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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE

LATROBE VALLEY WOODWORKING & WOODTURNING CLUB INC.

MAY 2007

MEETINGS HELD IN THE "COACH HOUSE"
OLD GIPPSLAND, HERITAGE PARK, MOE
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY FROM 12:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, FROM 11:30 A.M

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YOUR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE

PRES. KEVIN CALE. V/PRES FRANK AMEEBEG.

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LILLIAN KEYHOE. VIC TOON. KEN MORRISON

MAARTEN POOT. KEN HEPPELSTON. GRAEME TURNER.

YOUR RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS.

Lillian Keyhoe.	Kitchen. Showroom. Catering.
Kevin Cale.	Workshop. Machinery.
Ken Heppleston.	Wed. Instruction, Wood Supplies.
Frank Ameerbeg.	Building Maintenance & Surrounds.
Maarten Poot / Keith Camm.	Tools. Supply, care, maintenance.
Dave Sargenson.	Projects. Plans & Materials.
Terry Pavey.	Trip & Guest Speaker Organiser.
Laurie Keyhoe.	Newsletter. Roster. Show.

These members appointed by you can be called on to help perform task relevant to their responsibility as required.

Any fault, problem, safety issue or any other concern should be reported to the responsible member for action or further consultation with the committee.

President's Drivel 5/07

The month of May has been a busy one for our Club. Brian Downey's excellent talk on pen making followed our regular meeting. Brian came well prepared with a handout and took us through the various stages of pen manufacture covering mandrels, glues used, the selection of timbers and he had several useful tips on how to create that special pen. Presentations like Brian's (and Alan's on pepper grinders earlier in the year) provide us all with an opportunity to benefit from the experience of a fellow member - it is part of what our Club is about. Well done, I hope others are encouraged to follow suit and pass on their expertise to members.

Our working bee on cleaning up our wood stock on the 8th and 9th of May was well attended and much was achieved by a team of dedicated, hard working members. Special thanks to Frank Ameerbeg and Bob Calhoun who brought in their chain saws and to Bob for removing an overloaded trailer of firewood. Lillian managed to organise the food for our lunch from an interstate location (one can just imagine the comprehensive instructions given to son Grant, who delivered the food) while Netta and Coral cooked the bbq and forced everyone to eat seconds. Well done and thanks to all who turned up early and got stuck in. Several loads of rubbish were removed and lot of wood cut. The wood pile is now starting to look more manageable. The task ain't finished yet.

We need volunteer(s) to paint the end grain of blanks already cut - it adds value in addition to (hopefully) preventing splitting. The two pallets of cypress pine in the open behind the building should be cut up and sealed rather than allowed to rot - another day!

The Club recently purchased 20 litres of end grain sealer and will sell off some of this to members. Several different size containers are available, if you wish to make a purchase, please see Keith Camm.

Many of you will have read my butcher's paper message in the Clubrooms. It comprises two parts: (1) My acknowledgement of and thanks for the contributions of all participants at the Club's wood working bee, and (2) A reminder that all timber belongs to the Club and all Club Members should have the opportunity to see what is available for purchase after it has been assessed and priced by the Executive of your Committee.

Any Club member who believes they have a special claim to wood (which is stored at Old Gippstown on behalf of our Club) because they were instrumental in or assisted in its collection is mistaken.

OH&S Issues: Recently the Park had an OH&S Hazchem consultant survey the whole site including our premises. Mark, a park volunteer, undertook a walk through assessment of our workshop making notes with Frank A and myself. Concerns he raised included eye shielding on the bench grinder, the uneven floor and lack of head clearance height of the widened opening in the wall between the Cobra lathe and the double doors. The danger of stepping through gaps while walking on pallets in the wood storage area was also mentioned. An explanation of the key interlocked operation to the outside bandsaw allayed some earlier concerns reported by the Hazchem consultant. We will have to get our extension leads, power tools, etc tested, tagged and certified too. Sceptics with an electrical background (we have a couple with this background who suffer with such scepticism), who are used to maintaining their equipment in good order, believe the process simply provides the tester with an income. It's the system and the law, we just have to comply. With Park Manager Mike Fozard's assistance, the cost to the Club will hopefully be minimal.

Frank Smoulders is making regular visits on Tuesdays to assist and encourage members interested in building or restoring items of furniture. Make the most of this opportunity to benefit from Frank's expertise and considerable experience always delivered with a healthy dose of humour. A BBQ at Frank's Labertouche property is on the calendar of events, it's always a most enjoyable outing and an opportunity to drool over a real workshop and to

admire some craftsmanship. Watch this space and the noticeboard for a date.

Mike Fozard has advised me that he plans an improved Park Workshop within a 12 to 18 month timeframe to replace the old shed which presently stores our wood and the Park's stationary engines, etc. This can be an opportunity enhance our facilities too. The whole eastern side of our building with the verandah over the bandsaw could be improved. We have spoken about relocating the vacuum system. Our present kitchen area occupies almost 30% of the floored area, it's prime workshop space, could it be incorporated with Mike's plans? Would there be any more or less coffee deposited in the sugar container? Let's continue to look at the big picture of better facilities for members and come up with some ideas which improve our lot by working with Mike to our mutual benefit.

