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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The guest speaker for December is Ann Catchpole. Ann is from "Cottage by the Sea", of which our toy group supplies a number of toys to Cottage by the Sea. Ann will be talking about Cottage by the Sea and what it does. I'm told Ann is a very good speaker so it should be an interesting night

START TIME IS: 7PM

DATE: TUESDAY 6th of DECEMBER

Don't forget your name badges.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I have been away for the last couple of weeks in Japan on a trip doing pen & wash painting. We were sitting outside first drawing with a pencil then going over with a fine texta then painting with watercolour. A lot of fun, but not wood working. I did find a shop selling wood chisels but don't know how you would use them (see photo on left)



Thanh Duong showing a weaving loom she made from copying another one. A great job. (Photo below)

Thank you to Allan Way for running the monthly club meeting also with an interesting member profile from Phil Leach. The yearly Christmas get together was a great success, see photo on page 2.

News from the committee

Discussions included

Derek D'Sousa will be standing down from the committee in December. Thankyou Derek for the high standard of work as secretary for the club.

Bob Edwards from the Thursday wood carvers will be joining the committee in the new year and will take over the position as secretary.

Work being done to bring the club key register up to date.

John Tarry said that the Wednesday morning and afternoon wood turners meeting for a Christmas BBQ outside for an end of year get together. A good idea.

Preparations for Australia Day

Treasures report.

Work is continuing in the storage area tidying the racks

A new router table is being constructed by Richard Fyffe & co.



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Australia day club bird box making

Some reflections from Richard Fyffe about attending Australia day

I have now done the Australia Day event for the last three or four years, and it has always proven to be a good day out.

I am reasonably flexible with my time, so I try and fit in where there are gaps in the staffing. Our space is divided into two parts, the bird box making and the exhibition and stall selling various items made by members. I have never been particularly strong on sales, so I stick to the bird box side of things. Prior to the day, the kits are cut out and made up, and every child who wants to assemble a bird box is given a bag with all the parts.

We usually work in a group of six or eight members, and help each child construct their kit using a hammer and flat head nails. As one might imagine there is a range of ages and therefore abilities to deal with. The young ones need considerable help from us and/or a parent, while the older ones pick up the idea very quickly – within a few minutes the young one had a bird box ready to hang on a tree, complete with a plastic bag to carry it home. ..I often speculate how many of these boxes wind up housing a bird.

We always have plenty of reserves, so that we can rotate, take a break, sit down and have a drink, a chat or something to eat. These breaks also allow one to view the magnificent range of historic cars on display [the whole event is sponsored by the RACV]. I am no petrol head, but some of these cars are fascinating; a couple of years ago there was a very large black Russian car from the communist era complete with red upholstery, and the owner dressed in a [presumably] Russian uniform!

In all, it is a bit tiring, but well worth doing.

Richard Fyffe Group leader Friday afternoon Box making.

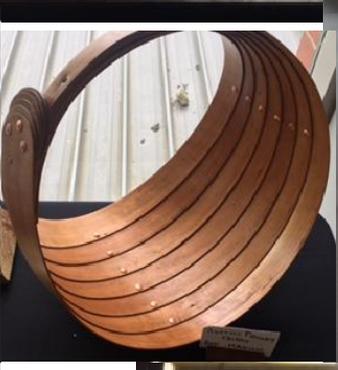
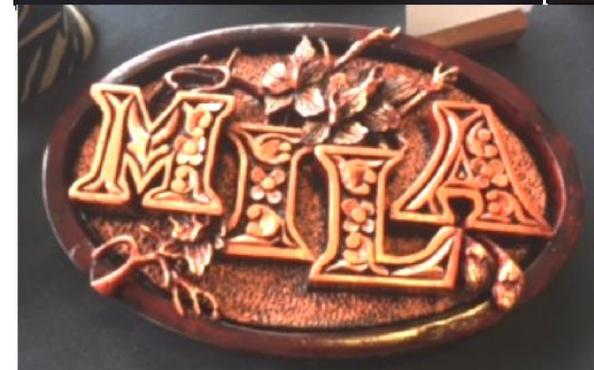
The signup sheet is on the board above the sign in table in the entrance to the club room. You will see there is quite a few different choices including demonstrations of wood turning, pyrography, wood carving & boxmaking. All help appreciated as the more of us there the easier it is for everyone concerned.

We also need more items for sale on the stall. Either making them in your group or many members have made items at home. If you have any questions ask your group leader.

John Paine



Only a few of the works of art at the Christmas lunch last Saturday



I found this hand plane in Echuca in an old shed. It is an Acorn hand plane. Does anyone know anything about the origin?



OVER DUE LIBRARY BOOKS

The library is there for everyone's use, so if you have a library book which you've had for some time now would be a good time to return it .

MORE ON THE WEB	
Web link	Brief description
http://woodgears.ca/lumber/moisture_meter.html	Wood moisture meter
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3u22DjBiaw	Masters of the Craft - Carl Swensson
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqwGg-TD3yY	Masters of the Craft - Jere Osgood
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgsDWb0orSQ	Riki Berger. Making of a lamp shade.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P331qV3KE6M	Tim Coleman's Bench Puppies. These are very handy
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVcf6tEmkNs&feature=em-uploademail#t=1853.4922741	How To Sharpen a Rip Saw. Very good video
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTB4Ghxwwwk&feature=em-uploademail	Hand Sawing Class by Renaissance wood worker. Long video but well worth it
http://www.jonsbushcraft.com/Articles%20and%20tutorials.htm	Jon's Bushcraft. How to articles

November Club night.

Our guest speaker was unable to attend last club night but will reschedule for the new year a talk not to be missed.

Bruce Hensell spoke of one of the Charity's that he supports in conjunction with his motor cycle club.

Below a carving by Bill Paul which Doug Odgen helped him with.

The cheese board is made from Karri and Kauri with a magnet inset to hold the knife in place in the recess. Also on the side of the cheese board is a carving of a mouse.

The Tooth pick holder is by Allan Way, who got the idea from a visit to Japan.

Also below a life like painting of Greg Williams by Ta-Ve's wife Sau-chun.



CLUB ROOM CLEANING ROSTER

For 18 months from JUNE 2016 to DECEMBER 21017.

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.

2016 December Thursday PM carvers
2017 January 3rd Friday box makers

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.

Monday night Carvers

There is currently room available if anyone would like to join the Monday night Carvers headed by Ernie Gmehling.

Contact Ernie on 0401 924 205

Friday morning Carvers

As per the above there is currently room available if anyone would like to join the Friday morning Carvers headed by Bruce Hensell

Contact Bruce on 0419 519 191

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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