



Next meeting is on Saturday January 14th at 0900 The next meeting will be Saturday 28th from 0900.

**February
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President's Report

January and the start of February have been a very busy period for the Club.

Our first January Meeting had us preparing for the Australia Day Celebrations at Glenbrook, and on Australia Day (26 January) we were at Glenbrook Park once again demonstrating what we do and selling Members' wares.

Australia Day Report:

Another great effort everyone who attended; they set up and ran our stall, sold raffle tickets, and explained what we do, when and where we do it, to the many interested and hopefully prospective Members.

This year was a little different to the past few, it was overcast, but still a very warm day with no rain. The overall attendance on the day was considerably less than previous years, and sales were slow and down accordingly.

The raffle prizes of a donated quilt and a child's play table and chairs were very colourful up on our stall table, and Members' items sold reasonably well all day. A special thanks to Pam Griffiths and Member Leo Cross for providing the prizes. Our winners were Pauline from Silverdale and Michael from Leura, who were very pleased with their prizes.

Financially, it was a reasonable day with the Club making a clear profit of just over \$264.00.

Box Making Demonstration

On Saturday 4 February Phil Tonks, with his apprentice Ian Griffiths, and myself gave a box making demonstration at the Blue Mountains Woodturners monthly meeting at Mt. Riverview.

Philip, assisted by his apprentice, made a box using the Gifkins Dovetail Jig, and Ian demonstrated making finger joints on his home made prototype jig.

I provided additional information when necessary.

Overall it was an excellent two and a half hours of detailed instruction with the audience very interested, and even better remaining awake and listening intently. Thank you to both Philip and Ian for their expertise in this interclub activity.

Saturday January 28

Time was spent on preparing mortices for table legs for an "own project", and Phil T was trying to perfect his cove cutting on a table saw.

Ian and myself completed a high rail on one of the storeroom walls, installed some hooks on it, and hung the ladder and several electric leads.

Saturday 11 February:

Phil Tonks will demonstrate cutting coves on the table saw.

We will start to make the shuffle board games and bobs set games, and other projects as well as "own projects".

*"If my mind can conceive it,
and my heart can believe it,
I know I can achieve it."*

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General News:

We also met another Community group, Samaritans Purse, who requested we make them some small toys, able to fit in a shoe box, to be sent all around the world to disadvantaged children.

Actually this group is not new to us, we helped this group some years ago when former Member Gwen Strong was involved with them, however when she left our involvement lapsed.

Gifkins Dovetail Jig Box Making Classes:

Any Member wishing to learn Box Making with the Gifkins Dovetail Jig can be accommodated on an "as required" basis, either one on one or in very small groups.

Members will be required to supply their own timber.

The box for learners to make is a sliding lid box – a fairly simple box, although it requires a number of techniques to do so.

A more advanced box using a hinged lid can be made later if required. A sketch plan and timber list will be supplied so as the timber of Members' choice can be purchased.

Workshop Crawl: At the last Committee Meeting, it was suggested we arrange a Workshop Crawl, whereby we all pay a short visit to one/two/several Members' homes one Saturday to view their Workshop, be it a very small, compact area with few tools (in my case very small and extremely dusty), or a grand spacious, pristine area with all the tools known to man available. This gives the Member a chance to "show and tell" us all how he/she operates and what he/she does at home. What do you think? – is it a good idea?. Early days yet and a lot of organising to do, so please speak to Ray B. on your thoughts so we can put it into action or not. The important thing is that you actually make a comment.

Club Trip: For our first Trip of the year, and for something different, we are intending to visit the Sake Brewing Co. in Penrith on Wednesday 29 March 2017. This is in the planning stage and subject to numbers interested, so please see Ray B. to put your name down. More details will follow in the immediate future.

Joke of the Month: I recently bought a little dog for my wife as a surprise birthday gift – a beautiful little Jack Russell bitch. Sadly, it turned out the wife has an allergy to dogs, so it is very sad that I must get rid of her. Her name is Patricia, she's 55, a good personality, and a pretty good cook.

See you all soon

Regards,

Ian G.

Following are the 2016 Club Challenge entries from palette to project.

