# WesTurn News

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## president's Report

G'day everyone, I hope you all had a very good Christmas and are looking forward to a great New Year.

We have had a busy first part of the New Year with a presentation to our Charity, the Children's Ward at Mt Druitt hospital, of a specialised piece of equipment being a Vein Finder which allows the user to see the veins under the skin. This allows the nurses to give the children a needle etc. with a minimum of fuss this lowering their worry about needles.

We also donated a Computer on a trolley which allows it to be taken from bed to bed to record any notes concerning each patient. With the leftover money we purchased a small amount of non-perishable food such as cereals, UHT milk etc. for parents who are unable to leave their little ones alone overnight.

Next was Australia Day at Third Settlement Park in Old Toongabbie which was a success as usual. There was a good roll-up of members to help and quite a few people became Australians at the Citizenship Ceremony.

We then had a B.B.Q. at Bunnings. Thanks to everyone who helped at the above functions, without your help nothing can happen.

Other demonstrations are coming up in the near future. Thanks to all who have their names on the board, but more helpers would be a bonus.

Not much is being done around the Club but will get better in the near future and the machines which are Out of Order should be fixed shortly when parts arrive.

Till next time, Keep Turning,

BOB YOUNG.

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

## FOR SALE

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

## FREE CORIAN

White - 12mm and 20mm thick
Black - 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 Paul Collins 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: Liam Healy – 0411560984

**Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month:** $5

Contact: Anna Dawes – 96386995

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**Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:**

From 9:30am (Lunch included) $6

**18th February – Brendon Venner**

**Finishes/Finishing – Steam Bending and Decoration**

**18th March**

**15th April**

**20th May**

**17th June**

# Club Meetings

**Second Tuesday of the month – 7pm**

**13th March**

**10th April**

**8th May**

**12th June**

## Pens Wanted for the Troops

Can members please make and donate any pens for the troops. Please give them to the convenor on your day.
Thank you so much!

Editors

## Members Welfare

Our member's welfare is important to our club. If you or someone you know is unwell or worse still no longer with us. Please Let me know at email address; robandgail@hotmail.com

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

Rob Stewart

## New Members

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

| | |
|---|---|
| Murray | Irwin |
| Graeme | Marshall |
| Daniel | Sherlock |
| Tino | Okusitino |
| Andrew | Broughton |
| Sheila | Cubbon |
| Mick | Barker |
| Elmer | Lardizabal |
| Grant | Morris |
| Gregory | Sheath |
| Hoo | Liu |

# Coming Events

**Linnwood House – Sunday 11th March**
**25 Byron Rd, Guildford**
**Fairfield Easter Festival – Good Friday 30th March to Easter Sunday 1st April – Fairfield Showground**
**Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 31st March – 7am to 4:30pm**
**Abbott Road – Seven Hills**
**Trend Timbers – Friday 13th and Saturday 14th April**
**9am to 4pm - 15 Railway Road North, Mulgrave**

**Stitches and Craft Show – Rosehill**
**Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th March**
**(Wednesday 7th Setup)**

**Stitches and Craft Show – Exhibition Hall Canberra**
**Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th August**
**(Wednesday 8th Setup)**

**Stitches and Craft Show – Exhibition Hall Newcastle**
**Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th August**
**(Wednesday 15th Setup)**

**Any members interested in going to these events please put your name on the clipboards at the club.**
**Members – We really need more charity bowls! So Please make as many as you can** ☺

# Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all our members this month. We hope you have a great day with many more to come.

