



Relocation

After talking about it at length, a group of members said, "let's go" and the first working bee to paint the container began. To start with, any rust or flaky areas were ground off, followed by a coat of primer. Finally the container was painted "basalt" which is the colour of our new workshop.

Thank you to the following members who gave up their time to paint the container. A much appreciated effort. Dennis Connor, Jeff Killeen, Brian Young, John Hanley, Bert Bartlett, Noel Archdall, John Feeley, Barry Watson, Rob Oram, John Bayliss, Peter Ostojic and David Feather.

Initially the committee planned to buy a small crane to move the lathes, saws and sanders; however after considering the age of most members and the logistics of trying to align their availability it was agreed to utilise the services of an industrial mover to relocate the machinery. After all, this has been one of the reasons for having members support the Bunnings BBQ. At the last committee meeting it was agreed to have O'Brien Removals & Storage move all club machinery, equipment,



possessions and the container over a 2-day period. This will speed up the relocation and minimise workshop outage. Accessibility to the new workshop will be available sooner by taking this course of action. I for one welcome the change of strategy.

On 28 March, concrete was poured covering the shed's 6 metre pylons. Since then, reinforcing wire for the overall foundation has been laid and the concrete poured. Now we have a slab. The site manager says it requires 10 days to dry given that it's 6" thick. He estimates mid May as a completion date. Things really happen when John Bayliss goes on holidays!!!



Member Safety

Prior to using the workshop, each member **MUST** undertake the OH&S course to highlight safe working practice. The table saw would have to be one of the most useful, yet if not used correctly, dangerous pieces of equipment at the club, particularly if the guard has been removed.

Notes for **YOUR** safety:

- If you see the guard has been taken off, **PUT IT BACK ON.**
- If you have to take the guard off to cut your timber, **PUT IT BACK ON** when you have finished.
- **ALWAYS** use a push stick whether the guard is on or off.
- If there is not a push stick available, **MAKE ONE.** It's not hard and there is plenty of scrap timber available.
- Recently a push stick specifically for MDF has been made available. If you do not know how to use it, **ASK.**
- The mag switch is an extra hand. If you don't know how to use it, **ASK.**

Membership Drive

The committee are preparing for a membership drive. We want to advertise the club, its current and new address and the facilities available to members. The plans are twofold. Firstly, it will provide a physical presence at both Rosebud Plaza & Bunnings to display products, pictures and talk to the public. Second, a sub-committee has been set up to use social media to advertise the club to those who do not go to the Plaza or Bunnings.

Great seeing another lady, Kathleen Martin, join the club. Coming along on a Tuesday, she has already turned an egg cup and is planning to turn the egg next. Welcome to the club Kate.



Key Dates

Bunnings BBQ	26 April
Committee Meeting	7 May
Newsletter Cut-off	10 May
Turning in the Park 2019	16-19 May
Bunnings BBQ	24 May
Relocation Date	May Sometime
General Meeting	12 June
AGM	14 August
Timber, Tools & Artisan Show	25-28 August

Snippets & Offcuts

Recently I attended a day out at the Sandown Greyhounds and as it was such a good day I thought I would pass on some details. There are 8 barriers at the greyhounds so the invites are for 8 clubs. I attended as part of the Peninsula Grange Village, where I live, and 2 buses were provided to pick us up and return us safely home.

On arrival at the venue each club is allocated one of the 8 dog boxes. Each time a dog wins from that starting box the club wins \$100. My village came home with \$200 for the social club.

The cost of the day was \$15 per head.

In return we were provided with:

- A bus pick up & return home.
- A \$10 betting slip.
- Nibbles at your table plus free tea & coffee
- A wrist band the colour of one of the starting boxes. If that colour wins a specific race you are given another \$20 betting slip.

In addition, a couple of other activities are organised where an individual or a club could win more prizes.

If you are not confident with betting you can put \$2 on a dog receive the \$8 cash and bet more. Another option is to take a mystery bet where you are given a well fancied dog or dogs depending on the type of bet.

The events are conducted on the first Sunday of the month. If you or your club is interested contact Georgia on 0427 395 278 or send her an email at gmclean@grv.org.au

Thank you to the onion slicers and Bunnings BBQ volunteers for March 9. John Bayliss, John Hanley, Bert Bartlett, John Fitton, John Parrent, Scott Hanley, Rob Oram, Con Keegan, Bert Bartlett, Barry Watson, Colin Dobson, Dennis Connor, Gerry Gilliland, David Fraser, Noel Archdall, Jeff Killeen, Kate Martin. Derek Lowden & Ernie Garro.

- ❖ A number of members regularly assist outside groups. Dennis Connor has supported his wife, Margaret, by making some racks. The racks are used to hold 3 jam jars and are sold to support the Red Cross.
- ❖ Gaven Davis, Greg Millar, Dennis Conner & Bert Bartlett represented the club at Neighbourhood Day on 31 March. Thanks Guys.
- ❖ John Hanley has been making 20 wooden jigsaw puzzles for his granddaughter's primary school.
- ❖ The Boneo Primary School brought a wooden chair, in many pieces, to the workshop one Friday morning. When the chair was returned a few days later the principal said "many thanks and I have a couple more. Would it be OK to drop down to the club?"



The club has a new phone number in anticipation of its relocation. It's 0456 758 508. Be sure to store it in your contacts.

Not many members are participating in the football sweep being run by Ron Higgins. Nevertheless the prizemoney is attractive. 1st \$900, 2nd \$460, 3rd \$200, last \$46. There is a \$10 weekly prize for picking 9 winners. The amount is jackpotted if no one picks 9. The competition is tough though. For round 1 most paper experts picked 4. The best in this sweep was 7.

Peninsula Woodturners Guild is conducting "Turning in the Park 2019" at McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery. Entry is Free. 10am-4pm 16-19 May 2019.

If you are interested in travelling you may be interested in visiting the Lost Trade Fair: Toowoomba Qld 4 & 5 May 2019 - tickets on sale NOW and the Lost Trade Fair: Hawkesbury, NSW 5 & 6 October 2019

Other places to visit could be woodwork clubs or shows. Recently John Hanley went to Maryborough and visited a wood supplier who had a variety of slabs at a very reasonable price.



**THE NEWSLETTER
CUT-OFF DATE
WILL BE THE
FRIDAY AFTER
EACH COMMITTEE
MEETING.**

On the workshop noticeboard are a couple of leaflets advertising lathes & tools for sale. Alan is moving from Rye and has a lifetime of equipment for sale. Rob is selling a Hitachi router with collet spanners and an adjustable fence. Then there is Derek who is selling hand tools, planes, saws, power tools including a band saw. He has a deadline for the end of March but it might still be worth trying. See noticeboard for contact details.

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