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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Looking back over this last year I am proud of the things we have achieved, the Demonstrations, Bunnings Barbecues that we have done and the support we have given to our members. I am particularly proud of the great work the Club has done to raise funds for our Charity and our ability to give the Mount Druitt Children's Ward some new equipment that will make a difference to the staff and children who unfortunately need to attend the hospital.

The Club has done some great things and I and the Committee of Alan, Ian, Les and Steve care a great deal about our Club but we need everyone's help and I would like to ask all members to continue to bring your ideas for what you would like done around the Club to the Committee. You can do this at a meeting, during the day or you can email any member of the Committee.

We have a great Club with good equipment and a team of members with experience to help each other, such as the Training Team of Alan, Graham, Greg, Rob and Rod who do so much to teach our new members how to work safely and well.

well, the maintenance team of David, Manny Ron and Steve who keep the equipment working, the catering done by Ian at maxidays and various events and also the student Mentoring Team of Les and Rod for their dedication which makes a great difference for the students attending the Club.

To mention a few others, Les and his work with the Club Shop that makes it easy to get parts for our projects, the newsletter editors of Fiona and David who keep us informed and entertained , Lindsay who maintains our website, Rob who sends out the cards to members who are not well or have fallen on bad times and Rod who keeps the Library working and our Convenors Anna, Alan, John, Les and Ron, who open the Club every day and help members with any problems they may have.

As we are coming to the Christmas and New Year break I would also like to thank all those members who have given their time and assistance to help with the smooth running of the Club.

Happy Christmas and New Year

BOB YOUNG

Club Committee

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Graham Dawes (JP), Bob Young, Steve Attard and Ron Devine.

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If you have any suggestions or information concerning the club please contact any of the above committee members.

FOR SALE

Members don't forget we have a lot of Cherry, Sapele, Walnut, European Oak and Alder bench tops for sale at the club!

FREE CORIAN

White - 12mm and 20mm thick
Black - 12mm thick
Gray - 12mm thick

Shop items

Triple "P"

Friction Polish

Sanding Sealer

Sandpaper

Club Shirts

Dust jackets

Club Badges

Pen Kits

Pen Blanks – Acrylics

Many more items also available

Shop Trading Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9am – 10:30am
12:45 – 1:30pm

Friday nights: 7pm – 7:30pm

See Les Coombes or Bob Young for more details



Thanks to Michelle Rowland MP, The member for Greenway, for her continued support which includes the printing of this newsletter

Club Trading Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am – 4pm $5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm $3

Third Saturday of the month:

9am – 3pm $5

Contact: Les Coombes –

0404 001 562

Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month: $5

Contact: Anna Dawes – 9638 6995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

From 10:00am

(Lunch included) $6

November 17th 2019 Maxi Day will be Jan Palmowski who will be demonstrating burning and decorating.

This will be followed by Show and Tell.

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – –

Pens wanted for the Australian Troops overseas

We are supporting our troops overseas if you have any spare pens you would like to donate please give them to the Convener on the day.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all our members for December 2019.. We hope you have a great day with many more to come.

Name	Member since
AlanPhelps	Jul-01
Charlie Mumford	Jan-17
Joshua Perara	Feb-19
Scott Landall	Nov-07
Stefan Ohmenzgtter	May-19
Stormy Fairweather	Feb-15

New Member

Welcome to all our new members this month. We hope your stay is both long and rewarding.

Mrs Maryam Feizi	28th October 2019
Vinod Ramachandran	25th October 2019
George Manou	23rd October 2019
Ron Jackson	3rd October 2019
Marc Ellis	2nd October 2019
Rudy Liedermann	2nd October 2019

Coming Events

There are no more activities scheduled for 2019 please watch this space for upcoming activities in 2020

MEMBERS – WE REALLY NEED MORE CHARITY BOWLS! So PLEASE make as many as you can!

Club Charity
Mount Druitt Hospital Children's Ward

We very much appreciate all the work members have done to make and sell charity bowls.
These are a very popular item at our demonstration days and we need lots more charity bowls please for this very worthy cause.

Welfare

It's always nice to get a card from the members of the club when you are sick at home or in hospital.

If you are aware of any members or their families who are sick or in hospital please tell the welfare officer

MENTORING REPORT

Our Student Mentoring program starts again in Term 3 if you would like to be a mentor, please see Les Coombes.
All mentors need to have a working with Children approval. If you have done yours please check it is still valid or to apply visit

https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check

Librarian Report

Our Library has some 178 books, 155 DVD's and 199 magazines which are all available to members.
Please ensure that you include your membership number and name when booking things out of the Library.

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Opening Hours
ALL WELCOME!!
Mon– Fri 8am-4pm
Sat8am-11.30am
Closed
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Long Weekends

November 2019 Welfare Report.

Our member's welfare plus their families are important to the Club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still no longer with us. Let me know at e-mail address robandgail@hotmail.com or SMS to 0409 450 776

Robert Buckwell

George Hulme

If anyone is missed be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our Club are with you and your family

Important Notice

There have been a number of instances whereby Members have been attending the Club for whatever reason and not signing the attendance book. This book must be signed for Insurance coverage purposes. **Basically, no signing means no turning or using Club equipment, even if just visiting the book must be signed.**

The Committee has agreed that repeat offenders will receive a letter to this effect from the President.

