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Presidents Report February 2024:-

Since our last meeting a lot has been happening in the workshop and planning is underway for more improvements:



- 3 New lathes & stands plus replacement of lost or worn-out parts have been installed.
- New drop saw for fine cutting work & benches for both saws have been installed.
- New lease entered for the Cottage through till 2026.
- Design & Quotes for full dust extraction unit have been undertaken.
- Grant application submitted for part funding of Dust extraction unit (men's shed).
- Grant application submitted for funding to update the Airconditioning in the meeting room (men's shed).
- Grant application submitted for new Thicknesser, Jointer, Dishwasher & 2 Mag lights for pyro group (Veterans' affairs).
- Grant applications submitted for Airconditioning to new extension (Wodonga Council).
- Grant application being prepared for 3 Magnetic lights for lathes (Charles Stuart University).
- Successful negotiations with the Wodonga show society for the whole rear section of the wood storage shed and the use of their Tractor for an additional \$30 per month.

We will be needing working Bees in the coming month to help clean out the woodshed and assist the show society with the upcoming show on the 16th March 2024 as part payment for such a cheap rental deal. If all goes well and we are successful with the dust extraction grant we will need to strip out our old units and plumbing as well as the sheds attached to our workshop before a tentative installation date of the 24th of March 2024. So, help will be called upon shortly if required.

Martin is currently jet setting around New Zealand and wish him safe travels back.

Group Reports to February 2024 Committee Meeting

Workshop Report:-

No report.

Cottage Report:-

The Cottage has had a pretty good month with income a bit above last year's figure. Thanks to those members who have given their time to man the Cottage during the days which it is open, its proves that if the doors are open benefits are gained.

There have been several orders requested over the last month which members have volunteered to fill and the feedback from the costumers has been great and many have said that they would recommend us to their friends. Thanks to all for your help.



Lex

Box Making:-

No report.

Furniture Group:-

I am filling in for Martin will he is on holidays, not a great lot to report on with Furniture Making, Sian is making a storage unit to store shoes in and it's coming along very nicely. With a bit of luck it may even be finished next week!

A few others drop in occasionally for general woodworking, so if any one out there would like to come along for any general woodworking, it's nice and quiet at the moment.



Web Site: -

No report

Group Reports Cont.

Pen Making:-

The pen box making weekend went well. Five people took part and everyone will end up with at least 10 pen display boxes. Some mistakes were made and five boxes will end up making good kindling. Once the boxes are completed, I will post pictures of the finished boxes.

Regards Paul.



Scroll Saw:-

Our group are back at work with many new projects being made. It is hoped Yvonne will be back soon following her bad fall.

We have discussed the date for our Scroll Saw weekend this year, the weekend of 27th & 28th of July 2024 with the hope this will suit our scrollers.

We wish Andre well and hope to see him back soon after his health issues.

A big thankyou to Colin for coming in and machining timber for our group.

Till next month happy scrolling.



Group Reports Cont.

Pyrography:-

Was good to see everyone busily working on their creations and catching up with a show & tell amongst us.

Of course, morning tea usually is very social with other members joining in.

Another bag of fiction books donated to the library by the Hurcums.

Thank you, Toni & Peter.

Until next time

Esther

Timber Milling:-

The mill group have been busy over the break and if you have had a look in the shed you will see it is filling up nicely with some good logs.

We were donated some large cedar logs and limbs from a back yard in Lavington, some iron bark from west Wodonga and some camphor laurel from Leneva.

In the coming weeks I will be checking out some more trees that have been offered to us, those recent storms have not only brought down a lot of trees but are having people look to remove possible problem ones.

The team continue to work hard improving our layout in the shed to allow better access and storage for our milled timber, Big thanks to Dave and Allen for all their work sorting through the remaining bowl blanks. Thanks to Les for arranging the cedar logs and as usual a big shout out to Bevan and his mighty little tractor without which we would not be able to do what we do.

Next mill day is 20 Feb.

Ross.



Group Reports Cont.

Saturday General workshop: -

Fairly low numbers are attending, but those who come in are learning how to operate machines that they have never used before and have a good time.

Lex



Carving: -

Carving is moving on Wednesday mornings to afternoons 2pm – 5pm

Bob & Molly

Woodturning Group: -

We have had great numbers of turners in on our Wednesday evenings, with up to 4 young female turners boosting our crew and making some of us feel very old, but they are showing some very good skills.

Harry has been kept on the hop with so many new people to turning. Others in the group going great with Chris becoming a master of pens, Dans been working on his balls (parts of lamp stands) and Marshall continues to find the worst pieces of wood to work with but is managing to turn out some nice pieces.



Lex

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

12

MARCH

COMMITTEE MEETING

09

APRIL

COMMITTEE MEETING

16

APRIL

PIZZA/GENERAL MEETING

14

MAY

COMMITTEE MEETING

Around the Workshop:

- Nomination of Robert (Rob) Casey to Cottage Manager to take effect in June 2024 as per Rule 22(2) in the clubs Rules of Incorporation.
- Agreement between show society and Woodcrafters for extra space in the woodshed: 2 full bays and the rest of the back half of the shed leaving access to all doorways.
- As of Saturday the 17th February the Cottage will have a new phone and number. The landline is being replaced by a mobile phone which will remain in the Cottage and on at all times (DO NOT UNPLUG THE PHONE). There is voice mail on the phone. It is a simple to use Flip phone and the instructions are in is box under the cash drawer.

New Number: 0494 092 684

Around the Workshop Cont.

