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DATES TO REMEMBER.

November 25,

1:30pm Boronia Primary School - Christmas Breakup No cost, but please bring 2 bottles or cans of food for the raffle prize.

December 6,

Next Meeting. Subject - SAFETY

Christmas Breakup.

25/11/89 1:30pm

Our breakup gathering will be held at Boronia Primary School, Rangeview Road, BORONIA (Rangeview Road runs off Chandler Rd). The BBQ is towards the back of the school. It may be wise to bring a seat as there is not a lot of seating.

At the last meeting it was voted that the meat and salads would be provided by the club, and that each family group be asked to bring sweets or a plate of savories etc.

The afternoon starts at 1:30 and will continue until the last person leaves. Don't worry if the weather is damp as there is plenty of sheltered spots around the school.

NOTE NOTE NOTE NOTE NOTE

At our last committee we decided that, in order to cover some of our costs for this BBO, we will hold a raffle on the day. The prize will be a box of groceries. Rather than the club buying the prize, all members are to bring either two bottles or cans of food, drink, or other suitable items.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BOTTLES OR CANS TO MAKE THE RAFFLE PRIZE ONE THAT IS REALLY WORTH WINNING.

SEE YOUR THERE !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next Meeting.

At our next meeting, Steve has arranged for a speaker from the Department of Labour and Industry. The subject will be SAFETY.

It is an opportune time for us all to be reminded about safe working habits as we head into the Christmas holiday period when we will all be hoping to get into the shed for a few hours of serious wood work. I guess that you will also be trying out all that new equipment that you have ordered from Santa. As we want you back to the club next year, we don't want any accidents with those thicknessers, Buzz saws, Band saws, Routers, etc that are due to come down the chimney on Dec 25.

Our own Ken Onions will also give us a fright about the dangers of electricity, and the safe working habits that we all should be employing.

If you have made up a jig or other SAFETY device please bring it along so that you can share the idea with other members. After all, that is what the club is all about. Remember that the subject is safety. We will be having a night for other jigs at a later meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Fees are now passed due. It is a sad

fact of life that we need cash to continue so would you see Peter at the next meeting and he will be happy to take your money and issue your receipt.

The fees are: Joining Fee, \$15 and yearly membership \$20.

If you will miss the next meeting please post your cheque to PO Box 35, Upper Ferntree Gully.

Apology.

I am sorry that there was not a news letter last month. As I explained at the meeting I was a little busy at the different activities that we were involved with during the month.

I hope that we do not run into that situation too often.

Reports.

The first major activity of the month was the Stringy Bark Festival. The weather was not too bad but the rain from the week before had taken its toll.

The area that we were assigned was dead centre of the swamp. After having a yard or three of tan bark spread on the floor, we were able to move around with out the water flowing over the top of our rubber boots. Even under these conditions we still seemed to attract quite a crowd with out lathes and displays.

The following day (Sunday), we were given a new site up near the craft stalls. This area was a lot drier so we seemed to attract even more people. I am still receiving comments from different people who saw our display and how good it looked.

Steve Ross promoted himself to marketing manager for the week end. I am sure that if the production department had been able to improve their productivity then we would have sold far more than the 80 odd spinning tops that were sold. Steve even had the stop watch out at one stage doing a time and motion study on the turner.

All those members who participated had a great (even if damp) weekend.

To all those who assisted; thankyou for a job well done.

Working With Wood Show.

The weekend at Stringy Bark was a great lead into this show. All the worry and work came together (just in time) for the show. Steve, Burnie, Bill, and Arthur worked there butts off on the Thursday to set up what was a magnificent stand to display our work.

I was not there during the day on Friday but I can vouch that for the rest of the show (Friday night to Sunday night) we received nothing but praise for the exhibition and the displays.

I don't like to single any one person out because it was such a great team effort, but there is one individual that must receive a mention. Our mate Burnie was roistered to be at the show on Friday afternoon and late on Sunday. Because of the exceptional interest shown in his display of his model buildings and tools he spent most of the weekend at the show explaining the exhibition to the many interested people who came. I believe that there were a number of offers to buy some or all of the display. (Burnie also assisted with

the set up of the stand plus packing up.)

Again, thankyou to the members who gave up their time to help the club. The time and effort that you all put in simplified the job of co-ordination.

List of Woods collected to date for Timber Samples Collection.

(Not in any Particular Order)

Red Gum; Tasmanian Blackwood; Brazillian Bean; Silky Oak; Californian Red Cedar; Kapur; Oregon; Jelutong; Sassafras (Blackheart); Camphor Laurel; Qld Walnut; Old Rosewood; Burmese Teak; Mountain Ash (Vic); Flowering Cherry; Holly: Damar Minyak; Plum; Iroko; Phillippines Honduras Mahogany; Mahogany; Black Bean; Cypress Pine; Myrtle Beech; English Oak; Merbau; Jarrah; W.A. Sheoak; Silky Oak; Osage Orange; Kauri; Celery Top Pine; Old White Beech; Radiata Pine; U.S. Oak; U.S. Cherry; U.S. White Ash; Baltic Pine; Purple Heart; Zebrano; Ebony.

