

# THE WOODY-WOODWORKER NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS HELD ON  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH  
GIPPSLAND WOODCRAFT GROUP HALL  
843 MAFFRA / ROSEDALE ROAD, (C487)  
NAMBROK  
from 10.00am

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	Ian Henderson	Ralph Chilver	Roger Langford
	Graeme Ingleton	Robert Ahearne	
	Ross Noske	Len Graham	

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# MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CLUBROOMS, NAMBROK SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

President Graeme Turner opened the meeting at 10:00am and welcomed those attending.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alex Prodanovic, Anthony Byrne, Ashley Thompson, Ben Thompson, Brian Wills , Colin Elmore, Cyril Hibbert, Denis Booth, Glen Bradley, Graeme Ingleton, Graeme Turner, Graham Faravoni, Henk Flens, Henry Winters, Ian Henderson, Jeff Reid, John Brei, John Pritchard, Lyn Marsh, Maurice Gunnulson, Michael Sibley, Norm Hyde, Paddy Boyce, Peter Vranek, Ralph Chilver, Robert Ahearne, Ross Neilson, Ross Noske, Stuart Baird, Taffy Sault , Yvonne Bradley

**VISITORS:** Simone

**APOLOGIES:** Col Armitage, Colin Macreadie, Daryl Hooke, Freeda Peel, Geoff Howe, Graham Frankland, John Cruickshank, Len Graham, Malcolm Liggins, Opeia Stefanovic, Robert Stefanovic

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Warren Slater – Marine Timbers

**MINUTES:** As per the last newsletter the minutes were moved as correct by Brian Wills and seconded by Ben Thompson. *Motion carried.*

Treasurers Report: Balance: \$28,398.03

Norm Hyde moved the treasurer's report be accepted seconded by Colin Elmore. *Motion carried.*

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Newsletters from the Knox, Berwick & Warragul woodgroups & Victorian Hound Hunters
- Flyer for the Traralgon Scrollsaw Weekend 16 & 17/11/19
- Letter from VicForests re successful grant application

Ian Henderson moved the correspondence be accepted seconded by Anthony Byrne. *Motion carried.*

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Magswitch fingerboard has arrived, for use on the tablesaw
- We have purchased two pyrographers with the grant from VicForests. A much welcome addition for use with the Nambrok school children.
- Lyn Marsh suggested that the club purchase a cordless vacuum similar to the one she used last meeting. Following discussion Stuart Baird moved that we purchase one, Seconded by Paddy Boyce. *Motion carried.* Graeme Turner to obtain the best price & model.
- Paddy Boyce has donated an A4 laminator for club use.
- Discussion had been at previous meeting re the purchase of a small bandsaw mill and Anthony Byrne has visited a person who has one at the Rosedale Sawmill - he suggested that there are lots of factors around operating and maintaining a mill. The Rosedale Mill will mill club members logs for an hourly rate. Anthony will provide contact details.
- Christmas lunch is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, payment to Norm by the 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- The Engie sign has been updated.
- As usual Graeme Turner has some projects that need to be done, see Graeme for details.
- The club will be attending the East Gippsland heritage truck display at Maffra, 16 & 17 November.

**Meeting Closed: 10:23am**

## VACUUM

As noted in the minutes it was voted we purchase a cordless vacuum cleaner for the meeting room. After reading a number of reviews and visiting some stores I have purchased the Bosch Athlet cordless unit. It has three speeds and is very manouverable with a swivveling head.

This unit needs to be emptied of dust on completion of the vacuuming so it's ready for the next cleaning crew. It needs recharging at regular intervals and this will be worked out as we go along. The brush in the head of the unit has a groove in it so if it becomes tangled with hair or cord it can be easily cut free, if it is too tangled it can be slid out of the side to clean. There is a light indicating air flow and this will indicate if the dust holder is full or if there is a restriction in the pipe so keep an eye on it.

*A big thanks to **Harvey Norman Traralgon** for a generous discount on the purchase price*

## GETTING AND SPENDING

During September an auction of surplus power tools and other odds and ends made \$150, Secretary Ian knocked up another one of his garden bench seats for \$450, while \$20 was received for some timber machining. Demo sales included \$31 from Brian Wills' Ballarat expedition and \$4 from Bunnings Traralgon.

