

Next meeting is on Tuesday March 18th 2014. at 7PM .The Saturday workshop will be Saturday
March 22nd , from 0900.

March 2014

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Presidents Report

As we are aware, safety in the workshop is paramount. To this extent, and to comply with the requirements of the clubs insurance company, each of our power tools and machines will have a set of general safety procedures and precautions specific to that piece of equipment.

These documents have been written by your committee in accordance with specific guidelines as laid out by Workplace Health & Safety Committee, (formerly *OH&S*), and are being compiled by the committee for approval by our Insurance Company.

These should be available to members in the near future.

To provide evidence that members have been trained on the various pieces of equipment, the Club will have a register of members so trained, and authorised to use the equipment. Another requirement from the Insurance Company.

Each member is asked to take notice of any direction given by the Club's Safety Officer, Ray Barrett during the course of any club day activity. Remember, Ray has your welfare in mind, as well as the club's good name.

Tuesday Workshop.

- 1 Construction of the steps for Leonay pre School
- 2 Childs bench for the preschool (2)
- 3 Continue screw carousels
- 4 Private projects
- 5 Introductory projects for new members
- 6 Change drawer locations in storage cupboard.

Saturday Workshop

Continuation of Tuesday Projects

Bunnings BBQ.

This is at Bunnings North on May17th. All members are asked to make some time available. We kick off at about 0730 for set up and, If each member comes and spends an hour or two, it al helps.

This is one of our major fund raisers, so come on, lets all get into the spirit. Remember, it is you, the member, who benefits from these fund raiser's!

Editor's Comment

Just as a matter of interest, our President Phil has the wanderlust, he indicates he may be back for the April 15th meeting!! Dunno, some people have all the luck. (ED)

*A great secret of success is to go through life as a one who never gets used up.
Abraham Lincoln*

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Outings for 2014.



The next trip is to the Wollondilly Heritage Centre on May 28th

This one is open to members and spouses, girlfriends, wives, (*May they never meet!*).

The Bus has been booked, so all we need to do is talk to Ian and ensure you have a seat. Cost to be advised.

Committee reports

Webmaster reports our website is still under construction.

To get their, simply type Blue Mountains and Penrith Woodworking Club. Into your search engine. Lots of interesting information is available and lots more to be added.

No other reports from committee.

Club Challenge 2014

Some members have still not paid Ian for the wood from last years challenge, please can you do so?

The challenge for 2014 is again a bit different, but all on one theme, a toy.

The wood will be available late in the first half of this year, and you will be asked to make a toy from a specific range, and submit it at the November **TUESDAY MEETING**.

The toy's as usual, will be judged by the ladies at the Christmas Party in December. The toy's can be kept, in which case they will need to be paid for, or they can be sold at Australia Day in 2015.

Oberon Visit.

Well! What can I say.

The trip started off right on time and those who were being picked up on the way were all at the appointed rendezvous on time .

A stop at Blackheath for morning tea was a welcome break at a little cafe at the Mt Boyce Nursery.

.Finding the venue was a challenge as their is no signage, but not unusual according to Holly to get lost, but with the amount of trade they do, via the internet mainly, they do not need signage.

However a phone call put us on the right track!

Lunch was something else, we were told a BBQ was organised, but we were not prepared for the very generous spread turned on by John and his daughter Holly, with help from Holly's son.

Sausages, chicken, kebabs, fruit cake, tea coffee soft drinks etc, etc.

Some members purchased timber, and were lucky enough to win some prizes in the raffle over lunch.

A very enjoyable day.

Small Woodworking Shop Layout

Layout

In an ideal shop, there's always room for one more tool. And nothing gets in the way. But in all the shops I've set up, space (or the lack of it) is often a factor. With all the tools and materials required for a project, a small shop can soon get crowded and cramped. Even so, there's no reason a small workshop can't work smoothly and efficiently. All it takes is a little planning.

