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Knox & District Woodworkers Club

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Stringybark Festival was a great success as the figures showed in the last minute addition to the November Newsletter. I thank the 18 members manning the stand on Saturday and the 22 on Sunday for a very good effort and for all their input.

We have received a letter from Ian Bell of the City of Knox thanking the Club for its participation and looking forward to seeing us next year and saying how the Festival is going from strength to strength.

The Angliss Hospital, Cup Breakfast was attended by a smaller group this year and all I have spoken too said they enjoyed it. The Hospital wishes to thank members for the Rocking Horse we donated, which was second prize for the morning activities.

I would like to congratulate Tom Coghlan and his wife Kerrie, for the work put into the newsletter last month. Thank you also to Peter Sleeman for making up the new Sanding Unit in the back shed. Please look after it as the motor was burnt out in the last one.

We will hold a Christmas BBQ on Saturday evening the 12th December - see details in newsletter and on notice board.

I would like you to let me know at the December meeting if we should hold a meeting in January.

I wish all Members and their families a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Merry New Year for 1999.

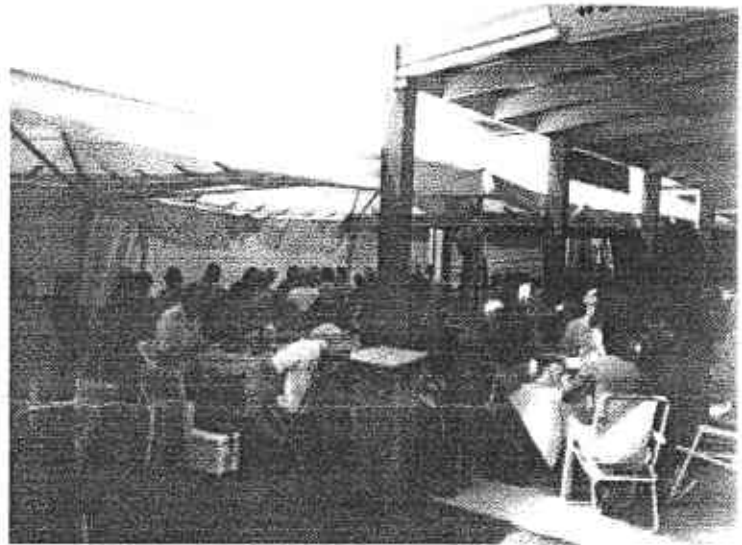
Dave Howell - President.



Knox & District Woodworkers Club

Approximately 140 members and their partners, including many of the original foundation members attended the 10th anniversary of the club, held at the club rooms in Ferntree Gully on 18th October 1998.

The club currently has 142 financial members, and over the past 10 years, has seen over 280 members participate in woodworking and social activities.



Alf Stephens, Founding President and Life Member, cuts the

10 year anniversary cake.

commemorating the establishment of the club when 69 woodworking enthusiasts met in the Upper Ferntree Gully Technical School to form what was then, the Ferntree Gully Woodworkers Club - Now known as the Knox and District Woodworkers Club Inc.

Pictured on the day, 14 of the 69 FOUNDATION MEMBERS from the original meeting of the Club in October 1988:

Back Row (L-R):

John Masterson, Bill Hawley, David Howell, Sergio Meilak, Fiona Ross, Steve Ross, Bernie Murphy, George Lazslo and Peter Howell.

Front Row (L-R):

Dick Kors, Alf Stephens, John Kors, Ed Lawer and Sue Wood.





CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

*All Members and their Families
are invited to join us on*

Saturday December 12th

At 5.00 p.m onwards with a

BBQ tea at 6.30 p.m

at

The Woodworking Clubrooms

*The Club will supply the meat
And requests that you bring along
a plate of Salad or Sweets*

BYO DRINKS

*As usual we have arranged to have our own
FIREWORKS DISPLAY
Which we will generously share with the people
Who attend the Carols by Candlelight*

*We hope to see everyone there
as a great night is assured.*

Christmas Shut Down

Due to the interest shown by many members to do some woodwork over the Christmas period, it has been decided to keep the Club open during this time.

If you wish to work at the Club over the break please check with the key holders listed on the back page to make sure that the clubrooms and workshop will be open.

NOTE: for safety reasons, no machines are to be used unless a minimum of two club members are in attendance.

