

# THE WOODY-WOODWORKER NEWSLETTER

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**GIPPSLAND WOODCRAFT GROUP INC.**  
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**MEETINGS HELD ON**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 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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	Ian Henderson	Ralph Chilver	Roger Langford
	Graeme Ingleton	Andrew Knowles	Peter Vranek
	Ross Noske	Len Graham	Robert Ahearne

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# MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBROOMS, NAMBROK SATURDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2018

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Knowles, Ben McInnes, Ben Thompson, Bernie McCafferty, Brian Wills, Col Armatige, Colin Elmore, Curtis Machin, Cyril Hibbert, Doug Thompson, Freda Peel, Geoff Howe, Graeme Ingleton, Graeme Turner, Graham Faravoni, Graham Frankland, Henk Flens, Henry Winters, Ian Henderson, John Brei, Karen Petrovic, Lee Thompson, Len Graham, Lyn Marsh, Malcolm Liggins, Mathew Thompson, Maurice Gunnulson, Michael Sibley, Norm Hyde, Paddy Boyce, Paul Gibbs, Peter Vranek, Ralph Chilver, Rob Wetton, Robert Ahearne, Roger Langford, Ross Noske, Taffy Sault,

**VISITORS:** Troy from Paynesville

**APOLOGIES:** Anthony Byrne, Colin Macreadie, Denis Booth, Jeff Reid, John Pritchard, Ross Neilson,

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Sale & District Aeromodellers' Club

**MINUTES:** As per the last newsletter the minutes were moved as correct by Ian Henderson and seconded by Taffy Sault. *Motion carried.*

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Balance: \$25,266.54  
Norm Hyde moved the treasurers report be accepted seconded by Brian Willis. *Motion carried.*

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Newsletters from the Warragul, Knox & Berwick woodgroups.
- Thank you letter from the Nambrok-Denison Primary School for our support at their Fete.
- Letter from the Australian Tax Office re support services for "Not for Profit" organisations.
- Catalogue from Mayama – woodturning parts.

Ian Henderson moved the correspondence be accepted seconded by Andrew Knowles. *Motion carried.*

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Brian Willis has donated a small BBQ, it will be used as a raffle prize at some time during the year.
- Graeme Turner highlighted the need to be careful about the items that are placed in the workshop rubbish bins e.g. oily rags and offensive odour items.
- Bunnings Traralgon would like us to attend the kids' woodwork day on the 4<sup>th</sup> August and also the Father's Day evening on the 30<sup>th</sup> August. Details from Graeme Turner.
- We have been invited to attend the CWA's Creative Art Fair. Sale Show Grounds 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- Australian Hearing are happy to give a talk to the club & organise a free hearing test. Feedback to Graeme Turner if you are interested.
- The guest Chairman for the AGM is Josh Singh, Bistro Manager, Sale Greyhound Club.
- Graeme Turner advised that we missed out on the grant for the security upgrade, a letter was received outlining the reasons.
- Reminder that the annual subs are now overdue. Adult \$50, Family \$85 & Junior \$16.
- Last chance today to order a polo shirt or windcheater - the order will be placed soon.
- Graeme has been contacted by the Maffra Landcare Group re the tree removal on the Princes Hwy by VicRoads. Graeme has contacted VicRoads and expressed an interest in the timber. We have been invited to the storage site at a later date.
- Work has commenced on the construction of 8 pine trestle tables, volunteers are need to assemble & stain them.
- The small bandsaw blade has broken again. It was suggested that we source a blade from another supplier. It was decided to get a couple of blades from McDiven's in Altona.
- The front door to the meeting room was again found unlocked. As the problem is continuing Ian Henderson moved that we contact a locksmith and have the locks changed on the front & back door to a security key. Seconded Andrew Knowles. *Motion carried.*
- Ralph Chilver highlighted the safety problem with our current step ladder. He moved that the club purchase a new more suitable ladder. Seconded Paddy Boyce, *Motion carried.*

***Meeting Closed:10:21am***

## GETTING AND SPENDING

During June we renewed our Council of Woodworking Clubs membership and public liability insurance, costing \$385, while pen kits, glue and abrasives amounted to \$114.50 from East Gippsland Saw Service.

