



*Next meeting, AGM, is on Tuesday September 16th 2014. at 7.15PM .The Saturday workshop  
will be on Saturday September 20th*

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*Experience is what you  
get when you don't get  
what you want*

***From the President:***

As this will probably be my last report as Club President, I would like to thank the committee for their wonderful support during my term as President.

May I add my thanks to the members for their participation, particularly with the fund raising barbecue's and the Australia Day activities at Glenbrook, as well as the community projects. Please continue the support for the next committee..

***Tuesday Annual General Meeting***

The next Tuesday meeting, *September 16th 2014*, is the Annual General Meeting of the Blue Mountains & Penrith Woodworking Club. Start time is 7.15PM.

Notices have been sent to all members, so please come and participate, and also to support your club.

It is not too late to put your hand up to be a Committee Member or one of the various other positions which have to be filled, however you only have until 7.00 PM next Tuesday 9 September 2014 to contact our Secretary Phil Knight to do so.

After the meeting we will enjoy a supper and some more interesting DVD's. Not sure how many, but Phil Knight has that in hand.

***Saturday Workshop***

Saturday workshop will be Club Projects, a stand for the clubs new lathe, shoe shine box and a small shelf.

We will be sorting through the stored timber underneath the hall, and dispensing with the 'box on wheels'.

This box, while it worked once, is not so easy to move around and we do have a large amount of timber stored, so we will be designing a new system to support the timber, making it easier to access, and to keep it off the ground.

Then you may decide to simply work on your own projects.

***Safety Testing***

Again this year, the Club will hold another 'Test and Tag' night. This will be held on October 21st, 2014.

Members are invited to bring an electrical tool along to have it safety tested. Limited to one tool only! The criteria is that you MUST be prepared to bring the tool to workshop day's to use. .

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## Outings for 2014.

The next outing will be to Cockatoo Island on Wednesday November 19th.

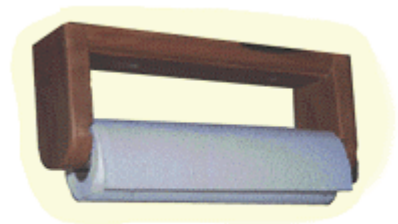
This is an outing that does not involve a bus, and the simplest way is by train to Central Railway, then Circular Quay, Ferry to the island, or car to Rydalmere Wharf and a Ferry directly to the Island.

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## Paper towel holder

This is a quick and easy project for anyone who is fed-up with plastic paper towel holders which never seem to work as well as they should. The project should take less than two hours to complete from start to finish and is a great addition to any kitchen.

Description	Qty	Width	Thickness	Length
Sides**	2	3"	3/4"	5 1/4"
Base	1	3"	3/4"	11 1/8"
Main rod dowel	1	1 1/4"	1 1/4"	11"
End dowels	2	5/16"	5/16"	1"



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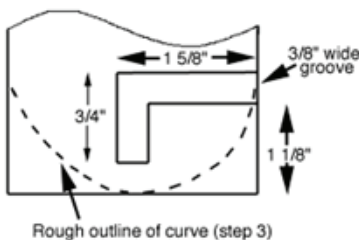
### 1. Prepare base

To make the paper towel unit look less blocky, we need to round off the base of the paper towel holder. The easiest way to do this is to use a router with a concave curve bit and run it down the length of each side (see diagram).



### 2. Cut mechanism groove into side pieces.

The side pieces hold the key to the paper towel mechanism. Each side piece needs a groove added in it (as shown in the diagram) that will allow the main dowel rod to slot in (by pushing straight back) and then drop down into the final "locked" position.



To make this groove, use a 3/8" router bit, cutting the groove to a depth of 1/4". There is no easy way to make this slot (although a router table helps) and the key is to cut the groove slowly, with patience, having first marked the path of the slot.

When cutting the slot in the second side piece, remember that this should be a mirror image of the first, not a direct replication.

### 3. Cut curve in side pieces

Once the slots are cut, round off the top of each side into a curve (diameter 3") with a jigsaw or a bandsaw. Once done, cut the single length of wood (10 1/2" long) into two separate side pieces (if you did not do this earlier).

### 4. Attach sides to base

Attach the side pieces to the ends of the base unit using either a biscuit join or dowels (thus hiding the joint)

### 5. Prepare Rod

Drill a hole 3/4" deep and 5/16" diameter in the centre of each end of the main rod dowel. The easiest way to find the centre of this 1 1/4" diameter dowel is to cut out a 1 1/4" by 1 1/4" square of paper and draw a line from each corner (thus forming an "X").

Place this square of paper over the end of the dowel, and the centre of the X is the centre of the dowel end. Once you have drilled the holes, glue the small dowel ends in to them, so that the small dowels protrude 1/4". This dowel until should now slot into the side grooves made earlier, completing the project.

### 6. Sand and polish