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April 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

14 April 2018 – Committee Meeting (early) then **Annual General Meeting** (9 ish)

10 May 2018 - Basic Woodwork Course restarts for pupils from Fairy Meadow School

12 May 2018 -- Committee Meeting (early) and **Club Meeting** (9 ish)

9 June 2018 -- Committee Meeting (early) and **Club Meeting** (9 ish)

14 July 2018 - -- Committee Meeting (early) and **Club Meeting** (9 ish)

AGM Our April Meeting is the Club's Annual General Meeting . The President will give a brief report for the year and the Treasurer will present the accounts for the year too. All Executive positions on the Committee are open for election for the next 12 months. Why not give it a go?

Show and Tell February 2018

Pat Keef showed a large circular turning which will be fitted into the engine cowling of a 1/3 rd size Sopworth Pup, a World War 1 biplane. An aeromodeler enthusiast had commissioned Pat to turn the cowling Pat also showed two large bowls one of Silky Oak and one of Camphor-laurel. Classy

Peter Hansen showed two vases of Jacaranda given two coats of organoid. Peter also showed tow spinning tops turned from bits and pieces glued together. Neat!

Rick Funnell showed a huge hollowed out piece of Cyprus Pine, two carved bowls of cyprus and two carved elliptical dishes of cedar. Rick also showed some boxes of Camphor-laurel and cedar for club sales. Thanks again Rick

Pin Up Chap Congratulations to Life Member, John Parker, whose smiling face is on the cover of Wollongong Council's Program for Senior Citizen's Week. It's a good photo of John, and he is standing by a lathe and holding a small gouge ready to start turning

WOOTHA PRIZE This prize is the feature of the annual Maleny Wood Expo just over the Queensland border. The local aborigines called the mighty cedars 'Wootha.' These trees brought the early timber getters to the Blackall Range. The prize totals \$4,000 and is divided up into several categories\

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STURT At a graduation ceremony for the Sturt School of Wood of a recent year the speaker, Professor Alex Tzannes (UNSW) addressed a large crowd on the increasing importance of handmade products in our modern world. Our Treasurer, Bill Perry has attended a course at Sturt and can fill you in about Sturt

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CLOSED PATH A routine task in protecting forests is the clearing of trees that have fallen across walking trails. This is true all over the world. But a treefall in the Sequoia National Forest in California USA caused more than the usual difficulties. The Giant Sequoia is the largest tree in the world and when a 1500 old specimen toppled over onto the Trail of 100 Giants it was something. It took weeks and weeks before the trail could be reopened. It was deemed that it was easier to divert the trail around the fallen tree than to cut a way through the trunk.

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LOST TRADES Many country towns seek ways to entice visitors and add to their economy. Among others there is the Elvis Festival at Parkes, the Birdsville horse races, Lithgow's Fire and Iron weekend. Kyneton, about a 100k north of Melbourne has for some years has celebrated with a Lost Trades Fair

Traditionally skills and tools were passed from master to apprentice over the years. But when the last person of a trade died without an apprentice then the skill and secrets were lost. The Lost Trades Fair seeks to reignite interest and appreciation of these trades and crafts before they are completely gone. Among those who have participated are Master woodworkers, coopers, a traditional Windsor chair maker, a bespoke penny farthing bicycle maker, traditional scythe makers, a hand plane maker and various others. By the time you read this the Kyneton Fair for this 2018 will be over but a Lost Trades Fair will be held in August at Toowoomba.

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Oranges and Lemons Howard's, the producers of Orange Tung Oil, have now reissued Lemon Oil. Their Lemon Oil has slightly more body than their Orange Oil. Coupled with a slightly higher ascorbic acid, this gives Lemon Oil the edge when cleaning or polishing dull or extra grimy wood surfaces. And it also has a fragrant lemon aroma too. More info at howardproducts.com.au

No prizes to guess which magazines from the Library the Editor was browsing through

Thirroul Seaside Festival Once again there was a fine display of wooden products to view and for sale over the weekend at Thirroul. Initially there had been some doubt as to where our tables were to be located, but it was sorted out. There are many people to thank including those who loaded our goods, set up and arranged the tables, made turning demonstrations and packed up at the end. Saturday was hot and the shade was appreciated. Sunday was quieter and cooler. We were located near the surf shed and next to the Men's Shed. Again, many thanks indeed to all our ladies and menfolk.