- Leneva Steam event as at the moment will not go ahead due to organisers insurance issues.
- Wodonga show will be held on Saturday 16th March. We will have workshop open, Mills set-up, workshop demonstrations, members entries for show judging as per entry forms that have been sent out, also members items for sale. Help is required to run the day.
- Members were given a full run down on the new dust extraction unit that will be installed in the workshop. Why it is required & on what it will do, its layout, what will need to be done in preparation for installation (date 24th March subject to change). ***If any members who were not at the meeting and have any questions they are encouraged to contact any committee members who will answer any questions.***
- Discussion on name tags to be worn as to help out new members.
- Power point with USB Charging to be installed in meeting room.
- Test & Tag of workshop electrical items to be held on Tuesday 27th March from 9am. Members encouraged to bring in their own electrical tools that they are likely to bring to the workshop and use.

Hearing Protection around the workshop

If any members are using hearing protection devices (which we encourage) whilst in the Workshop,

DO NOT USE NOISE BLOCKING TYPES.

It is **very important** that you are able to hear any changes in the sounds that the machine that you are using changes. A change in sound usually means something is wrong!!!!!!!



Many thanks

Lex

****SAFETY GLASSES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES IN THE WORKSHOP****

Your safety in the workshop is **not** negotiable.



WORKSHOP CLOSURES

Following a discussion with the Secretaries of the Wodonga Show Society and the Racing Wodonga, we will now remain open with the exception of Race days and any other events that will require the whole area to be closed, we will be advised in advance.

Racing Closure dates :

- Saturday 25th May
- Saturday 29th June
- Sunday 14th July
- Sunday 4th August
- Monday 9th September
- Saturday 19th October
- Friday 29th November

Member's Show and Tell



(L) Redgum bread board.
Unknown maker



(R) Childrens rocking horse—made by Martin Lawley



(L) Hairy Oak Salt and Pepper Grinders
(a gift for a lady in New Zealand).



(R) Candle Holder—
Made by Stephan

Member's Show and Tell cont.

Kevin Ennis



Two walnut boxes one experimenting with an inlay of a gecko the other with a carved lid. Each box is made from three pieces a base then the sides of the box jig sawed out of a 55mm depth plus the lid .

Peter Trabant

Box making with Hand Carving details



Member's Show and Tell cont.

Dave Van Damme



These are all works in progress, because why finish one thing when you can start another 4?

Left to Right

(1) Skyrim Logo (a computer game) I wanted something fast for the carving group sessions. Done in about 3 hours from a blank. Chisels and pine. Still needs sanding and a finish

(2) This is the mirror that drove me to learn how to carve, so i could carve it.. Just drawn and router-outlined so far. Might take a few attempts

(3) Carved coffee table. I knocked up a basic frame to hold the panels then decided that knocking up a basic frame was a bad idea considering the very large investment in time the carving work took. So I've broken it back down, and have discovered rabbets and accurate mitres. Currently waiting for glue to dry...

Harry Dennis

inspirational boxes with finials



Member's Show and Tell cont.

John Anders



These photos are of a project I have been working on for quite some time.

The pattern and details are from the book by Norm Marshall titled "Great Book of Wooden Toys".

I have used a variety of timbers including Silky Oak, Radiata Pine, Osage Orange, Elm, Mulga, Sycamore, Oregon and Cedar and wanted to maintain a natural timber look rather than paint the model in the colours "The General" Locomotive and Observation Car would have been back in the day.



HELP US IMPROVE!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK
ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

We're always looking for ways to improve the newsletter and the information we send to you.

We'd appreciate your time to fill out a quick survey to let us know how we're going.

<https://forms.gle/djp15oevVWxFmFbBA>

WEEKLY WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	NOTES
SATURDAY	9am - 12pm	PYROGRAPHY	Every Saturday morning at the Clubrooms.
SATURDAY	9am - 12pm	GENERAL WORKSHOP	Work on your own projects.
SATURDAY	1pm - 4pm	GENERAL WORKSHOP	Work on your own projects.
MONDAY	9am - 12pm	FURNITURE & GENERAL WORKSHOP	Work on your furniture project in our modern and well equipped workshop.
TUESDAY	9am - 12pm	General WORKSHOP	Work on your own projects.
1st and 3rd TUESDAY	8:30am - 12pm	TIMBER MILLING	Located at the Club in the Wodonga showgrounds. except on HOT DAYS (35°+).
VARYING TUESDAY'S	6pm (Pizza) for 7pm (Meeting)	GENERAL MEETINGS (Dates advised in Newsletters, Email & on club Website)	Come along to a general meeting of your club. Pizza nights Prior to meetings Visitors are welcome to attend. Raffle, Show & Tell.
WEDNESDAY	2pm - 5pm	CARVING GROUP	Come and learn how to hand carve.
WEDNESDAY	8am - 12pm	SCROLL SAW WORKSHOP	Come and learn how to Scroll saw.
WEDNESDAY	1pm - 8pm	GENERAL WORKSHOP	All welcome to come and join in and work on your own projects.
WEDNESDAY	3pm - 8:15pm	WOODTURNING	Learn the art of Woodturning. Clean up time starts 8.15pm Sharp. Clubroom door is locked at 8.30pm.
THURSDAY	9am - 12pm	PEN MAKING	Learn how to turn a fine handcrafted Pen.
FRIDAY	9am - 12pm	BOX MAKING	Come and learn how to make a finely crafted Box.

ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON GROUP LEADERS AVAILABILITY

Club Shirts, Caps and Logos.

These items used to be obtainable at J&M Clothing who have sold their business to B-Cut located at 176 High St Wodonga on corner of Sesame St. They now have all the designs that J & M used to have.

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**The workshop can be opened outside of group specific times
as long as there are two members on site at all times.**

For the possible opening or an extension of time for the clubrooms workshop outside of normal hours.
Call: 0408 830 870 (Dan Clancy) or 0409 451 989 (Ivan Leishman) for more information.