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Events Coming Up

15 August - Short Workshop - early (8 ish) and then

Club Meeting from 10.30am

9 September 5.15pm - Committee Meeting

12 September - Short Workshop - early (8 ish) and then

Club Meeting from 10.30am

Recycling

The club now has a very smart near-new BBQ, a present recycled from one of Pat K's daughters. It was tried out very successfully at the June General meeting. Many thanks for the gift. Now anyone like a well-used but still serviceable BBQ ?

Frank P was noticed filling several plastic bags from the main sawdust and shavings dust extraction bag. 'What's the project Frank?' 'Actually my daughter keeps some chooks. Wood shavings are good for the chooks to scratch about in.'

Waste not, want not!

Additions

The 'Jet' Vertical Spindle Sander, that was purchased a year or two ago, now sits on it's own wheeled bench. It too can now be wheeled onto the verandah to make more room in the clubhouse. Many thanks to Malcolm S who made the bench. Mal included a large drawer in its construction to house various Sander bits and pieces.

Electrical cables scrawling across the floor are easy to trip over, dangerous, and are bad workshop practice. Recently, President Dave with help from John P installed eight weatherproof double plugs on the club verandah and by the back door. These will drastically reduce the electrical cables snaking over the ground when various machine tools are used 'outside'. Isolating switches for these outdoor plugs have also been installed inside the club house. Many thanks Dave and John.

Safety

Recently, some sneakers and soft top shoes have been worn in the workshop area. Not done, men! For your own safety, wear strong shoes or boots in and around the workshop..

Scrolling Away

Bill Hedley, currently in a home for older citizens, was the club's scroll sawer par excellence. Bill would consistently show one intricately scroll sawed clock after another at various Show and Tell evenings. But Bill is far from the only club member to switch on his or her scroll saw



Scroll work used to be called Fretwork: created by sawing ornate intricate patterns with many sharp turns. It began 3000+ years ago with fretted inlays on Egyptian furniture, probably cut with a knife.

Some members are sure to remember when in schooldays cutting out animals and other shapes from 3ply.

In the 1800s and 1900s fretwork was done with hand fretsaws or foot-powered saws. In the 1920s scroll saws were designed for use with electric motors. Scrolling was often

used in the front of early radio cabinets and gramophones

The inventor of the scroll saw was Andre Charles Boule. He began cutting intricate designs for the French upper crust during the long reign of Louis XIV. Boule's furniture was used in chateaux mentioned in the stories of Alexander Dumas and is now prized by antique furniture collectors, and it's not cheap!

The Hobby Turner June 2015

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MARGARET HESP

Margaret has been with the club for two or three years now. She met



Kate Morris at a painting class and Kate encouraged her to come to the Woodies on a Saturday morning. Kate is currently up in Brisbane, but Margaret is often at the club on Saturday mornings. *What would you like to do?* I wouldn't mind having a go on a lathe. But so far they have said that they haven't had teachers available. I hope that will change!

Margaret was born in New Zealand in a little town called

Margaret's (no smiles) Passport Photo

Hawera. Her Dad started work as a Telegraph boy, and worked his way up. He met and married her mother who was a telephone operator. Later the family; the parents, two girls and two boys moved to Palmerston North where Margaret finished Primary School and High School. There was plenty of music in the family. Her grandma played the piano and her father the ukulele. And among the younger fry there was piano, guitar, and drums and everyone sang heartily.

And were there many Maoris around? A few. I can't remember seeing a lot. Maybe one or two were there at school, but mostly you just knew they were around.

After school she tried nursing for a few months but it wasn't her cup of tea. Then she worked on a cousin's farm for a while, then worked at a hotel in a variety of positions and then as a masseur.

Did you do a course or something to become a masseur? Nah. It was learn on the job. And I've got strong arms

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Then I came over here. My sister and a brother had come over, and it seemed the natural thing to do. I got a job in a Bistro for a while and, then I took a course in Childcare, got a Certificate and did that for a while. I had a few different jobs, and was occasionally out of work. At last I had a job looking after disabled adults, mostly daytime work, but occasionally sleeping overnight. I kept that position for 11 or 12 years, but eventually had to give it up because arthritis was catching up with me, so there it is.

You Swim ? Yes, I swim at Towradgi, but I prefer the surf to the pool. In winter I've been swimming at the Sport and Leisure Centre. You pay for a month and then its six bucks a time. You swim, then go to the spa and then have a sauna. I go a couple of times a week.

