

# THE WOODY-WOODWORKER NEWSLETTER No. 368 – JULY 2018



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MEETINGS HELD ON  
2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH  
GIPPSLAND WOODCRAFT GROUP HALL  
843 MAFFRA / ROSEDALE ROAD, (C487)  
NAMBROK  
from 10.00am

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	Ross Noske	Len Graham	Robert Ahearne

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**Due to the annual Open Day being held there was  
no general meeting**

## **GETTING AND SPENDING**

During May President Graeme was able to secure another grant. This time \$2000 from Sale and District Greyhound Racing Club for the meeting room new air conditioner.

We attended Stratford's Shakespeare Festival where we made \$90 from sales. Subs amounted to \$100, door entry \$161 and catering \$32.

Outgoing, we purchased some dust extractor bags from EG Saw Service for \$30.40, pine, key blanks, a rake, brooms and a door latch from Bunnings \$86.71, and \$608 was spent on 210 bottle opener inserts from Pop's Shed for an order to be completed for ASH.

Balance for the construction of the new shed and arbor was \$1630, a Carbatec drill set \$134 and a new bandsaw blade and a blade repair cost \$28.

**OPEN DAY SUMMARY:** The raffle raised \$630, sales totalled \$311, which included a make-your-own-pen exercise run by Andrew, Karen, Ross and Rob, clearing around \$43 after expenses. Ranford's Butchery, Sale, supplied the meat for the barbecue lunch at a cost of \$195.15; a profit of \$50 was realised after expenses (excess uncooked meat has been frozen in readiness for the Annual General Meeting lunch). The tea and coffee jar realised \$70 following deductions.

Our Bendigo Bank balance stood at \$23,721.70 on May 31.

***NORM HYDE, Treasurer***

*For payments to the club, these are our Bendigo Bank details: BSB 633-000. A/c No. [1477-77080](#). Or place the payment in an envelope, detailing your name, the amount and its purpose, and hand it to Treasurer Norm.*

## OPEN DAY REPORT

A drizzly start to the day soon made way for sunshine and cars began arriving even before the 10am starting time. Luckily, we were all organised and ready for them and the steady stream that followed throughout the day.

The Maffra Vintage Car Club's display was the first stopping point for most visitors and an excellent range of cars ensured they weren't disappointed.

Most made their way to our machinery shed where three lathes were set up so any visitor that wanted to could make up a pen under the guidance of Andrew, Karen, Ross or Rob. This was the first time the pen making had been part of the day but people were happy to line up and wait to go through the process as it proved to be extremely popular. Around twenty pens were turned on the day.



As always Peter Young's Lucas Mill was a real draw card on the day with a variety of timbers brought along so Peter could work his magic on it. Paddy had a stationery engine ticking over all day and some of the older visitors talked of using them in their younger years, A great feat that even today it can be relied upon for steady running.

Those calling in were given the opportunity to sign up to win a door prize which was a great food warmer donated by Harvey Norman Traralgon. Raffle tickets were available to be purchased from Lois, Norm and Ian and with some sold prior to the days event total ticket sales managed to make \$630

Cyril assisted by Michael had his hands full running two barbeques but did an outstanding job cooking the rissoles, sausages and onions that were snapped up during the day. Freda and Margaret served up the fine food and Peter was only too happy to collect the money.



Freda, Lois and Judy made sure we wouldn't run out of cakes and biscuits with a large plateful still remaining at day's end,

The tea and coffee stand had good attendance but one or two more helpers would be good next year as it was unmanned at times.



In the workshop Henk had his rocking horse on display along with a variety of his work including the puzzles that had people scratching their heads.

Ralph ran the mini lathe but tells me he spent more time answering questions and talking than turning the pens he worked on.

Geoff Howe had his marble moving machines on show which captured a lot of attention.

John Doyle from East Gippsland Saw Service had a great range of items on display and many took the opportunity to stock up. This was just a small part of what he has on offer and it's well worth paying a visit to his Bairnsdale store or give him a call on 03)51521001 for all your woodworking needs.