**THIS RULE IS TO BE
STRICKLY OBEYED.**

Guest Speaker

As previously mentioned in the last newsletter, our guest speaker for our December 2nd meeting is NEIL ELLIS from "U" BUTE POLISHING.

Neil will be selling a variety of timber polishing products as well as his booklet on polishing. Also available will be the National Woodworkers Calendar for 1999. If you did not manage to pick up these items at the Woodworking show, now is your chance.

PADDY was amazed to see a bloke pulling a chain along the street.

"Hey, mate!" yelled Paddy, "why are you pulling that chain along the street?" "Because I have to," replied the bloke.

"And why do you have to?" asked Paddy.

"Well, said the bloke, "have you ever tried pushing one?"

Johnny worked in the Yacandanda meatworks. One day the machines went berserk and poor Johnny lost all his fingers. In shock he dashed through the meatworks, out into the street and ran two kilometers to the nearest medical clinic. He burst in, holding up his dripping stumps and said, "Doctor, I've chopped off all my fingers, what can you do?" "Great Scott!" said the doctor. "Why didn't you bring your fingers with you, I could have stitched them back on". "Well, I tried to" said Johnny, "But I couldn't pick them up".

Victorian Places Quiz

Clue	Answer
Auction	SALE.....
Stuttering Rodent.....	
Binoculars help you.....	
Someone's Paddock.....	
Mashed up Face.....	
Heavy Earth.....	
Purple City.....	
Water course of Precious Stones.....	
British Hunting Call.....	
A Mans Vehicle.....	
Inside my Mouth.....	
Grass.....	
Wide River Crossing.....	
Nothing At All.....	
Stop at the Start.....	
Birds Incline.....	
Sees a Tree.....	
Flower unopened.....	
Royal Drop.....	
Well Dressed Idiot.....	

Answers in Feb. Ingrained

Farewell to Bill

We wish to say farewell to
BILL IDE.

Bill has been a keen member
for several years, having
done, among other things,
electrical work for the Club.

We thank him for his input
into the club.

Bill is moving to Queensland
and wishes to remain in
touch with the Club.

We all wish you well for the
future, Bill.

From all yours friends at the
Club.

*The Club would like to
thank*

*ED LAWER
For his generous donation
of a box of sandpaper
which will be available for
all of our members to use.*

Thanks Ed.

Answers to last month's
Melbourne Cup Teasers

*1861
Archer
New Zealand*

*"The Red Terror", The Mighty
Conqueror" and simply "Boy" (by
his devoted strapper, Tommy
Woodcock).*

Jim Pike

Dates to Remember

3rd to 26th January 1999

Peninsula Wood Turners Guild will delight visitors with an
Exhibition and sales of their fine work

At

Historic "Coolart Homestead"

Demonstrations of wood turning in the old stables

Coolart Wetlands, gardens and Homestead

Lord Somers Road

Somers

(Melway Map 193 - J9)

Swap Meet '99

Sunday 14th March 1999

Woodies Swap Meet & Craft Demonstation Day

At

Trudgeons Road, WELSHMANS REEF, Central Victoria
(Follow the signs from Castlemaine, Maldon & Newstead)

More Details to follow next newsletter

Or phone Geoff on 5474-3086 for details or to book a site

Important Note to Members

A further reminder to all club members who have not yet

Paid their yearly subscription

-you have until the end of December 1998 to pay -

after this date you will need to pay your joining fee again.

** A mistake appeared on the front page of last months Ingrained.
It read Volume 12, November 1998 and it should have read Volume 11, November 1998.