The sale of some pen kits brought in \$16, cutting board blanks \$20, and \$132 was received in payment for the Christmas lunch. Memberships and newsletter subscriptions totalled \$115, door entry \$192, catering \$44, while the monthly raffle, the prize being a Ranford's Butchers donated meat pack, raised \$93.

Costs included \$935.10 for the new Robert Sorby sharpening machine (the cost of which will be offset once we receive a \$1000 donation), Wellington Shire rates and fire levy \$295.39, CFA fire extinguishers check \$185.34. Some jelutong carving timber cost \$134.32, nails, garage hooks and barbecue gas from Bunnings \$42.13, kitchen requirements \$71.95, and newsletter stamps \$100.

We had 40 ASH spatulas laser engraved at a cost of \$80, and some paint brushes were \$16.

Our Bendigo Bank account contained \$27,477.74 on September 30.

***NORM HYDE, Treasurer***

For payments to the club, these are our Bendigo Bank details: BSB 633-000. A/c No. [1477-77080](#). Or place the payment in an envelope, detailing your name, the amount and its purpose, and hand it to Treasurer Norm.

## SATURDAY MEETING

A large number of members and one visitor ventured out on what was a cold wet day. As indicated in the minutes there wasn't a lot that needed discussion so the meeting didn't run long and a lower than normal number of show and tell items meant we were able to spend more time watching Warren from Marine Timbers show us how easy his resin products are to use.

Warren had prepared two pieces of timber with a space between them so he could do what is called the river effect. His product is easier to use than others I have seen and with an expert on the job we were given some very valuable tips.

Some of the main points were: make sure the casting area is well sealed as the resin will seek out even the smallest opening to escape onto your bench or floor. Pre warming the resin and hardener helps remove small bubbles from the item. Having things level ensures a professional look to the finished item.



The resin can be machined in a lathe after setting but creating excess heat must be avoided. We were also shown some adhesives for various applications with one having good gap filling ability.

The session was recorded by Henk Flens and all going well I hope to have a copy of it at the club in the near future. For resin and adhesive products along with any marine items including sails and fasteners contact Warren at Marine timbers Unit 4, 65 Brunel Road Seaford. PH 03 97736144. [www.marinetimbers.com.au](http://www.marinetimbers.com.au)



After lunch John and Andrew continued the assembly of the restored kitchen cupboard, Simone visited us today and Cyril took time to help her turn up a spinning top to take home.

Ben stripped one of the chucks from the trailer to see why it was out of shape and after a thorough clean the problem was fixed.

After the last meeting Taffy cut out 46 spatulas and I took home 24 to shape on my linisher and bought them back for the meeting. Ross, Peter, Dennis and Jeff sanded them up so they are ready for Ian to deliver to the lazer engraver. I have since linished and sanded the others so we now require only 16 more to complete the 200 spatulas for ASH Sawmill. I left early on the day so can't report all the activities that took place but the workshop was a hive of activity I was told.



**A committee meeting will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 11am. If you have items you think need raising contact one of the committee or myself to discuss it.**

Ben has put in some time on the pro sharp, sharpening two of the sets of lathe tools mounted in the workshop. Colin Armitage was very impressed with the excellent cutting which resulted. Each tool handle now has the sharpening angle marked on it for easy re sharpening.



Last year the LEE Thompson family attended our open day and became members but unfortunately due to work and other commitments they found it difficult to attend. I received an email from young Mathew Thompson recently with a picture showing a mortar he and his father had made with material from a tree they felled on their property. The pestle is 7 inches wide and 8.5 inches tall (180 x 215). Matthew is in Year 9.

There is a box of timber off cuts on the top of the meeting room ramp. Feel free to grab a piece or two if you can use it. There is also assorted timber sections beside the irrigation channel along with some large pieces of Osage Orange you can have a piece cut from. We also have some end sealer just \$1 a jar.

When using the table saw we now have a mag switch fingerboard for improved safety and better cutting. Don't forget to use it.

It is located on the ledge beside the saw.



## SHOW AND TELL

Ralph Chilver



Ashley Linnane turned a snowman from Ash and a Christmas tree from Jarrah both items were finished with EEE and Shellawax Glow.

BenThompson turned a snowman Christmas tree hanger from Jarrah and finished it with EEE and Shellawax Glow.