## January

| Member Name | | Member Since |
|---|---|---|
| Martin | Charlesworth | January – 2016 |
| Barton | Chen | October – 2017 |
| John | Connaughton | November - 2010 |
| Fred | de Jonge | June - 2008 |
| Mark | Dunn | October - 2006 |
| Branka | Hedges | March - 2011 |
| Andrew | Heffernan | January - 1993 |
| Lloyd | Ives | March - 2011 |
| Jack | Kestle | April - 2011 |
| Janice | Lane | December - 2013 |
| Jim | Lewis | September - 2017 |
| Sonja | Ringstad | July - 2009 |
| Maxwell | Tankard | March - 2012 |
| Russell | Werner | January - 2009 |

## February

| Member Name | | Member Since |
|---|---|---|
| Mick | Barker | January - 2018 |
| Graham | Dawes | December - 1992 |
| Fiona | Deane | March - 2011 |
| Anthony | Dec | August - 2015 |
| Manny | Farrugia | October - 2004 |
| Wayne | Hipwell | July - 2004 |
| Maurie | Knight | April - 2016 |
| David | Malcolm | February - 2009 |
| Grant | Morris | December - 2017 |
| Tony | Simiana | June - 2010 |
| Jack | Snape | August - 2017 |

# B S FROM THE BUSH

First of all, I would like to wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR. It seems a long time ago now but as I have not seen many of you, I wish you all a good 2018, health and happiness to all.

It has been the hottest Summer I can remember, majority of days over 35 degrees and at least another week of it to come but it doesn't keep a good bloke down. Lions did a BBQ for Bunnings in January when I did the cooking all day and when I got in the car at 3.30, yes, 3.30 (early mark) it read 47 degrees. There were only 5 of us there and you think you get it tough.





Another BBQ the Lions did was for the Queens Batton coming to Wellington. There is only 14 of us in the club and we got 12 of them off their ass to cook 900 sausages which had to be served within 30 mins. It took a bit of planning but all went well. Three BBQ's, three cooks, one guy feeding the bbqs, one guy cutting the sausages and then the rest were serving when the time came. All cooked in one hour twenty mins and all served on time. All worked hard and deserve a pat on the back. A para olympian brought the batton around the park, a few speeches and all done.

In the last report, I mentioned we had a goat to keep a lot of grass and weeds down. After a few weeks another goat turned up. Both of them females. When the two met they locked horns and we presume danced for each other. It looked quite vicious at times, wondering if we should intervene. After 30 mins or so they became good pals. Both decided to take a walk about whilst we were in Sydney for Christmas. Our goat being friendly with kids(!!!!) wanted to play with kids at the caravan park and created quite a stir. Anyway we got them back and with some expert help, tried to tether the wild goat like our goat. Got the collar on,then she jumped and we were left on our backs, she was gone and is still gone. It was fun at the time but it is amazing what those animals do when you sit and watch them.









If you want those leaves, you have to reach for them.

Does anyone know where this lighthouse is in Sydney?

Cheers for now, Ken







## Friends and Acquaintances

If people's heads weren't buried in the sand of ignorance and they took the time to understand, instead of judging and thinking it won't happen to them, because they have the perfect family, life would be a little bit easier for people that do experience "IT"!

"IT" can hit close to home for anyone, for family and friends who live under this shadow. The days of "IT" not being talked about or being taboo should be over.

In the most difficult moments of life you realize who your true friends are, and the people who really appreciate you. Unfortunately, most social media "friends" aren't true friends. They send you a "like" here and there, but do they take the time to drop in or pick up the phone for a one on one chat. In reality they are not a friend in the true sense of the word they can more accurately be described as acquaintances. Generally speaking those who would be a true friend will keep reading this column whereas those who are more likely to be acquaintances will stop reading here and move on to the next article. Will you read the complete article??

The "IT" is mental illness which is so often stigmatised. Why?? We do not stigmatise cancer, cardiac problems, allergies etc., etc., like mental illness they are all illnesses. More mental health awareness is urgently needed in our society. Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean the person is not suffering.

Please, try to spare a little of your time with someone who may just want to talk (about anything). Talking can help us all to cope a little more; keeping things bottled up just makes it worse. We need to genuinely open the door to conversation with those who are suffering. Most people will say "if you need anything, don't hesitate to call me, I'll be there to help you" but will they?? The friend will but the acquaintance will have some excuse.

None of us can be friends with everyone but the real skill is recognising when it may be appropriate to step up from being an acquaintance to being a friend.