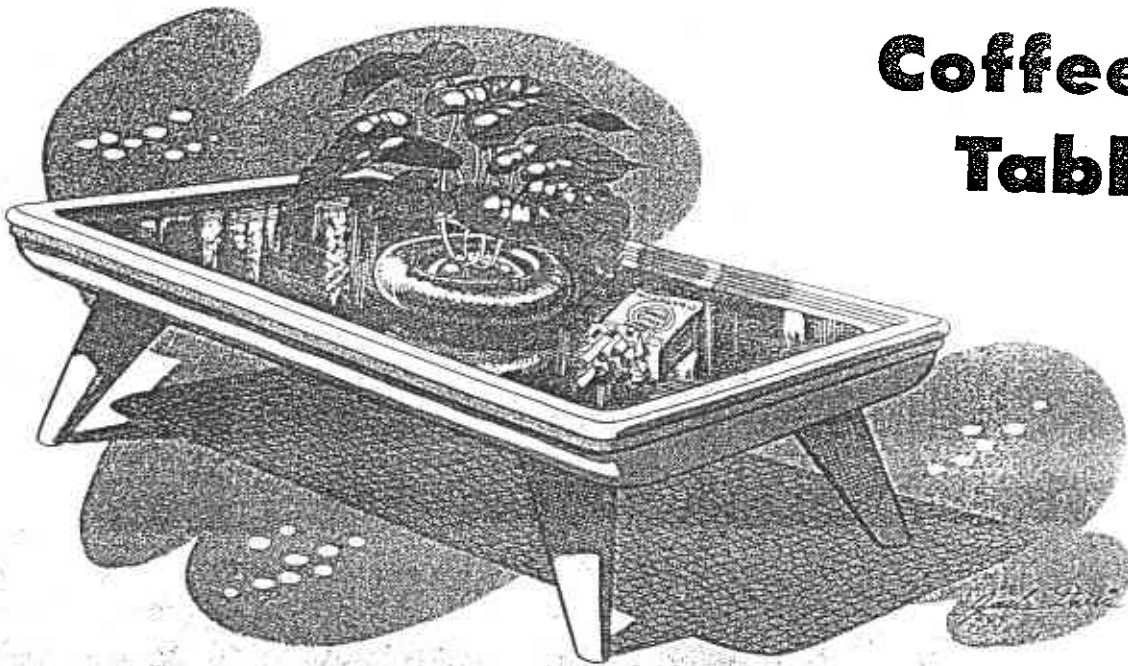
As the club recently had its 10th Birthday, we are now into our 11th year
and our Volume 11 corresponds to our 11th year.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

DO IT YOURSELF DEPT.

