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NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 2nd.

Our next meeting night (August 2nd) will take a slightly different format. As part of the night we will be incorporating a general meeting. This will give all members a good opportunity to voice their opinion and give an input into the running of OUR club.

The meeting will start at the usual time (6:30) with a general meeting of the members starting at 7:00. The agenda items for this meeting are:

Technical Books - Visitor
Working With Wood Show
Stringy Bark Festival
Showcases at the Libraries
Raffles - Do we Want them?
LOGO & Club Name Badges.

I have tried to expand on these topics later in this newsletter. This is to give you a chance to consider them and have your say at the meeting. The committee is keen to hear your ideas but we request that you keep your comments short so that everyone has a chance to put in their two cents worth. If we do strike a prickly topic, it may be deferred to later in the night or to another meeting so that a full and open discussion can take place.

At 8:00 we will start the auction. It would be nice to think that we will have enough items to keep us going for an hour or so.

This will be followed by Show & Tell and general socialising.

Sale of Items on Display.

It is realised that one of the reasons that people may not be interested in providing items to put on display is that they may wish to put them up for sale. To overcome this problem, one suggestion is that we tag the items on display if they are available for sale. A notice would be placed with the display to let people know who the contact point would be for further details. This procedure could also be used to highlight those craftsmen who are available for commission work.

As always, we are in desperate need for items to place into showcases. These showcases are one of the best ways to advertise our club. Please make a special effort to produce an article or two to fill the display so that it can be something for us to be proud of.

RAFFLES

As a club we are always on the look out for money raising activities. One suggestion has been to run a raffle on club nights. It is this suggestion that will be put to the club members at the

meeting.

A library of WOOD.

An idea has been put forward by Stephen Ross that we, as a club, build up a library of many samples of timber. The samples would be all of a standard size (4" x 3" x .5" (10cm x 7.5cm x 1cm)) and stored in a suitable box.

The object is to provide all club members with a point of reference to help identify timbers and to generally help in the recognition of different timbers. It may also be appropriate to show part of the sample in the raw state while applying a finish to the other section.

The advantage of a boxed arrangement is that we could handle the sample and get a feel for the timber rather than having a static display that hangs on a wall gathering dust. It also allows for details of the timber to be attached to the back of the sample.

Please take the time to talk to other members about this idea. It is not something that could happen overnight and it can not be left to a few members to contribute. If we are interested in this idea, all members would be expected to contribute samples of timber to build the collection.

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Safety..SAFETY..Safety

One of our members had a near miss just before the last meeting. He was using a DROP saw on his TRITON workbench when the drop mechanism fractured. The saw dropped off the bench and it is only through good luck that he still has ten toes.

There is no warning about this type of saw in the Triton manual but apparently the Triton VIDEO states quite clearly that you SHOULD NOT USE DROP SAWS on the TRITON Work Bench.

**Working With Wood Show;
Stringy Bark Festival;**

As everyone would be aware, the committee is looking at the club participating in both of these activities. To examine this further, a working party has been formed to look into the logistics and costs of these two events. The working party is currently Fiona and Stephen Ross, Bill Gillingham, and David Jamie.

We will be presenting a report at the general meeting.

If we go ahead and have stands at both these exhibitions we are going to need the support of all the members.

Please take the time to think about what you can do to help in manning a stall or doing some turning or carving. At the next meeting we will be looking for members to make the commitment to support the club in these ventures.

EDITORIAL..

As the editor of this newsletter, I have a unique opportunity to say my piece. Comments made under this column are my own personal views so if you take exception to any of my comments it is me (David Jamie) that you need to speak to about them.

I would like to have my say this month about Show and Tell.

It is part of the meeting night that I personally get a lot of enjoyment from. I have taken my own work along on the odd night to show it off or simply to look for some free advice on a particular aspect. A few others have also been doing similar things but it is only a very small percentage of our membership that is participating. WHY???????

I don't know the answer but as a starting point I will explain the way that I believe this segment of our night should work!!

It is NOT a time to just bring your completed work along to. An item that is partially completed is often of greater interest to other wood workers than the totally completed article. I had a lot of interest shown in the bowl that I am carving and I have many weeks work left in that article.

It is NOT just a show night. Ask for ideas on a difficult part of the job, or on the best finish, or any other part of it. One simple question will often get 10 or 20 different answers, so you can pick and choose the one best for you. It is this exchanging of ideas and tips that I see as one of the most important parts of the club.

DON'T just bring along the good pieces. I, and a lot of others, have just as much interest in things that went wrong as those that went right. It is seeing other 'problems' that can help us avoid the problem ourself.

Just as you enjoy seeing other members work, so would they like to see yours. DON'T wait for that perfect article, bring something along to the next meeting.

Club Books

As with all clubs, the books of our club are available for your perusal upon request.

Thankyou

Sue has asked me to pass on her thanks to all those members who came forward in reponse to her request for help with the sharpening jig. As usual your response was outstanding.

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Help Please.

I have details, drawings, instructions, etc of a number of projects. These vary from simple to complex. My question is: do YOU want this type of detail as part of the newsletter?

I also want your feed back about the content and style of this newsletter. I will be most happy to accept (and maybe even act on) constructive ideas that you have.

See me at the club meeting or give me a ring at home.

Late Notice:

A visit to CARB-I-TOOL at Moorabbin has been arranged for AUGUST 23rd (a Wednesday).

Alf will have further details at our meeting, but mark it down in the diary so you won't double book.

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**Auction Action-----Auction Action
August Meeting - Auction Items Needed
Timber, Wood, Tools, Books, Etc.**