Len, Colin and Malcolm created a large volume of chips around the carvers' bench and there were some magnificent carvings on show as well.



Doug and Colin manned the sales table and a wide variety of items were sold on the day which generated \$226.00

Kevin Fleming ran his Excalibur scroll saw and the main difference with his work is that he uses leather and he also cuts out old pennies leaving the kangaroo as the only piece in the circle. Some excellent pieces were on show including images of famous people such as Johnny Cash and Elvis cut into leather.

A big thanks to those who attended Friday to prepare the rooms and the machinery shed - it would have been a shambles on the Saturday otherwise.

Len picked up a carving job to do for the club and a number of visitors made enquiries with Peter Young about logs they want broken down.

Norm signed up Doug Siggins as a member and a few others indicated they will certainly return and follow up becoming a member so it was a very rewarding day all round.

## **RAFFLE WINNERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** A coffee table made by Ian was won by Kerry Peel

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** A \$50 gift card from Bunnings Traralgon store was won by S.Risely

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** The wooden locomotive donated by Norm was won by Jarred Noske

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** A Ranford Butchers meat pack voucher was won by John Pritchard.

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize:** A bowl donated by Ralph was won by Kay Brand.

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize:** A \$50 meal voucher donated by Sale Greyhound club was won by Geoff Howe

**7<sup>th</sup> Prize:** An ash chopping board was won by Mick Centra .

A big thanks to those who donated items to the open day raffle!



**Membership fees are due at the end of June, so please try to have the money to Norm by then to save us having to spend the next few months chasing it up!**

Adult fee is \$50.00

Family fee is \$85.00. 2 adults and up to 3 kids

Junior membership (under 18) is \$16

A monthly newsletter is included with membership but if you just want a newsletter emailed copy is free & hard copy posted is \$16 for 12 months

**You can pay Norm direct or pay online. Our banking details are Bendigo bank, BSB 633-000. Acc No147777080**

At our fourth Saturday meeting last month, Anthony signed up Colin Armitage so our numbers continue to grow. Colin helped man the Carvers' Bench during the Open Day. Please make him welcome.

## OH&S REMINDER

Members are reminded that when we implement the occupational health and safety policy that you will need to be signed off to use each individual type of machinery at the club or work supervised, take the opportunity now to be checked and added to the lists. There are manuals available to read up correct usage of all machinery.

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Bunnings have donated some gift cards to raffle as fund raisers so the 1<sup>st</sup> prize at the AGM raffle will be a \$50 gift card, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize will be a food warmer from Harvey Norman Traralgon - so ask your friends and family if they want to enter, at only \$1 a ticket it's too good an opportunity to miss.

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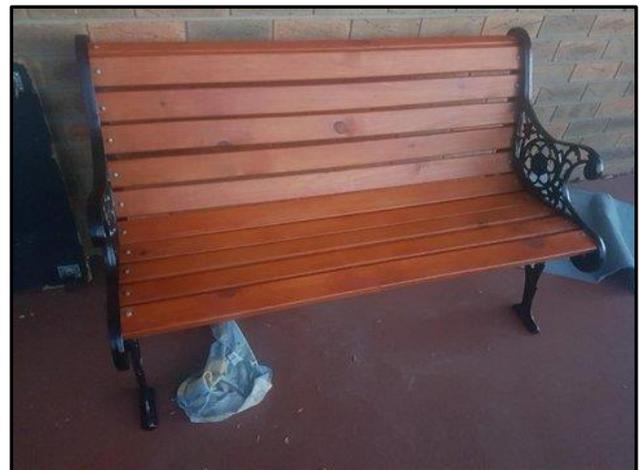
ASH Sawmill asked us to frame some aerial shots of the Mill.

Titch was happy to take on the task and Vince was very pleased with the end result.

## OUTDOOR BENCH REBUILD

The second outdoor bench required a great deal of work due to the slats being painted rather than stained like the previous ones.

The bolts were well rusted and the timber ends showed early signs of rot. I made the decision to replace the timbers and after preparing them I gave all the bare timber three coats of the Jarrah decking oil. New bolts were used to complete the refurbishment.