Anyone can build this

Coffee Table

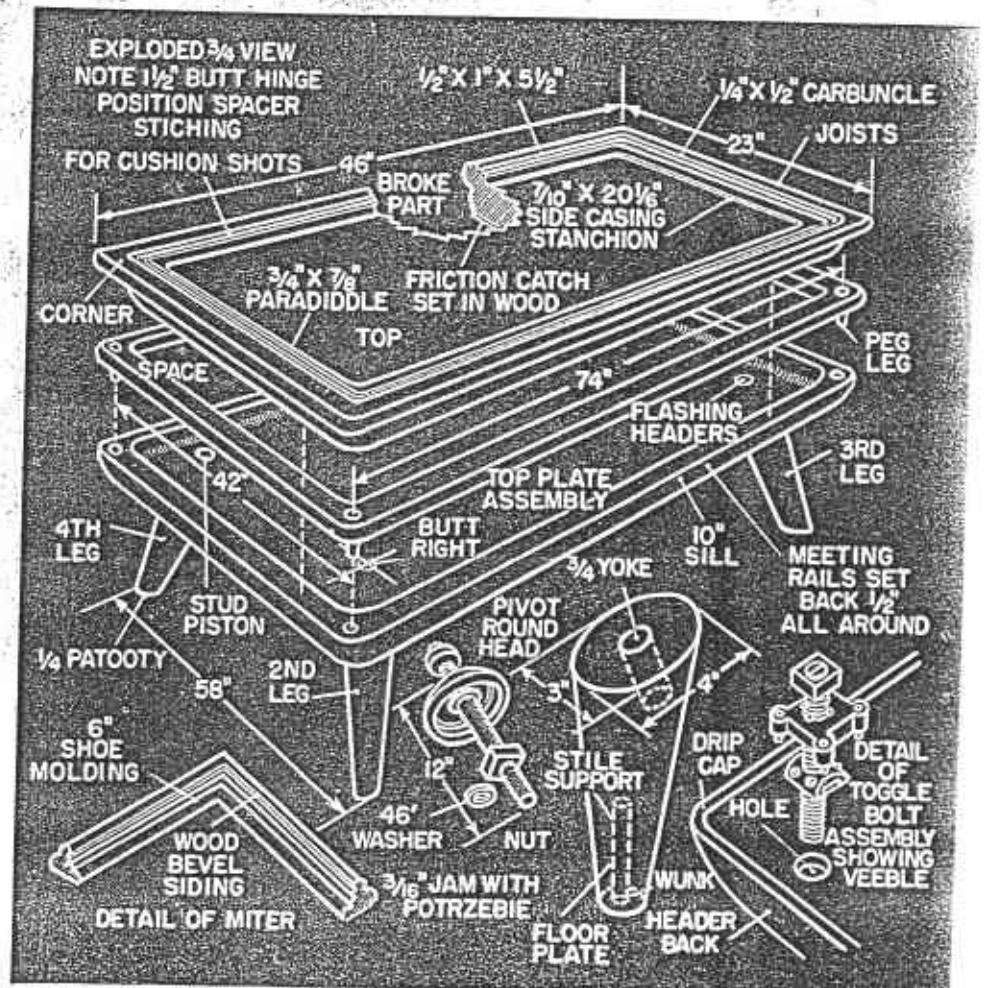


With comparatively little trouble, the useful and attractive coffee-table pictured here, complete, can be yours or anybody else's if you're willing to take the time to build it yourself... if you're willing to get a few callouses on your hands... if you're willing to get a little sawdust in your hair... if you're willing to lose a couple of fingers.

There's no trick to building a coffee table, complete, like this. All you need is a few fundamental tools, some odds and ends from the hardware store, a good right arm, the will to work, and mainly, coffee. Check on the coffee first since if nobody in your house drinks coffee, there's no sense building this coffee table.

Now... the initial step in building this coffee table, then, is to arrange for time to build this thing. If you can't find time during the evenings or the weekends... quit work. A week or two will do it. Remember... you'll be saving money by building this table. If you can't leave your job you might hire a contractor to come in and build the coffee table. Don't be afraid to go out and get this thing done.

However you decide, on the following pages are twelve basic steps to follow to build this coffee table, complete. So roll up your sleeves, get out your nails, your hammers, and your band-aids... and go watch television



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1. Lumber. Select your lumber with a careful eye for imperfections such as checks, bows and knots. If you can't get well seasoned, finishing grade basswood, mahogany or teak at your lumber yard, you will find that cheese-boxes and orange-crate ends will do very nicely as a substitute.



2. Sandpapering. The success or failure of a piece very often depends on the sanding. In order to work gradually up to the smoothest finish, start with grit size No. 1/0 and work up to grit size No. 2/0. Then go to next finer grit size No. 3/0 and thence to an even finer grit size of 4/0.



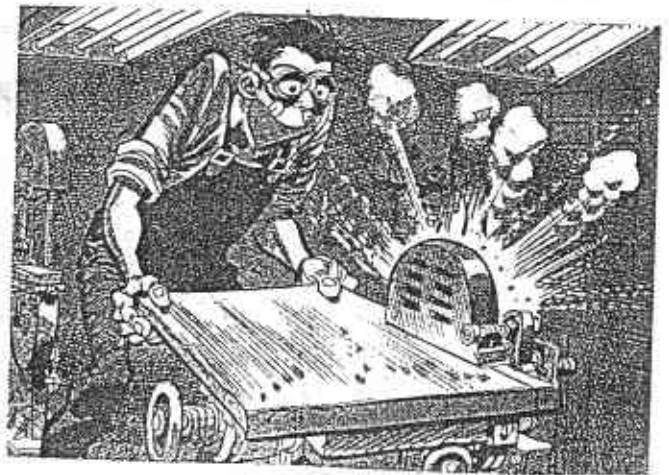
3. More Sandpapering. You can't do enough sanding. You are up to very fine grit of 5/0... go to finer grit of 6/0... then to grit 6/0.5 and on to grit 6/0.05 and on to 6/0.005. Then comes very teenchy-weenchy grit, 6/0.6x, and after sanding with that, use teenchiest grit, 6/0/00₂.



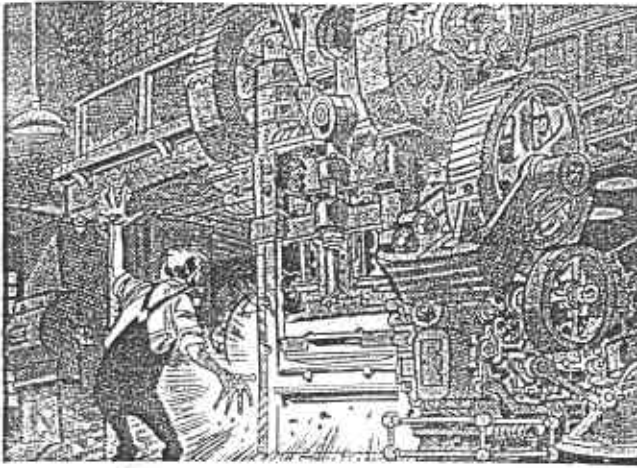
4. Nailing. Now, back to our tools... (remember, all you need to build this coffee table, complete, are simple basic tools usually found in the average home) We assemble the main-brace cantilever carefully with our finishing nails and hammer. (a rock can be substituted for hammer)



