



WOODCRAFT MATTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back for the new year.

As you will see Warrandyte festival is on this year. This is a great chance to spread the news of our club and meet other members. Details are on page 6.

Safe Working Procedure featured this month is the use of the surface planer. Very important information, the most important being that nothing shorter than 300mm can be handled by this machine. And use push sticks—this machine bites real bad! As with all machines only use it if you have been authorized by your group leader.

John Paine



TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. Very effective for digit removal !!

MISSING THINGS

Has anyone seen the stem and plate for this light green Carver's Vice? The base is at the club but the rest of it has been missing for some time and a replacement can only be sought from England if at all. If you know its whereabouts please return it to its base.



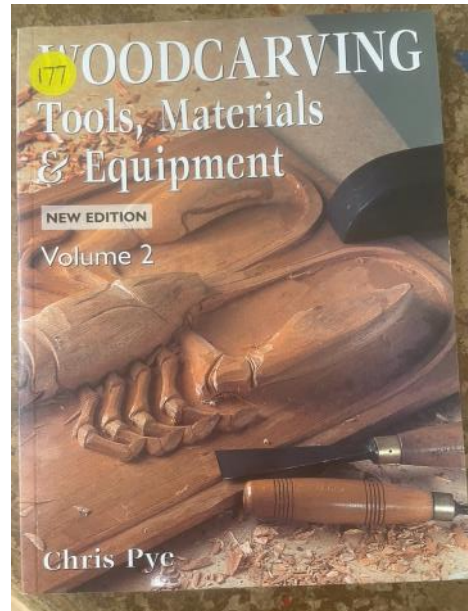
What we have

Carbatec Heavy Duty Carver's Vice

Product Code: CV-236



What we should have



Has anyone got Volume 1 of the book by Pye, companion to the book shown above?

While we're talking about books, how about checking whether you have any books at your place which should be returned to the club's library?

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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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Mark Glickman

Seeking Help!

Do you have some experience with *form fillable PDF* documents and / or access to Adobe type software that will produce a fillable form? The May and October Victorian Carvelns are re-doing their 2 page application forms and we could use some help.

Call Peter Moon on 0466 643 417.

Thank you.

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)

The art of Woodcraft Manningham

Artworks on display at the WM Clubhouse—History by Bryan Thompson



Title: Styles of Wood Carvings

Date: about 2002

Artist / Designer: Greg Williams

Timbers from top left:

Intaglio carving – Purple heart

High relief – Jelutong

Applied – Base - red gum burl, rose – Huon pine

Pierced – Mahogany

Applique – Jelutong and purple heart

Chip carving – Jelutong

Low relief – European Walnut

Incised - Mahogany

Portrait of Greg Williams – Pinus radiata



Title: Carving in the round

Date: about 1999.

Designer / Carver: Ernie Ghmeling

Timbers: Back ground - MDF, letters and carving
– red gum

GEOFF FRANCIS

Friday Carvers

Sassafras jewel box, made as a Christmas present. 85mm wide by 30mm high, lined with felt. Used band saw, scroll saw, and plenty of sandpaper!



REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

THURSDAY CARVERS

The Thursday Carvers enjoyed a Barbecue to acknowledge the end of another eventful year with some excellent carvings produced but most importantly good friendships and a sense of purpose every Thursday. Some were unable to make the Barbecue but their weekly attendance is just as important.

We all hope to continue meeting and Carving our way through a very healthy 2023.



Charles and Pauline Castle were unable to attend, since they were off to lunch to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary.



Left: Mel's Toolbox

Right: Bob is becoming known as the letter carving specialist



Above: Hank's redgum sculpture in progress

Right: Mark's spatulas



Left: Mel's magnolias

MORE THURSDAY CARVERS

John Paine of the Thursday afternoon carvers continues to inspire us all. His daughter wanted a hippopotamus as a companion for an existing carving so John took on the task and carried it off so well. The carving is American Bass stained with old english oak spirit stain finished with 3 coats of Scandinavian oil.



Here is a piece I made. It was from an idea that Neil Wakeman, a turner in our Thursday evening group, had made. It is 300mm high with arms of about 150mm.

Turned from scrap blackwood and finished in Danish oil. The two identical half pieces are connected together with linen thread, it is self supporting and can carry some weight.

You have to look twice to work out what is going on. A very interesting piece.

