



Club's 20th Year Celebration

The club will be celebrating its 20th birthday with a lunch at the Rye RSL on the 16th March. Present & past members with partners are invited to the luncheon. As part of the invitation the club will be subsidizing the 2 course meal so to attendees the cost will be \$8.50ph. It will be an excellent opportunity to recall old times and discuss the history of the club.

There are a lot of reasons to celebrate the occasion; in particular, it has provided a service with a friendly environment for men & women in the local community. During that time it has supported a group of members to build toys to be distributed at Christmas. The clubs session leaders assist and educate its members in a huge variety of projects. Its social value cannot be overlooked as each session has a biscuit break which includes chatting & laughter.

Each year, through the energy of its members & committee, the club has grown in the service it provides. With a membership that varies between 80-90, the club is always looking attract new members & tutors. Not many clubs last 10 years let alone 20.

A Review of 2015

As members would be aware the clubroom doors open again on 1st February. Subsequently it is worth noting some of the improvements to the club that took place in 2015.

- the roof was taken off to repair leaks
- the floors were repainted
- the dust extraction system was extended
- The dust extraction & BBQ areas were housed for weather protection.
- the dust extraction & BBQ areas have been paved
- An air conditioner for the main workshop was purchased & installed.
- a photo board was added
- the existing notice board was replaced with a larger one
- all equipment & machinery was regularly maintained
- the wood storage area has been paved
- 2 Grr-rippers were purchased to assist with saw safety
- a pen blank vice was purchased
- The workshop equipment & tool boards have been rearranged to better utilise space.
- The replacement of the club BBQ
- Not to mention all the administrative tasks e.g. Payment of electricity, phone, insurance accounts etc.

Key Dates

Bunnings BBQ	29 th Jan
Timbercom Visit	Jan TBA
Clubroom Open	1 st Feb
Lost Trades Fair	12 th -13 th Mar
20 Year Celebration	16 th March 16

Each week during the break I have passed the clubrooms and noted cars parked there. So out of curiosity I dropped in to find the "usuals" working to improve the layout efficiency. It was interesting checking out the activity. The back storage shed was emptied of rubbish & the contents were rearranged for easy access. A sharpening corner was set up in the main workshop & an additional wet lathe was purchased to assist more efficient chisel sharpening with a use of guides. So to the "usuals", on behalf of all club members, **"thanks for your service"**.

Newsletter Contributions

In 2016 I will be looking to members for their thoughts as to what should be in the newsletter. Already I have requested places where you find value when you purchase. These tips will be sprinkled through the newsletter as they become available. If you have jokes, poems, stories to tell or someone you would like to know more about then please let me know.

Tuesday Mornings

After 6 years as the Tuesday morning session leader Len Williams has retired and will be sorely missed. To show you how great a job he performed he will be replaced by 3 men, Gordon Waddingham, Brian Jones & Dennis Conner, who will alternate depending on availability.

Bunnings 2016 BBQ Roster

Bunnings have allocated the following dates to the club:

Friday	29-01-2016	Sunday	26-06-2016	Saturday	17-12-2016
Monday	14-03-2016	Sunday	04-09-2016	Sunday	01-01-2017
Friday	22-04-2016	Sunday	27-11-2016		

Rosters for the above dates have been placed on the club notice board. Please place your name on the date & times that suit.

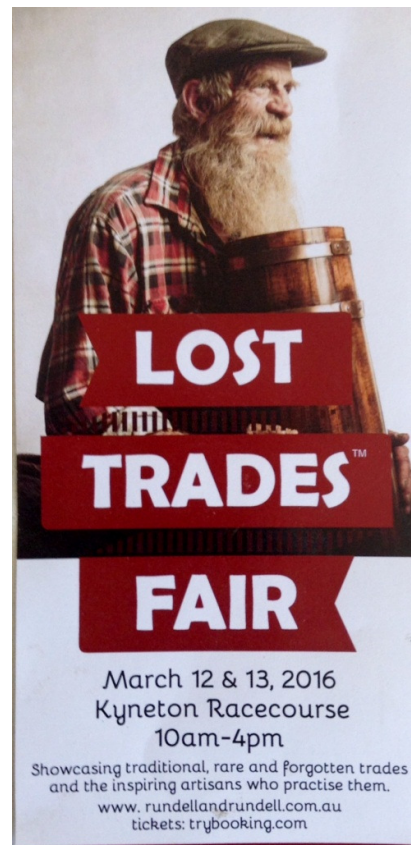
Purchasing Online by Josie Mare

I get quite lazy when browsing on-line stores and tend to put products into the shopping cart rather than on my wish list. Recently, I did this when trawling through Penn State Industries website. Anyone who has ever turned a pen will know of PSI.

