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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESKTOP



Hi Fellow Woodies

My last Newsletter contribution was written from the Otways and as I write this, Thel and I are preparing to go away in our Caravan for about 2 months, Travelling into NSW and Eastern Victoria. Time has seemed to escape so quickly.

On the long weekend in June about 20 of us all gathered to admire Ian's Shed and his subsequent collection of "stuff" followed by Fish and chips at Queenscliff. It was a great night of fun and laughter. See Dallas's Report and Photos for more details.

It was our turn to host the combined Woodies Night and we did ourselves proud. About 60 attended with clubs coming from the Bellarine Peninsular, Colac, Lara, Altona and Geelong. Ted Brown entertained us with his spiral Staircase Manufacture & "work on display" was of a high standard – all followed by a scrumptious supper.

In July, about 15 of us enjoyed a visit to the OneSteel Factory thanks to Dallas, and we all managed to escape any serious cuts during our Whittling Night with Dave.

The Committee has met this month and set out the programme till the end of March 2013, details of which are a part of this Newsletter

We discussed ways in which we might change our annual "Christmas Toy-Hand-Over Night". This year as a change we are going to start at 6.30 pm with a catered Smorgasbord Tea. In between courses we will run the programme.

For some time now a number of us have been concerned about our declining numbers and have recognised that it is becoming difficult for some of our older people to come out at night. Our thought is that it may be possible to establish a "day-time" group meeting monthly and the night group meet on the alternative fortnight but at night.

We will not be making any major changes at present, but the proposal is out there to let you think and talk about its "pros and cons" and we will vote on it at the annual meeting in February.

Thel and I will see you early in November – Have a good Spring.

HAPPY WOODWORKING..... BRIAN SHAW

Combined Clubs Meeting 2012

June saw our club host the annual combined meeting of local wood clubs. The meeting was held at St David's Church Hall and was attended by around 60 woodies representing 5 clubs. The other clubs represented were Barwon Valley, Lara, Bellarine, Colac, and Altona.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Ted Brown. Ted has extensive experience in the building industry and entertained us with his verbal and pictorial presentation on how he and his son built a wooden circular staircase to fit inside a square tower that was internally 7' x 7' and approximately 40' tall. He also displayed the models he made of the project.

There were many items presented for "show & tell" from all clubs and all of very good quality.

It was great to see our most senior member Rex Howard there, along with his own S&T. Although he no longer turns, he showed items from a large bowl, right down to some miniatures, showcasing his immense talent.

This is always a special event each year, enjoyed by all who make the effort to attend. So if you missed it this time, I urge you to make it along next time, and join in the camaraderie. Oh, and the supper is always great too.



The Tower



Ted and his Models



Carl and his Windsor Chair



Part of the Crowd



Visit to Ian Duncan's Workshop

In June, due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday, we were not able to use our normal meeting venue.

We had allocated a spot on our syllabus to visit a member's workshop to see what they do and how they do it.

Ian accepted our request, so a number of us and some partners made the trip to Point Lonsdale to have a look at his workshop.

Ian always says that he can't bear to see anything thrown out that he, or someone else may have a use for. He often brings things along to our meetings, whether it be actual items, or information about them, for other members to partake in.

Ian's workshop was a testament to this type of attitude. His workshop was like walking into Aladdin's Cave. Everywhere you looked there were interesting items that he had collected over the years. As Ian had worked for the Railways for many years he had a lot of memorabilia from his time there, much of which would have significant value to a collector of such items.

There were items in there that many people did not have any idea of what they were, or what they would be used for. Ian gave an explanation of any items that members brought to his attention, often with a very humorous result (including his fines from Vic roads).

Everywhere you looked, there was something you could say "I remember that from such and such", or "I've never seen one of those before, what is it".

Ian even had a wood fire in there (maybe that's why we think he never makes a mistake). It was greatly appreciated by everyone, as it was quite a cold afternoon.

It was difficult for us to pull ourselves out of the workshop, because there were just so many items that we kept discovering and wanting to know more about.

