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"That should clear the rug."



"I see you've fixed the drip!"

Dates to Remember

Executive Meeting	Tuesday	11th June, 2019	1.00 p.m. Workshop
Monthly Meeting	Tuesday	11th June, 2019	2.00 p.m. Workshop
Karingal Pre-School Project	Thursday	29th August, 2019	From 5.00 p.m.
Christmas Party	Thursday	12th December, 2019	Details to issue later

Membership List as at 31/05/2019 (H= Honorary Member, L=Life Member)

*110	Antcliffe	John	Colleen	4981 9928	6 Hanson Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*055 H	Audet	Phill	Dorothy	4981 2420	14 Leonard Ave, Shoal Bay. 2315
*240	Bauer	Georg	Mary	0490 893 053	7/19 Kurrawa Close, Nelson Bay. 2315
*095	Bear	Dave		0434 267 101	28 Compass Close, Salamander Bay. 2317
*138	Beard	Allen	Nadia	4984 2050	15 Whiting Place, Corlette. 2315
*043 L	Belcher	Ray	Meg	4932 2700	"Benhome", 30 Regent St. Maitland.2320
*203	Bonar	Tom	Roslyn	0407 277 493	7 Reflections Drive, One Mile. 2316
*227	Brewer	Doug		4984 3366	1/4 Dalton Street, Nelson Bay. 2315
*082	Bridgeman	Col	Clyne	4981 3417	14 Windward Close, Corlette. 2315
*119	Brooks	Eric	Mari	4984 9279	2/204 Rocky Pt. Rd., Fingal Bay. 2315
*176	Bryars	Keith	Caryl	0418 884 482	3/16 Thurlow Ave, Nelson Bay. 2315
*182.	Canivilo.	Francisco		4981 1147	8a Ketch Close, Corlette. 2315
*150	Cannon	Warren	Lyn	0427 093 145	Villa 37, Fingal Haven, 44 Farm Rd, Fingal Bay.
*239	Coates	Andrew	Rachel	0412 091 179	4181 Nelson Bay Road, Anna Bay.2316
*045 H	Cox	Steve		4982 1807	40 Gan Gan Rd, Anna Bay. 2316
*014 L	Crombie	Jim		0401 786 711	St Mary's Villa, Darling Street, Dubbo. 2830
*230	Cross	Gillian (Gidgie)			
*177	Cuffe	Steve	Ines (Thomas)	0422 410 107	9 Cromarty Road, Soldiers Point. 2315
*217	Cumberland	Greg	Diane	4981 3369	19 The Peninsula, Corlette. 2315
*211	Delaney	Roger	Melanie	0423 588 232	105 Galoola Drive, Nelson Bay. 2315
*168	Falzon	George	Paula	4984 2475	50 Boulder Bay Rd., Fingal Bay. 2315
*245	Ford	Nathan	Mercedes	0400 6021 271	12 Armidale Ave, Nelson Bay. 2315
*156	Foster	John	Yvonne	4981 3486	1/95 Shoal Bay Rd., Nelson Bay. 2315
**113	Geale	Darcy	Robyn	4982 2780	56 Ocean Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*233	Gilmour	Toby	Helen	0414 642 100	62 Corrie Parade, Corlette. 2315
*234	Gilmour	Helen	Toby	0414 886 162	62 Corrie Parade, Corlette. 2315
*117	Grant	Bob	Nell	0407 402 253	Latitude One, 5 Reeve Parade, Anna Bay. 2316
*148	Greiter	Dieter	Helga	4981 5996	12A Wallawa Rd, Nelson Bay. 2315
*241	Hart	Rich	Ingrid	0491 073 790	59 Saratoga Ave. Corlette 2315
*244	Harvey	Fred	Wendy	4981 6249	85 Rocky Point Road, Fingal Bay. 2315
*118	Haynes	Peter	Gail	4981 9181	Latitude One, 7 Reeve Parade, Anna Bay. 2316
*154	Henderson	Clarence		4982 6008	368 Marsh Road, Bobs Farm. 2316
*175	Henderson	Frank	Metta	0434 645 348	368 Marsh Road, Bobs Farm. 2316
*143	Henderson	Metta	Frank	4982 6008	368 Marsh Road, Bobs Farm. 2316
*191	Howard	Colin	Mary	0419 281 167	2/174 Soldiers Point Road, Salamander Bay.
*102	Howard	Rodney	Linda	4981 0334	46 Pacific Drive, Fingal Bay. 2315
*116	Jeffress	John		4984 6540	7 Waratah Ave, Salamander Bay. 2317
*120	Kuhn	Charlie	Robin	4982 2689	2/32 Ocean Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*166	Kuhn	Joel		0412 075 567	2/32 Ocean Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*189	Lambert	Jeff	Jill	0417 466 141	9 Reveal Cove, Corlette. 2315
*209	Lawson	Jim	Tanya	0413 696 594	88 Tallean Road, Nelson Bay. 2315
*194	Lawson	Laurie	Robyn	4984 7470	29/40 Horizons Drive, Salamander Bay. 2317
*232	Lee	Peter	Sadie	0417 790 491	9 Sanderling Close, Salamander Bay. 2317
*236	Lindsay	Barry	Millie	4024 2377	19/44 Farm Road, Fingal Bay. 2315
*243	Lloyd	Tathra		0419 475 057	56d Salamander Way, Salamander Bay. 2317
*153	Lollback	Len	Carol	4982 7505	30 Kestrel Ave, Salamander Bay. 2317
*130	McClelland	Geoffrey	Marti	4981 1602	8 James Crescent, Nelson Bay. 2315
*066	Mclver	Ian	Phyllis	4984 9934	3A Wollomi Ave, Nelson Bay. 2315
*242	Morrison	Scott	Claire	0439 947 034	4 Ullora Road, Nelson Bay. 2315
*090	Miller	Graham	Elizabeth	4984 4510	17 Shimmer Street, Nelson Bay. 2315
*246	Murdoch	Col	Pauline	0429 416 185	21 Vista Ave. Soldiers Point. 2317
*206	Parrish	Bob	Pauline	0407 103 933	2/4 The Bridge, Corlette. 2315
*222	Percy	Alwyn	Christine	4917 2127	27 Shores Close, Salamander Bay. 2317
*091	Ramsey	Brian	Lorraine	4984 1714	85 Wallawa Rd, Nelson Bay. 2315
*218	Richards	Ken	Sue	4981 3742	10 Whitesands Rd., Fingal Bay. 2315
*190	Rigby	Roger	Carol	4981 5204	10 James Crescent, Nelson Bay, 2315
*146	Rowlands	Taffy	Sheila	4984 6381	18/4 Muller Street, Salamander Bay, 2317
*193	Runyard	Jerry	Jenny	0409 393 463	4/125 Soldiers Pt. Road, Soldiers Point. 2317
*127	Rush	Vince	Margaret	4982 8521	660 Medowie Road, Medowie. 2318
*137	Ryder	Rod	Andrea	0431 177 944.	121a/8 Government Rd, Shoal Bay. 2315
*237	Seguin-Hold	Merja (Kristina)	Sukhpal	0466 660 767	44 Morna Point Road, Anna Bay. 2316
*183	Sosso	Cody		0431 963 283	34 Saratoga Ave, Corlette. 2315
*018 L	Sosso	Graeme	Vera	4981 2446	46 Squire St, Fingal Bay. 2315
*208	Sosso	Peter	Teresa	4984 6936	34 Saratoga Ave, Corlette, 2315
*238	Spiteri	Kyle		0407 674 250	20 Corella Street, Freshwater. 2096
*247	Szmigielski	Richard	Susan	0435 049 390	3 Pacific Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*087	Sturt	Chris	Chris	4024 2096	3 Mary St, Soldiers Point. 2317
*171	Teasel	Peter	Alexis	4981 3823	1/61 Donald Street, Nelson Bay. 2315
*161	Thomas	Ines	Steve	0416 199 551	9 Cromarty Road, Soldiers Point. 2315
*099	Thompson	Peter	Cherie	4981 4781	80 Tomaree Rd, Shoal Bay. 2315
*213.	Tognon	Chris	Roz	0403 792 400	1/1 Randall Drive, Salamander Bay. 2317