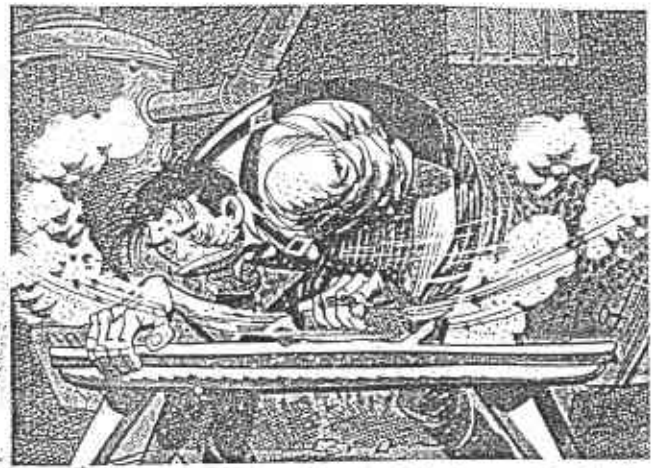
5. Fastening. When the main-brace cantilever is assembled, we then bore 1/2" countersunk dowel pockets in each corner with our automatic drill. (surprisingly, an automatic drill is really a simple basic tool that should be in every average home) When dowel pocket is mortised properly... tenon.



6. Trim. Now take up the lumber for the table top and set it on your circular-saw power-tool top. (a must for every average home... I mean, let's face it! If you want to do things right, you can't be a cheap skate) Set miter gauge and select dado head to make self-aligning ogival rabbet.



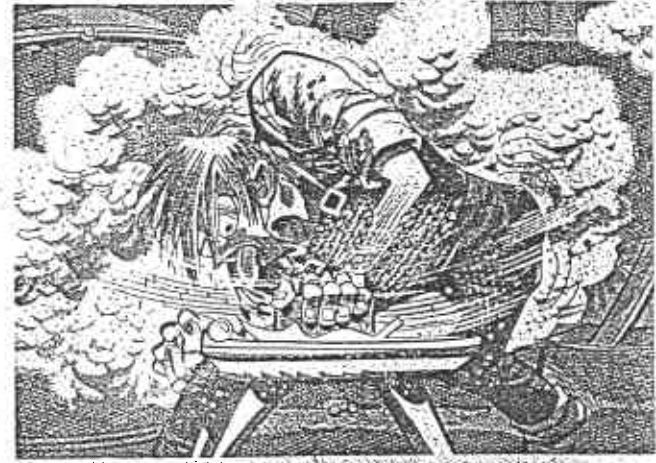
7. Final Assembly. Your most important step is to then stamp the table-top support out of $\frac{1}{8}$ " steel sheet on your sheet-metal press. This done, fit toggle-bolts to burthinges bevelled to corrugated fasteners. Clinch core with trunnions and hoist the mizzenmast to the starboard tack.



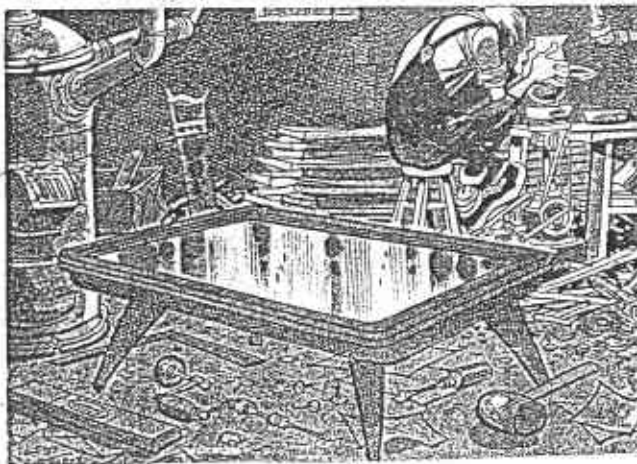
8. Sandpapering. When the toggle-bolts are fitted, the job is completed. Back to sanding. Start with the last fine grit size you used and work back down, to coarsest grit size, No. 1/0. You can never do enough sanding. Success or failure depends on sanding. Don't forget, plenty of sanding!