We purchased some jelutong carving timber for \$347, while hinges, screws, duct tape, aquadeck, bolts/nuts and benchtop oil from Bunnings cost \$139.33.

After adding \$800 to the \$2000 we received from Sale and District Greyhound Racing Club, our new meeting room air conditioner is now pumping out warm air. Electrical wiring of the new storage shed cost \$1797.02, and replacement of the variable speed unit on the larger of Neil Bradbury's donated lathes was \$432.30, while the final payment of \$1159.10 was made for the new jointer.

Catering supplies including coffee, milk, soft drink, etc., amounted to \$75.75, and newsletter stamps cost \$100.

Income included \$500 from ASH for a set of picture frames made by Titch Ahearne, \$26 in sales from the Heyfield Vintage Machinery weekend, \$30 from Awtex raffle ticket sales, Heather Bolwell gave us \$50 for refinishing a table top, and a carving done by Len Graham netted \$100, while restoration of two garden seats brought in \$260.

Subs payments for the month totalled \$900 and door entry \$61, while a donation of \$20 was received.

Our Bendigo Bank balance stood at \$25,266.54 on June 30.

***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.*

## SHOW & TELL

**Geoff Howe** made a very nice band saw box from Silky Oak and finished it with water based lacquer and wipe on poly.

Geoff also showed a toy marble machine he made from scrap timber.



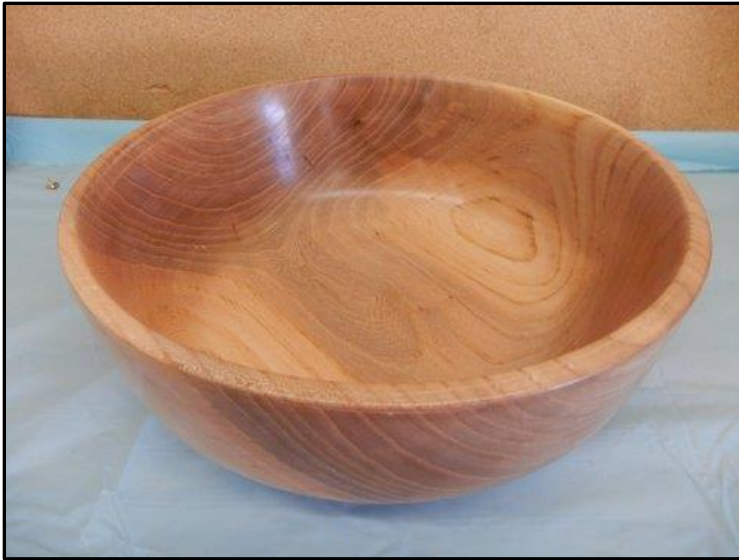
**Ralph Chilver** showed two lazy susans. One was 600mm from South African Mahogany and qan unknown timber. He used 68 biscuits in the assembly.

The other was 500mm from recycled old Red Gum house stumps and Cypress.

Both items were finished with wipe on poly.







**Brian Wills** turned a large bowl from a 300mm block of Elm. It was well finished with EEE Ultrashine and Aussie Oil and Tru Oil which enhanced the lovely grain.

**John Cruickshank** made a tumbling teddy which tumbles down the ladder when placed on the top rung. It was made from scrap wood and finished with gloss enamel.



**Graeme Ingleton** turned a shallow bowl, approx.. 150mm Diameter, from Purple Gidgee and finished it with Rustons Friction polish.

Graeme commented that he needed very sharp tools as the wood was so hard.



**Norm Hyde** showed a 300 long X 200 wide x 110 high biplane he made from Pine and Blackwood.

He finished it with acrylic stain.

Norm also showed two 140 x 140 dog jigsaw puzzles he made from Pine and MDF.



**Len Graham** carved some lettering on a memorial seat for a chap in memory of his late sister.

It was on Grey Ironbark which Len said was quite a challenge and time consuming as the grain went every which way.

## NEW MEMBERS

Our numbers continue to grow and at our July meeting Lee, Michelle, Matthew and James Thompson, of Longford, Ben, Ashley, Carlton and William Thompson of Sale and Ben McInnes of Churchill became members so please make them welcome.