Question 1: What is the major responsibility of a sweeper in soccer- Attack or defence?



Life Is Like That

The Egyptian LatheAnd The Evolution Of TurningTools

The research for this column was all done by my very clever research assistant Sleuth Sawdust. Sleuth states that he cannot vouch for the accuracy of all the information as he has sourced articles that date the carving at 1300 BC 300 BC and early AD. He, like me, just hopes that you take it for what it is intended to be – an interesting read about your craft/hobby.

When I looked at the picture it occurred to me that (a) neither of them are using any safety equipment and (b) they must be much younger and more energetic than most of the WSWT members.

The picture which depicts The Egyptian Late is based on a stone carving which may be the earliest pictorial representation of a lathe. Most tools were made of various metals of the time and were flat (similar to the skew) and used without a tool rest. (They must have had strong arms and shoulders.) Various methods (pedals, loop ropes etc.) were used to "power" the lathe until the late 19th or early 20 century when electric motors were introduced.



In 1868 English metallurgist Robert Forester Mushet developed Mushet steel, considered the forerunner of modern high-speed steels. Since then steel has gone through various iterations which were often called high speed steels. No doubt scientists are still doing their research.

Tools were made from carbon steel and all were forged by hand and came in all shapes and sizes until **1978 when HenryTaylor Tools,the then market leader in the UK,** was the first company to make turning tools from High Speed Steel.

It has been said by some that if you call yourself a "Traditionalist Turner" because you use HSS bladed gouges and skews and shun people that use Carbide tools you are a hypocrite. You are utilizing tools and a lathe that have been changed and modernized over many, many years well. If you want to be a traditionalist go back to using the original two-man manpowered lathe and a single cutting tool that you forged yourself.

There seems to be some substance to the view that if the tool does the job and the method applied is safe (to both the turner and those nearby) what is the problem?

Quote of the Month: You can lead a human to KNOWLEDGE but you can't make it THINK.

Author: A horse

Must Fly
Woodchip

Safety Tips for XMAS Period

Be sure you adhere to safety rules over Xmas and ALWAYS As Xmas break looms, and Woodies spend more time in their sheds alone, and not observed by their fellow members keeping an eye on them,

DO NOT GET COMPLACENT!

Listed below are 10 Rules, plus another 6 interesting topics that were detailed for Members' wellbeing., the words of wisdom are REPEATED HERE and it is suggested this page be framed in your SHED for regular reminder!

1.Do it Safely or Not At All

2.When Safety is First, YOU Last!

3.: Safety is no accident!

4. Concentrate, Construct, Clean:

5.Complacency

6. Safe Storage.

7.The Ripple Effect)

8.Safety for Woodturners1. Think Before You Cut –

9. Stop and Think2. Keep a Clean Shop –.

10.Avoid Distractions.

Other interesting points to consider

1. Don't Rush –

2.Don't Force It.

3. Protect Yourself – Wear appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

4.. Let the Tool Stop –8.

5. Dust & Fumes – (. Wear Appropriate Clothing

6.. No Alcohol or Drugs A huge Threat to your safety

Courtesy of Knox Woodies. Victoria

Tool Glossary

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs

. CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 24-INCH SCREWDRIVER: A very large pry bar that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end opposite the handle

DREMEL TOOL – A very useful tool for modellers which allows them to make more mistakes much faster. Thereby turning $100 kits into spare parts, and completely justifying the purchase of another $100 kit.

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your drink can across the room, splattering it against that freshly-stained heirloom piece you were drying.

E**IGHT-FOOT LONG YELLOW PINE 2X4**: Used for levering an automobile upward off of a trapped hydraulic jack handle.

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object we are trying to hit. Also used as replacement for screwdriver.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub you want the bearing race out.

Courtesy of Knox Woodies Victoria

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Golfer at the Dentist

This one may bring a little mist to your eyes. A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office. The man said to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry. I have three buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anaesthetic. I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull the tooth, and be done with it! Today is Wednesday and we have a 10:00 AM tee time at the best golf course in town and it's 9:15already...I don't have time to wait for the anaesthetic to work!"The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this is surely a very brave man asking to have a tooth pulled without anything to kill the pain." So the dentist asks him, "Which tooth is it, sir?" The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, Honey, and show him...

Handy Tips

Make-Up Dispenser

A self –dispensing make-up container to hold solvents for use in the workshop is very handy. The dispenser has a pump top so when using paper towel or cloth just push it on the lid and the perfect amount of solvent is dispensed.

Cheaper Sweeper

A door sweep makes the perfect clean up brush when cleaning Band Saw tables etc.

Paint Roller Towel Holder

A spare paint roller holder makes the ideal holder for the roll of paper towel that is used in your workshop. Simply hang it on the wall and its out of the way.

Push Stick Scabbard

Tired of searching for push sticks in the workshop? Sound familiar?

Why not make a scabbard out of cardboard tubing and attach this to the side of the table saw.

Now all of the push sticks are within easy reach when needed.