Ian Henderson made a 140 x 45 x 110 brochure holder from plywood and Ash.

Ian used his new laser engraver for the emblem and finished it with Kunos Oil.



Graeme Ingleton turned 3 pens from Blackwood and turned his own centre ring from an acrylic offcut and finished it with super glue.



Norm Hyde turned a 160 x 60 snowman from Pine and a Christmas tree from Ash both items were finished with spray on Lacquer.

John Brie showed us a wheel barrow he made for his granddaughter



## EAST GIPPSLAND HERITAGE TRUCK DISPLAY

The truck display was a two day event but with it being a busy time of year we only managed to cover Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. Anthony and myself manned the stand and Paddy who had an engine on display gave us a hand at times during the day. Pam looked after our lunch and coffee requirements.

The attendance on the day was low but those who attended had a great variety and number of vehicles to inspect including some large steam driven equipment.

As usual we handed out spinning tops to the kids and one young man decided to see how many he could have spinning at once, he managed eleven on the top spinning frame so we then set up the lid from the pen parts and after a number of attempts young Ashton managed to increase that to fourteen tops spinning at the same time.



The weather was fine and sunny for most of the time with the only inconvenience being the constant wind, after assembly a wall was fastened to the gazebo to minimize the wind.

To ensure stability the gazebo was lashed to the side of Anthony's ute and Paddy parked his vehicle in front of the gazebo wall to break the wind and also act as an attachment point for a ratchet strap to ensure the four legs remained on the ground, in addition long screws were driven into the base of the legs and guy lines attached.

Anthony turned a number of items including a small goblet made from a piece of plum tree branch for his mum.



A lot of interest was shown in the group and our activities and as a nice bonus we managed to collect around \$77 from sales.

## **DARGO NOTICE BOARD**

I was contacted earlier this year by Kerrie from the Dargo Store asking what it would cost to have a community notice board made to go on the outside wall of their store. As it's a community project I said we could do it for just the cost of material. Luckily there was no urgency as the old notice board was shabby but still usable.

Recently Taffy and I dressed some Cyprus and cut a backboard to size in readiness for assembly. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> I contacted Ian Henderson to see if he could help assemble it as he had the saw required to cut the Perspex.

Ian was in the process of lazer engraving the levels for ASH when I arrived with the parts and at times during the board assembly he detoured to slip the next levels under the lazer and had oiled up a number of completed ones.



He also had a batch of spatulas that didn't pass his quality control check and were awaiting a final sanding.

I took the board home and applied stain and Kerrie will pick it up early December. The Perspex wrapper will be removed on installation.

This year's Sale Show saw the demo booth set up on the Thursday afternoon - again nestled in the back corner of the flower pavilion. And then had members on duty once the flower judging had been completed on the Friday.

Unfortunately it seemed slightly less busy than last year's show. The heat inside the shed meant we didn't quite see the same foot traffic during the Friday afternoon and the anticipation of the monster trucks had the evening crowd staking their positions early around the oval.



There was still some significant interest shown in the club with several potential visitors planning to attend, flyers and cards handed out. Intermittent small gatherings around both the lathes and the scroll saw, the ever-popular spinning tops bringing the young and not so young over for a spin.

The Saturday started sedately and maintained a slow but even flow of foot traffic and interest. Ben spent some time on the lathe fulfilling a promise made "on his behalf" by Maurice to the lace making lady's nearby. For a cotton reel holder for when threading their lace bobbins, from materials at hand in the trailer supplies. Norm spent considerable time puttering away on the scroll saw. Whilst Maurice and his newly acquired assistant Graeme moved the fret saws to a more prominent location closer to the entrance of the pavilion.

Not only was the club represented in the demo booth but also in the craft events. New junior members Victor and Eric earning both winning and place prizes in the age group woodcraft section, for pens they've recently been learning to turn.

Ben also continued on from the Maffra show picking up both a 1st and 2nd place in the wood turned item section.

Overall another well represented outing for the club. And a thank-you to Norm, Ian, Michael, Graeme, Ashley and Ben volunteering their time.

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## FOURTH SATURDAY

While numbers appeared down a few on our usual thirty attending, those who were available on the day had a very productive time.

