



WOODCRAFT MATTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM

JULY 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President is still on his travels in the far North West, having successfully traversed the Gibb River Road, so this report is a joint effort from a number of members. I thank you all for your assistance, it will be the Turners who I will turn to for assistance with the next report.

Bill Wood reports that there are very few unfinancial members and thanks everyone for helping to make his life a little easier by paying fees in a timely manner. Overall numbers are steady at ninety plus members, but there is still room for more. We have had a request to rejoin the club from one of the earliest members who is happy to drive from Werribee to continue his carving and the friendship that membership that the club provides. After a little prompting of names, he remembered you, Bryan Thompson – as the pattern maker.

Speaking of whom, Bryan is doing a radical downsizing and had an open house for people who might want to see his carving and the workshop, with a view to relieving him of timber and tools now surplus to requirements. Anyone needing a drawer full of rasps or some timber? Contact Bryan on 0455 558 164. The visitors all commented on the high quality of the pieces of his own carving that he has around the house. Maybe it's time to have an exhibition of the wonderful pieces that members are creating out of that amazing material – wood.



David Cretney reports that the scroll sawing instruction has got off to a good start. He is providing one-on-one tuition at the moment at mutually convenient times to ensure that each person gets a really good grounding in the skills. He is still open to introducing more members to the fine art of scroll sawing. Leave a message for him at the club if you or anyone you know is interested.

I had some feedback from someone, not a member, who was perusing our website. He commented on how accessible and easy to use it was and how much better than other wood clubs it was, so thanks to the club members who have volunteered their services to create and maintain this.

Has someone borrowed the mitre kit and saw that was on the top of the shelves above the tool shadow board? If you have, please fill in the tool borrowing book. If you want to borrow some piece of equipment talk to your group leader and fill in the tool borrowing book which is in the rack, on the side of the cupboard, underneath the battery charging station.

Happy and safe woodworking,

Trevor Jenkins, Group Leader Thursday afternoon carving

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Our clubhouse was once Templestowe Primary School, originally built in 1874. It is situated on the lands of the Wurundjeri people and we wish to acknowledge them as traditional owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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FOR THE MUSIC LOVER

Free to a good home; a harmonium / reed organ.

It was manufactured in Germany about the 1930's. If you can shift it you can have it. It is not heavy like a piano with a metal frame.

If you or anyone you know are interested give Bryan Thompson a call on 9459 4176. Pickup would be from 9 Rangeview Court Viewbank.



MEMORIAL

Birch, Gordon Thomas

20.08.1932 - 29.03.2023

Wednesday Morning Turners

Longstanding member of WM

Beloved father of Richard, Timothy, and Jonathan and father-in-law of Sri. Adored grandfather of Christopher, James & Brittany, and Caitlin & Liam, and great-grandfather of Tobin.

We treasure the time we had with you and you will live in our hearts and memories forever.

CLUB ROOM EMERGENCY RESPONSE

IF AN AMBULANCE IS CALLED TO THE CLUB ROOMS, QUOTE THIS LOCATION:

OPPOSITE 8 ANDERSON ST, TEMPLESTOWE, BEHIND THE MANNINGHAM/TEMPLESTOWE LEISURE CENTRE.

MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS WAITING AT THE STREET TO GUIDE THE AMBULANCE IN, AS THEY MAY MISS THE ENTRANCE. (These directions are also posted above the phone in the foyer of the club rooms)

NEWS FROM ERNIE GMEHLING (Group Leader, Monday Carvers)

I haven't been carving of late but I did travel to Nepal and trek the Mount Annapurna Base camp at 4130m, in May. Annapurna is known to be a more challenging and complex climb than Everest not that I climbed to the top. It was a 12 day trek which included Poon Hill and was more challenging than my previous trek up the Langtang valley which took us to 5050m.

I have included a couple of photos to share and would be happy to share more if members are interested in a photo night?



NEWS FROM PAUL BARKER (Friday Carvers)

My wife and I recently visited Inami near Toyama in Japan. Inami is well known for its temple constructed in 1390. The temple is entirely made of wood and ornamented with intricate carvings and has a long history of burning down only to be rebuilt in a much more extravagant fashion.

During the most recent reconstruction of the temple in the mid 18th century a master woodcarver from Kyoto was dispatched to help in the rebuilding. The Kyoto woodcarver passed on his skills to the local carpenters who, over eight generations, have become famous as the most skilled woodcarvers in Japan. There are over 100 wood carvers working in Inami although we only visited around five of them!