9. More Sandpapering. Keep sanding! Get right back there and keep on sanding! There's never enough sanding! Stay in there and keep sanding. Don't stop sanding!



10. Keep Sanding!



11. Finishing. And now, to give final touches to finish the coffee table, complete, pictured on page 35, we varnish, steel wool, and pumice all surfaces... bury a caladium bulb in soil, which we can make by decaying leaves for no less than a year and fashion a clay pot while bulb takes root.



12. Pièce de Résistance. We pot the full grown caladium plant and place it on the table and there we have our coffee table, complete, pictured on page 35 with exception of pack of cigarettes you see on the table. We will show you how to make the pack of cigarettes in the next issue.

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The Rules

1. The FEMALE always makes THE RULES.
(THE RULES are subject to change at any time, without prior notification).
2. No MALE can possibly know all THE RULES.
(If the FEMALE suspects that the MALE knows all THE RULES she will immediately change some, or all, of THE RULES).
3. The FEMALE is never wrong.
(If the FEMALE is wrong, it is due to a misunderstanding, which was a direct result of something the MALE did, or said. The MALE must apologise immediately for causing said misunderstanding).
4. The MALE must never change his mind without the express written consent of the FEMALE.
5. The FEMALE has every right to be angry or upset at any time. The MALE must remain calm at all times, unless the FEMALE wants him to be angry or upset. The FEMALE will, under no circumstances, let the MALE know whether or not she wants him to be angry or upset.
6. The MALE is expected to mind-read at all times.
7. The MALE who doesn't abide by THE RULES, can't take the heat, lacks backbone and is a wimp. Any attempt by the MALE to document THE RULES could result in bodily harm.
8. If the FEMALE has PMT all THE RULES are null and void.
9. The FEMALE is ready when she is ready.
10. The MALE must be ready at all times.

December

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
P = Pension Day V = Veteran's Pension Day			GM	V		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				P		Club Barbeque and Carols by Candlelight
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				V		School Holiday 19th Dec to 27th Jan
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				P	Christmas Day	Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31		
				V		

Executive Committee 1998/9

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Committee Member ...	Bruce Allen	9 754 5774
Committee Member	Janet Brown	9 762 1063

General Meetings

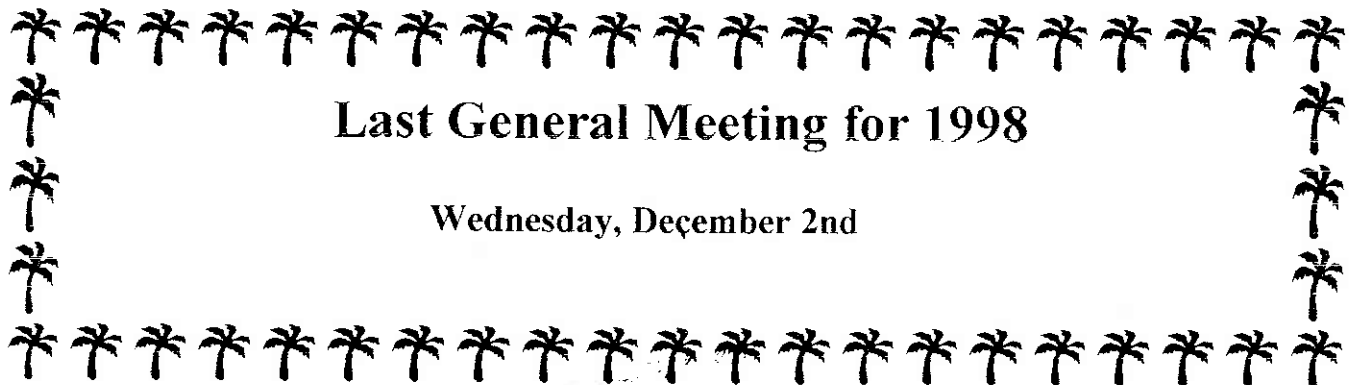
1st Wednesday of each Month, commencing at 7.30 pm

Workshop Hours

Monday	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Paddy McCann
Tuesday	10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Phillips
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bruce Allen
Wednesday	10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	David Howell
Thursday	10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Aminde
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