Cheers, Kevin

Welcome to our new member Rob Sharrock. We hope this is the begging of something good for all parties.

Speedy returns to those that not so well at this time. Keep eating your veggies and we hope to see you soon.

A trip to Merimbula and areas by Lillian and Laurie.

Near the end of April we took off for a two week break that turned into 4 plus weeks, sadly we had to come home to see what the ! @#~\$%^ intruders had taken from our home. Not much thankfully but! The weather was generally great although it did rain for a few days early on. We are not sure if was coincidental or not but all water restrictions were lifted just before we left.

I called into the Bega Woodcrafters meetings on two occasions and was made most welcome. On the first night they had member giving a talk and demonstration as to what finishes were available and how to apply them. The next night had two demonstrators showing different ways that they make pens. A general meeting followed by a show and tell was all very informative and some ideas put into the memory bank. The club is within days of shifting into their new club house. It is no longer a shed. Congratulations and good luck guys. Our Thanks go to Shirley, Less, Wendy and Paul for their hospitality over our time away.

Calling ourselves “woodies” we “sussed out” a few places for “offcuts”. We found some at a joinery works at “Manna Park” called North Eden Furniture. It was north of Tura Beach, about 50 k from Eden, but who cares. We called at a timber yard/mill/every thing else at Pambula. The office lady politely informed us that “there aint no such thing as offcuts here baby!” We ventured into the yard, found a very informative person who showed us the “off cuts for sale” described, sorted and sold them to us at a very good price with some thrown in. We tried the timber yard at Eden but alas we missed out. There was no offcuts to be seen.

We sniffed out a bit more back of Candelo, if you want to go on a Sunday drive, not here! (Joke Paul.) We ended our souvenir hunting at Les Hite’s establishment. I had shown and asked for identification of a piece of wood at one of the club nights. A simple sheoak I thought. Les showed me sheoak till was coming out of my , and he had a name for them all plus many other different species. It was all great stuff, thanks Les. Now we are home, back to insanity but we will be away again soon, you betcha.

While in the Caravan Park somebody had a wood lathe with them. Some take boats, computers, wife’s etc; this good looking fella had his lathe. When the lathe kicked in out came some of the fellow Camp Indians. One has since gone home and bought a lathe. Another is on the way home to join the force. Good fun was had by all, as the Indians, Lillian supplied cups of tea between one pearl one plain.

HAVE U GOT A TALE TO TELL!
TELL ME, TELL US ALL!

: WEEKEND ROSTER:

JUNE 03rd. FRANK N. /JOHN T. 10th HAROLD B. /TOM D.
JUNE 17th.ALAN K. /DARREL S. 24th BRIAN P. /MAARTEN P.
JULY 01st.TERRY P. /GRAEME T. 08th BOB C. /.....
JULY 15th.KEN H. /LAURIE K. 22nd ALAN V. / ARTHUR F.
JULY 29th.FRANK A. /BOB C.
AUG. 5th. DARREL S. /KEVIN C. 12th. KEITH C. /FRANK N.
AUG.19TH.HAROLD B. / TOM D. 26th. JOHN T. /BRIAN P.

Editor’s Comment.

A line or two about our house keeping.

At the end of each day please ensure that you have washed, dried and put away you drinking vessel. Seven people could not do this the other day.

Leave the kitchen tidy and clean.

{Bring your partner}

(Bring 'em again)

Return all tools to the store cupboards.

Clean up around the machines you used,

{or somebody else.}

Remove offcutts etc from machine surrounds. Bin them.

All padlocks etc. Wait for it,

are locked.

The taps are off tight.

(Do we have enough drips?)

The lights are all out.

(Nobody home!)

ARE YOU GETTING SLACK!

I AM.

LET'S ALL LIFT OUR GAME!

Great job done by all those who assisted with the wood sorting, cutting, stacking etc.

FOR SALE

Wood lathe HAFCO. Less than 2 years old. Good as new.

Phone Bruce on 59567300

WHAT'S a HAPPENIN, WHEN AND WHERE...

- June 5-10. Peninsula Woodturners Guild Bi-annual Exhibition.
- June 9. Gippsland Woodcraft Group. Maffra Rd. Nambrock.
- June 15-17. The Australian Woodturning Exhibition, Nunawading.
- August 5. Visit from Phillip Island Woodturners, combined club day of woodturning and tricks.
- September 7-9. Down Under Turn Around
- October 12-14. Melbourne Timber and Working with Wood Show
- October 13. Eildon and District Woodworkers Guild. 20 year celebration and show.
- November 17. Latrobe Valley's Combined Clubs Open Day at Heritage Park Moe.

All welcome, as a club, as a group or as you, be in it.

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE NOW!
