

**APRIL 2019**

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## **WOODCRAFT MATTERS**

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Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre

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**IF AN AMBULANCE IS CALLED QUOTE ABOVE ADDRESS, AND MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS WAITING AT THE ENTRANCE TO GUIDE THE AMBULANCE IN AS THEY MAY MISS THE INTER-ANCE. THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.**

### **MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

The speaker for April is Ross Baker. Ross makes wooden golf clubs by hand. These are real works of art. I think all our members will find his talk fascinating, whether they play golf or not.

**START TIME IS: 7PM**

**DATE: TUESDAY 2nd APRIL**

**Don't forget your name badges.**



### **Presidents report**

Sad passing of long term member Greg Williams on Sunday 10 March. Our sympathies to wife Jill & family at such a sad time. My memories of Greg when running club meetings was that Greg always livened up the back half of the hall as he joined in loudly with other members with all proceedings of the night. I only got to see a few of Greg's finished carvings but were great to see. Other members who have known Greg longer have also written in this newsletter

Warrandyte festival 23 - 24 March. Thanks to Allan Way & Bill Woods for all the work organising for the weekend. Thanks to all members who came and supported. Working together is what makes the club great.

Combined Group leaders committee meeting was on March 20. More details to come as I was a sickie on the night (:

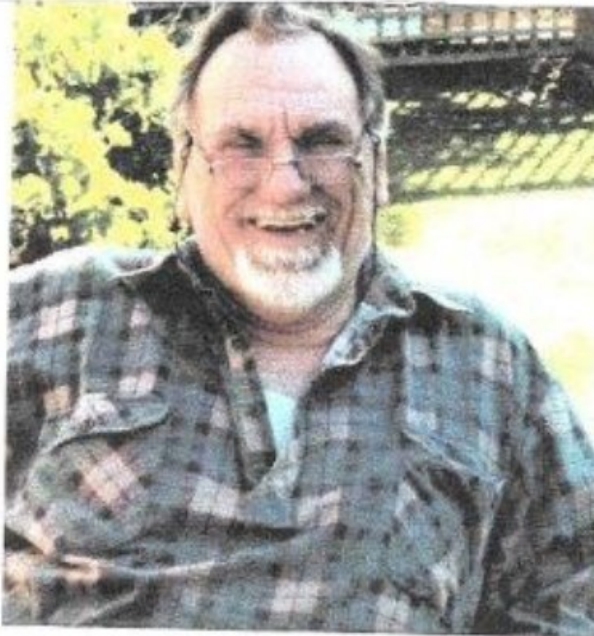
The index for the library is being updated at the moment and will be in folders in the library and online. Thanks to Mel Forbes & Peter Moon

Charles Hooi is looking from some help from a person with a metal lathe who can turn up a new locking handle for a wood lathe. Call Charles 0488441466

Happy woodworking

John Paine

## VALE GREG WILLIAMS



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Gregory David Williams*  
 30TH OCTOBER 1928 - 10TH MARCH 2019

It was sad to learn of the sudden passing of one of the outstanding characters of Woodcraft Manningham, Life Member Greg Williams on the 10th of March aged 90.

At the Club's pre Christmas luncheon on the 21st December he appeared to be in his usual high form even leading a community sing along, in his robust baritone, of "old Tom Cobbly and All"

He joined our group in 1995 after retiring from the Victorian Police Force. He migrated from England to Australia with his dear wife Jill.

His first career was service in the British Army which he had joined, aged 17, in 1947. After peace keeping duties in Germany he was at short notice transported to fight in the anti communist war in Korea where he rose to the rank of Senior Sargent in the Queens's Grenadiers. We are told he was twice captured there and each time managed to escape, his exploits earning him the American Purple heart, which was presented to him by General Douglas MacArthur.

Before joining our Club, Greg had introduced himself to woodcraft with turning but ran into a lung problem from timber dust (Spalted Redgum). Undeterred he mastered all

forms of carving and was an excellent tutor and demonstrator passing on much good advice culminating with "keep your gouges sharp and the Band-Aids handy". He built a workshop behind their home at Croydon which was aptly named Chippings.

