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## **NEWSLETTER**

### MARCH/APRIL, 1995

The Knox Festival is over for another 12 months and dispite the bad weather the hard work by about 20 members and 10 members wives the weekend was a big success both socially and financially. Those members who worked both days an extra special "THANK YOU" result approximately \$1,700 profit, our best effort ever.

A nice little dob in letter found its way into my letter box the other day. We have been getting so many of these letters, we have decided to give a "dinner for two" for the best and funniest dob in for 1995. If you have a story to tell let's have it, you and your partner just might win a dinner for two.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR NEW WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 13th MAY AT 2.00 p.m. All members are invited to attend, especially those who worked so hard to get it up and almost finished. You have earned this day, so mark it on your calendar now, so you don't forget.

CARVING CLASSES are now starting on a Saturday afternoon, 1.00 - 3.30 p.m. beginners most welcome. \$5.00 a lesson, Michael Cook is the tutor.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER - 10.00 a.m.

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Fred Moore Paddy McCann Rob Low
Keith Milne Alan Mason Ed Lawer
Sergia Meilak Colin Lowe Guenter Kuerschnen

If for some reason you are unable to take your turn on the roster please contact the Secretary immediately.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday, 5th April, 7.30 p.m.

#### - FUNDRAISER -

On Saturday, 22nd April we will be having a trash 'n' treasure garage sale at the club premises. An information sheet is attached. Please give us your support.

Would you be interested in going to see? The Light and Sound show at Soverign Hill, Ballaarat - on a
Saturday some time in May - at this stage, we are looking at
providing transport.

and/or

Beauty and the Beast at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne sometime in September, Saturday afternoon. Contact Alf Stephens.

#### NEW MEMBERS -

Welcome to our newest members, Bob Austin, Michael Cook, John Kerston and John Shaw.

PROFILE OF A MEMBER - by his wife.

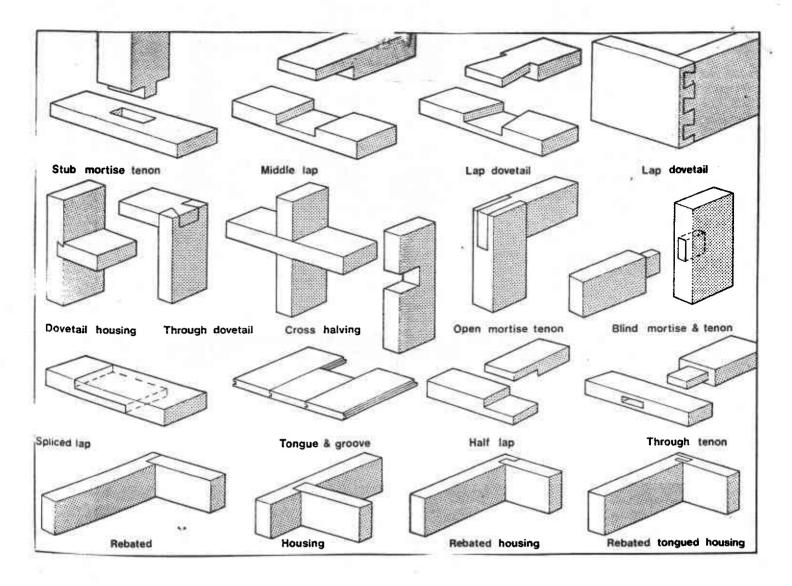
Hughie is a great person who does his best and likes to have a bit of humour in his life, like when he won this bet: He wore his pyjamas over his work clothes on the train to Melbourne. Hughie had the guts and determination to take on all onlookers as he read the paper, oblivious to the unusual surprised looks people gave him, taking it in his usual cool manner.

Another example of his wit is that he would be walking along when he just stops and stares up at the sky. Looking intrigued he then moves his head to focus and points at whatever grabs his attention. People walking by, stop to have a look as their curiosity gets the better of them. They see nothing but sky which leaves them nothing but bewilderment.

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- Thanks Monica Gaynor for this story. I'm glad there are other people out there doing silly things like me.

AN EVENING WITH VIC WOOD - by Fred Moore. The 12 members who attended the woodturning demonstration presented by Vic Wood at 31 Wridgeway Ave. Burwood on Wednesday, February 8th were unanimously of the opinion that it was an object lesson presentation. The workshop was clean with a number of high quality lathes spaced so that there was an ample working area around each. The various accessories available for purchase were neatly arranged on two tables near the workshop entrance, each clearly labelled with a description and the price. Vic Wood is gifted with the ability to describe his various activities in a humorous and informative way, while effortlessly holding the attention of his audience. He invited criticism, stressing that there were alternative ways of achieving a desired end and that there is a constant need to learn and improve. Before commencing the demonstration he emphasised the absolute necessity of constantly checking the sharpness of the various cutting tools. He positioned his grinder immediately behind him so that he could resharpen the blades with the minimum of effort, using a white wheel for maximum results. For his primary demonstration, a wide bowl, he produced a circular specimen of unblemished "she oak". Once suitably prepared for holding in the 'Vicmarc Uni-Chuck' with which his 'Woodfast M408H Woodlathe' was equipped, he turned the exterior of the bowl demonstrating the correct direction of cutting movement and the correct position of the vaious blades to achieve a satisfactory surface ready for sanding and polishing. To achieve the required finish Vic used a sanding tool designed by himself, a friction driven rotary sander powered by the workpiece, therefore reversible in direction using ever decreasing grades of sandpaper. When he was satisfied with the degree of smoothness, he then applied a polishing agent, so new that it is not yet available in the marketplace, which gives a superior finish with the application of just one coat. Remounting the bowl to now attack the inside surface, Vic used expensive accessory to cut out the centre of the bowl in one piece, giving him a useful offcut rather than a heap of sawdust. After further cutting to achieve the required thickness and finish Vic demonstrated a technique to embellish the rim of the product. After etching a series of concentric circles he scorched the resulting area with a blowtorch. Then, after cleaning this area with a wire brush, he applied further cutting to achieve the required thickness and finish Vic demonstrated a technique to embellish the rim of the product. After etching a series of concentric circles he scored the resulting area with a blowtorch. Then, after cleaning this area with a wire brush, he applied a coat of polishing compound. The result was a beautiful product fit to grace any table.



How did you go with last months quiz questions, not too hard are they, especially if you can do them with the family and friends. The answers to last months questions are:-

- 1. Get under way
- 3. Kings Cross
- 5. Kept behind bars
- 7. Broken Hill
- 9. Double bed
- 11. Feeling over the moon
- 13. Mixing in the right cirles 14. Square the account
- 15. Leg before wicket
- 17. Anti clock wise
- 19. Down and out
- 21. One day out
- 23. Robbery under way

- 2. Fooling around
- 4. Topless bathers
- 6. Four wheel drive
- 8. Apple turnover
- 10. She's right
- 12. What goes up Must come down
- 16. Living by the sea
  - 18. Going up in smoke
  - 20. Banana Split
  - 22. Middle finger
  - 24. Repeat after me

Number 13 seemed to be the most difficult. - One answer came back as 13-g-24-g-14-7! A puzzle in itself.

A quote included by the Orpen family from the first puzzle was too good not to print.

"We confess that "12 S on a F C C" was particularly painful. My wife insisted that it stood for "12 Strawberries on a Flipping Cheese Cake", but we stood our ground and were elated when, at 3 o'clock in the morning, using an extremely exhaustive process of deduction and elimination, we concluded that it stood for 12 sides on a 50 cent coin."

Good Luck with the Morse Code puzzle.