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# Geelong Woodcrafters Guild Inc.

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MEETS: 7.30 p.m. Every **Second** and **Fourth** Monday of the Month

7.30 p.m. WOODCARVING - Every **First Wednesday** of Month.

VENUE: Gordon Technical College, East Geelong Campus, Building 'G'

OBJECTIVES: To promote, encourage and develop the practice of  
Wood Craft in all its forms.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESKTOP

### GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS AND FELLOW WOODIES

Well guys another year has almost finished and our club is struggling to remain viable.

We have only averaged about nine members at each meeting this year and six members indicated that they would not be going on next year for various reasons, health, travelling and involvement with other organisations etc. Included in that six are the president, secretary and treasurer.

At our last committee meeting after much discussion re whether our club should keep going next year it was decided to recommend to the members that the club become a carving focused club.

This recommendation was put to the members on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014. No motion was forthcoming so the recommendation lapsed.

It was decided to keep the club going; but mainly focusing on carving.

During the year we lost Alan McKinnon (life member) and Bob Scott (recent ex member).

On a brighter note our Christmas meeting will be going ahead on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014. It will be a similar meeting to last year; but there will be no guest speaker. Because this will be the last meeting for many members it was decided to have as much time as possible to have a chat amongst ourselves.

**Don't forget the Christmas toys.**

**IAN WOOD**

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## SECRETARIAL PRATTLE

There is not much happening in secretary world at present so I thought I would issue you with the following work practices.

### WORKSHOP COMMANDMENTS

- Thou shalt make an efficient set-out of all work. For a good drawing is like unto a beacon set on a hill.
- Thou shalt arrange that the best-looking timber shall stand in the best place, and the worst shall be hidden away.
- Choose or prepare a face-side and edge, at all times preparing the side before the edge, and marking both in a manner that cannot be misunderstood.
- Mark for each group of pieces a pattern, and, cramping it alongside it's fellow, quickly transfer thy marks with ease and confidence.
- Group thy operations, for repetition is the mother of accuracy and speed.
- At all times sever wood fibres across the grain before attempting to split out the waste from a mortise or housing.
- Bore all screw holes slack in the shank and tight in the thread, for thereby thou shalt ensure a close fit and avoid evil temper.
- Leave on all thy lines until the end of a job, for the destruction of evidence is the mark of a criminal.
- Fit intricate joints separately before assembly, and clean up such faces as will later be inaccessible.
- Prepare a truly level surface and make a trial cramping of thy work before applying the glue.
- Glue the joints and not the job.
- Lose no time after gluing, but have everything ready to cramp hard up before the glue can chill.
- See that thy job is square and out of twist, and thou shalt clean it up with care, remembering that a "flat" surface is the mark of a clever workman.
- Thou shalt not sandpaper away any quirk or edge from a moulding, for these are the evidence of its character and are very precious.
- Thou shalt not sandpaper across grain that will be polished, for this is a sin which cannot be covered, and will be known to all who behold thy work.

There endeth the lesson.

**IAN DUNCAN, SECRETARY**

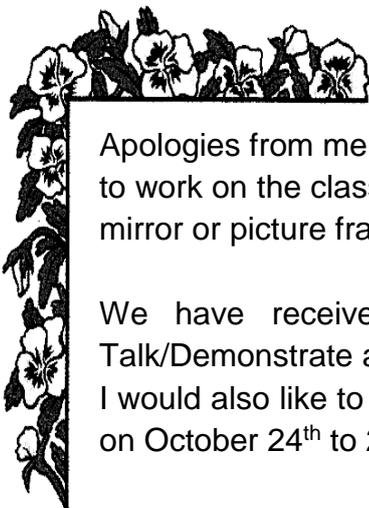
## JEWEL BOXES made as part of our PROJECT NIGHT ACTIVITIES



The finish is 50% Tung Oil, 40% Orange Oil, and, 10% Carnauba Wax,



The wood is "Fijian Mahogany" and the finish is "Feed-n-wax" a product sold by "Howard Products" and is a combination of Bees Wax, Carnauba Wax, and Orange Oil.