Also, several locally grown timbers and some, as yet, unidentified.

What we are really after as a sample of the small Albino Zebrawood tree (Botanic Name: WHITUS STRIPUS NAGUS WOODUS) found on the Ivory Coast.

This timber is so rare we believe only three trees still stand near a small creek at the base of a 375 metre waterfall which can only be reached by a 10 day donkey ride through the jungles of cannibal infested Ghana, followed by a 5 day raft trip down the rapids of the Sassandra River to a plateau from which you have to absell down the waterfall. Getting the wood through customs is even more fun.

Any Volunteers? For bookings see Steve.

WANTED TO BUY.

I (David J) want to buy a trailer. I am after a 6'X4' box trailer. The condition of the trailer is not all that important but it should be able to be used straight away. Naturally I don't want to pay a fortune but I would be happy to pay a fair price.

If you know of one, please give me a call 758 6082.

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MEMBERSHIP LIST.

A membership list will be printed and sent out with the newsletter next month. Would you please make sure that the details are correct before we go to print by checking the list at the next meeting.

TOOL CHEST.

The clubs tool chest currently contains the sum total of 1 Stanley No 3 plane and 1 Record No 8 plane. We have been promised a couple of chisels.

The aim is to build up a quality tool chest for the club. It would be great to have a set of basic tools that could be used at club functions. They may also be available for loan in some circumstances.

If you have any surplus tools, or know of some, the club would be most happy to accept them to help with this project.

IDEAS Department.

At our last committee meeting we had a long discussion on how we can share experience within the club. We know that a lot of the members are looking to learn more about woodworking and had hoped that the club would prove to be the vehicle for this learning. We acknowledge this need but when we meet

ionce a month for a couple of hours it
is not possible to run classes.

We therefore need to another way to provide this exchange of skills.

One of the ways suggested was to start some projects that would be the combined effort of a number of our members. Such a project may be straight woodwork with and 'experienced' person and a couple of 'learners' all co-operating and so building experience. Another approach to such a project could be two or three of the members who want to expand their skills getting together to work on such a project. The experienced woodworkers in the club would be more than happy to assist with the different aspects.

A variation of the above was to have a combined project were a number of members each with their own special skill. One idea was the construction of a working model. This form of project may require a whole range of skills including joinery, metal work, turning, small engineering......

Are you interested???

If this type of project would be of interest to you then I suggest that you talk to other members of the club and find a group who have a common interest and start the project going. If YOU make that first move, then to committee will back you all the way with finding a 'tutor' if and when you need one.

Another idea that came up at the meeting was to organise a series of visits to other member's workshops. The number visiting would be kept to small groups. The basis of the idea is to see how other members have set up and perhaps get ideas on improvements to our own set ups. If we are to try this idea, we will need to have people who would be interested in visiting, and members willing to open up their workshop for a visit.

This is just a couple of ideas that your committee is tossing around for our

program next year. We are always on the look out for new ideas so please don't be afraid to see one of the committee to feed in YOUR idea of worth while activities for the club.

Money for Club Funds.

In common with most clubs, we need to keep our eye out for ways of raising a bit of extra cash to be ploughed back into the club to make it bigger and better.

One way is to sell items at the various fairs and displays that we go to as a club. The next major one is the Knox festival early next year. To sell items, we must items to sell.

As you are out shopping, look around in some of the department stores for the wooden items and look at the cost and the quality. I am sure that we, as a club, could make this type of pine item and sell them at these fairs. As a turner, I will be making some laminated pine bowls and donate them to the club to sell.

Let's all get behind the club and help build up a stock pile of items to sell. I see it as a great way to get funds for the club without constantly asking the members to put their hands into their pocket.

ST. Paul's School for the Blind.

The principal of this school saw us at the Working With Wood Show. As a result the club was requested to provide a person to demonstrate wood turning at their Arts Festival Day last Saturday.

I loaded my lathe and set off early on the Saturday morning. The weather was wet (similar to Stringy Bark) but at least the ground was firm and an awning was strung up to keep the showers off.

The school is for the blind and visually

handicapped. The majority of the art on display was the work of the students, the majority of whom have multiple handicaps.

The staff who organised the day all seemed to be a great mob and all very enthusiastic. I had a great day with a lot of interest shown in the lathe work.

If you even get the chance to do this type of a display all I can say is that you should jump at the chance.

The only thing that I was missing was some finished items to have on display. Thinking about it on the way home, I thought it would be a good idea if the club had a small set of finished items that could be taken around to this type of event. These items should be owned (donated) by the club so that they are always available for display.

FORGET

THE BOTTLES OR CANS

for the

RAFFLE at the Xmas Party.

Saturday 25th November

at

BORONIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rangeview Road, BORONIA

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