



Hawkesbury Woodcraft Co-operative

Incorporating HAWKESBURY WOODTURNERS

Newsletter September 2020

Club Chatter

If music be the food of love....well I have the answer. Don't mind the music, but....Our Christmas party will be held on the *12th December*, at the club house and will be catered for this year. A two course meal will be provided for the usual cost of \$25 per head. Covid-19 restrictions, if still applicable, will determine how we serve the meal, what the seating arrangements will look like and probably other aspects of the party. We need to conform with the social distancing etc. so seating arrangements will be the big problem. Eating under the gum trees might be necessary. Don't forget the show and tell segment (new members included).

The AGM was held last Saturday 5th with all incumbent board members being returned. Thanks to all for their tireless work and support for the last twelve months. Peta Jones was appointed as adviser to the board to assist with the lady member's requirements. About time eh. Thanks Peta for accepting the role. Neville provided a very healthy financial report. Overall, the club has gone very well this year, mainly by the effort from all members. Attendance is up and so is the membership. We discussed opening the club on two Wednesdays each month. This will hopefully relieve some of the congestion we are seeing at present. More on that as time progresses. Tod and Lisa gave an interesting and well presented demonstration while Merv and John cooked up a treat.

The first session with the Remakery ladies was held on Friday 4th after a delayed start. There are two other sessions planned. I think the five ladies, now new members, gained some insight into basic working with wood and what tools/products are available to carry out general tasks.

Please welcome Liz, Dawn, Sally, Margo and Christine. I have included some photos. We are now getting a group of new junior members. Their use of most machines will be limited for safety reasons. Please assist these members where possible and keep a watchful eye on their activities.

Another successful (if not wind blown) day was had at the village with reasonable takings for the club. As people seem happy to buy items at the moment, please get your products in. Neville and Merv have made a new bunch of train sets as these have proven to be good sellers.

The new club sign has been erected at the front of the shed and stands out boldly. Job well done. John Morrissey and Geoff Rawson drove to Bell to assess pine tree slabs, cut following the bushfires, but they turned out to be unsuitable for our usage (see photo). Neil has some wood for us to look at. If anyone hears of wood to be picked up please let us know.

Cheers & stay safe **Graham Shakespeare.**



Remakery ladies Session

Watch us
on Facebook

"Only as Good as your staff"

OPENING HOURS:

Mon – Fri: 8 – 4.30pm Saturday: 8 – 11.30am.

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The Instruction Sheets are:

General Safety in the Workshop

Bandsaw Safety

Planer Jointer and Planer Thicknesser

Router and Router Table

Table Saws and Sliding Mitre Saw

Wood Lathes

Please see Graham shakespear to obtain Instruction Sheets arrange your Safety Competency Tests or if you have any queries about safety competency testing.

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COVID-19 SAFETY CHECKLIST

- * GO HOME IF YOU HAVE FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS
- * OBSERVE THE 1.5m RULE
- * REGULARLY WASH HANDS WITH SOAP OR HAND SANITIZER
- * USE PAPER CUPS PROVIDED FOR TEA/ COFFEE
- * USE PAPER TOWEL TO DRY YOUR HANDS
- * LIMIT 2 PEOPLE IN KITCHEN AT SAME TIME
- * WEAR FACE MASKS AND RUBBER GLOVES
- * WIPE DOWN COMMON USE EQUIPMENT AFTER USE



Australiana Pioneer Village

The Village reopened today after the enforced break due to Covid 19.

The weather was perfect for such a day, warm and sunny and the freezing breeze from the Saturday was gone. The grounds had been freshly mowed and the whole park looked very welcoming.

David Henry and myself were on duty with an early morning and late afternoon visit from Merv Rutter to help out.

All the stock from the last weekend had been left on the tables so it was a real easy job to carry them out and we were ready for business.

All the stock and the tablecloths were a little dusty so we set to work to clean this up. Only took about half an hour and everything looked as though we wanted to sell it. Really made a difference. Merv has supplied 3 tablecloths to cover the stock on the tables at the end of the day. This should help keep the goods a little cleaner and therefore more saleable.