Greg was a ky player in the popularity of Club nights with his ability to greet cheerfully each arrival by name, his wisecrack from the back of the room with his booming voice and his conduct of the show'n'tell segment over many years. Whenever he entered an item, particularly Intarsia carvings his woodworking skill was obvious. He won prizes whenever he entered any of the major shows.

Over the years, whenever Greg's name comes up, there are sure to be many more anecdotes and stories of his unique friend and appreciation of all he did for Woodcraft Manningham.

The club has conveyed sympathy to Jill and to her family in the loss of such a great man.

Derek Borrell

(See next page for a poem about Greg)

## Missing Magazines

We are missing a few issues of the Australian Wood Review from our Library collection. If you can spare issues, 62, 68, 83 or 84, please contact Mel Forbes on 0417 104197, or just bring them along with you next time you come to the Club, and leave them in the "To Be Catalogued" box.

## Carve-in at Bachus Marsh

Held on the 3 to 5th May

There are a few places left for the Carve-in at Bachus Marsh on the 3 to 5th May.

Work Groups in Relief and 3D Carving, Netzuke, Spoon Carving, and Power Carving.

Don't miss out, contact Bob Edwards 0417230026 or Mark Heland 0411 820 921.

## Greg Williams Farewell To Tutoring

There was silence amongst the carvers for Greg had words to say  
His address was to the Friday group who had had a busy day.  
All ears we were listening as Greg addressed in serious tone  
To make a grave announcement that chilled us to the bone.

The master said he liked the role and mixing with his peers  
And passing on the woodcraft skills he'd perfected over years  
But there comes a time in a life when the body says slow down  
So he would come less frequently from his home in Croydon town.

He has so many other skills and a voice that's heard for miles  
He can sing deepest baritone like a copycat Burl Ives.  
His laughter is infectious – it comes from way down deep  
And when he tells his class a joke we end up in a heap.

On Woodcraft nights he is the boss of monthly Show'n'tell  
No need for a microphone – his voice rings like a bell  
Bigger enough in any crowd – not one you would ignore  
But he greets each of us by name as we enter by the door

Without his cheery encouragement how will we carry on?  
We'll try harder to remember things without friend Greg to rely on.  
Like how to improve our carvings as the master did us teach,  
And to keep our gouges extra sharp and Band-Aids within reach.

Derek Borrell 2012



## GREG WILLIAMS

I remember Greg with fondness, his blaring voice and great sense of humor. I remember on a few occasions on club night when I had my back to him, facing towards where the guest speaker would normally be and he would scare the bejezzes out of me with his loud laugh. Could you imagine Greg as a cop sneaking up on a crim and grabbing them with those huge hands of his, with that loud voice would have scared them to death.

Above is a photo of a cat waiting for a mouse to come out of a hole which was made by Greg which I proudly have at my place. I bought it at the Australia day function a few years back. I snapped it up as soon as I saw it. It is an honor to own something made by Greg.

Rest in Peace.

Gino

## Sale of Members Hand Made Craft.

Several Members have mentioned to that they would like to have an opportunity to sell surplus hand-made goods. Turning, Boxes, Pens, Etc., etc.,

I have been made enquiries at a Local Upmarket Makers Craft Fair. I propose to try this proposal at a Market just prior to Christmas. (Note all goods MUST be Hand-made by the Sellers)

The cost of a Stall is not that significant +- \$150, the Club committee agreed to sponsor this event subject to there being sufficient interest.

Before I make any commitments I need to gauge the Members support and Interest.

Please contact me as if:

A) you would have handmade craft to sell

B) If you are prepared to man the stall.

Personally I am not interested in selling anything but I will facilitate this if there is sufficient interest , So over to you.

Email me at [cretney@smartchat.net.au](mailto:cretney@smartchat.net.au) or SMS 0430020548 Before 30<sup>th</sup> April.

David Cretney

## First aid Training --- IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

It is 3 years since we undertook First Aid training in the Club.

