



Club's 20th Year Celebration

70+ people attended the club's 20th birthday celebration at the Rye RSL recently. Hosted by the club president, John Bayliss, the luncheon was busy with conversation & laughter as the attendees mixed and shared their stories.

Notable attendees Mike Hiley, the club's first president, Barry Irving representing the Bendigo Bank & the Bunnings Activities Officer, Alyce Fogarty.

The 20 year celebration cake was cut by the life members Ron Higgins, Gordon Waddingham, Bert Bartlett, Bill Gorrison & Jack Kane.



Shaker Oval Boxes

The Lost Trades Fair was held at Kyneton last March and it was surprising how many "Lost Trades" still exist through many enthusiasts. Rundell & Rundell is one of these enthusiasts and out of their Central Highlands Workshops in Kyneton run workshops on sharing their skills with making Fanback Chair & Rocking Chairs, Bar & Perch Stools, Coopered Buckets, Shaker Oval Boxes, Spoon Carving, Silversmithing, French Polishing, Long Bow Making & Leatherwork.



Last year John Wood Bradley paid his \$250 & went for the weekend to learn how to make Shaker Oval Boxes. The Shakers, besides being a religious group that is an off shoot to the Quakers, are also known for their unique style of furniture. These boxes were made for storing food commodities like flour & sugar as well as small items they did not want lost.

Over two half days you learn the traditional art of oval box making, shaping and steam bending timber, shaping bases and lids and carefully fitting the boxes together in the traditional methods used by the Shaker communities since the 1700's.

The timbers used are American Maple & Cherry while the walls of the boxes are fastened with minute copper tacks & tooth picks. The walls are approx 2mm thick and the timber is bent by steaming or soaking it in warm to hot water.

Since completing the course John has continued to make these boxes at WOSP with the assistance of Rob Oram, whose skills seem unlimited.

Shaker Oval Box Courses are available in August & October.

Lost Trades Fair Video

The Space Tank Studio has provided a link to their Facebook page which has a video of the recent Lost Trades Fair which was made by Holger Dielenberg.

<https://business.facebook.com/spacetankstudio/videos/vb.1396023533952615/1760604120827886/?type=2&theater>

Council of Woodwork Clubs Newsletter

The CWC newsletter provides some interesting info but you need to delve into it to see any real items of stimulation. Advertised are wood exhibitions, live in wood turning camps and wood related general interest items. If you are planning a trip you may wish to time it coincide with visiting a club or exhibitions in the approximate vicinity. The following list has been grouped into "Exhibitions" & "Other / Camps"

Exhibitions

- April 30th, May 1st. Merry Month of May will be hosted by Southern Turners (part of Wood group SA) at Aberfoyle Park High School, South Australia.
- May 6 & 7, The Cooroora Wood & Craft Show 2016 will be held on Friday at Cooroora Woodworkers Club in Cooroy Qld
- May 19-20. Maryborough Wood turners and Craftsmen Guild will be holding a workshop display and demonstrations at the Fraser Coast Show
- 11 June, an Open Day initiated by the Gippsland Woodcraft Group in Nambrok, Vic.
- June 11-12. The Woodturners Society of Queensland Inc. will be holding a 2 day Open Event at 19 Pine Street, Greenslopes.
- June 11-12, The 21st annual South Coast Regional Exhibition of Woodwork at Tilba NSW
- June 17-19. The Australian Woodturning Exhibition at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading Victoria
- September 3-18. The Warratina Lavender Farm, Wandin, Yarra Valley in Victoria, will be holding its sixth Wood Working Expo.
- September 9-11. Timber & Working with Wood at Caulfield Racecourse (being registered with Club Woody will allow you to buy tickets online at a discount)
- September 24-25. Ballarat Woodworkers Guild is planning to hold the 2016 Wood and Craft Show
- November 19-20. Bundaberg Woodworkers Guild's Wood and Craft

Other / Camps

- May 1 at 11.00am. Buy Swap and Sell. Watson's Timber is having a clearing sale of dressed natural edged hardwood slabs on at the Whittlesea Showgrounds.
- June 11-12, Albury-Wodonga Woodcrafters will be holding their 7th Annual Woodcarving Weekend. Booking is essential, as only 25 places are available.
- June 17-18-19th. Ipswich Woodcrafts Club is conducting Q-Turn 2016 (Live in Camp Moogerah, Qld) Limit 45 lathes
- September 9-11. Down Under Turn Around (Live in Camp at Cowes)
- Restoration project - Steam Tug Wattle. The Bay Steamers Maritime Museum in Melbourne is refurbishing the Steam Tug Wattle, and they need assistance with the completion of brightwork (joinery and cabinetwork). They'd appreciate assistance from any clubs or woodies.

The camps appear to be good value and an excellent opportunity to learn and meet other fellow woodies. Generally the cost includes food & accommodation. All you need to bring is your pillow & linen, tools, portable lathe & screen if possible, plus your favorite piece of project timber.

The CWC newsletter has advertised that Liam O'Neill is an Irish professional turner of over 30 years and in 2017 is planning to tour Australia conducting 1 & 2 day training programs utilising various timbers & techniques. The cost is \$850 per day for a club. Program as follows:

<p>Day 1. Project no 1. Functional bowl using the "Irish grind" technique. Project no 2. Crooked grain container. Includes: How to perfect a curve on the inside of a box lid Make the grain appear to match from lid. Project no 3. Deep bowl with wide rim. Project no 4. (Optional) Electric chainsaw as turning tool</p>	<p>Day 2. Project no 5. Platter. Project no 6. Natural edge bowl. Project no 7. Hollow vessel.</p>
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You can google Liam O'Neill to find out more about him and see his work. If you are interested in attending a training day it should be possible to do so through the Peninsula Woodturners Guild.

Woodworking Masterclass TV Series

Billy Gorissen advises that a Woodworking Masterclass program is on Channel 31 twice a week at 1pm Mondays & 6pm Wednesdays. It would be great to have feedback from anyone who has seen these programs.

Monday Afternoon Session

The committee have agreed to have Roger Stebbing conduct the Monday afternoon sessions to assist members wanting assistance with picture framing.

Key Dates

General Meeting	8 th June
Bunnings BBQ	26 th June

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2016

I apologise for providing the February report in April/May however because it is in English I thought you might find it informative.

The club finances are in a very good position. During the summer we have used available funds for equipment purchase and repairs and maintenance. The expenditures are directed towards member safety, comfort and improving equipment and facilities.

The revenue this financial year is \$15,801 which is substantially made up of Donations \$3,348, Attendance \$2,875 & Bunnings BBQ. \$7,114

Over the same period the expenditure is \$17,295 with the main expense areas being Equipment Purchases \$5,096, Building Maintenance \$2,139, Repairs to Equipment \$434, Electrical Repairs \$232 & Electricity \$1,884.

This leaves the club with a deficit of \$1,440. Nevertheless Total Funds available are \$19,969 consisting of Current Account \$2,100, Cash at Call \$7,462 & Term Deposit of \$10,401

Since February the club has purchased a 3 phase drum sander and is in the process of having 3 phase connected to the workshop. The club is fortunate that the Rye Lions Club have donated \$1,000 to assist with the 3 phase connection.

Newsletter Contributions

Thanks to John Wood Bradley, Bill Gorrison, Jose Mare & John Parrent who have provided ideas for newsletter content this year. I am always interested in your thoughts & input so please keep them coming.

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