## SATURDAY MEETING

It was certainly a full house for our meeting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> with thirty six members attending along with a few visitors.



Our guest speakers for the day were members from the Sale and District Aeromodellers Club.

They brought along a big selection of planes to show us which was evident by the large trailer they brought on the day.



The big difference in flying model planes now to previously is the large use of electric motors instead of fuel driven motors. This has been brought about through the big advances in battery power and weight reduction.

The other big change is the much lower cost to get into remote controlled model planes making it a hobby open to anyone.

Balsa wood is still used in making some planes but styrene is the more popular material now due to the rapid turnaround should an accident occur, a new section of styrene can be shaped and glued in place to get you flying again.

Certainly a lot of interest was shown during the talk.

Anyone interested in giving it a try can visit their web site.

<https://www.facebook.com/Sale-and-District-Aeromodellers-Club>.



## CLUB MACHINERY FOR SALE

- The club 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. \$350 ONO. For more details phone 0437 510950.
- A tin of Bench Top Oil was recently purchased but can't be located. If you come across it in the workshop, please put it on the correct shelf in the storeroom.

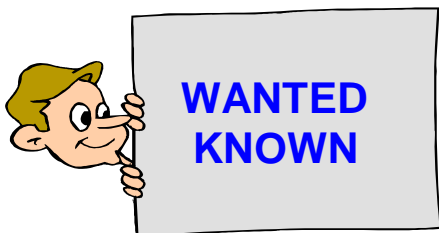
## TRESTLE TEAM

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Ross, Taffy, Ralph, Graham Faravoni and I put in a day at the club to work on making up pine trestle tops. Some timbers were broken down for bracing pieces and a couple of trestle tops were commenced.



The only set back was a couple of braces splitting after nails were driven so solutions were sought.

With a good attendance Ralph and Ross decided their time would be better spent making up universal opener holders, with Ross drilling the holes and Ralph cutting the discs using the circle cutter they had a hundred ready to go by days end.



**Our new jointer is up and running now. A big thanks to Willaton Transport Morwell for organizing its' pick up and delivery to their Morwell Depot free of charge.**

Andrew Knowles donated an adjustable chair to cater for any members having issues with the height of our current chairs. *Thanks, Andrew.*

**Membership fees are now overdue. If you haven't paid please try to have the money to Norm quickly. This fee provides insurance for members!**

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**

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Ralph asked at the main meeting if we could replace the small set of steps as they are in poor condition which was agreed. Malcolm Liggins approached me later to say he will donate a Bailey step ladder he no longer requires. The steps are now at the Club and are certainly a great improvement on what we had. *Thanks, Malcolm.*

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JSM Embroidery & Safety Wear in Sale can put our Club logo on your tops and jackets. Your name can be included and at a very reasonable price.

They also sell jackets, windcheaters and polo shirts in our Club bottle green colour. Phone 03 514 46898.

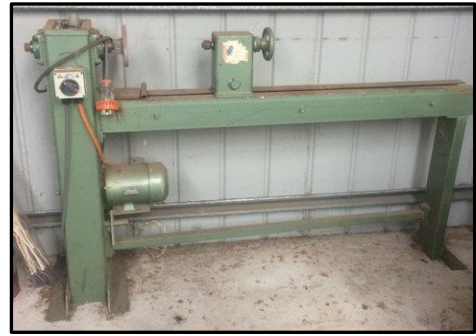
The clothing items are also available from Totally Work Wear in Traralgon.

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The Club carries pen kits and other items for members convenience. Prices are very reasonable and basically cover costs to get them. If you need pen kits please see Norm about payment and let Michael know how many you have purchased so he can organize replacements as needed.



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

## THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

The kids from Nambrok Denison Primary School came along for their usual visit and had plenty of supervision. Plans had been made to work on trestles and openers after their visit so while waiting to access the workshop Ralph and I stripped and cleaned the boxing material from the concreting job and both floors look great.

After the kids left and a short coffee break the trestles were commenced with Ian, Rob and Ross setting up for assembly, Ralph and I broke down timber to make up the cleats and split the required pieces of flooring. With Ian and Rob working as a well-oiled machine Ralph and Ross moved on to making opener holders and the circle cutter has certainly sped the project along. Ian had brought along the eight sets of legs and they now await installation onto the trestles. By day's end there are only three more trestle tops awaiting assembly and the fifty plus openers made today just need time on a lathe to sand them up.