Like last time the Committee has agreed to subsidise the cost for members, in an effort to get at least 2 trained first aiders in each group. The group Leaders at the recent combined meeting agreed to assist to meet this Goal.

The Cost to Club Members will be subsidized (probably \$25 +/-) with partners and non-Members paying the cost +/- 100 if final numbers allow their inclusion. Final cost will depend on interest and numbers and whether we need to include catering (Lunch). There is a minimum number to enable us to run the training.

I would propose we do the Main Training) on perhaps a Monday after Lunch (1.00 pm) with the pre-work before Lunch (see below)

The Training will include:

There is an online component which covers the some of the Theory of First Aid. As per above It is not necessary to do this online and it can be arranged to cover this at the Club it will take an additional about 1.5 hours. With the actual course taking 4 hours. It will include -: General First-Aid, emphasising CPR and use of the defibrillator etc. This is a certificated Course.

IF you are interested please contact me or make sure your Leader lets me know of your interest. Please also advise me what timing is the most convenient for you, Last time our scheduling precluded several members who were travelling etc.

Obviously I can try to fulfil all requests but please understand I am also working with an outside Agency.

Once I have a better picture I will put a signup list on the notice Board.

So I have a record of your interest Please email me on [cretney@smartchat.net.au](mailto:cretney@smartchat.net.au) or SMS on 0430020548

David Cretney



## Broken Router Bit

I was horrified when I opened the router bit box last week to find a broken saw bit [picture below]. Given that the blade is made from hardened steel, it must have met with some considerable force to break. To add insult to injury, the perpetrator returned the bit to the box as if nothing had happened.

All members should be reminded that club equipment must be respected and handled with care. If you are having problems with any piece of equipment, please ask your leader for help – that is what we are there for.



Richard Fyffe

## NEW ROUTER LIFT PLATE

A new lift plate has been installed on the main router table, just inside the sliding doors.

The lift is operated by a winder handle which is stored in the top draw on the table. One full revolution of the up/down adjustment is 2mm on the height of the bit, half a revolution is 1mm and a quarter turn is .5mm, making the whole thing extremely accurate. There is also a lock which adds to the accuracy.

**There is no reason whatsoever to adjust the router, either height or power, as all adjustment takes place from above. The router collet extension is a permanent fixture and must not be removed.**

This is a very expensive piece of equipment, and must be treated with care.

Richard Fyffe

## CLUB ROOM CLEANING ROSTER

**Note: Each group cleans once in 18 months with the exception of those that meet weekly, they clean twice as they create more dust etc.**

**GROUP LEADERS PLEASE CHECK THE SIGN IN BOOK AS THE CLEANING RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH MONTH IS NOTED IN RED.**

**Any enquiries to Allan Way. 9459 9049.**

<b>2019</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Day turners Wednesday pm</b>
	<b>May</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday box makers</b>
	<b>June</b>	<b>Thursday AM carvers</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday turners.</b>

# The Australian Wood Turning Exhibition

<http://awtex.com.au/>

Location: Kingston City Hall Moorabbin

Date: 14—16 June 2019



Over the three days there will be live demonstrations and a mini exhibition.  
So get turning and get your entries in soon

## MORE FROM THE WEB

### WEB LINK

### CONTENT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYyV6lUpsYk>

Restoring the Bench Plane | Paul Sellers

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=2CfRx49OwTI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=2CfRx49OwTI)

Make Amazing DIY Star Knobs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zv8ESro5Cz0>

Making walking sticks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53rtu1wmoAc>

12 Great Tablesaw Jigs with Jim Heavey - WOOD magazine

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=9&v=NwKCGAle0Dk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=9&v=NwKCGAle0Dk)

DIY Bandsaw Blade Guide Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40Mdhi8hhf8>

DIY Bandsaw Blade Guides Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyfygylyJg>

Rob Cosman, Shooting board build

<https://www.lowes.com/projects/woodworking-and-crafts/sandpaper-buying-guide/project>

Sandpaper basics a guide by U.S. based Lowes hardware.