

## Noises from:



### Christmas Just Around The Corner???

Following up on the photo of Paul turning a square block I formed by gluing slabs of MDF together into a cone, attached is a photo of the finished product – a Christmas tree to be hung with baubles.

It was very much a team effort, with the heavy work done by Paul, and with guidance to me on the use of the shed's tools from Tony Brown and Mike Ansell. My thanks to them all. My rank-amateur input was fairly minimal, partly consisting of paint dripped all over my shed floor at home. The lady for whom I made it is really impressed with the result, and has made a small donation to the shed in thanks.

**Richard Coles**



### Sovereign of the Seas

I Spent about 1,850 man hours (with some late nights and by not watching TV) on some very detailed construction and thought it might give some inspiration to other Shed members who are considering model boat building.

- The model is entirely handcrafted by using Individual wooden planks in hull construction
- The high quality wood in constructing and ensuring the model will withstand climate change such as changes in humidity and temperature.
- Cannons, musket, anchors, decorative fixtures and intricate details are sculpted metal particularly the golden horse in the bow beak
- Detailed scrollwork, carvings and beak-head, along with Lattice grates, rudder chains, wooden ladders and planked steps
- Realistic lifeboats with oars and numerous other deck features, Sails are handmade with fine linen and rigging lines that vary in texture
- This replica is built according to scale through original plans and pictures. The model comes with a solid wood base,

**Sovereign of the Seas 1637 Model Ship (75cm) 1:52 Scale**



#### Background

The "Sovereign of the Seas" was a deliberate attempt to bolster the reputation of the English crown.

Her name was, in itself, a political statement as England's King Charles tried to revive the perceived ancient right of the English kings to be recognised as the 'Lords of the seas.'

this museum quality replica exudes every bit of the style and grace of the actual ship herself.

#### History

HMS Sovereign of the Seas was built by Peter Pett (later a Commissioner of the Navy), under the guidance of his father Phineas, the king's master shipwright,

and was launched at Woolwich dockyard on October 13, 1637. As the second three-decked first-rate (the first three-decker being Prince Royal of 1610),

she was the predecessor of Nelson's Victory, although Revenge, built in 1577 by Mathew Baker, was the inspiration providing the innovation of a single deck devoted entirely to broadside guns.

She was the most extravagantly decorated warship in the Royal Navy, completely adorned from stern to bow with gilded carvings against a black background, and the money spent making her,

£65,586, helped to create the financial crisis for Charles I that contributed to the English Civil War. Charles had imposed a special tax, the 'Ship Money', to make possible such large naval expenditure.

The gilding alone cost £6,691, which in those days was the price of an average warship.

She carried 102 bronze cannon (King Charles explicitly ordered such a high number) and was thereby at the time the most powerfully armed ship in the world.

Until 1655, she was also exceptionally large for an English vessel; no other ships of Charles were heavier than the Prince Royal.

**Bruce Wright**

### **STICKN' TOGETHER Part 3**

The adhesive described in Part 2 of this series are the most common one that are used, however there are many more available for specialist purposes. Some of these are for use of joining the range of plastics that are in use today.

The following are more commonly used in this group:

- **Polystyrene (Durabond, Gorilla Glue)** is a water curing adhesive for joining wood, metal, glass, stone and some plastics. On setting it foams up and fills any gaps in the joint. It forms a strong joint that is reasonably waterproof. It is wise to wear gloves when applying this adhesive as it is difficult to clean off the skin and leaves a black residue.
- **Cyanoacrylate (Super Glue)** is most suitable for use in joining metals, rubber, stone and glass, but can be used for wood, some plastics and even skin and flesh. This creates a very strong bond, but the joint must fit very closely. Setting is very fast (20-30 seconds) if the atmosphere is moist, if very dry setting time can be a lot longer. Due to the speed of setting it is important that the two parts go together quickly and cleanly before application.
- **Plastics Glues** are a broad range adhesives designed for specific types of plastics. Generally joining plastic is more complex than other materials and the bond is rarely as strong. When joining plastics that are 'soapy' to feel (polyethylene, polypropylene, etc.) it is not easy to achieve a strong bond.

### **Downsizing**



The July talk by Iris Thomas from the Seniors Housing Advisory Centre was introduced by David Syminton. Her topic was the ins and outs of Downsizing your home.

We were shown an example of downsizing from a \$800,000 home to a \$680,000 home. The net result after paying fees, stamp duty, settlement and moving costs may be gaining you as little as \$40,000. This means that you really need to work out all the costs before deciding to move. In some cases it may be more cost effective to stay in your own home and seek help, which in some cases may be subsidised. Adding a granny flat may also help share some costs.