The owner was extremely pleased with both benches when taking delivery. This project generated \$260.00 for the club. *Thanks to those who helped!*

## NAMBROK SCHOOL SESSION - THURSDAY 21ST

While our team of volunteers greatly appreciated the warmth generated by the new air conditioner on a cold morning some of the kids from Nambrok School arrived in polo shirt and shorts and wondered what all the fuss was about.

In recent weeks the kids have completed a serviette holder, Blackwood trinket box and are currently working on a set of coasters. With just one session left this term an all-out effort was made to get as much done as possible.

After the kids left Rob Wetton and I removed the clay soil covering our tank overflow pipe so it can be raised to keep it clear of water sitting in the drain. After the trench was done we took the opportunity to unpack and lay out the components for the new jointer and assembled what bits we could.

## POWER POLE CARVING

At the Open Day, Len was asked if our group could do a carving project for a gentleman who plans to put a seat made from a section of power pole on a walking trail his late sister used to use.

Len visited the club at least four non-meeting days to complete the piece and because of the timber and some small flaws he calls it his “warts and all carving”.



As always the carving was very well done especially considering the material used.

## CLUB PROJECTS

**Julia and Adam from Mewburn Park recently brought along one of their trestle tables for us to modify.**

The table had a gap down the centre approximately 10mm wide and sat on an unattached flimsy set of legs. Ian and some helpers disassembled the top two panels, cleaned up the edges and used dominos and glue to anchor the two halves together. Ian then made up a leg assembly that was attached permanently to the trestle and allowed the legs to fold up when not required. Julia and Adam were thrilled with the result and have asked us to modify the other twelve existing tables in the same manner, they also want on to order an additional five tables.



Ian has been busy in his workshop even on the cold days, making up the five new tops and he now intends to make up all the sets of legs in his workshop and we will then assemble the tables at the club. On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Paddy picked up the leg timber from ASH sawmill and Ian assisted him to unload it.

**Some time back we made up a number of pine trestles for Kylie in Stratford for her party hire business. Kylie has now requested another eight of the pine trestles which have the same leg set up as the Mewburn Park ones.**

Ian has said he will manufacture these sets at home also as it is more convenient. We will need some helpers at the club to assemble the pine tops which use flooring boards.

Once assembled they will need to be stained so bring along your carpentry and artistic skills because we need these completed by September.

### **OTHER PROJECTS:**

- The large table and bench seats awaiting reassembly and staining.
- We have been asked to make up two golf trophy boards for a local golf club.
- Traralgon West Fire Brigade require an additional honour board at their facility.
- We need to complete the two hundred universal openers for ASH sawmill
- Len is carving details into a section of power pole that was made into a seat
- Graeme Ingleton is making up some chair braces we were asked to fabricate
- Bunnings Traralgon have requested three boxes for a project to be displayed at their garden club on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. Jo has given us a \$100 gift card for our help. I will attempt to get them made in time.
- And, of course, the shed project which is due to have concrete poured soon will require shelving sets assembled, area tidy up including spreading of excess soil. And, eventually converting the old trailer shed into a timber storage. So, if you are after something to do I am sure I can help!

### **CLUB MACHINERY FOR SALE**

- With our upgraded air conditioner installed our old unit is for sale to best offer received. This unit will need re-gassing on installation.
- The club also has for sale our 200mm jointer which has served us well, but a decision was made to purchase a spiral cutter unit. The outgoing unit comes with a spare set of blades, a blade setting jig and is on a mobile trolley. A reserve of \$300 has been set by the committee. Highest bid over the reserve figure will be offered the unit.

To bid on any of the items, enclose your bid in an envelope with your name and phone number on the front as well as the name of the item you are bidding on. Norm needs to receive the envelope by 11 am on 28<sup>th</sup> July. Successful bidders will be announced at lunch time at the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## THE FULHAM WORK CREW

The Crew attended our rooms on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to mow the grass so I used the opportunity to deliver the new jointer crate and cabinet and enough of us were there to place them in the shed ready for assembly.