What else do you like besides swimming? I visit an old lady, Pat, once a week. She lives on her own, but me and another lady call in on her. It's organized through the Council's 'Volunteer' scheme. I often take her down to the beach for a while. She likes that. We tried to get her interested in a Seniors group: you know, go on outings, and play cards together, but she prefers being on her own.

And what do you do to please yourself? I go to art classes every fortnight I paint whatever the teacher instructs us. We began making dolls, and then I made a mouse out of French knitting. Sadly our art teacher recently resigned. Then the art shop, suggested that we get guest teachers. That works out some times, but it would be nice to have a permanent teacher again. I also watch the tennis on TV. I used to play a lot. I got to be pretty good and enjoyed it.

And travelling? I'd go back to NZ occasionally. The last time was in 2012, just before my Mum died. My Dad died years ago. And apart from visiting NZ, in July I'm off overseas on my first big trip, England, Ireland and Europe. I'll be on my own, but will join a group over there. That'll be fun, though cripes, I don't know how I'll last flying for 14 hours to Dubai without a cigarette!

Well, good luck Margaret! Nice to have you with us!

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Trainers – Peter H, Tony B, Keith G, John P, and Rick F
Boys – Paul, Bradley, Daniel, Dash and Coby

Photo: Dave Lipscombe

This photo was taken on the last training day, when the boys were presented with their achievement plaques. These plaques were made and inscribed by the multi-skilled Rick Funnell.

'Ministry of DeFence'

Approval for the fence around the club building and car park happened just before the mid-year school holidays. The Saturday workshop attendees got stuck into erecting the fence. 15 attended on 10 July to almost complete the fence. Well done! Only one length of fence remains to be erected, along with closing in the southern (weather end) of the verandah. Thanks to everyone who helped. And congrats to the Minister **BBQs** have been held quite regularly during winter, and it has been suggested that a gold coin offering could be made. Such donations might even be used to extend the BBQ menu !

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Show and Tell

In June

A quiet month. Mark Beaver showed a nice little bowl. It looked as though it could have been turned from camphor laurel, but in fact Mark turned it from a hardwood offcut.

In July

Pat Keefe showed a very large camphor laurel bowl a candle stick of Kiwi Hakdax, and various wine stoppers, letter openers and perfume dabbers. From the super large to the tiny, and very impressive

Commercial

Currently some club members are working on building a trellis for a lady as a commercial job

There are other jobs in the pipeline One is for three handles that will hold a long cardboard tube spear for a jousting group.

Another is to build some bee hives for a convent in Jamberoo Valley. And would we accept jars of rainforest honey as payment ?

Another job is for some giant knitting needle tips and stops!

We are not sure whether people hear about the club by word of mouth or visiting our website, but we are happy either way.

Toy Competition

All members are asked to make a toy or two that could be sold at the Helensburg at the end of October. And prizes (a dinner with the President ??) will be awarded for the best toys.

Fees

Annual fees are now overdue. Still \$25,. Please pay Bill Perry our Treasurer, promptly, preferably just before or after the meeting general when he has his receipt book handy

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NB!

Please note that the Saturday General Club meeting in September will be on the **THIRD** Saturday of the month-the 15th. About three times a year the General meeting will be on the third Saturday rather than the usual 2nd Saturday. Other Saturdays will have the usual Workshops

Thanks to Bendigo Bank, the Oak Flats and Shellharbour Community Branches, who have again sponsored the club with a grant for consumables

FMSchool Workshop

This term's Fairy Meadow School Workshop started 23rd July This is our 8th group of boys to do the basic training, that is when this group finishes we will have been teaching/training for two years. The names of the boys in this group are Ryan, Noah, Mitchell, Lachlan, Justin and Declan and teacher Ms Pip accompanies them

Canberra

This year the annual Canberra Woodshow has moved back to warmer weather. It's to be held over the weekend of the 6 to 8 November.

Library show

Many thanks to Peter and Judith Hansen who arranged our display in Wollongong Library in June Thanks to Pat K, Rick F and Peter who contributed items for the display. Corrimal Library hosted our display in July and Peter and Judith arranged the display and took it down too

LEXOPHILES

You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish!

To write with a broken pencil is pointless

When fish swim in schools, they sometimes take debate!

A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months!

The batteries were given free of charge!

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