



Relocation

From the WOSP viewpoint the club move is still anticipated to be around March / April 2019.

This is still the schedule despite no Government Grants being received and no contracts to begin have been signed. Currently the council are expecting the Government Grants to come through late Sept / October. Subsequently the council are still planning a June 2019 start.

In the interim the council have put to tender the sale of surrounding trees. The construction of the carpark has been included in their own budget so shortly you will see the trees come down & work begin on the carpark. This may mean that club members will not be able to use the Besgrove St entrance but rather come in from Boneo Road.

Besides awaiting the grants another possible impact to the pool delivery could be change in committee, CEO & Lord Mayor.

The delay to the commencement of the pool means that the toy handover in 2018 will be 1st December; however planning for toys in 2019 still needs be clarified.

Key Dates

Picture Framing	1 st October
Committee Meeting	4 th October
Bunnings Spring Launch	6 th October
Rosebud Retirement Village Display	20 th October
Committee Meeting	13 th November
Toy Handover	1 st December
Committee Meeting	4 th December
Christmas Lunch	12 th December
Workshop Closes	14 th December

Christmas Lunch

The committee have booked Christmas lunch for 60 at the Rye RSL for Wednesday the 12th Dec at midday.

Spouses are welcome. Register your interest on the club notice board.



New Members

Current membership stands at 78. Please make the recent new members Matt Baker, Nick Porter, Brendan & Don Easdon welcome.

Bunning Spring Launch

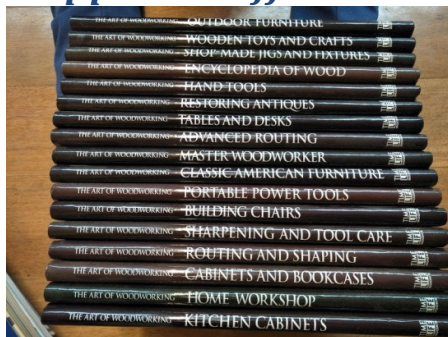


WOSP has been invited to participate in the Bunnings Spring Launch. The club wants to create interest by giving away small toys like tops, mini surf boards, dibblers, whistles, etc.



Even though there will be a working bee on a Thursday, Friday afternoon you are encouraged to make a few items at home.

Snippets & Offcuts



Library books are still available for members to review should they be interested. It is surprising what is available. There is a whole LIFE series on the "Art of Woodworking" on the table.

In addition, be sure to take advantage of the video library. It always creates discussion over the coffee break

Each week the dust extractors are cleaned and the dust is bagged. Consequently there are a lot of bags available for anyone interested in the sawdust. The



bags are available to everyone but it is appreciated when bags are returned.

The Melbourne Timber & Working with Wood Show has come & gone. I for one visited it on the last day and found a number of the timber merchants prepared to barter. A \$135 slab of camphor laurel was purchased for \$80, a 40% discount.

Condolences

The club wishes to pass on its condolences to Chris Christensen & his family at the recent passing of his wife, Fay.

Get Well Soon

The Woodpecker has not heard of any member in ill health. Certainly Gaven & Gordon are on the road to recovery as is Kevin Cross who has had recent medical attention.

Prelude to Destiny

People may be aware Allan Smith had a stroke a while back. However the "Woodpecker" only recently discovered that to help him rehabilitate he wrote his biography "Prelude to Destiny", a book is almost 200 pages in length. The theme of the book is that boats were meant to be timber. While a copy of the book is available a small excerpt has been included below. The pictures have been added to help the reader appreciate the type of vessel to which he is referring.

By Allan Smith

I feel I have been very privileged over so many years to have sailed in some very distinctive and lovely timber vessels. Much more rare now it's hard to believe that once not too long ago all seagoing yachts and workboats were built from timber and usually quality timber. Those who own them now tend to appreciate how special they are and spend much time and money on their upkeep.

My own experiences includes participating in several Tall Ship's Races and winning in 1966 in a beautiful 90' brigantine rigged yacht called *Centurion*

whose owner had been generous enough to lend his pride and joy so that we could sail the race. She was a replica of an American Revenue Cutter and was fast and weatherly for a yacht of that age.



Figure 1 Centurion



Figure 2 Kenya Jacaranda

A year later we sailed in a vessel that was far from being a yacht but an old Brixham Trawler, the ketch *Kenya Jacaranda*, more sturdy than beautiful but a boat in every way, in fact she was more than sturdy, surprisingly weatherly and relatively fast. I remember she had been somewhat mistreated and if you maltreat boats you soon find trouble and we discovered a few problems. You don't need problems when you are at sea.

Next a yacht in every way and so far from the trawler that it was a new experience and again it was in a Tall Ships Race. *Kylena* was a 12 metre and



Figure 3 Kylena

that says it all. These boats were designed to race around the buoys not cross oceans as we were to soon find out why as it was a long way to Norway! She was obviously quick, very much so but as well she was wet, very wet! Not only on deck but the water found its way below. Despite this she was a stunningly attractive yacht and an absolute joy to sail.

When you go ocean racing be sure to take plenty of additional headsails. We had only one and consequently when a sail tore from one end to the other it took twelve hours to repair relegating us a second place rather than a first. We didn't consider her such a pretty yacht at that time.



Figure 4 Duena

Duena had also been a working fishing boat in the east coast and was transformed into a pretty little yacht by a very clever man, she was rigged as a brigantine and she certainly turned heads. This time she was used for an entire season for training and many cadets benefited from her experience. We worked her hard.

Some years later I sailed the *Centurion* again from Hamble on the UK's south coast to Gibraltar, for her owner. The vessel's quality remained as before except her rig had changed from a brigantine to a topsail schooner.

What an interesting period in Allan's life. Hope you enjoyed this little excerpt.