Iris also warned us of some pitfalls of Retirement Villages. Some of these have contracts over 100 pages long and you really need to read and understand what you are agreeing to before you sign.

Many retirement villages have high exit fees if your circumstances change and need to move out. These can be well over \$100,000 and are levied even if your stay is short. You also need to be aware of who is on the lease. If your partner is not on the lease and you pass away, your partner may be kicked out.

Besides being aware of how much you will get if you must leave, you should understand when you due to get it. Some may not give it to you until your unit is sold, which could be 12 months or more. Note that being in a retirement village does not entitle you to automatically move into aged care. If you must wait for your unit to sell before you can pay for aged care you may be left in limbo.

Lifestyle Villages are another alternative, but again you need to read the contracts carefully. What if the village goes bust? What rights do you have if they lock the gate?

Social housing is also available to those on low incomes. However the wait list is over 8 years for non-urgent cases and it was recommended you apply as soon as possible.

Another word of caution was the high costs of reverse mortgages, especially if you live longer than expected. An example given was of a \$60k reverse mortgage that ended up being \$180k after only 8 years.

Iris recommended you visit the Seniors Housing Advisory Centre before even looking at options. This will give you a better understanding of how to decide. This is a free government service and they have a website with lots of good information.

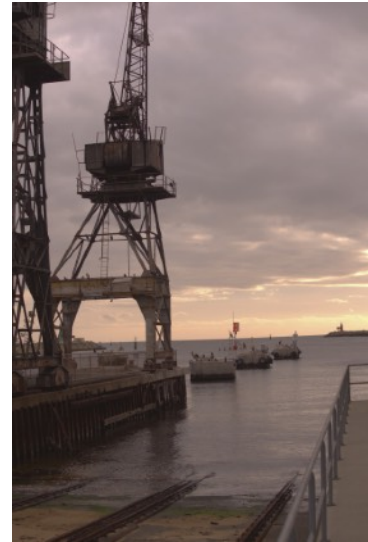
Seniors Housing Advisory Centre

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**Steve Mercer.**

## Functional Items and Forms Excursion by the Photographic Group.



### “Stairway To Heaven”

New member, Max Hewitt, is busily constructing a stair/ladder with guidance from Mike Wiggins and others. The side rails are made from boards cut from a sequoia tree Max had on his property. When it became too big he had it cut down and milled with these two boards in the photo being the best parts. Beautiful timber and surprisingly light.

### Tear Drop Caravan

The previous van bill by Brett sparked interest amongst other members and now one is nearing completion at the behest of Mike Wiggins. He co-opted daughter Belinda Stewart to do most of the construction and here she is adding a cover strip to one of the doors.

Fantastic to see Mike back on board and fully involved in the Shed with his love for woodwork after his serious health scare.



### Tony’s Been Sin Binned!!



Tony Brown had to go searching for the lid of his lunch box so here are two photos - one on his search and the other, all smiles when he found the lid. Phew, safe from a blast at home!!!

### A TRAP FOR YOUNG AND OLD PLAYERS

Recently my wife and I received an email advertising a competition where you could win a \$500 Bunnings voucher. It looked easy so we rang the number given in the email and preceded with answering the automatic questions which were being asked.

Subsequently we received our phone bill which had one call costing \$97. The fact of the matter is that we had called a 1900 number for which the private company, who owns that number can charge what they like on a time basis. We contacted Telstra, our provider, who said it was a scam for which they could do nothing. Telstra did cut the cost of that call by 50%, but we are left with a very hefty charge for one call. Be aware that 1900 numbers have a cost associated with them!



**Tony Brown**

## CNC OVERHEAD ROUTER

Thanks to a very generous, long term loan from Scitech the Shed has gained a large CNC Overhead Router. The table of it is 1000 x 900 and it is a heavy duty commercial machine. The software that come with the unit is V Carve Pro and Mach 3. It is to be used predominately for cutting out wood and plastics shapes, but it can be used for cutting brass and aluminium.

The machine and software is on long term loan from Scitech on the basis that if at any time they have need to use it they can come down to the Shed and have priority access

Once set up and configured for our use it is intended to run training sessions so interested members can use it correctly and safely.

Our special thanks go to Denham Dunstall (member and former Scitech Director) and the staff of Scitech who organised the loan.



**Tony Brown**

### The Lone Ranger

The Lone Ranger and Tonto were camping in the wilderness. After they got their tent set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically-speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time-wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?"

"You dumber than buffalo... It mean someone stole tent."

(Thanks to Georg W - no. not Bush!! - for these "funnies")



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