



*Next meeting is on Tuesday May 19th at 7PM. The Saturday meeting will be the following  
Saturday May 23rd from 0900.*

**May 2015**

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**To succeed in life, you need  
two things: ignorance and  
confidence.**

President Phil Knight has not been feeling well and apologises for the non inclusion of a Presidents Report this month. So, in leau, a short report on the club visit to the National Maritime Museum, and a reminder about the Saturday Workshop.

**Saturday Workshop**

John Mulquin, a former member of our Club, and a member of the Blue Mountains Woodturners, will demonstrate the use of the newly acquired Lathe. John will also cover the safety practises of using the lathe.

This will be on Saturday May 23rd. You are asked to bring your own safety goggles, and ear muffs. The Club does not have sufficient items for all.

**Club Outing**

*Sadly, only 2 people, (Janice and I) were able to go to the National Maritime Museum. This is in combination with the Sydney Heritage Fleet..*

*The day started with a train trip, and the Light Rail. All for \$2.50, then the obligatory cup of coffee.*

*We entered the Maritime museum and after the initial introduction, and parting of \$16.00 entry fee, we ventured to the lighthouse which commands a reasonably good view of the City of Sydney. The New Endeavour was anchored nearby, but unfortunately we were unable to go on board due to maintenance.*

*She was also waiting to go into Dry Dock to have it's 'bottom' scraped, but the Royal Australian Navy has priority and there was a naval ship in the dry dock.*

*When one looks at the size, you can only imagine what Captain James Cook endured en route to Sydney way back in 1769 / 70.*

*The Barque, 'James Craig' was next on the list and we were immediately given a tour and an insight to the acquisition of this vessel and to see the workmanship that went into the restoration from when it was acquired as a hulk, and then to see it in it's current state is truly amazing.*

*It took some \$30.000.000.00 to get it to its operational state. All from donations!!*

*The next visit was to the Destroyer HMAS Vampire and the submarine HMAS Ottway. Both these ships are complete, and, we were told, could be brought back into service if required. Don't think I could being on a Submarine for too long. We did not have time to visit the main Museum which had numerous exhibitions on.*

*All in all, a fascinating visit until time took hold and we had to make a dash for the train back to the mountains. We should look at doing it again.*

(DC Editor)

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## **Club Challenge**

The club challenge is going ahead, despite only a small number of members participating. The rules have been published in previous editions of Fine Cut. Planks have been distributed and hopefully we will see some fantastic items at the December Christmas Party.

Finished items MUST be presented at or before the November **TUESDAY** meeting!

## **Open day's**

The Club has been asked to put on a display at 'Arms of Australia' Hotel on the Great Western Highway, Emu Plains This is Australia's oldest hotel, and it's in our backyard!!

The date is July 19th, 2015. We have been allocated an area under shelter and with power. However, we will need to supply our own tables.

We can also sell items at this display. More details as they come to hand.

This is a great opportunity to 'be seen'.

## **Raffle**

The club will be raffling a bottle, *actually, it is a Magnum*, of 2012 Shiraz? At the next 2 meetings.

The winner was to be drawn at the Tuesday meeting on April 21st. However, due to Mother nature putting her 2 bobs worth in, that meeting was cancelled.

The raffle will be drawn on either the Tuesday meeting on May 19th, or Saturday May 23rd. Tickets are \$1.00 each.

Thanks to one of our non-drinkers for the very generous donation.

## **What we did and or need to do!**

Members were aware that we had a request to make an 'Aeroplane' box for a member of the public.

This task has been completed using Silky Oak timber, and the 'client' is very happy with the end result and we are happy with the price.

Still to do though are the doors for the Linden Observatory and the small leaflet display units.

Just to also advise you all I will be away for the next 2 executive meetings and the next 2 Tuesday meetings and one Saturday meeting.

*Well that is if the Russian Consulate gets of their backsides and gives me a visa to enter Russia, (again).*

## **The Working with Wood show .**

This will be held on the 12th to the 14th June 2015. and again, I will be overseas spending my kids inheritance big time!

Venue is the Sydney Olympic Park, Hall 6 (*Sydney Showground*) from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on each day. Cost is \$16.00 or \$14.00 concession.

Web address for more information. Copy and paste into your browser.

<http://impressiveexhibitions.com.au/index.php/sydney-details.html>

## Wood Finishes

### Organoil

Organoil is a specially formulated finish made from pure plant oils and a highly-refined white beeswax. The underlying foundation of the product is Tung Oil.

I discovered this product at a timber and woodworking show in Perth, Western Australia. It is the type of finishing process that appeals to me as it is easy to apply to large projects.

What is more, the process is not too time sensitive and can be completed over several days at your own leisure.

The added benefit of using this particular product is the rich, sweet aroma that fills your workshop while you are working. It smells wonderful and the finished wood presents a wet look, highlighting the wood's natural patterns and grains. The oil penetrates deeply into the wood, enhancing its natural colour.

This process is especially suited to grain- and character-enriched timbers.

