

*Next Meeting; Tuesday May 21st at 7.00 PM, The Saturday Workshop is on Saturday 25th
May 2013 at 0900.*

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Presidents Report May 2013

As previously advised, our next Club Community project is the making of toy's and small children's furniture. These items will be donated to a local organization. To get this project underway, the Tuesday and Saturday meeting and workshop will be dedicated to this very worthwhile cause.

Some plans have been copied and these will be allocated on Tuesday night, but if you have a plan of a toy you would like to construct, then please bring it along.

We have some timber available, but as these projects do not require large amounts of timber, and if you have some odd scraps of material, then again, please bring it along.

Demonstrations

Tuesday's meeting will have a session on toy wheel making from Leo Cross, and Ray Barrett. Leo has made a wheel making jig, and is anxious to show how to use it. Ray will demonstrate the commercially made router bit which the club has purchased.

As the toy making project is one which will benefit underprivileged children, please give it your enthusiastic support.

Saturday will comprise members making toys.

Club Challenge

So far, 8 members have responded wishing to participate. *(Closed)*
The timber from which you will make your box will be available at Tuesday and Saturday meetings, as it has been delivered to the Secretary's home.

Safety Officer

Ray Barrett has accepted the permanent position of Club Safety Officer.

A decision was made at the last executive meeting to make the role a permanent one rather than sharing it around.

This should keep uniformity in the role, and it will encourage members to be more vigilant in their use of Club equipment, as it will be the one person 'looking' over shoulders. Let's face it, safety should be a major concern.

*Past experience: he who
never makes mistakes
never did anything that's
worthy!*

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Club Happenings;

BBQ at Bunnings North Penrith is on for Saturday June 15th from 0700 till 1600 hrs. Please contact Ian and indicate your intention to assist. The more we have , the greater will be the day!!

The visit to ' Allwood Timbers ' , 8 Geary Place, Nowra on June 26th. Is on. We have acquired the large bus, and we will need to fill it! A first in basis will operate, and subject to availability, bring your wives, girlfriends, or both *if you are game*, but they will need to pay **\$15.00** for the privilege. (*Very cheap!*)

They have offered a 15% discount to members, and they will throw on a sausage sizzle as well.

The bus will leave Ian Griffiths place, (5 Alkoomie Ave, South Penrith) **at 0800 SHARP**. If you are late, we will be gone!! As we do not have enough to fill the bus, offers are being made to the BM Woodturners.

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, commencing 7:00 PM, to 10:00 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 0900 am to 3.30pm

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 2.45PM, then ***we all clean up***, our equipment is put away. "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.

Hall Cleanliness

The Girl Guides have expresses some concerns as to the cleanliness of the hall after we use it.

The Girl Guides have given us a list of what 'to do'. This list is a card, (*laminated*) and is in the 'purple' cupboard.

While every endeavour is taken to ensure we don't miss any item, we need to do a double check before we leave each day we use the hall.

The new Kitchen has been installed at the Hall, and it is an open one. We are considering using a curtain and or a cover to limit wood dust from entering the kitchen area.

For Sale.

Triton Series 2000 Table Saw, complete with Triton Saw and Dust Collection Bag.

Also a 'How to' DVD and Instruction Manual available as an extra item, which may be purchased with or without the saw.

Table only \$200.00 (ono)

Table plus saw \$400.00 (ono)

Contact the President Phil Tonks Phone number is on the front page of the Newsletter.

Tool's

The club has some tool's which have been donated, and these will be made available to members.

It is anticipated they will be at both May meetings.

Any reasonable offer will be considered.

Power tool's have been safety checked and are in working order.

The exec is looking at a policy to adopt when tool's are offered. Do we need them and where do we put them, as space is at a premium at present.

We were donated some tool's from a Lady in Winmalee, some of which we sorted and picked up, but the lathe and power saw etc was left to be picked up at a later date.

However, someone posing as a member of our club arrived and took all the large power tool's, including the lathe.

Raffle and Premises

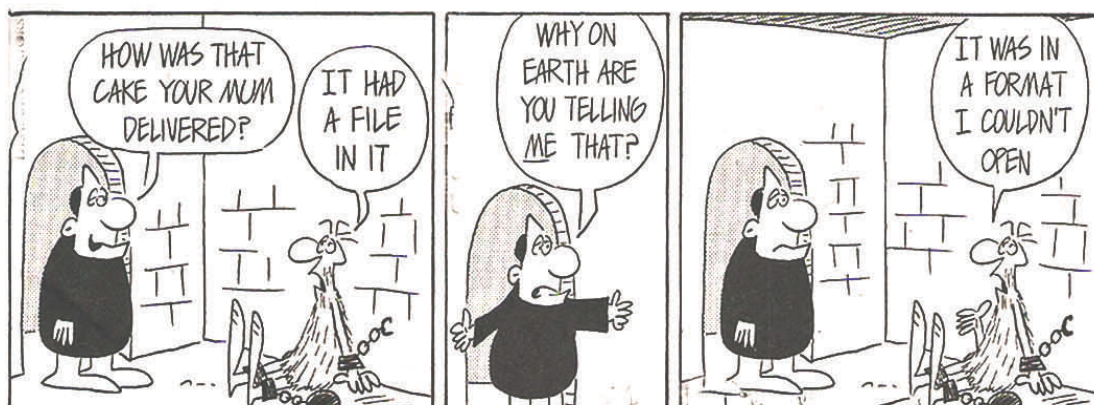
Draft letters to various prospective sponsors for Raffle prizes and also to local Authorities (Councils, State and Federal Governments) regarding a Club House, are in the stages of being completed.

The Secretary advised he has also expanded these letters to various other groups (other Clubs of various types, Churches, etc) to see if they have a vacant hall we may be able to use – hopefully these will be available for discussion at our next Meeting.

Club OH&S

The committee is working on a set OH&S Procedures, and, as these are a complex procedure, we ask that you please bear with us on this one. It is ongoing and it will take some time to complete.

Some humour for those computer buff's!



Push-Button Bandsaw Box

How do you open it? Just push the bottom drawer.

Hey Phil; One to try!!

If you've ever been to a woodworking trade show, you've probably seen demonstrations on the bandsaw.

This one is unique in that it has whose drawers pop out with the push of a button, and folks have loved it.

There's a T-shaped piece of bent metal hidden inside the back of the box (it's just a mending T-plate from the hardware store).

When you push the bottom drawer, the T-plate pivots and pops out the drawers above. When you push in the drawers, the T-plate pivots the opposite way and returns the bottom drawer to its original position.

If this is your first time around making a bandsaw box, don't worry.

This one is pretty easy, and the pivoting mechanism really doesn't complicate things.

The main idea is that you'll be cutting things apart, removing a waste piece, and gluing the parts back together. The pictures tell the story quite well

Before you begin, make sure that your bandsaw's table is square to the blade, side-to-side and front-to-back. I use three different blades for making this box, and they really have to be sharp to accurately cut wood this thick.

Take care when installing each blade; setting the guides properly is essential for you to be able to follow the cutting lines.

Think carefully about working safely.

Your hands will often be very near the blade, but make sure they're never in front of the blade's teeth.

Cut at a slow but steady pace—don't force the cut.

A new or sharp blade will make this much easier.