Being the odd man out I grabbed the weed sprayer and gave the parking areas a dose of Roundup. A very productive day all round

## CONCRETING DAY

After a number of delays it was finally time to pour the concrete for the floors of the Latrobe Valley Authority & Wellington Shire funded storage shed and the arbour funded by the Heyfield Bendigo Community Bank & Engie. Steve from Maffra Trowel Trades called during the week to say he was free Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> so four-point-four cu. metres of concrete was organised for eight am.

Holcim's truck was right on time and Ross, Ian, Rob, Steve and I were barrow ready. Placement didn't take long and the finished result looks fantastic.



After the pour and a coffee Ian headed for home to continue his role as chief trestle maker with another eight required. Ross and I moved the last of the excess crushed rock from the front car park to fill a few holes and placed the remainder in front of the freshly poured garage floor to create a ramp onto the slab once its stripped. During the rest of the day we managed to prune some of the bushes and also made up another fifty- eight universal opener holders.

Steve completed the final finish around four pm at which time we made a bee line for home. Because our members assisted with the pour we were given a very generous discount on the finishing of both slabs. If you need concreting done just give Steve a call on 0428 352 306.

Fullham Work Crew attended our club the day prior to the pour and dug out the gravel ramp into our machinery shed and the excess concrete from the pour was placed in the prepared area. All that remains now is to connect the storm water from both new structures into our tank and install shelving.





## FOURTH SATURDAY

The workshop sprung to life as soon as the doors opened and never let up all day. Ian and his team made up the last of the pine trestle tops which is a great effort. Ralph, Titch and Henry sanded all the tops bar one in readiness for assembly and staining. The demonstration trailer was restocked with its lathes and tubs in readiness for a trip to Bunnings on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>.



Cyril gave some woodturning help to one of our junior members, Ralph, Ian and Anthony made some adjustments on the new roller door so it shut properly and then drilled the anchor holes for the locking mechanism.



Graham Frankland bought along his plate compactor and completed the ramp into the new shed that we started on Thursday. As soon as he was finished there he installed the plumbing required for both new buildings with help from Ross and Rob.



New members Ben and Ashley have certainly taken to pen making with Ben manning the jet lathe in the workshop while Ashley ran her mini lathe in the machinery shed. Henk worked on a large piece of timber so we hope to see the result at a show and tell soon. Carvers table was a hive of activity and we had a visitor from the Berwick club call in to see what we do.

During the day Councillor Malcolm Hole called in to see if we had items council could purchase to use as gifts for interstate visitors coming to Sale soon. Among the items he wanted were three ASH chopping boards which Ralph has offered to make up.

The good news is the purchases made us \$220.00 the bad news is that its depleted the items we now have in the demonstration trailer so we hope to replenish it soon - if you want to help we have a number of items that can be made up including a pizza slicer, pot puree inserts and various items

Our new Bendigo Community Bank harbour certainly proved its worth with the trestle sanding taking place there away from others and providing a nice shaded area to work in, having the external power point meant the rear machinery shed door could remain closed to keep the dust out.



## CLEANING ROSTER 2018

2 <sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> SATURDAY
<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> <b>Resume back January 12<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>

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

## TIMELY REMINDERS

Show & Tell	Activity
<b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b> The oldest item you have made. Can be a tool or Jig	Annual General Meeting – all positions vacant.  Nominate someone for a position.  <b>FREE BBQ LUNCH</b>
<b>September 8<sup>th</sup></b> Something made using ply or laminated timber	Glen Bradley will give a talk on old tools
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b> A stand or frame	Frank Ameerberg will demonstrate turning lace bobbins
<b>November 10<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Decoration	Volunteer wanted
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b> Free Choice	Spinning Top contest

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<b>Carpet Country, Sale – 5143 0266</b>	<b>Willaton Transport, Morwell – 5133 9000</b>
<b>Southern Rural Water, Maffra -</b>	<b>Bunnings Warehouse, Traralgon – 5172 1000</b>
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