**Quote of the month:**

**Worrying is like sitting a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere. – Old English Proverb**

**Must Fly**
**Woodchip**

# Safety Matters

## A Reminder about Workshop Safety

We must all keep in mind the importance of WORKSHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times.

It is up to all of us to fulfill our commitment by wearing at all times;

- ✓ Dust masks
- ✓ Protective glasses
- ✓ Suitable clothing
- ✓ Footwear
- ✓ Ear protection

It does not hurt to discuss safety with other members if they are not doing the right thing.

**REMEMBER.....** **It is your body and your limbs.....**


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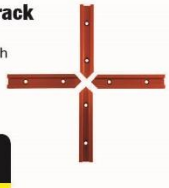
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- T-bolts fit optional T-track
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### L-69A Belt & Disc Linisher Sander
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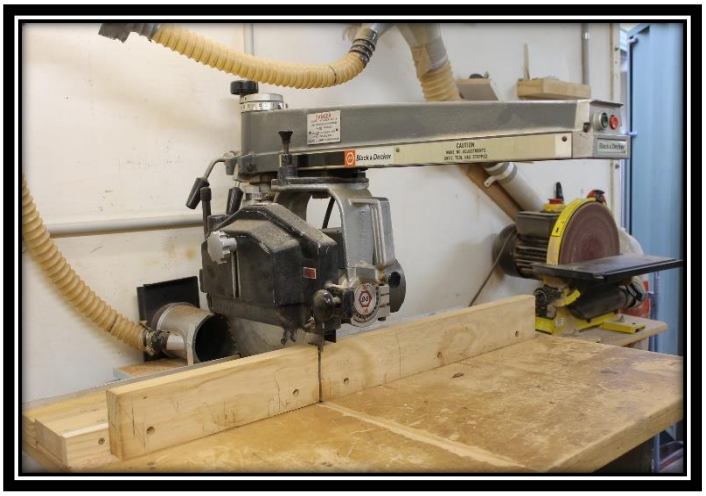
## RADIAL ARM SAW ITEM 44

A radial arm saw is a cutting machine consisting of a circular saw mounted on a sliding horizontal arm. Invented by Raymond DeWalt in 1922 the radial arm saw was the primary tool used for cutting long pieces of stock to length.

In addition to making length cuts, a radial arm saw may be configured with a dado blade to create dado, rabbet or half lap joints.

In addition, some saws will allow the blade to turned parallel to the back fence, allowing a rip cut to be performed.

**WHILE THE MACHINES HAVE THIS CAPABILITY IT IS GENERALLY NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THE NOVICE OPERATOR AND CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS.**



These machines are considered by some to be the workshop tool that demands the most caution and respect but at the same time not feared.

This machine was widely used when it was first invented but over time has been replaced by the other machines that are more transportable and capable of doing the same work.

Over time there are less and less manufacturers making these machines, that is not to say they are no longer available as they are still a very versatile piece of equipment in a work shop situation.

The basic operation of the machine is to pull the saw toward you across the wood, and this is where the trouble can start as a blunt blade or the incorrect teeth angles can have a tendency for the saw wanting to climb up over the work piece, as you can see there is a lot of concentration needed to control the feed or rate of cut.

In some circumstances operators will have a tendency to use a backward and forward movement while cutting to assist in getting rid of the swarf as this also can cause the blade to jam and want to climb the work piece.

It is very important that the basic 6 inch (150mm) rule applies and that is for those who don't know keep your hands, fingers etc., at least that distance from the cutting blade and operating area.

Because of the blade rotation it is extremely important that the machine is never left running unattended as the vibration does enable the saw to move forward and if not noticed go to the extent of travel with the blade fully exposed (unguarded) an extremely dangerous situation.

While there are a lot of comments inferring there is a lot danger in operating this machine it should be remembered that with the right attitude and respect as with all machines they need not be feared.

Eddie C

**Note**. As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of wood turning. These articles are the results of my reading article publications