We had a wonderful day visiting the magnificent temple and watching the wood carvers at work. I took several photos of their work. By the way, the carving with the price tag is for sale at \$9200



Woodcraft Manningham – Safe Work Procedure

15 THICKNESSER

DO NOT use this machine unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation and have been given permission

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Safety glasses must be worn.



Long and loose hair must be contained.



Hearing protection is recommended.



Sturdy footwear must be worn at all times in work areas.



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Locate and ensure you are familiar with all thicknesser operations and controls.
- ✓ Check workspace including out feed area to ensure no slip/trip hazards are present.
- ✓ Check material to be planed for defects, splits, loose knots or nails. (Use metal detector to look for nails, etc)
- ✓ Ensure in-feed table is clear of debris and free from gum or resin residue.
- ✓ Make initial adjustments with power off
- ✓ Ensure one side of the timber is already flat.
- ✓ Have the concaved side down when planing bowed timber
- ✓ Use a second person to assist with the feed out of the timber.
- ✓ Do not exceed maximum of 1mm depth of cut.
- ✓ Subsequent cuts to be a maximum of ¼ turn for depth of cut.
- ✓ Ensure speed adjuster is pulled out.
- ✓ Start the dust extraction unit and open slide gate before using the thicknesser.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Feed timber to machine with the grain.
- ✓ Feed only one piece of timber at a time.
- ✓ Before making adjustments or before clearing the in-feed or out-feed tables, switch off and bring the machine to a complete standstill.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- ✓ Switch off the machine when work completed.
- ✓ Turn off the dust extraction unit and close slide gate
- ✓ Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND INJURIES

- ⓘ Flying chips and debris.
- ⓘ Eye injuries.
- ⓘ Finger injuries if they are put under the feed/cutter plattern.

DON'T

- ✗ Do not use faulty equipment. Immediately report suspect machinery.
- ✗ Never leave the machine running unattended.
- ✗ Do not plane timber with embedded nails or screws.
- ✗ Do not plane timber less than 300 mm in length.
- ✗ Never look through machine feed opening when the cutter block is revolving.
- ✗ Never put fingers under the feed/cutter plattern.

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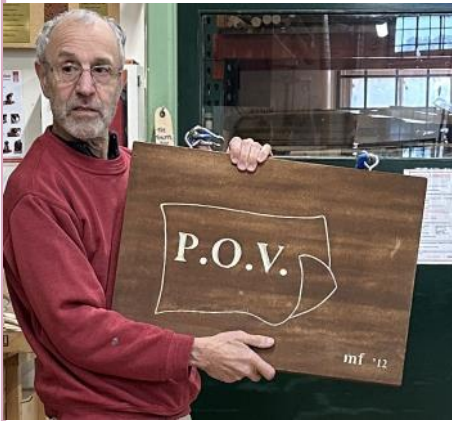
REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

THURSDAY MORNING CARVERS

Thursday Morning Carvers are generally well and productive, with a lot of wombats still in production along with signs and abstract designs with a tactile appeal. One member is still hiding up in northern Western Australia somewhere avoiding the Melbourne winter. I hope he does not forget to read the Newsletter to see what he is missing, hi John.

Pauline is recovering well from her shoulder surgery and we are all looking forward to her return to Thursday mornings.

Mark Heland



Mel carved this sign for the workshop of Papermakers of Victoria, a group of crafts people who actually make their own paper, 13 years ago. Over the years the wood had darkened and its black lettering became indistinct, so he was asked to restore the sign. Some hours of painstaking re-painting later, and the sign has a new lease of life.



Bob continues on with his lettering and some subtle messaging for those who care



Bob's Wombat Hole sign for a friend's Man Cave that cannot be called a "Man Cave"



Rick with a recently-made ladle, stirring things up at morning tea as usual

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FRIDAY MORNING



Derek Borrell's duelling bisons



ALLAN WAY



Left: kitchen tidy and pepper mill, both of red gum from a recovered veranda post



Above: whisk with NZ Kauri handle, and cheese knife with black-heart sassafras handle

What's on Around the Traps

September
23/24

Wood carving weekend @ club rooms

Refer to John Paine

NOTE THE SEPTEMBER DATE