Club Members

If you have any workshop tips that you use in your workshop why not drop a note to the editor at searlesds77@bigpond.com and these can be shared with everyone.

Question 2: What is the only land animal that can't jump?

Stupidity and Complacency has its reward

I was recently reading an article about a person who had the misfortune to have an accident with a table saw.

The incident occurred in 2005 when he was repairing some hardwood flooring and was using a table saw (without a guard or riving knife) to rip a piece of flooring. The saw blade was near full height and without using a fence he pushed the piece of flooring toward the blade. Less than 1 inch into the cut he felt the piece get stuck and vibrate so he pushed harder, he pushed harder and felt the piece kick up and his hand went into the blade, almost severing one finger and seriously injuring two others.

Old mate was none too pleased about this.

Despite his lack of using standard safety equipment and perhaps some common sense so he took the saw manufacturer to court seeking compensation. His specific gripe was that the table saw did not have "flesh detection technology". This was despite the fact that the saw met or exceeded all safety requirements that were in place when the saw was manufactured and even on the date of the injury.

The case was heard before a jury in Boston USA.

After deliberation for 10 hours the jury found that the contractor 35% negligent in the accident and the saw manufacturer 65% at fault and awarded him $1.5 million in damages.

This would not happen at our club with the Saw Stop that is now in use.

I thought that this would be a timely reminder for all of us when using our club equipment as well as our own equipment.

Your most important safety device for any tool cannot be removed because it is permanently attached above your neck.

One should always follow these common sense table saw rules.

1. Always keep the table saw and surrounding area free of offcuts, tools and clutter.
2. Never set the blade higher that is necessary. The gullet between the teeth should just clear the top of the workpiece.
3. Always use a blade guard and riving knife unless the nature of the cut makes it physically impossible.
4. Never make a freehand cut. Guide the workpiece with the saw fence, miter gauge or jig.
5. Always provide good support for the "keeper" and offcut.
6. Never trap timber between the blade and the fence.
7. Never stand directly in line with the blade especially when cutting.
8. Never force a cut or place your hand within 6 inches of a moving blade.
9. Always trust your gut instinct. If it feels unsafe it probably is.

These common sense rules also apply to the band saw as well as the compound saw.

Paul de Belle.

B S FROM THE BUSH DEC 2019

Another year is drawing to a close and hope all our members have had a good one. The drought in the west is becoming very bad if it's not bad enough now. Incredible strong winds, dust storms and hot days, this is summer I suppose. As this is a short report this month I wish all our members and their families a healthy and happy festive season.

Merry Christmas everyone. Cheers, Ken

Question 3:What State grows most of Australia hops



Humour – You will get a laugh after reading this.

.Brains of older people are much slower because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time.

The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more. Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for

. It is NOT a memory problem it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. SO THERE.

Question 4: What character sang "when you wish upon a star" in Disney"s Pinocchio?

Bunnings BBQ Marsden Park November 2019

The Club held a BBQ at Marsden Park on 9th November 2019 which was quite profitable for the Club. The day started at 7am with Ian Frith, Dave Matthews, Tony Taylor and David Searle attending in the morning. The day was going to be a warm one.

During the morning we had at least 6-8 customers deep at the Counter, asking for not just one sandwich but ten or 12. Needless to say it was extremely hectic and no rest was had until around 1 pm.

In the afternoon, Alan Eipper, Russ Werner and George Dennis –Smith arrived and their assistance was very much needed and very much appreciated..

May I say that to run a BBQ successfully a minimum of seven people is normally required and with four people this makes for really hard work with no time for loo breaks, eating , Drinking plus having a rest etc after the pressures of serving, setting up and general preparation etc.

So please, **every club member** likes to take advantage of the funds earned by the Club at these functions but how about **giving a bit of your time in return**. Even if it is for two or three hours this would be greatly appreciated. A good day of camaraderie was enjoyed by all who attended and any new faces would be most welcome.

At the end of the day, we packed up around 4pm and went our merry way.

David Searle.

Question 5: What is a Drongo?

The Back Page

Cut off dates for articles

Please note the cut off date for articles to be included in the Newsletter is the last day of the month. All members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion. PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE Editor at searleds77@bigpond.com.

Question 6: How many masts are there on a schooner?

Articles For Newsletter

Could I please ask those members who attend our demonstrations, maxi-days etc, if you could take some photographs and a brief description of the event so these can be published in the newsletter I am sure all members would be interested in reading about the events of the day. Thankyou Editor.

Important Notice to Members

In order that we may keep our records up to date would you please let Raymond Saich or a member of the Club executive know of any change of address, Telephone number, Email address etc.

Change in Club Operating Hours

Please note that following the June 2019 meeting a motion was passed that the Club will not be open on Public Holidays.

Buy and sell

Should you have any items that you want to buy or sell please submit these to the editor by the cut- off date and include full details and a photo if possible?

Presently the Editor has a grinder stand for sale $20 anyone interested please contact the editor on 0414 913237

Answers to the Quizz Question Brain Busters.

1. Defend
2. An elephant
3. Tasmania
4. Jimmy Cricket
5. A bird
6. Two