As our lawns were looking shabby I attended Friday and ran the brushcutter over all the tight and restricted spaces and this morning Taffy wasted no time unloading his ride on to clean up the open areas.



Paddy worked on a door for a rail carriage at the car museum. After a busy day, John Brie just needs to fit a handle and the cupboard being overhauled is ready to be picked up.

Norm and I began moving the lengths of red mahogany down to the timber storage shed to free up space in the machinery shed rack and we were soon joined by Dennis Booth, Ross Noske and Colin Armitage so we fixed up and restacked the timber storage shelves in the machinery shed and cleared the timber from the floor.





Henry has been trying to improve the dust extraction on the finisher and today completed fitting a dust chute made for the job. The additional installation of a flap to help break the flow going over the finished made a noticeable difference to the dust collected.

Exit signs were installed as part of our OH&S policy and a sign has been purchased to indicate the evacuation assembly area. Ralph sharpened up some of the club tools on the pro sharp.

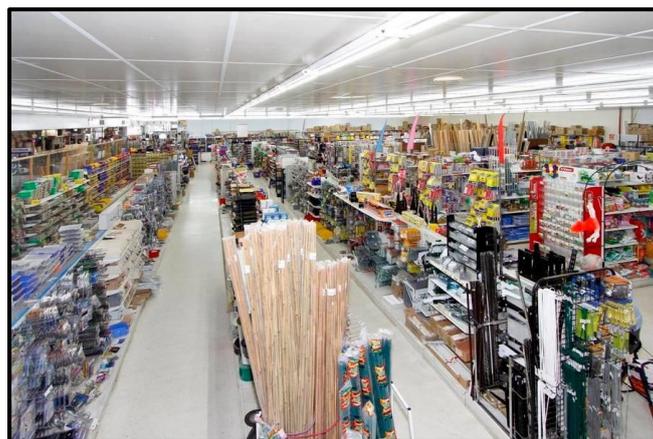
Maurice had a number gathered around his lathe as he turned various items.

## COBB AND CO

Cobb and Co has been supplying goods to the people in Sale for over thirty years and in that time the club purchased many items from them so it was sad to hear they were closing down.

When they were removing the remaining unsold items from the building they kindly donated a variety of items to the Sale Men's Shed and other groups including ours.

We have been given a large assortment of nails and screws along with lengths of dowels and various bolts etc to do with as we wish. Paddy gathered the large assortment and delivered it to the club on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> where Ross and I helped unload and store it. If you want something to do let me know.





I would like to thank all the members, families, friends and sponsors for helping make it such a great year for our group and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Graeme

## CLEANING ROSTER 2019 / 2020

2 <sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> SATURDAY
<b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b> Clean up by everyone.	Rest up
<b>January 11<sup>th</sup></b> Robyn Clark Taffy Sault	<b>January 25<sup>th</sup></b> Greg Watts Geoff Howe
<b>February 8<sup>TH</sup></b> Lynton Minto Ross Neilson	<b>February 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Opia Stefanovic Robert Stefanovic
<b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b> Ralph Chilver Graeme Ingleton	<b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b> Graham Faravoni Andrew Wilkerson
<b>April 11th</b>	<b>April 25th</b>

*If you cannot attend your turn, please arrange a swap with someone on this list.*

## TIMELY REMINDERS

Show & Tell	Activity
<p><b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b>            A decorated top            Giant top            Miniature top</p>	<p>Pop's Shed Spinning top contest            Hand spun            String driven            Gift vouchers to be won</p>
<p><b>January 11<sup>th</sup> 2020</b>            Something laminated</p>	<p>Andrew Bedggood will give a talk on the Sale to Sea Kayak event being held in March</p>
<p><b>February 8<sup>th</sup></b>            A handy gadget or jig</p>	<p>Graham Thomas            Will show some small engines he builds</p>
<p><b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b>            An item of furniture for a dolls house</p>	<p>. Volunteer wanted</p>
<p><b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>            Tom Phillipson bowl day. Let's have a great showing of bowls of all sizes and timbers in memory of Tom.</p>	<p>Rob and Anne from Screw it Screws will display their range of products. If you need something special on the day call them on 0408332293</p>
<p><b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>            Stuff up day. Bring your shoddy, crooked, ugliest item/s along.</p>	<p>TBA</p>

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