I have used it with impressive results on She-oak, Blond, Pink and Red Jarrah to date. The oil finish also allows the wood to age and darken naturally over time.

### Application

The oil is applied through a technique known as wet-on-wet burnishing. This technique requires the wood to be sanded down through the various degrees of smoothness until you reduce the grit down to 600 or 800 grit wet and dry sandpaper.

At this stage the wood begins to show a slight lustre. Don't lose the extra fine sawdust from the last piece of sandpaper that you used as this will serve as a fine filler when you apply the oil.

Apply the oil to the wood surface, allowing to soak in for a few minutes. Then, using the last piece of fine sandpaper (which has the extra fine sawdust in it still) start to massage (or burnish) the oil into the wood's surface. If the surface becomes too dry, add more oil.

Once the entire surface has been oiled, the wood should have a satin finish. At this point you can apply a Natural Wax Polish to bring the surface to a lustre. Do not add a second finish until the wood's surface is completely dry.

Alternatively, continue sanding the surface with 1200 grit paper, adding more oil as needed. Two or three sanding/oil combinations may be needed to arrive at the ultimate finish.

### Lets talk 'Strine' *Bush thesaurus of computer terms*

<i>Log—on;</i>	<i>Make the barbie hotter</i>
<i>Log—off ;</i>	<i>Don 't add any more wood</i>
<i>Monitor;</i>	<i>Keep an eye on the barbie</i>
<i>Download;</i>	<i>Get the firewood of the ute</i>
<i>Hard drive;</i>	<i>Trip back home without any cold tinnies</i>
<i>Byte;</i>	<i>What mozzies do</i>
<i>Bit;</i>	<i>What mozzies did</i>
<i>Megabyte;</i>	<i>What Townsville mozzies do</i>
<i>Modem;</i>	<i>What you did to the lawns</i>
<i>Laptop;</i>	<i>Where the cat sleeps</i>
<i>Mainframe;</i>	<i>What holds the shed up</i>

## **Blue Mountains and Penrith Woodworking Club Inc.**

Following is a list of dates for our various Meetings & outings throughout 2015.

### **January 2015**

Tuesday	6.1.15	Committee Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17.1.15</b>	<b>Saturday Workshop – brought forward due to Australia day</b>
Tuesday	20.1.15	Club Night Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>26.1.15</b>	<b>Australia Day Celebration at Glenbrook</b>

### **February 2015**

Tuesday	3.2.15	Committee Meeting
Tuesday	17.2.15	Club Night Meeting
Saturday	21.2.15	Saturday Workshop <b>POSSIBLE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION DAY</b>
Wednesday	25.2.15	Club Trip to Anagote Timbers (Bus required)

### **March 2015**

Tuesday	3.3.15	Committee Meeting
Tuesday	17.3.15	Club Night Meeting
Saturday	21.3.15	Saturday Workshop

### **April 2015**

Tuesday	7.4.15	Committee Meeting – Good Friday 3 April 2015
Saturday	18.4.15	Saturday Workshop – brought forward due to Anzac Day
Tuesday	21.4.15	Club Night Meeting

### **May 2015**

Tuesday	5.5.15	Committee Meeting
Saturday	16.5.15	BBQ at Bunnings (North Penrith)
Wednesday	13.5.15	Club Trip to second hand Timbers Warragamba, (no bus required)
Tuesday	19.5.15	Club Night Meeting
Saturday	23.5.15	Saturday Workshop

### **June 2015**

Tuesday	2.6.15	Committee Meeting
Tuesday	16.6.15	Club Night Meeting
Saturday	20.6.15	Saturday Workshop

### **July 2015**

Tuesday	7.7.15	Committee Meeting
Tuesday	21.7.15	Club Night Meeting
Saturday	25.7.15	Saturday Workshop

### **August 2015**

Tuesday	4.8.15	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	12.8.15	Club Trip to Maritime Museum (no bus required)
Tuesday	18.8.15	Club Night Meeting
Saturday	22.8.15	Saturday Workshop

### **September 2015**

Tuesday	1.9.15	Committee Meeting
Tuesday	15.9.15	Club Night Meeting and our AGM
Saturday	19.9.15	Saturday Workshop

### **October 2015**

Tuesday	6.10.15	Committee Meeting
Saturday	17.10.15	BBQ at Bunnings (North Penrith)
Tuesday	20.10.15	Club Night Meeting
Saturday	24.10.15	Saturday Workshop

### **November 2015**

Tuesday	3.11.15	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	11.11.15	Club Trip to ?????????? (will bus be required???)
Tuesday	17.11.15	Club Night Meeting
Saturday	21.11.15	Saturday Workshop

### **December 2015**

Tuesday	1.12.15	Committee Meeting
Sunday	13.12.15	Xmas Lunch

These dates are included for members so you can mark your diary and or calendar for 2015.

Please be aware, these dates or events are subject to change.

Any changes will be advised to the members as soon as possible

**Why not print this page and pin on your white board and or Fridge!!**