



# WOODCRAFT MATTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM

MARCH 2021

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### March 2021

Welcome back to members old and new as the club swings back into action, despite a few hiccups on the way.

#### Safety

The Committee has decided to take the role of the Safety Committee back as a direct Committee responsibility. Since 2015 the various members of the Safety Committee have done a great job of putting in place safety systems, producing and publishing Safe Work Practice sheets and displaying them prominently, and compiling member competency lists, to make our club safer. Their great work has allowed us to place the responsibility for safety with each individual member where it should be.

Thank you to the members, past and present, of the Committee: Renato Simionato, Robert Hartig, John Wheeler, Austin Polley, Bill Paul, me and especially David Cretny for his leadership over the last 5 years.

#### Club Website

The club website has not been operating reliably recently. Work has been done by Richard Fyffe and Colin Cassells which has solved some of the problems, and this will be ongoing.

#### Group News

The toy group has lost its current storage space, so it is urgently looking for a replacement for completed toys. This has been a fantastic ongoing activity which is a great credit to those involved. If you have a suitable vacant space let Charles Hooi know - 0488 441 466.

The Monday night wood carving group has not changed its night to Tuesday as I reported previously. If you know of any prospective new participants let Ernie Gmehling know. Ernie has also started to advertise for members through Facebook.

#### Monthly Meetings

Remember pre-Covid when we used to have a monthly get together? I'd like to get this restarted but I need ideas for content, meeting format etc. The monthly meeting before we locked down attracted only about 15 members, so let's see if we can do something to increase that.

#### Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 30 March. This will be a Group Leaders' Meeting at the Club rooms starting at 7:15pm. If you have any issues you want to raise tell your Group Leader.

Enjoy woodworking

*John Paine*

## STAY SAFE WHILE AT THE CLUB

- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell. If you develop symptoms of a respiratory infection within 14 days of attending a session at the Club, notify the group leader immediately
- The group leader should unlock the toilet before the session commences, and re-lock it at the end. Members should therefore not take the key out with them when they use the toilet
- Open the doors at each end of the building to maximise the supply of fresh air
- Maintain proper social distancing at all times
- Do not use Club food or kitchenware. Bring your own drinks, mug, and snacks
- Clean your hands frequently with the hand sanitizer provided, especially after touching tools and items that have been handled by others, and after returning from the toilet

## Woodcraft Manningham

[www.woodcraft-manningham.org.au](http://www.woodcraft-manningham.org.au)

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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.*

Front Page logo image: Valerie Forbes, 2016

## Some Good Deals for Turners

Courtesy of Allan Way

**A1sales** PTY LTD  
Retail Price \$1250  
**\$500**  
**Sale**  
**Scroll Chucks \$160**  
Spare Belts - \$32, Pen Mandrels MT2 - \$15, Flexible Magnetic 240v - \$50  
Screw Cup Chucks 30mm x 3.5 - \$20, Camlock Toolrest to suit small lathes - \$20  
Toolrest Inch Shaft - 200mm, Spur Drive 25mm MT2 - \$10, Revolving Centres - \$20  
SPARE PARTS FOR LATHES & BANDSAWS  
Steve Johnson 0408 840 201 stevea1sales@gmail.com



## Now, THAT's a Mallet!

Rick Loader made himself a nice new mallet recently, and only later realised that he'd need two people to operate it.

## 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)**

# A Wood Carver's Walking Tour of Melbourne City

Bob Edwards

From time to time the Carvers organize field trips to look at sites or objects of interest. This article sets out a 2.5 Km walking tour of places incorporating fine carving in Melbourne City that can be accomplished comfortably in half a day. Alternatively the route can be taken by tram down Collins St in the free tram zone . The tour can be extended by including The Town Hall (pre-booked Tour), the former Gollin and Co Building in Bourke St and The Royal Arcade.

*A detailed description of the sites with photos is available for download on the club's website at the Projects Section.*

