELLS
ME IT IS INCORRECT.**

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



,In mid-September, **Richard and Dagmar Cortis** travelled over the Blue Mountains in an attempt to beat the Sydney heat wave. They turned off the Highway near Lithgow and dropped in to the **Rydal Daffodil Festival** and enjoyed the usual glorious display of flowers in the town. Every house had a wonderful display.



There was also a great display of bush art at the park adjoining the Show-ground. Richard liked the helicopter which must have taken months to assemble. They stayed overnight in **Oberon**, a vibrant little town with several lunch venues and a great pub and the RSL club for dinner. On the next day, Richard and Dagmar visited **Mayfield Gardens** and spent a few hours wandering and admiring the gardens which hold a great variety of different plants. Most interest was the planting around the ponds and lakes with the very interesting water falls and other features.

HANDY HINT - CUTTING COMPLEX MITRE ANGLES

What do you think? You wish to mitre 2 planks with a complex angle. These photos are self-





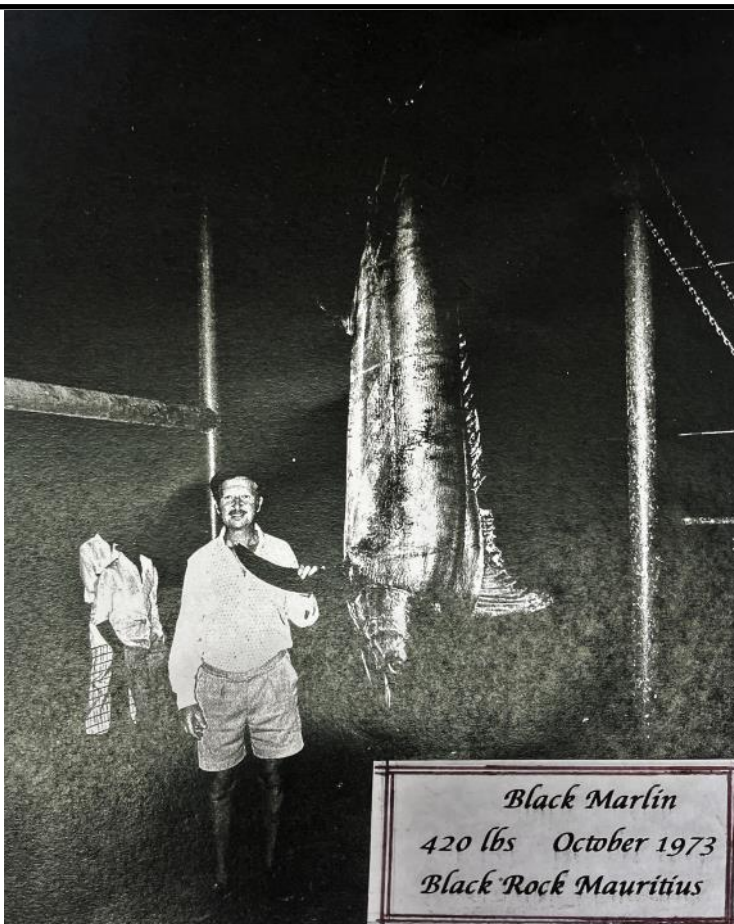
WHO IS IT?

Members are invited to guess which fellow member landed this giant black marlin in Mauritius in October 1973.

Apologies for the rotten quality photo, that's what happens when you take a photo of a photo.

Just a little game, no prizes for guessing right, **BUT HAVE A GO!!**

Answers to be sent to Tom



HANDY HINT - REMOVING A BURRED SCREW

What do you think? We have all been there, but the solution is simple if you have a piece of electrical tape around. The pictures explain it all



I'm on two diets ...

I wasn't getting enough food on just one!