Anyway, after a few days, I received an email from them prompting me to return to my shopping cart and if I placed the order within the next two days, I would receive a 5% discount. As I really didn't intend to buy any of the products I had popped into the cart, I simply ignored the email. A few days later, I received another email offering me a 10% discount if I placed an order within the following few days which was really too good to refuse so I did.

They also emailed me to offer a 10% discount on my next order and if you review the products you purchase, they offer \$5.00 off. I assume that can be used in conjunction with the 10% but I'm not yet certain about that.

So the moral of this story is that if you want to order from Penn State just put things in your shopping cart and leaves them there until they offer you the 10% discount. They have some fabulous, albeit expensive, pen kits available, many of which we just don't get at stores in Australia.



For speed & service for sharpening saw blades John Parrent has found value at:

ONSITE POWER TOOLS & DANDY BLADE SHARPENING SERVICE. For prices contact them on 0419 347 4251 or email: phil@onsitepowertools.com.au

Plan your 2016 Projects

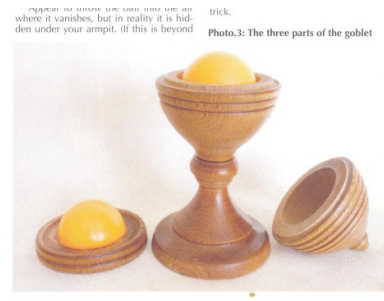


Well the year is starting and it is time to think about what projects are to be undertaken this year. Apart from Wednesdays, which is set aside for the toy makers, you can utilise any of the week days to perform your project work. If you require assistance Tuesdays are excellent for most of your projects. Monday & Friday are excellent if you require assistance with wood turning while Rob Oram, on Thursdays, will be able to assist with any of your furniture making.

The photo shows a variety of bowls, a set of candle stick holders and a variety of pens where you purchase the pen inset & turn the timber to suit. The following is a list of

other woodturning ideas that could be of interest: Kids fishing line (Hand caster), roller pin, a honey set for the breakfast table, egg cups for the breakfast table, a foot roller, Christmas Tree Ornaments, Chopsticks & Bowl, Light Pulls, Chisel & Tool Handles, Bottle Stopper, wooden eggs, goblets, salt & pepper grinders, whistles, an umbrella stand. Perhaps for the more advanced you would like to try a magical vanishing ball. The plans are in the June 2015 copy of the "Woodworker" or you can just ask Colin Dobson.

The photo board at the club is also a source of ideas as well as the numerous magazines in the club library.



Newsletter Contribution

If you have any ideas for the newsletter or know some interesting people whose story should be told please notify me in person or by email @ colindobson@pobox.com

Gary Pye Woodturning Supplies

www.garypye.com

There are a number of pen makers within the club so they may be interested in Josie Mare's research where Gary Pye Woodturning Supplies, a Queensland company, provide acrylic pen blanks at half the price that can be obtained at Pop's Shed. Since she identified these cheaper prices Josie has noticed Pop's Shed acrylic prices have dropped.

McJing Tools www.mcjing.com.au

Among other things this NSW Company offers ferrules & chisels without handles. Using the ferrule you can make your own handle and obtain a quality chisel for a much reduced price. I understand they also provide an efficient mail service.

Look after the tools & machinery

It is important to remember the club equipment is used by all members. Therefore it is important to respect & look after all the tools. The committee tries to make available new equipment as required. If you do not know how to sharpen chisels ask the session leader to sharpen the chisels for you. If he is already occupied please be patient.

Timbercom Visit

The committee is organising a visit to Timbercom in January. If you are interested put your name on the noticeboard.

Consider these Suppliers.

Pop's Shed ~ 10% to club members
Gary Pye Woodturning Supplies
Onsite Power Tools & Dandy Blade Sharpening Service
Penn State Industries
McJing Tools