Allan Way

A SELECTION OF WOOD PORN

[Strictly for the madman](#)

[A great bench being made by a very resourceful woodworker](#)

[Some serious Vietnamese power carving](#)

[From the "near enough is good enough, just have a go" school](#)

[Resin bowl for adventurous turners](#)

[Make your own dowels from whatever timber you want](#)

[Traditional Japanese wood carving](#)

[Master your trim router](#)

Give the ultimate gift to your mates—send in links to your favorite wood porn!

Warrandyte Festival – Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 March

(Sign up on the information board above sign in book)

What we will do

Make bird boxes with kids (same as Australia day) kids pay \$5.00

We have 200 kits ready so only 100 per day. (it was about 300 on Australia Day)

Live demonstrations of Wood turning, Carving, Box making

Selling items that members have made and donated to the club to sell eg. Kids toys, chopping boards, carved items.

Sell members' own woodwork items 10% to club.

Tell the public about the club.

How you can help

Help kids with assembling the bird box kits. This is great fun helping the kids with this project. We will require about 12 each day so that one person is not stuck not on the table working the whole time.

Wood turning. Make spinning tops which can be given away. Having multiple turners helps cope with the line of kids waiting at the lathe, as we also make the tops on the day

Bring your own project & demonstrate the steps in making (New members)

Help with selling items.

Speak to the public about the club.

Setup on Saturday morning 8.00am and pack down on Sunday afternoon 5.00pm

Where

This year the club will have the same position but larger, to include bird box making.

Parking will be available at Bill Wood's house which is close by.

9 Stiggant Street, Warrandyte

Times

Both days – 9 AM – 4 PM Approx, to be confirmed.

The Saturday morning is quiet until about 11.00 due to the parade.

What's on Around the Traps

March 18-19	Warrandyte Festival	Details above
March 24-26	Turnfest, Gold Coast Queensland	See details, December issue
May 5-7	Bacchus Marsh Wood carving weekend	Peter Moon, Bob Edwards wm.carve.in@gmail.com
October	Wood carving weekend @ club rooms	TBD

Woodcraft Manningham – Safe Work Procedure

14 SURFACE PLANER (BUZZER)

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.

Note: this is a combination planer and thicknesser machine but the club only uses it in the planer mode.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Locate and ensure you are familiar with all surface planer operations and controls.
- ✓ Check location of stop and emergency stop switches.
- ✓ Ensure all guards are fitted, secure and functional. Do not operate if guards are missing or faulty.
- ✓ Check workspaces to ensure no slip/trip hazards are present.
- ✓ Set depth of cut and lock table. Never make a single cut greater than 1mm.
- ✓ Check and lock fence in position.
- ✓ Start the dust extraction unit and open slide gate before using the machine.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- ✓ Always turn the machine off when adjusting the blade guard.
- ✓ When planning the face of a board,
 - a. Adjust the blade guard height so that it just clears the thickness of the board.
 - b. Use a lipped push block to push the board through and a flat push block to push the board firmly onto the table.
 - c. When the lipped push block meets the blade guard, use two flat push blocks on the outfeed side to finish the operation.
- ✓ When planning the edge of a board,
 - a. Open up a gap between the blade guard and the fence only enough to allow the board to slide through.
 - b. For boards less than 120 mm high, push sticks must be used.
- ✓ Place cupped boards with the concave side against the table.
- ✓ Plane with the grain. Hold the workpiece firmly and apply even feed rate.

- ✓ Stand in front of the infeed table to avoid possible kickbacks.
- ✓ Before making any adjustments, switch off and wait for the cutter head to completely stop.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP

- ✓ Adjust the blade guard so that it fully covers the blade.
- ✓ Switch off the machine when work completed.
- ✓ Turn off the dust extraction unit and close baffle gate
- ✓ Leave the machine in a safe, clean and tidy state.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND INJURIES

- ⓘ Wood may catch and be flung back violently.
- ⓘ Hands & fingers may be cut
- ⓘ Flying chips and debris.
- ⓘ Eye injuries

DON'T

- ✗ Do not use faulty equipment. Immediately report suspect equipment.
- ✗ Do not put your hands any closer than 100 mm from the cutter head when it is rotating.
- ✗ Never leave the machine running unattended.
- ✗ Do not surface stock less than 300mm long by 20mm wide by 15mm thick.
- ✗ Do not plane end grain.
- ✗ Do not plane stock with structural defects.

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