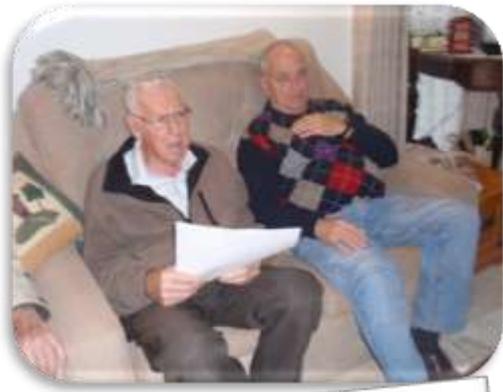
Our meeting was held in the workshop in the warmth and ambience of the fire. We then moved into Ian and Heather's home for a lovely afternoon tea.

Post afternoon tea and much chit chat, we went down to the Marina at Queenscliff for a meal of Fish & Chips. Always a perennial favourite.

This was a great afternoon for all, and we would like to thank Ian and Heather for their hospitality.



Some of the gang at Ian & Heather's place



From this.....



.....To this





Carvers Corner

From Mike Angell

David Burrell and Geoff Findlay from our group attended the annual weekend Carve-In at the Lady Northcote Camp where there were a lot of quality carvings on display. The Speaker was Richard Yeates of the Woodcraft-Manningham club. Instruction was given in most types of carving, mechanical and hand carving on a variety of subjects.

The Cuckoo Clock which Geoff Findlay showed to us two meetings ago generated a lot of interest, it was made in Germany from Linden timber, age unknown but was known to hang in The Victorian Anglers and Tattersall's Club in Carlton some 20 plus years ago. Cuckoo Clocks somewhat similar are still made and can be seen at www.cuckoooclock.de and have a price of several thousand US dollars, thanks to Geoff who supplied the above information.

Happy Carving Mike



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TAKE TIME TO SMILE

A healthy place

At the urging of his doctor, Allan (not a young man) moved to Munruben. After settling in, he met a neighbour, John, who was also an older man.

“Say, is this really a healthy place?”

“It sure is,” John replied.

“When I first arrived here, I couldn’t say a word.

I had hardly any hair on my head, and I didn’t have the strength to walk across a room and I had to be lifted out of bed.”

“That’s wonderful!” said Allan. “How long have you been here?”

“I was born here” came the reply.

Johnny was one of those “child terrors.” You know, the kind of child that is into everything, can’t keep still, a real annoyance and just drives you crazy. His father was surprised when Johnny’s mother suggested that they buy him a bicycle for his birthday.

“Do you really believe that’ll help improve his behaviour?” the father asked.

“Well, no.” The mum admitted, “But it will spread it over a wider area.”

Do It Yourself Handyman Word Search Puzzle

T H S R E I L P P S G F O
R R A G N I D L E W N A R
R E D N A S U Z I G I S E
T T V N D M L R R R K T L
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C T H G I L H S A L F L T

CHISEL
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METER
PLIERS
SANDER
STAPLER
NAIL

COMPRESSOR
FLASHLIGHT
HANDYMAN
WOODWORKING
PLUMBING
SCREWDRIVER
TOOLBOX
WRENCH

DRILL
GRINDER
LADDER
PLANE
RATCHET
SOCKET
WELDING
AXE



Our Program for 2012/13

All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. sharp

August	27 th	Searching the Web for woodworking ideas & Information
September	5 th 10 th 24 th	Carving Group – Gordon Technical College Visit to Foundation 61 Visit to Bob Johnson's workshop At Abervale {TBC}
October	3 rd 8 th 22 nd	Carving Group – Gordon Technical College Magic trick construction Bruce McDonald from Osolnik Machinery Power Tools and Repairs
November	7 th 12 th 26 th	Carving Group – Gordon Technical College Craft night Annual Dinner/Breakup night 6:30pm start
December	5 th	Carving Group - Gordon Technical College
February	6 th 11 th 25 th	Carving Group - Gordon Technical College Annual General Meeting Trade Visit (TBC)
March	4 th	Committee Meeting



HAPPY WOOD-WORKING TO YOU ALL

You are invited to contribute information to your Newsletter - Photo's of Woodies Projects, Events, Stories, Jokes etc., would be very welcome.

(please contact the Editor on – 52435258)

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