## The Route

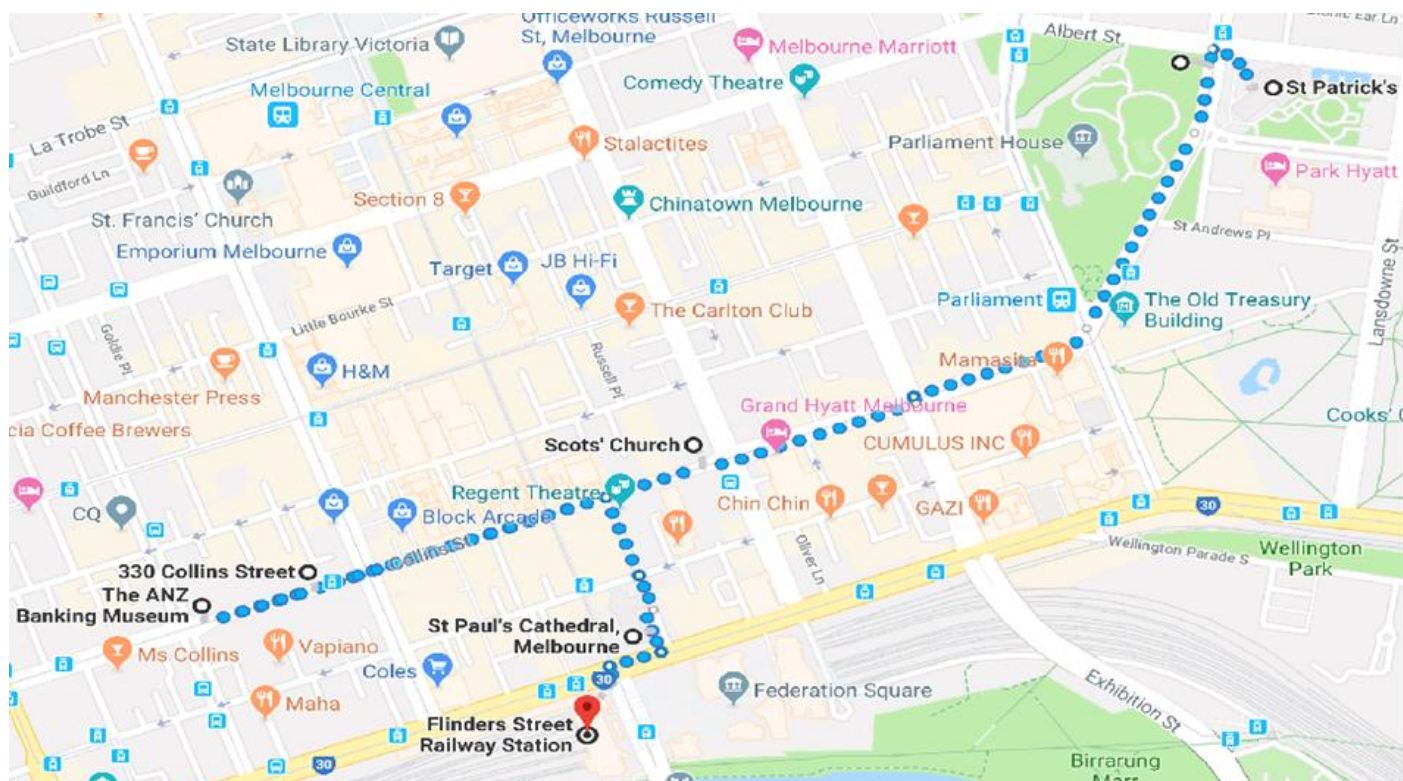
Starting at:

1. St Patrick's Cathedral, then cross the road to
2. St Peters Eastern Hill Anglican Church, then either walk 900m or tram to
3. The Scots Church, 156 Collins St. then walk 550m to
4. Former Commonwealth Bank of Australia 333 Collins St, then 100m
5. The ANZ Gothic Bank 388 Collins St then walk or tram 750m to
6. St Pauls Cathedral and finally cross Swanston St. to
7. Flinders St Railway Station.

## Variations

The tour can be lengthened by including:

8. MelbourneTown Hall - booked tours available
9. The former Gollin and Co Building 561 Bourke St. and
10. The Royal Arcade Little Collins St to see Gog and Magog.





## FRANKIE'S DESK

This is a desk I made for my daughter. The top and sides are made from solid oak panels purchased from Bunnings and the drawers from MDF, the lower one being for files. The top was finished with Organoil Hard Burnishing Oil and then Organ Oil Wood Sheen, to bring up a satin finish.

The drawers were painted with milk paint which does not chip or crack and the drawer pulls from left over oak. I also made the chair I am sitting on.

*Richard Fyffe*

## RICHARD'S JAWS ARE FOR SALE

Triton Superjaws Vice.

\$80

*Please call Richard Fyffe 0431 091 108 or richard@fyffe.net.au*



## MORE FROM THE WEB

<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEUbP4P8vvc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEUbP4P8vvc</a>	A great project to carve/build
<a href="https://paulsellers.com/2021/02/not-significant/?utm_source=mailpoet&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=newsletter-post-title-from-paul-sellers-blog_3">https://paulsellers.com/2021/02/not-significant/?utm_source=mailpoet&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=newsletter-post-title-from-paul-sellers-blog_3</a>	Good discussion on sharpening, from a woodworking master
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/paul.a.j.sellers/videos/270732271127712/">https://www.facebook.com/paul.a.j.sellers/videos/270732271127712/</a>	From the above teacher, how to take care of bench chisels very quickly

## ANNUAL WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM CARVE-IN

Every year, on the weekend before Mother's Day, a group of carvers meet at the Lady Northcote Recreational Camp in Glenmore, out the back of Bacchus Marsh, for a weekend of carving and conviviality. The event was not held last year, but it's on again in 2021. The dates are Friday April 30 mid-PM to Sunday May 2. Some places are still available, so if you're interested or you know someone who might be, just get in touch with Bob Edwards on raedwards1942@gmail.com or phone 0417 230026. *Experience not essential, but it helps!*

## NO NAILS!



At the NGV Botanical Pavillion - self-supporting wooden structure. For further details:

<https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/multimedia/triennial-kengo-kuma/>



### MAGAZINES RECEIVED RECENTLY

**Australian Wood Review**

March 2021

**Woodcarving Illustrated**

Spring 2021