

YEW TURN
THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
LATROBE VALLEY
WOODWORKING &
WOODTURNING CLUB INC.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2009

MEETINGS HELD IN THE “COACH HOUSE”
OLD GIPPSLAND, HERITAGE PARK, MOE

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING, .November 25th @ Coach-house, 3:00 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING. December 1st. @ Coach-house, 1:00 pm

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DO NOT FORGET

WOODWORKING CLUB OPEN DAY – SAT. NOVEMBER 14

SCROLLSAW WEEKEND – SAT/SUN NOVEMBER 14-15

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SUBS ARE NOW OVERDUE.

PLEASE OBSERVE THESE GOLDEN RULES OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT

*IF YOU OPEN THE THING, CLOSE IT
IF YOU TURN IT ON, TURN IT OFF*

*IF YOU UNLOCK IT, LOCK IT
IF YOU BREAK IT, REPAIR IT*

*IF YOU CAN'T FIX IT, CALL IN SOMEONE WHO CAN
IF YOU BORROW IT, RETURN IT*

*IF YOU USE IT, TAKE CARE OF IT
IF YOU MAKE A MESS, CLEAN IT UP*

*IF YOU MOVE IT, PUT IT BACK
IF IT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU*

LEAVE THE THING ALONE

COURTESY OF PHILLIP ISLAND PATCHWORKERS



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR MEMBERS

The club's Open day and Scroll saw weekend is almost upon us
What can you do to help these events a success as they should be. Put you hand up now
and contact Bob Calhoun or Terry Pavey.
A couple of hours work may be all that is required at some time.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The break up dinner will be held at Old Gippsdown on Sunday 29th of November. Catering
will be by the park at \$25:00 per head.
Contact Terry or place your name on the board at the clubhouse
[No washing up, set up, tidy, sounds good.]



CLUB SHUT DOWN

LAST DAY – Tuesday 15th December 2009

FIRST DAY – Tuesday 12th January 2010

The last general meeting was held on October 6th at the Coach house.

New members Chris Bayley and Steve Taylor were welcomed.

The sickies as such were wished a speedy recovery. Ken Morrison turned up and has been removed from the list.

Items of interest discussed included,

- Annexe and wood storage almost complete.
- A.G.M. over. Subs set at \$35:00, now due.
- Tyers Art Festival 6/7/8 November. Club demonstrating. Contact Ken.
- Christmas lunch. \$25:00 per head. Book now.
- Christmas shutdown.
- Open Day / Scroll saw weekend.
- Brian's toys for Christmas, give a hand.
- Items for newsletter wanted.

How about our great-great granddad the biker who attended the big race at Phillip Island the other weekend. It would appear that the sawdust is rising to the top.

Do you want to order a club monogrammed jacket, vest, polo shirt with your name on it.
Contact Terry.

WOT'S ON & WHERE.

November 7-8	Eltham & District Woodworkers
November 14	Moe Woodworkers Open Day
November 14-15	Moe, Scrollsawers weekend.

Sometimes I wonder "Why is that Frisbee getting bigger!"
And then it hits me.

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If sometimes you feel a little useless, offended or depressed...
Always remember that YOU
were once the fastest and most victorious little sperm out of millions?

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Light travels faster than sound.
This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

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We will be friends until we are old and senile.
Then, we will be NEW friends.

Timber's for Turning

TURNING.

In order to make some headway in such a vast topic as Timbers for Turning, we will approach them in five groups: the Wattles, Eucalypts, Rainforest, Other Natives and Others.

Acacias or Wattles occur in Africa, Asia and South America with at least 700 Different kinds in Australia, ranging from small desert shrubs to tall rainforest trees.

The most important group, from a timber point of view, is the Western Acacias such as Mulga, Myall, Brigalow, Boree and Cooba. But first a plea. The Western Acacias are of critical importance in the ecology of the dryland areas, providing habitats, food and soil conservation. So please make sure that any use you make is a wise use of a diminishing resource. You might even consider growing your own. Most of the trees mentioned can be readily grown on the dry side of the East Coast and in similar areas elsewhere in Australia.

The Western Acacias are renowned for their weight and strength – the hardest, heaviest and darkest are the Myall, Mulga, Raspberry Jam, Gidgee, Yarran, Brigalow and Cooba.

MYALL. (*Acacia pendula*)

A medium sized tree pendulous branches and narrow ash colored leaves. The wood is hard rich dark-chocolate heartwood and lighter brown sapwood.. It has a fine interlocking grain with an even texture. The timber has a very distinctive violet odour, a feature which resulted in cartloads being exported to England in the 1800's for making glove and handkerchief boxes. The timber is difficult to dry being very dense. Most success has been with gentle microwave. Turns exceptionally finely and virtually self polishes.

A similar timber is found in the more plentiful Coast Myall which grows into a much larger tree and is very suitable for planting in a wide range of sites on the coast.

MULGA. (*A. aneura*)

A small to medium sized tree, often gnarled and twisted. The timber has a dark brown heartwood, yellow golden sapwood and straight fine grain. Difficult to dry, usually turned green then soaked in PEG or coated and left. Becoming a rare tree and most valued for fauna and soil conservation. Don't ever cut one down, use fallen pieces.

RASBERRY JAM. (*A. acuminata*)

A small tree of S-W Western Australia with distinctive hairy young shoots. One of the hardest timbers known, close interlocking grain often with fiddleback features. The timber has a distinctive raspberry jam odour.

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