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## WOOD WORKER'S CALENDER.

- June:  
15/6 - 7/7 Exhibition of Seats. 6th Floor MYER Bourke St.
- July:  
4/7 Club Meeting  
13/7- 5/8 VWA 10th Anniversary Exhibition (Circles, Squares, & Triangles). at Meat Market Craft Centre, Blackwood and Courtney St North Melbourne.
- August:  
1/8 Club Meeting
- October:  
~~12/10~~ 10 Stringy Bark Festival - FTG Community Centre  
13,14/10 New Zealand National Woodturners Exhibition  
18-21/10 Working With Wood Show
- November:  
2-18/10 VWA Exhibition - Doncaster Art Gallery  
3,4/10 VWA Demonstration & Activities Weekend - as above

### TIPS, TRAPS, and TRIVIA.

If you can never find a clamp small enough for those fiddly jobs, Steve Ross believes that you can find the answer at the next meeting.

Steve will show you how to make an ingenious little clamp (which, with a bit of remodelling could double as a splinter remover or eyebrow tweezers for your wife) out of a humble wire coat hanger.

All you need to bring, to learn how to make your own in about five or ten minutes, is a wire coat hanger and two pairs of pliers (preferable one round-nose and one straight). These little clamps are ideal for people who are into model making.

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A certain member (not mentioning any names) found out about the perils of glue, the hard way.

While preparing to glue up a couple of boards, said member squeezed out one dob of a two-pot glue when the phone rang. After obviously being sidetracked by the call, he then set about mixing the glue, adding what he thought was part B. But after waiting five minutes for the 5-minute Araldyte to do its job, and then 10,20,30 minutes, he realised something was seriously amiss. It

didn't take him long to realise that mixing part A with part A does not a sticky glue make.

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Wattleview Primary School in Ferntree Gully desperately want scraps of wood for their art and craft program.

If anybody has any unwanted offcuts they could donate, (especially ply, pine, etc) contact Fiona who will arrange collection.

### MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING.

Meeting opened at 7:05pm.

Alf welcomed guests Wend Price, Thecla and Calum Wouts and Clinton Buckwell.

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved Peter Howell, Seconded Lister Sabin - Carried

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Treasurer's Report: Moved Len Rowson Seconded David Howell - Carried.

### GENERAL BUSINESS;

Members congratulated Gordon Hill on suggesting and organising the Be In It competition at the May meeting. Alf said he

would like to see such a competition twice a year.

Fiona reported on display at library and the librarian's comment that it was the best he had seen.

Fiona reported that she had had discussions with Peter Riddell from Riddell Promotions about Working With Wood Show and that information would be sent out and that our spot has been reserved.

Fiona gave report on carving course with John Kelly.

Steve suggested that we write to an American woodwork club and invite it to become a sister club.

Burnie Murphy advised that he intended to withdraw his display from the Stringybark Festival and Working With Wood Show. Members gave Burnie a vote of confidence in the display.

Colin Lowe has offered to dud any video tapes related to woodworking to be used as a library for the club. He asked anyone with appropriate videos to consider lending them for duplication.

David Howell advised that a foundation club member, Peter Holloway, died in May. Meeting Closed at 7:35pm.

### NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS.

Please send any item for this newsletter to:

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Ferntree Gully 3156 758 6082.

Fellow Woodies,

This will be my last opportunity to write an article in the newsletter for a few months. Nancy and I are taking our caravan and heading north up around Cairns for 3 months. After the cold weather which we have experienced over the last week or so, I can't even promise I will be thinking of you. I hope to be busy swimming in those beautiful tropical waters, and lazing around on the beaches, looking at all those beautiful birds which they have up there (of course I mean the feathered type).

It was decided at the last committee meeting that each month different members of the committee write a short article on themselves. Guess who copped the first one!!

It was back in about 1972 I was the driver of the Knox Council Community Bus. It was a very busy life, on the run continuously, couldn't even find time for a regular lunch break. Going past my home at about lunch time one day I had just about 5 minutes to spare so in I go. I hit the bread tin for two slices of bread, hit the fridge, grabbed the marg, spotted the meat loaf, I spread on the marg, cut off two slabs of the meat loaf, and away I go, back into the bus and down the road. I sink my teeth into the sandwich and think to myself "Hell, don't think much of that meat", but being as hungry as a hunter I ate it.

Next day - similar situation. Hit the bread bin, hit the fridge, still some meat loaf there so I put a bit of lettuce and tomato pickles on with the meat. Off down the road still thinking to myself I must remember to tell Nancy not to buy any more of that terrible meat loaf.

Saturday lunch time. Nancy said to me if I set the table for lunch she would go over to the Hot Bread shop and get some fresh rolls for lunch. Off she goes and I get on with the job of setting the table, put out the knives, plates, and cups, go to the fridge and there is still some of that horrible meat loaf there so out it comes and onto the table. Nancy walks in and said "What's that dog food on the table for?"

Yeh, that's right b\_\_\_ dog food. We don't even own a dog. Nancy was feeding the dog next door. Worse was yet to come, all the doggie stories that I copped, and still cop occasionally. All I can say is I am glad I am not a real dog having to eat that rotten meat loaf forever.

# Chainsaw Safety

*Getting the wood without losing your grip*

- 1 Choose a suitable tree, and check that the required direction of fall is free of obstructions. If the tree has chosen you, think carefully about whether you should rise to the challenge.*
- 2 Before starting, clear a space in which to work, and sort out an emergency escape route.*
- 3 Remove all branches from the tree up to shoulder height. Clear them away from the emergency exit.*
- 4 Make the first cut at 45 degrees to horizontal, at right angles to the direction of fall, and to a depth of one third the diameter of the tree.*
- 5 Make the second cut horizontal and beneath the first, both should meet perfectly, releasing a nice wedge which should be kicked free.*
- 6 The third, or backcut, is made horizontally on the opposite side of the tree and about 6cm above the scarf made by the first two cuts. Finish this cut slowly, and as soon as the tree starts to move withdraw the saw, switch off, and move smartly away along your escape route. The tree should fall cleanly in the planned direction, with minimum kick-back at the base.*