



Next meeting is on Tuesday March 15th at 7.PM. The Saturday meeting will be the following
Saturday 19th from 0900.

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President's Report

February was an interesting month for us, we acquired an ultra large (17") bandsaw (*the beast*) and dust collector, had a very practical workshop on producing a mitre lock joint as well as offers of wood from various sources and enquiries about paid projects.

As I mentioned last month we had a successful offer for a bandsaw and dust collector from a farm location. On a bright Saturday morning Daniel, Ray and I set off to collect said items from their agricultural location 2 hours away on a small farm near Putty.

After around one and a half hours of travel along the winding road through Colo we suddenly turned left off the road toward Putty. The tarred road disappeared after ten minutes then we had a true start to an Aussie bush road... culverts, potholes and lots of passenger, car and trailer bouncing.

We stopped to take a picture of the only thing we are informed that the bandsaw was used to make (a letterbox). A short while later we saw the oasis farmhouse (well not really) the machinery shed and a few cows.



The seller helped us brush off the spiders (big black ones says Ray), dust and dust the dodge the wombat holes (yes in the shed) to load it into the trailer.

A few truck ties and a rope or two had all secure (we hoped) and we set off back to civilization. After twenty

minutes we stopped at a *real oasis* (the Grey Gum Café) which saw us order a great BRUNCH of caffeine, milkshakes and burgers. The food and atmosphere was something to be enjoyed with bikers pulling in to recharge themselves before turning around to ride the curves again. The drive back seemed shorter.

Nothing seemed to have fallen off or broken and Phil T met us the Guides Hall to help us unload "*the beast*" and ever so closely fit into the Club's storage room.

This is the close of phase one of the story. Phase two will be solving the problem of ten mm height clearance in the doorway after creating a mobile trolley and cleaning up the tabletop (it is a little rusted) and similar for the dust collector.



**"You are the only
person on earth who
can use your ability."**

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Fine Cut*

Our Tuesday night workshop on creating a lock mitre joint was one with a difference.

Our illustrious treasurer (that night's speaker) had injured himself and so was prohibited from operating any machinery. However, we persisted and had Ian explain and guide us through the various setup steps and procedures for producing a lock mitre joint using the Club's router table and his router bits. His first and possibly one of the most useful tips of the night was the purchase of small magnetic setup jigs from Timbecon, (see link below).

(Lock Mitre Setup Jigs LMM-002 [/routing/lock-mitre-setup-jigs](#) Ian referred to the accompanying video as being excellent to understand how to setup the jig successfully).

Most of us had a go at making our own sample of the joint (see my brilliant and close fitting example in the photos following). The repetition of making the same joint by different people allowed us as a group to look at operational differences and how to solve problems encountered.

The Saturday workshop.....

Over the past month we have had a few phone calls or emails about collecting some wood that the owners were unable to use due to their moving arrangements. The first was a stock of Blackbean (*Castanopermum austral*) or Moreton Bay Chestnut that was a lounge suite. This was from a retired industrial Arts teacher in Cranebrook and is now available from under the Guides Hall if you find it suitable for a project. This timber however, has a range of things to be aware of (see your timber species guide for warnings and best uses). Another call was from an ex builder in Blaxland and there is a variety of lengths and shapes available (again it is under the Guides Hall).

We have also enquiries about making a small table (from Australia Day stall appearance) and also painting backgrounds. We are currently investigating but they seem to be quite feasible and worth the effort.

Just a short note on the The Traditional Tools Group 2016 Sydney Tool Sale, Sunday, 28th of February 2016, 9:00am to 1:00pm

As usual there was a huge range of tools and sellers (more than last year) some bargains...\$5 awl and calipers. If you want second hand tools this is the time to go.

Tuesday

The March Tuesday meeting will have demonstration of scroll saw work.

Saturday

Own and club orders projects

Future meetings

Tuesday

The April Tuesday meeting will feature Kerfing with Daniel

Saturday

Own projects, and help with others in theirs.

Phil

Philip Knight

President

Annual fees.

The Treasurer advises that the annual fees are due for 2016. Please make the effort to pay as soon as you can. It all helps to keep the club vibrant.

For Sale

As we have purchased a 'New' Band saw, the old one is up for sale at a bargain price of \$100.00, complete with spare blades, AND an operating manual!! We might even entertain an offer.

Next Meeting

Scroll-sawing is the topic for the next Tuesday meeting, and we look forward to a demonstration by a member of the Scroll Saw Group, who meet at the Blue Mountains Woodcraft centre in Mt Riverview.

What's on

BBQ.

Bunnings North is the venue for our next fundraiser. May 28th is the day, and as usual, all those members who can help out will be most welcome. This is our main source of income for the year, so please come and participate. Time will be from 0730 till 1600. (*That's 7.30 AM till 4PM.*)

Outings

A Bus Trip to Anagote Timbers in Marrickville and Timberbits, in Villawood with lunch, (*at your own expense,*) at Canterbury—Hurlstone Park RSL, .

This is booked for April 27th 2016. Bus will leave Ian Griffith's home in 5 Alkoomie Ave South Penrith at 0830. Please be at Ian's home by 0800 in case we can leave early.

The cost is \$15.00 per head. Please pay Ian at the March or April Tuesday meeting's to ensure your seat. Remember, we had a good show of hands indicating your attendance soooooo,

Club Challenge 2016

The Executive have decided we will be having the Club Challenge again for 2016.

Options were discussed as to what was to be constructed.

Thoughts were: A clock, a Coffee table, a Childs toy or simply a free choice of an item

Timber to be used was discussed, and this is the eye opener, Pacific Maple, New Guinea Rosewood, Karri, Fijian Mahogany. For a specific size, it is very expensive being that ALL the timber is to be used in the project.

However, another prospect has been mooted, and will be advised as soon as the exec has confirmed the offer.

Printer.

The secretary has the club Laptop computer and the club's printer.

The printer has decided that it's useful life is up, or it's use by date and is giving problems. The executive has given the go ahead for Ray to price a replacement Printer. We will let you all know the outcome.

From the Editor,

I have been looking at some changes to the appearance of Fine Cut, our monthly gossip sheet.

I cannot change the Club Logo, but some reformatting is being considered. Some member input would be very much appreciated. Mainly for the cosmetic layout of each page.

If anyone has a monthly newssheet, perhaps from another organisation which may give me or any future editor, some new idea's, that would be great.

Thanks
Daniel