



**THE WORKSHOP IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 12 MARCH**

**Relocation**

The good news is the contractor has advised the new workshop *should* be available by the end of April. John Bayliss is so confident with this news he is encouraging members to be involved with the working bees currently being planned and to be advertised shortly.

One working bee will be to paint the container "basalt", the colour of our new workshop. Another working bee will be moving non-essential machinery to the container. Infrequently used equipment like the jointer, the mortise & tenon machine and the spare crosscut saw can be moved to the container with minimal impact to members.

Members need not worry about lifting anything too heavy as the club is purchasing a small crane to do the lifting. Email notification will advise when the working bees will take place. Please try to assist where possible.

Once the workshop becomes available to the club it is planned to line the inside walls to minimise dust build up. Some walls will need to be constructed e.g. the paint room. The amount of work to be done inside the workshop will not be known until the handover, where what is being delivered becomes apparent.

The relocation has forced the committee to purchase a mobile phone to replace the current landline. Members will be advised when the changeover occurs.

**Key Dates**

Bunnings BBQ	9 March Saturday
Lost Trades Fair	9-12 March
General Meeting	13 March
Committee Meeting	2 April
Newsletter Cut-off	5 April
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Timber, Tools & Artisan Show	25-28 August

**Snippets & Offcuts**

*Peter Ostiojic & Ross Ewison are the newest club members. Ross formerly worked in the IT industry selling Canon products. After retiring he moved to Tootgarook where he initially set up a mowing round. Although he heard about the club a number of years ago he believes now is the time to develop his interest in working with wood. He is a keen fly fisherman and is currently exercising his skill in Tasmania. When you see him at the club be sure to make him feel welcome. The Woodpecker is yet to catch up with Peter.*



Ross Ewison

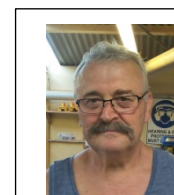


*The Lost Trades Fair is on this long weekend 9-12 March. If you are interested in going please ensure you book on-line as there is a limit of 8000 per day. Ticket availability at the gate is limited to 1000.*

**Timber, Tools & Artisan Show 25th-28th August @ Melbourne Showgrounds. Early Bird price \$16**

Some interesting membership statistics as at the end of 2018 are:

- ❖ Most members are from Rosebud, Rye & immediate suburbs however some come from Cape Schank, Mornington & Brighton.
- ❖ 2 members will receive their 20 year membership this year while 5 will receive their 10 year membership.
- ❖ 27 members have been with the club for 10 years or more, 3 of which have been with the club 20 years.
- ❖ 83.5% of the members have email.



Welcome back to Steve Tsavasilis after a long absence from the club

**Current Membership stands at 85**

The AFL season starts on the 21 March and Lyn Higgins has once again volunteered to run the sweep. The upfront cost for a year's involvement & entertainment is \$46 (\$2 per week). A \$10 weekly prize can be won for picking 9 winners. All monies are returned as prize money at the end of the home & away games. If you are interested, please place your name on the appropriate sheet on the noticeboard.

## Versatile Centre Gauge

Drill a snug fitting hole for a pencil in the middle of a 1/2" x 1/4" stick. Then drill 2 smaller holes for 10d nails an equal distance from the pencil hole. The distance between the nail holes should be a little larger than the widest section of the stock. Place the gauge over the stock & rotate it so the nails contact the sides. Draw the centre line while keeping the nails against the sides. Try it. It really works.

The "d" stands for penny, so 8d refers to an 8-penny nail, 16d to a 16-penny nail and so on. It's a way to indicate nail length, as you can see in the table below. ... Others say that the number and the "d" indicate that one 16d (3-1/2 inch) hand-forged nail cost 16 pennies.

The Right Nail for the Job

Box	Length	Diam.
10d	3	0.128
12d	3.25	0.128
16d	3.5	0.135
20d	4	0.148



THE NEWSLETTER CUT-OFF DATE WILL BE THE FRIDAY AFTER EACH COMMITTEE MEETING. ANYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PEN AN ARTICLE OR TWO.

## Social Media Strategy

The committee is preparing a social media strategy with the aim of advertising the club's presence and attracting new and younger members. The main focus of the strategy will be Facebook as many organisations use it to promote their business and advertise their products, programs & timetables. The strategy will also look into Facebook security settings and aim to clarify what roles will be required to manage the process.

## Toy Time

With the relocation of the club imminent, the toy makers will find the workshop disruption a challenge in achieving their 2019 goal of equaling their 2018 effort.

Bert Bartlett has developed a new passion for creating wooden thread since the toy team purchased a tap & dye set. He has made an assortment of nuts & bolts which can be used like the old meccano sets in making a range of toys.

This year John Dunn is making boats, Crossy is making trains, Noel Archdall is making wheels & John Parrent is making Finska sets, a popular European form of skittles

If you have any spare Wednesdays come along to the workshop and make some toys for the kids at Christmas.



1 Nuts & Bolts  
Noel making wheels  
a Finska Set

## WoSP History

Bert Bartlett recently provided a number of items, papers & photos relating to the club's history. These items highlight some of the club activities over the years.

*The "club", as it was known, was formed in 1996 from a woodworking group run by the University of the Third Age. It met first in a school classroom then moved to a small shed on Council land. It expanded rapidly and added a garage donated by a member, but when this too became overcrowded, financial assistance was obtained from the Mornington Peninsular Shire Council. With this money and a substantial contribution from club funds, together with members' labour, the clubhouse building was opened by the Mayor in 2003. The original sheds were re-erected as storage sheds alongside the clubhouse, and the standard of equipment & furniture was progressively upgraded. In 2006 subscription fees were \$35 & attendance fees were \$3 whereas today they are \$60 & \$4 respectively.*



**With the relocation of the club shortly it sounds as if history is going to repeat itself.**