Visitors started to turn up at 10.00 am and continued to arrive all day. There was a bit of a hiccup at the gate because all occupants of every car had to be listed as per Government regulations so it took a little longer to get in to the premises.

The slow arrival did not appear to upset any of the visitors and they appeared to be enjoying the freedom and the premises and the glorious day.

The train did not stop all day and in fact they had to refuel the engine because they were so busy.

For our display it was just as busy. At lunch time David went to buy a toasted sandwich, it took him an hour to get it. I heated up a cup of soup in the microwave but I had to reheat it due to being so busy.

Lots of sales of all types of product, Chopping Boards, Merv and Grahams planes, lots of Dons stuff, and my Jig Saws were very popular. We were able to send \$300 back to Neville to be banked.

Overall a great day but Jeez my legs were aching-did not get a chance to sit down at all.

Bring on more days like this one.

Ian West

ROSTER for AUSTRALIANA PIONEER VILLAGE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2020

Note: It is the responsibility of each member to ensure that they attend on the rostered day or arrange for another member to substitute for your commitment.

Sunday 4 th Oct	G Shakespeare	N Durrington	
Monday 5 th Oct	M Rutter	I West	Labor Day Picnic Day
Tuesday 6 th Oct	B Snape	P Snape	School Holidays
Wednesday 7 th Oct	P Hathaway	R Mackie	School Holidays
Sunday 11 th Oct	G Rawson	I Clark	
Sunday 18 th Oct	N Collier	N Law	
Sunday 25 th Oct	J Choma	J Morrissey	
Sunday 1 st Nov	D Henry	T Carr	
Sunday 8 th Nov	B Snape	P Snape	Remembrance Day
Sunday 15 th Nov	N Collier	N Law	
Sunday 22 nd Nov	G Shakespeare	G Rawson	Happy Birthday TAPV 50 years
Sunday 29 th Nov	I West	I Clark	
Friday 4 th Dec	M Rutter	S Bracken	Twilight Markets
Sunday 6 th Dec	D Henry	S Bracken	
Sunday 13 th Dec	T Apap	T Carr	Last Day for 2020

ROSTER PERSONNEL DETAILS 18.12.2019

NAME	HOME	MOBILE
Theresa Apap		0447 156 615
Tom Carr	4576 3052	0415 904 811
John Choma	4735 5120	0404 205 267
Ian Clark	4579 6193	0419 294 736
Neil Collier	4576 3488	0402 076 266
Bob Dixon	4574 2558	
Neville Durrington	4571 3063	0407 400 549
David Henry	4571 4207	0438 232 782
Graham Ramsay	4730 4225	0400 657 267
Peta Jones		0411 049 331
Noel Law	4572 7656	0412 893 220
Lisa DesRoches		0450 659970
Todd DesRoches		0430 792 904
Geoff Rawson		0414 691 280
Merv Rutter	4575 2072	0438 752 072
Graham Shakespeare	4576 1517	
Brian Snape	4573 2222	0417 732 222
Ian West	4721 8709	0411 457 955
Steve Bracken	9628 7560	0430 032 916
John Morrissey		0409 983 712
Ro Mackie	9899 9652	0419 607 489
Peter Hathaway	4739 3978	0497 012 384
Andrew Whitehouse		0417 225 761

Birthdays for September

Peter Hathaway 21/9

Bob Gailer 26/9

Happy Birthday to both

Also heard that Barry McDowell is having some health problems. All the best Barry and get back to us soon.

May you all have a happy , healthy year ahead.

A very Special Congratulations to Merv and Marj Rutter on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Well done to the pair of you. Quite remarkable in this day and age. Hope you celebrated suitably. Some people are asking the question Marj. How?

Also heard on the grapevine that Neil and Chris Collier have recently celebrated their Wedding Anniversary also. Don't know how many years celebrated but congratulations to you both. May both couples have many more.

