



Next meeting is on Saturday March 11th at 0830 .The second Saturday meeting for the month will be the 25th of March from 0830.

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President's Report

Well! What a month of March mayhem with both Saturday workshops well attended, productive and dusty, a trio to a Sake factory and work on a community project.

The sign continues to give us more visitors and the latest one gave us a box load of new abrasive belts and discs.

Saturday March 11

This time it was our Phil Tonks giving us another great demonstration using a club jig for making mortise and Tenon joints using a router. He showed the basic steps in setting up the jig for cutting both the mortise and the Tenon using a router with a straight bit.

Work continued on the Bob's Game after the previous work using the cutting as well as other own projects.

Saturday February 18

This workshop was to concentrate on the cutting out and assembly of a large number of small wooden cars and trains for the Samaritan's Purse project.

Donated wood was used from the Lapstone Public School and a few purchased items such as dowel rods for the axles.

Preparation of the timber involved re-sawing it into thinner strips, cutting it into blocks around 10cm long and then tracing the car body outline on to the block.

The body was then cut out on the band-saw and then used as a template for the remainder. One car body style was brilliant as it involved just cutting one of the blocks diagonally so giving two bodies in one cut.

The wheel size was initially started at 20 mm and then after a few comparisons for axle placement and proportion to the overall body. It was decided that a diameter of around 30mm seemed to be okay. Using a hole-saw and the drill press I went into mass production of said wheels.

Sanding was also a mass production line with Ian and Jan using the Linisher to sand the car/train bodies while Leo drilled the axle holes.

A few other project activities also carried on ... Robert's table with it's mortise and Tenon joints everywhere (Doug was ably guiding Rob through the glue-up and alignment. Phil Tonks helped finish off Alan's box with mitred splines.

*"If you only do what
you know you can do
- you never do very
much."*

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Future workshops

Saturday April 8th & April 22nd.

Doug Cox will be showing us how to put a lock joint on a mitre. We will also continue with preparation and assembly of the Samaritan's Purse toys (toy cars and trains).

We also have to make some tray tables for Edinglassie aged care establishment in Emu Plains.

The committee decided to dedicate 2nd Saturday of each month for community projects exclusively. On that Saturday, there will be **NO** own projects on this date as we wish ALL attending members to help us with the club commitment to this community activity. The 4th Saturday is for own projects, and certification on the various tools we have.

Go-Shu Sake

The visit on March 29th was an excellent day, those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day and the delightful lunch afterwards.

This was one of the fine days out of so many wet ones. Ten members and friends/partners attended and had an excellent talk by the manager Allan Noble and he gave us a short history of both sake and its origins, (during our sake tasting activities) and the development of the factory.

He mentioned in particular the importance of using high quality products- Australian rice from Leeton, pure local water, specific yeasts and the use of modern high tech techniques. As such, sake from this factory is regarded as one of the highest quality in the world. He also pointed out the medicinal properties of sake and the high range of other useful by products from skin lotions and soaps to name a few.

I could go on but instead check out the link below to get the goods on this local success story. The factory tour showed us the high tech, clean and worker empty warehouse that employs ten people and is run by computer controlled systems.

Loved the smell of the cedar room!! (ed). [Australia's Only Sake Brewery](#)

Our tour was followed by an excellent lunch at the Penrith Whitewater Centre.

Philip Knight
President

What's on in 2017

A visit to the workshop of **Dave Stanton** from Caba-tec. Dave lives in Hazelbrook and is quite OK with a visit in the near future.

Obviously, we will need numbers. Talk to committee on Saturday. Date mooted is June 4th at 1.30 PM Be aware that THIS IS A SUNDAY! Car pool, no bus!

A visit to **Euralla**, This home is in Olympic Ave Leura and was owned by the Evatt Family for a number of years. (still owned?) Set for June 28th. NO bus, car pool on this one. We need to set a time, and numbers

Club Challenge

This year will be a plank, and make anything useful you want to. Rules will be advised shortly and names please for those who want to participate by 27th May, the plank will be available on June 10th. Size is 184mm x 19mm x 2.4 metres.

Cost will be \$15.00 to members, the club will subsidize the balance. Item must be presented at the November So please consider entering this year's challenge.

This year we are reverting back to using a plank of timber to manufacture something (in previous years we have used planks, specialty timbers and pallet timbers).

Ray Barrett has the Registration Form, and a detailed information sheet will be available this Saturday April 8th.

Some pics of recent activities

Mortise joints, Allans Box, Samaritans purse toy's

