

# **THE FINE CUT**

Well here we are again with yet another FINE CUT Newsletter, while our regular Editor Daniel is still away. This time we will begin with our President's Report, followed by some more info from me on other matters.

## **President's Report.**

### **October**

#### **Tuesday**

October has had another excellent Tuesday night demo and "hands on" activity.

Mortise and tenon (M&T) joints on curved timber sounds like an impossibility to us amateurs but Doug Cox showed us how this is done, and some of us had a go at it too. Some pics of the different styles are shown later. The key thinking point in this whole operation is that when pegging the joints with an offset dowel, which way to drill the dowel hole (towards or away from the joint) to tighten the joint up?

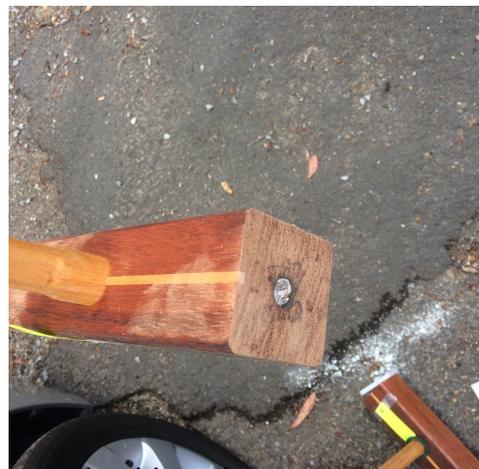
A little thought and investigation saw most of get this wrong; however it was a useful experience for showing us the possibilities for future projects with curves, and joining pieces successfully.

#### **Saturday**

We made a lot of sawdust from using the "big beast" bandsaw to prepare table legs and making additions to a roll top desk.

We also painted our sandwich board, and with the signs to go on it now delivered, we can finish it at our next Saturday Workshop and have it ready for use next year.

The two croquet mallets we made were returned for some fine tuning involving making them heavier by drilling a hole and installing lead in the hole, and adjustments to the club faces, and their refixing with both glue and screws. These were actually expected adjustments.



The mallet faces and the repaired heads

## **Future Meetings**

### **November**

#### **Tuesday**

As long promised, we are about to start our safety training and competence testing of our power tools by all Members.

We will start with the table saw, and time permitting, the mitre/cross cut saw.

Our safety officer Ray B. will take us through the safe operation of all our machines under BMPWC guidelines, and Members will all be tested to gain competency approval, as required under OH&S rules.

Most of us have had some sort of experience in using our machines (or similar other models), so this should not be a problem.

As you are shown how to use the various tools, it will be recorded that you were shown how to safely use them.

Please be advised that this is not an examination where you will “pass” or “fail”, rather it is an opportunity for us all to learn, so should Ray tell you something which may improve your ability to safely use a machine, take it on board.

We will also look at some videos showing some safe operating fundamentals for these machines.

#### **Saturday**

We will continue the competency training of our use of the table saw and the mitre/cross cut saw if needed.

Other work will include doing our own projects and possibly making some bird feeders and bedside tables.

#### **New Planer/Joiner**

Derek, a retiree from St. Clair has kindly offered us, free of cost, a Hare & Forbes (Hafco) long bed planer/jointer – this has a 150 mm wide cutting head.

Ray and I went to see said item and were very pleased with it. Apart from a few removable surface rust spots on the bed, the machine is in excellent condition, and is already on wheels. We accepted Derek’s offer and will be arranging pickup as soon as possible.

After a short site inspection at the Hall to find a site for this machine, Ian and I found that we can store it under the building, and take it out into the yard area to use as needed.

#### **Bunnings BBQ**

The Bunnings BBQ last Saturday (29 October) was another great success – the weather held off beautifully and we showed a clear profit of \$969.32, making it a very profitable day for the Club.

It was unfortunate that we only had a very small number of volunteers to help out on the day, which meant a lot of hard work was carried out by only a few.

### **The Club Challenge**

And for those involved in the 2016 Club Challenge, do not forget to submit your entry by stumps on Saturday 26 November 2016 – late entries **WILL NOT** be accepted under any circumstances.

### **The Xmas Lunch**

Please do not forget our Xmas Lunch on Sunday 11 December 2016. Ian has already sent you details of this important social event, and a reminder is;

BYO plates, cutlery, glasses, drinks (coffee and tea will be supplied)  
Salads/ vegetable dishes; we need Members to provide these dishes to share with others.

Desserts; again, we need Members to provide these dishes to share with others.

The most important thing is to contact Ian to advise him if you are coming (or not as well please), or Jan Barrett 0247 39 3502 as to what type of dish you can provide, to share with everyone.

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### **General News**

This month's Meetings will be our last for 2016, with our Tuesday Club Night Meeting being the last ever due to our changing to the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, ***commencing Saturday 14 January 2017.***

As is normal, everyone will receive a full list of dates of Meetings and special events for 2017 in the near future.

Also please remember that due the Hall being required by the Guides on 19 November 2016, our Saturday Workshop has been put back a week to Saturday 26 November 2016.

This will be our last Meeting for the year and we will be having a sausage sizzle for lunch, so there is no need to bring your own food on that day.

With regards to the new jointer as mentioned by Phil K, this is a valuable asset to the Club; however training in its safe use is essential, as those who are not familiar with a jointer will see when we start working with it.

We are also putting out an early call for volunteers for our Australia Day Celebrations at Glenbrook, on Thursday 26 January 2017.

This is another fundraising day for the Club, and a chance to snag some new Members.

Please consider giving a little of your time to help out on this day – Ray B. is the contact person for this.

On the lighter side, did you know that almost immediately after the USA elections, and with the approval of well over 50% of the population, the US Government will evict an unemployed black man, his wife and two children from Government housing, to enable a white billionaire to move in?

Ian G.  
Temporary Editor.

See pics of our mortise and tenon joints on curved timber from Doug's demo on the next page.

### **Mortise and tenon joints in curved timber**

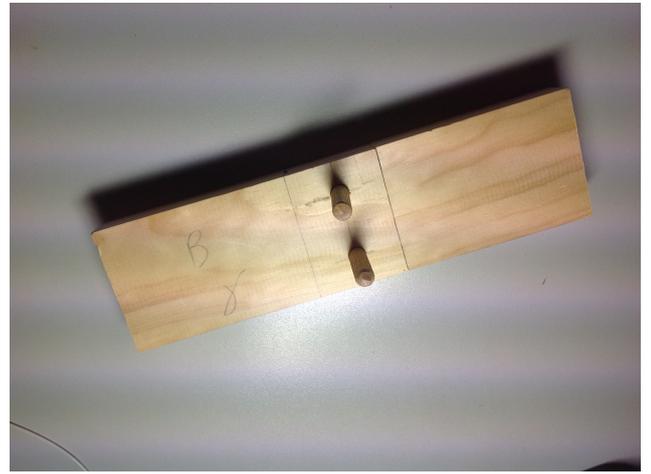
Below are some of the mortise and tenon joints that Doug created to show us how to mark out, cut and align. The first usually shows the parts and the second shows the assembled joint. Apologies to Doug if I make a mistake in my descriptions below. Phil K



This is a simple spline joint- glued or nailed (or both)



This joint has a fitted spline and is pinned and aligned with dowels (glue too if



This joint is a straight mortise and tenon that is dowelled (my attempt at this on the night).