



*Next Meeting; Tuesday February 21st at 7.00 PM, Saturday Workshop is the following
Saturday, February 25th 2012*

March 2012

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Presidents Report

I am pleased to report that 6 of the community projects have been completed and have been handed over to the Aged care facility. With 4 more to be completed as soon as possible. It is quite possible, we may be asked to make some more.

The club outing to Anagote Timbers at Marrickville was enjoyed by all, especially enjoyed the unscheduled tour of the area!

Members purchased a variety of timbers, and we are looking forward to seeing the outcome of the purchases at 'show and tell' in the near future.

Lunch was had at the Western Suburbs Leagues Club, seeing that the original lunch venue of the Marrickville RSL Club no longer exists! The \$6.00 lunch was not bad at all!

Projects for March

We have a number of projects to be finished for the Nursing Facility.

Mobile Library. It is intended to organize the club library so members can borrow and browse for items they want to make. Ray is going to lead this one. A couple of volunteers needed to assist.

Finish Alan Bewley's box.

Tuesday Night next, 'Back to Basics, with Max Sinclair, (*see inside*)

Own projects

Some timber is available for anyone who wants to make a bandsaw box, or a dovetail box.

Available Courses

We have some information on Woodcraft courses which are available for members to attend, (At your own expense)

One Day easy start intro to woodwork (with David Upfill-Brown 22nd March)

Joints for woodwork (with David Upfill-Brown 26th & 27th March)

Shaker style boxes & steam bending (with Phoebe Everill 18th & 19th August)

These courses are at the Sturt School of Woodworking in Mittagong.

Courses and pricing are available at the following link; www.sturt.nsw.edu.au

*Resentment is a
burden we don't
need to carry*

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Dates to remember

28th March 2012 Visit to 'Vine Cottage' this is a museum of tools . Partners are most welcome to come along even if they are not interested in tools, the scones are terrific!. Own Transport to this one. Ample parking is available.

31st March 2012; Bunnings North Penrith

16th June 2012; Bunnings Valley Heights

- For both these days your help is wanted, contact Ian and put your name on the list to assist. —

' Allo—Allo' ! 'I say siz only once' - we need some onion cutters. Not the machine, unless you do have one—but you, to actually cut the onions!!

Occupational Health & Safety Policy

All guard's and Safety equipment normally supplied with the power tools are to be in proper working order and in their correct place and used within accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Dust masks, safety glasses and ear protection should be provided by, and used by the individual member for their own safety needs.

Suitable clothing, including footwear, should be worn when using power tools and equipment.(No loose clothing or jewellery).

Keep the work area clear.

Normal safe working techniques should be used, including the use of push sticks, clamps etc.

Follow the advice of the operator / instructor in the use of the equipment

The machine, (or tool), operator MUST NOT be interrupted or talked to while the machine is in operation.

About the Club

The Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Girl Guides Hall, at the end of Bunbinla Avenue Mount Riverview at 7:00 PM.

The Club also holds an all day Workshop on the Saturday ***immediately following*** the Tuesday night Meeting (not necessarily the third Saturday in the month), commencing 8.30PM to 4.30PM

Visitors are invited to participate in up to three club meetings and/or activities.

After three visits if they are satisfied with the club's format and activities, they are expected to become full members of the club by paying the membership fees.

The meetings will start with a welcome to members and visitors. On Tuesday nights machines can only be used between 7.00PM and 9.30 PM. After 9.30 PM machines are unplugged and we ***all clean*** up and all equipment is put away.

Then 'Show and Tell', 'Questions and Answers', and our library is open

Supper is provided, and the Meeting is closed at 10.00pm.

On Saturdays machines can be used all day up to 4.15PM, then ***we all clean up***, our equipment is put away, and our library is open.

"Show and Tell" and "Questions and Answers" will be immediately after lunch before we restart.

Morning and afternoon tea is provided, however BYO lunch and any other drinks etc

From Max Sinclair

Phil has asked me to do a short presentation on the basic skills of wood work.

I would like to think he asked me because of my firm grounding in the basics skill of our pursuit, but I think it is because he thinks I never really got passed the basics.

When we are / were young we get bored with the basics and want to jump straight to the big shiny, noisy bits and produce dazzling results quickly and easily.

I know that as I have progressed along the basics seem to become more important and I realize that if they *ain't* right it is very hard to get the rest of it right.

Additionally some of us have not done a formal course where these items would be covered.

I did a couple of terms at Benchworks (*Paul Floyd*) and picked up a lot of little things that I should have known.

It cost me big time, I will share for nothing.

I see three possible outcomes from the night.

1. You will say "yes I do all that", the advantage to you is that it confirms what you are doing is correct.
2. You will say "hold on I do not do that" and hopefully you will learn something and then be on the right track to improve what you do.
3. You will say "this bloke is speaking a load of old cobblers" at which point "I" will learn some thing which hopefully will improve what I do.

Some of the things we will look at are

- ◆ design and drawings
- ◆ material preparation
- ◆ marking out
- ◆ docking
- ◆ joints
- ◆ gluing
- ◆ finishing
- ◆ mistakes

We could probably spend at least an hour on any of these, but we will just do an overview at this stage.

We can spend more time at a later date on an item that the members individually or collectively feel they would like more information on.

With thanks

On behalf of myself and my family, could I thank those members who attended the Funeral Service for my late wife Dianne., and to those who have supported us in our grief, we thank you.

Daniel, David & Christopher Cliff

Where are we going?

28 March 2012 – the Vines Cottage Tool Museum and Tea House at Cranebrook.

The address is Church Lane

Register with Ian Griffiths to ascertain numbers for their catering - \$10.00 per person payable directly to the Museum

As this is a local venue no bus is required. Make your own way there and parking is adequate

Details – 10.00am on site – partners most welcome.

30 May 2012 – Sturt School of Woodworking at Mittagong.

Bus is booked – to leave from Ian Griffiths home 9.00 am sharp

Register with Ian Griffiths - 14 Seats available - \$15.00 per person

More details to follow

27 June 2012 – Henry Bros Saws & Trend Timbers at Windsor

Bus booked – to leave from IG's home 9.30am sharp

Register with Ian Griffiths - 14 Seats available - \$15.00 per person

More details to follow

Future trips

Clarence Sawmill – a working sawmill

Marangaroo – Rocking horse manufacturer (*Yeah, some one liners here!*)

Club Challenge Competition

It was found that there was insufficient useful timber stored under the Hall, therefore discussion took place on what we should now do.

Phil Tonks advised that the next door neighbour to the Hall has some timber available which could be used – this will be picked up and hopefully distributed at our next Saturday Workshop on 24 March 2012.

Members should register with Ian

Phillip Knight is to bring some of the timber he is providing the Club so as we can make storage boxes in the cupboard & on the Shelves in the storeroom.

We have a number of irons in the fire, so lets all knuckle down and get them all happening.

Time to laugh!

For all those computer buffs!