Web Site and Galleries

Galleries and slide shows of photos from the recent events and exhibitions including the Hawkesbury Show, can be viewed at <http://oz-wood.com/Hawkesbury%20Woodcraft/index.html>

Todd and Lisa DesRoches' Enjoyable and Comprehensive Talk and Demonstration

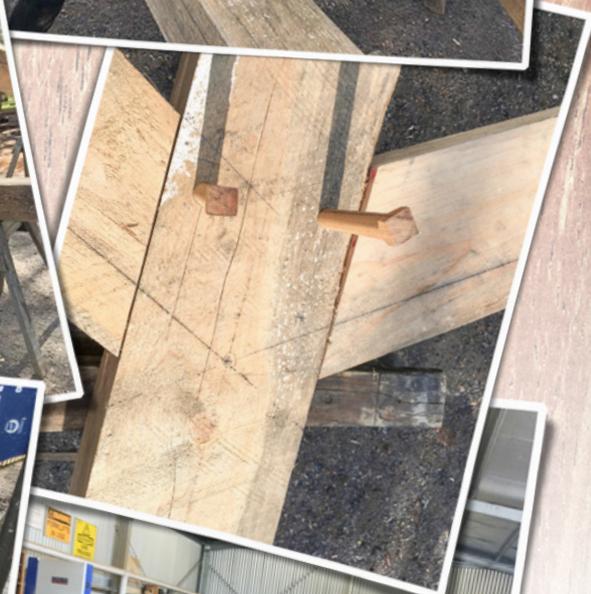
As Graham reported in his report Lisa and Todd DesRoches gave a report on their weeks activities in the Central Highlands earlier in the year. The project was to use a Post and Rail method of building with large dimension timber.

Most of the timbers used too are large to use a Thicknesser or Jointer on with the consequence that they are generally bowed and bent in different directions making getting a squared up finish impossible using the regular method of using a square and pencil.

We were shown a different method to square the joints up by using a centuries old method which is vastly different to method of constructing regular style houses etc.

Todd and Lisa are planning to use this method for constructing their Work Shed and House when they return to Canada. Todd has completed the Drawing of the buildings and they look as if it will be a comfortable and cosy home for them.

Some of the Chisels etc used are humongus compared to those we are generally used to and most of us would need a body building course first to be able to use them for any length of time. I think everybody thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.



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Monthly Meeting Dates

Meetings are generally held at **Wilberforce Scout Hall, 15 Woodland's Road Wilberforce.** Unless cancelled or another event takes precedence.

First Saturday	Carving/Marqetry/Scroll Saw <i>Show & Tell plus bring along your woodworking problems and project first Saturday of the month at 11:00am.</i>	10:00am - 4:00pm
Second Saturday	Projects & General Activities	10:00am - 4:00pm
Third Saturday	Woodturners	10:00am - 4:00pm
Fourth Saturday	Triton/Furniture Restoration	10:00am - 4:00pm
Fifth Saturday	Open Day ... All welcome	10:00am - 4:00pm
Second Tuesday	Maintenance Day	10:00am - 4:00pm
Third Tuesday	Scroll Saw/Club Project /Own Project	10:00am - 3:00pm

The first session with The Remakery Ladies



Neville is demonstrating use of biscuit jointer



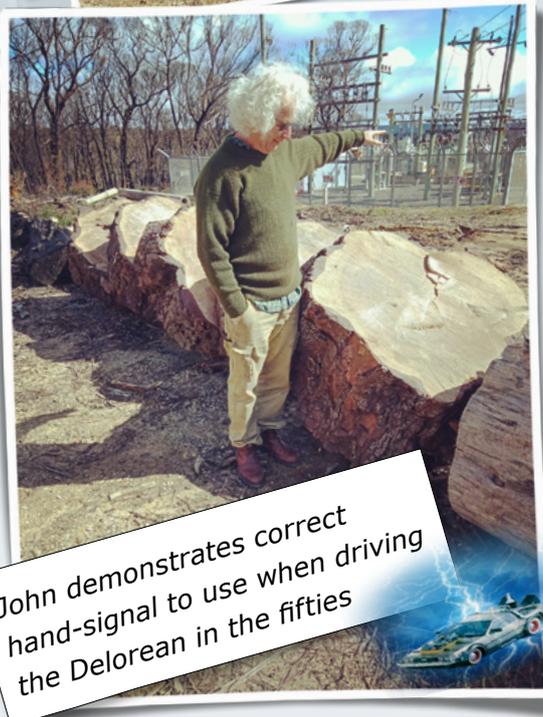
Ladies at bandsaw, Tom (hidden) is instructing.



ladies at bench doing band saw exam



John Morrissey with unsuitable-for-use pine rounds



John demonstrates correct hand-signal to use when driving the DeLorean in the fifties



Toy Trains being made by Neville and Merv



Laminated construction Rocking Chair W.I.P. Bryan sanding panels in background



letter from Robyn Preston MP published in the Hawkesbury Independent recently.