### **Carbers Corner** *From Mike Ansell*

Apologies from me for missing the last Newsletter .As a group we are continuing to work on the classic carving styles that can be used as decoration on furniture mirror or picture frames, and the carving sessions have been well attended.

We have received an invitation from Barwon WoodWrights to give a Talk/Demonstrate at their WoodShow in November.

I would also like to remind members of the Melbourne Working with Wood Show on October 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>.

The whittling group is continuing to meet, the next meeting is on November, 15th at the Western Beach BBQ area.

**Carry on Carbing**

**Mike**

## AWARE of DUST

There are two aspects to fine dust that determine risk, first the size of the particles and second, the concentration of them in the air.

Sawdust is generally in the area of less than 1 micron to 600 microns. *A micron is one millionth of a meter in diameter* – to put it into perspective, **Particles smaller than 40 microns cannot be seen with the naked eye.**

Our lungs deal fairly well with foreign bodies that are more than 7 microns in size. When a ray of light reveals floating dust in the workshop, we're only seeing particles that are five to six times larger than the ones that are harmful.

For the Wood turner, the two most common problems are-

*Nuisance dusts* – small particles that at high concentrations clog up the airways of the lungs and create discomfort and breathing difficulty.

*Toxic dusts* – particles that are toxic to the body after being inhaled into the lungs – asbestos, silica, *be careful with MDF material and the emery wheel.*

After all is said and done, **common sense tells us to take precautions** against any dangerous practice, including inhaling wood dust.

**Dust Masks: a Word of caution** *One of the great misconceptions of dust control is that inexpensive white fabric or paper nuisance masks offer some protection while turning. It's worth noting that reputable companies such as 3M place a warning label on their version of these, and it literally reads: "This mask will not protect your lungs." (Less scrupulous manufacturers print the label in small print on the package rather than the mask, or not at all.) Nuisance masks not only allow almost all of the dangerous small particles through, they also impart a false sense of security. People using them for wood dust filtration feel as though they are doing something to protect themselves (which, of course, is completely false), so they don't bother taking any other real steps such as installing an air scrubber, hooking up to a dust collector, or investing in a powered respirator.*

*For more information, visit [dustbeegone.com/dustmask.html](http://dustbeegone.com/dustmask.html).*

*The consequences of exposure to health hazards. Are just too risky to take casually.*

**(Extracted from American Woodturner Magazine April 2010 Vol 25 Number 2- via the Woodturners Association of WA Inc. website [woodturnerswa.com](http://woodturnerswa.com))**

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## HOSPITAL REGULATIONS

Hospital rules state that patients checking out must have a wheelchair.

One day a newly graduated nurse assistant came into the room to find an elderly man fully dressed. He was sitting on the bedside chair, with a piece of packed luggage at his side, all ready to go.

When he was shown the wheelchair, he was adamant that he was fully capable of walking himself to the parking lot.

But the assistant told him rules were rules, so he relented and let her wheel him out. In the elevator, the assistant asked the elderly man if his wife was coming to meet him. "I don't think so," he replied. "It takes her awhile to change her clothes, so she's probably still upstairs in the bathroom taking off of her hospital gown and getting dressed."

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



## **Our Program for 2014**

**All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. sharp**

- 27-Oct.-14      Formal Meeting - Michael Byrne – Family History**
- 05-Nov-14      **Carving Group - Gordon Technical College****
- 10-Nov-14      Project night**
- 25-Nov-14      Christmas Breakup @ Western Heights Uniting Church**
- Tuesday @ 6.30pm      Douglas Street Herne Hill**
- 1-Dec-14      **Carving Group - Gordon Technical College****

## **2015**

- 9-Feb.-15      Annual General Meeting**

**HAPPY WOOD-WORKING TO YOU ALL**