Because the lawn was still tidy we put the remaining time into digging out the floor of the Bendigo Bank Arbor.

I was very impressed with how hard the Crew worked including the supervisor and in no time at all the area was trimmed out, excess soil wheeled to fill low spots and a trench was dug to run the overflow pipe that will service our new tank.



Ben from Sale is wishing to sell two heavy-duty lathes and an industrial-type thicknesser/jointer at very reasonable prices. All are wired for 3-phase. Contact Ben 0416 298 767.



Mike Jennings has rounds of Blackwood for sale. Timber is dry and crack free, pieces range from 200mm diameter to just over 400 diameter. Very reasonably priced. For more details phone Mike on 0429977227

## FOURTH SATURDAY

The priority job today was to assemble the new Carbatec jointer which Ian and Rob got right into with a number of assistants/observers on hand to help.

Len has taken on a carving project with proceeds going to the club, he plans to put in a lot of time between meetings also to speed it along.

Graham Frankland delivered a batch of pegs and we went about boxing up the arbour floor in readiness for concreting, and the new overflow pipe was installed and given appropriate fall. With Graham Frankland, Graeme Ingleton, Graham Faravoni and myself working on the project it was easy to get everyone's attention when needed.



There were some visitors who attended who had been to our Open Day and they were given some instruction on a lathe.

A few members put away the sales items from the open day and worked on getting things back in place in the workshop.

Henk brought along a number of Australian Woodworker magazines and had labelled pages containing projects written by Neil Bradbury, Neil loved to share his wealth of information with others. See Henk if you wish to see the books that are currently at the club.

Graham Faravoni, Graeme Ingleton and myself attended the club on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and spent our time spreading the two cubic meters of crushed granite for the base of the arbour slab. We also renewed the water tank overflow line and raised it up clear of the drain floor. Ian and Paddy arrived and unloaded the trestle material.

When Ian and Rob told me they were going to do some wood burning I assumed they meant Pyrography but this is how I found them.

Len Graham attended the rooms Monday, Tuesday and again today to work on the seat carving he has taken on.



Henry worked on the restoration of an antique and spent a lot of time cleaning up the components.



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, Rob, Taffy and myself worked on getting both slabs of concrete ready to pour.

Graham Franklin kindly lent us his plate compactor so both areas were compacted and levelled up. Plastic was placed on the shed floor and mesh cut for both areas. The sliding door needs raising and that will occur prior to concreting.

## CLEANING ROSTER 2018

2 <sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> SATURDAY
<b>July 14<sup>th</sup></b> Geoff Howe, Robert Ahearn	<b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b> Graham Faravoni, Roger Langford
<b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b> Graham Frankland, Ross Neilson	<b>August 25<sup>th</sup></b> Henk Flens, Ross Noske
<b>September 8<sup>th</sup></b> Henry Winters, Sonny Stephens	<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Yvonne Bradley, Glen Bradley
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b> Jeff Reid, Taffy Sault	<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b> John Brie, Val King
<b>November 10<sup>th</sup></b> Len Graham, Margaret Lamb	<b>November 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Break</b> Resume back January 12 <sup>th</sup> 2019

*If you cannot attend your turn, please arrange a swap with someone on this list.*

## TIMELY REMINDERS

Show & Tell	Activity
<p><b>July 14<sup>th</sup></b>            Because of the interest shown at Norm Sandman's talk, the theme is "A Toy"</p>	<p>Sale Aero Modelers Club will bring along some of their aircraft to show us</p>
<p><b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b>            The oldest item you have made.            Can be a tool or Jiog</p>	<p>Annual General Meeting – all positions vacant.</p> <p>Nominate someone for a position.</p>
<p><b>September 8<sup>th</sup></b>            Something made using ply or laminated timber</p>	<p>Glen Bradley will give a talk on old tools</p>
<p><b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>            A stand or frame</p>	<p>Frank Ameerberg will demonstrate turning lace bobbins</p>
<p><b>November 10<sup>th</sup></b>            Christmas Decoration</p>	<p>Volunteer wanted</p>

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