POLITICS

ROBYN PRESTON MP

MEMBER FOR HAWKESBURY



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I have always had a passion for wood, having learned the technique of French polishing, being an occasional collector and restorer of antique furniture and watching my Dad and my brother Mike, a carpenter, frequently crafting something amazing from a piece of timber.

With that background in mind, it was last year, at a function at Richmond RSL Sub-branch, that I noticed the branch's flag stand and asked the then President, Ron Gray, how I could possibly get something just like it for the electorate office. I wanted something that was 'home grown' and authentic, not a production line piece from overseas. With that, Ron turned to his right, tapped Bob (Robert) Gailer on the shoulder and said, "Here's your man".

I gave Bob a brief outline of what I was looking for and that was enough for him to pull together some ideas and a small team from Hawkesbury Woodcraft Co-op at Wilberforce.

A superb flag stand fashioned from a rescued log of silky oak (Grevillea Robusta), now holds centre stage in the electorate office and is a fitting backdrop when visitors are greeted.

Creators Bob Gailer, Neil Collier, Theresa Aap and Muriel Picton are all Hawkesbury locals.

Bob and Neil designed the masterpiece, sawing the log to the required sizes, planing and then joining the pieces to form the base and the flag holders. Theresa and Muriel collaborated in designing and then using their remarkable pyrography (wood burning) skills to etch the wording 'Hawkesbury' onto the base.

Nothing more invokes a sense of pride than to have the Australian flag on display but knowing the flag stand's origin and the effort by the Hawkesbury Woodcraft team, makes it so unique and extremely special.

My recent visit to the co-op was capped off with a sausage sizzle, sanitizer and safe COVID-19 practices as we talked about all things Hawkesbury.

Thanks to Chairman Graham Shakespeare, Committee Member, Tom Carr, and everyone who made the morning a real treat for me.

New members are always welcome and you can get in touch through Facebook Hawkesbury Woodcraft Co-operative.



Some Scenes Around the Workshop



John Morrissey working on a tambour box project

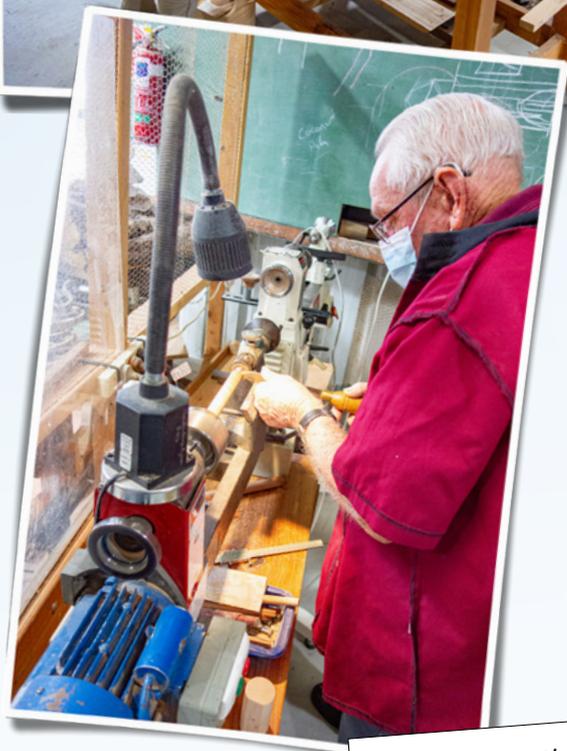




Peta Jones' 'subdued-restoration' W.I.P. with a view to maintain the antiquated appearance while regaining full functionality.



Jeff Joseph and Peta Jones



Bob Galiler on the lathe

