



**Blue Mountains & Penrith
Woodworking Club inc.**

FINE CUT

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Next meeting is on Saturday 23 March from 9:00am-3:00pm

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After the hectic Christmas and New Year activities many of us were ready to get back to start playing in the workshop. Ian and Ray were presented with their Life membership certificates (with the camera working...see last Fine Cut for photos).

Ray and Doug suggested that they were willing to start a hand carving class if any one was interested. They showed us some of the possible kits that the club could purchase for use by members. There was a good show of hands for interested parties and we opted to set aside an hour at the end of the first Saturday workshop for the class. The exec later determined to purchase both the Record set and Flexcut that we had been shown. I have subsequently purchased them with a few slipstones and strops.

We quickly decided the order of the next few months of workshops and proceeded with many side projects.



The Record Power set of carving tools

The Flexcut kit of carving tools



We then had to make sure that we had things ready for the upcoming Australia Day Stall at Glenbrook Oval in two weeks time. We determined to stick with simple unpowered demonstrations and the use of the pocket hole jigs and Japanese saws.

Australia Day 2019

Some once said that we had to have certain things(like a recession) and I guess this was true with the weather on this day. Over the years we have had hot or wet or windy weather but certainly not a hot dry scorcher like this one. We had a full help roster which was again fabulous but the crowds did not come. In fact very few non-stall holders were there due to the oppressing weather conditions. Total sales of goods...three(3) yes three from Phil T and that was it, unbelievable and a precedent. Our redeeming thing was the sales of the raffle tickets by our 'tour de force' female sales team. Overall we sold \$105 of tickets but I estimate the team sold \$100 to all the other stall holders(there was no one else there). Phil Tonks had donated another box(what else) as a first prize and we had \$50 Bunnings voucher as second prize. The lucky winner was (of course) one of the stall holders and our Pete Murphy won second prize which he generously donated back to the club. Thanks again Peter.



Set up ready for another busy day selling, chatting, laughing and enjoying food from the nearby sellers. Plenty of goods for sale.



And this is how it stayed....the heat apparently evaporated the crowds and our sales but not the raffle ticket sales thank heavens.

More good stuff on Saturdays

We had a visitor named Ian drop in from further up in Mt Riverview and we (he and I) set up many of the machines with a common dust port fitting so that each could be easily connected to the same single fitting on the mobile dust extractor. It was really a combination of PVC pipe and a PVC fitting) We continued on with setting up definite areas for the tables saw and mitre saw (concrete slab outside) and the small mobile dust extractor that must be connected to them when they are in use.

On our next Saturday workshop we had Doug and Ray show us some of the tools to use in hand carving. More importantly Doug showed us some of his first carvings from he says around thirty years ago when he started carving. They show a variety of styles and levels of carving and are the shown below for you to check out.



Well that's it for the moment. Please let me have any useful contributions for this publication.

Phil K (Editor)