Work Flow

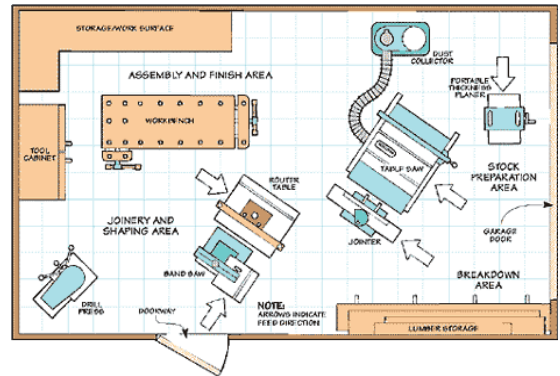
The key to this planning is to think about how a typical project "flows" through the shop. Then establish an area for each part of the process. For instance, when I bring lumber into the shop, it's handy to have a separate area to break it down into manageable pieces, see drawing below. (This can be as simple as a pair of sawhorses and a circular saw.) And if possible, I position tools used for stock preparation (like the jointer, table saw, and thickness planer) right nearby. Once the stock is flat, straight, and square, the next step is to cut the joinery and shape the pieces. To make this go smoothly, position the drill press, router table, and band saw near the workbench.

By locating the workbench out in the open, there's access on all sides which makes it easy to assemble the project and apply the finish. Besides the way a project moves from one area to the next, there are a couple other things to keep in mind as you lay out a shop. Is there any benefit to grouping tools together? Or what type of space requirements does each tool have?

Paper Planning

Rather than find the answers to these questions after dragging heavy tools across the floor, Plan the workshop on paper first.

This is just a matter of drawing a floor plan of your shop to scale. Then cutting paper templates of your tools (also to scale) and positioning them around the "shop."



Tool Groups

When sliding the templates around, one thing that can make a small shop work "big" is to organize tools by groups.

Job

One way of grouping that makes a lot of sense is to arrange tools by the job they do. For example, the table saw, jointer, and planer are all used during stock preparation. So it's convenient to cluster them together.

Support

You can also use tool groups to provide support for large jobs. To provide side support when crosscutting a long job on the table saw for instance, you can set your jointer next to it. Or if your router table is the same height (or a bit shorter) than your table saw, the top can double as a support.

Storage

Finally, don't overlook the need for storage when arranging groups of tools. One of the most important "tools" in the shop is my workbench. But it doesn't do me much good if I have to walk across the shop to get tools. So setting my tool cabinet near the bench to give me easy access to both hand and power tools is a must, see photo.

Space Requirements

While a group of tools may look alright on paper, don't start muscling them into place just yet. Remember, each tool has its own space requirements. This isn't just the visible "footprint" of the tool. But more importantly, it's the extra space that's needed so the job that feeds in (or out) of one tool doesn't bump into another one.

Blue Mountains and Penrith Woodworking Club Inc.

Following is a list of dates for our various Meetings & outings throughout 2014;

January 2014

Tuesday 7 Committee Meeting
Tuesday 21. Club Night Meeting

February 2014

Tuesday 4. Committee Meeting
Tuesday 18. Club Night Meeting
Saturday 22. **Saturday Workshop will be at the Leonay Pre School in Leonay Parade
LEONAY Address is Unit 4 - 32 Leonay Parade.**
Wednesday 26. Bus Trip to Wood Guys at Oberon

March 2014

Tuesday 4. Committee Meeting
Tuesday 18. Club Night Meeting
Saturday 22. Saturday Worksh op

April 2014

Tuesday 1. Committee Meeting
Tuesday 15th Club Night Meeting
Saturday 22nd Saturday Worksh op

May 2014

Tuesday 6. Committee Meeting
Saturday 17. BBQ at Bunnings (North Penrith)
Tuesday 20. Club Night Meeting
Saturday 24. Saturday Worksh op
Wednesday 28th Bus trip to Wollondilly Heritage Museum Picton

June 2014

Tuesday 3. Committee Meeting
Tuesday 17. Club Night Meeting
Saturday 21. Saturday Worksh op

July 2014

Tuesday 1. Committee Meeting
Tuesday 15 Club Night Meeting
Saturday 19. Saturday Worksh op

August 2014

Tuesday 5. Committee Meeting
Tuesday 19. Club Night Meeting
Saturday 23 Saturday Worksh op
Wednesday 27 Bus Trip to Cockatoo Island

September 2014

Tuesday 2. Committee Meeting
Tuesday 16. Club Night Meeting and our AGM
Saturday 20. Saturday Worksh op
Saturday 27. BBQ at Bunnings (North Penrith)Yet to confirm

October 2014

Tuesday 7. Committee Meeting
Tuesday 21. Club Night Meeting
Saturday 25. Saturday Worksh op

November 2014

Tuesday 4. Committee Meeting
Wednesday 12 Bus Trip to Maritime Museum Darling harbour
Tuesday 18. Club Night Meeting
Saturday 22. Saturday Worksh op

December 2014

Tuesday 2. Committee Meeting
Sunday 14. Xmas Lunch

