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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 NOTE

At our last committee we decided that, in order to cover some of our costs for this BBQ, 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

once 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.

DON'T
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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