*114	Townsend	Wal	Lillian	4984 9691	69a Harbourside Haven, Shoal Bay. 2315
*129	Treble	Gordon	Lynne	4981 1170	10 Clipper Close, Corlette. 2315
*199	Upton	Stewart	Dorothy	4981 0717	10 Armidale Avenue, Nelson Bay. 2315
*000 H	Wells	Merlyn			
*207	Winslow	John	krystyna	4919 1522	22 Caledonia Close, Salamander Bay. 2317
Total Members 76. Names highlighted in Yellow have a key to the workshop.					

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF PORT STEPHENS COMMUNITY WOODWORKERS INC.

This month's minutes will include a number of attachments and will be issued separately.

Black Wattle



BOTANICAL NAME: *Acacia auriculiformis*

OTHER COMMON NAMES: Northern Black Wattle, Ear-pod Wattle

TREE DESCRIPTION: Black wattle is a small to medium tree which grows in North Queensland, coastal Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. It can reach a height of up to 28m (100ft) but more commonly is around 20m (66ft).

COLOUR: The heartwood is mid-brown to deep red-brown while the sapwood is quite distinctive and yellowish in colour.

GRAIN AND TEXTURE: The grain is straight and the texture is moderately fine and even — sometimes with a slight figured appearance.

DENSITY: Air dry density is approximately 670kg/m³.

STABILITY: Black Wattle has a relatively small amount of movement and should be moderately stable in service.

DURABILITY: The heartwood is moderately durable but is susceptible to termite attack. The sapwood is susceptible to attack by the Lyctus borer.

WORKING PROPERTIES: Black Wattle is a hard and relatively strong timber of medium weight. It is reasonably easy to work with medium resistance to cutting and only a moderate blunting effect on tool edges. Its screw holding ability is good and it glues well. Care is needed in nailing to avoid splitting. It is moderately suitable for steam bending. Sharp tools will produce a reasonably clean surface which can be worked to a fairly high polish. Black Wattle takes most finishes satisfactorily. Some uses of this species include furniture, joinery, turning and carving.

TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- Security screens have been added to the windows in the new section of the workshop. Cost has been borne by the Arts Centre.
- The thicknesser has been giving problems in that marks are being left on the wood after it has been through the machine. Efforts are being made to remedy the problem. The cutters on the machine were replaced not so long ago and have already been rotated a couple of times. Maybe the problem is elsewhere. Members are again reminded to check their timber any time they use the machine for nails, screws etc.
- Once again, the Twin Drum Sander has been abused with the result that the sandpaper has to be replaced. Members are reminded that you are not permitted to use the machine without the permission of the Duty office who will provide you with the key to operate the rolling mat which carries the timber through the machine and inspect the timber that you propose to use. Timber that has been painted, varnished, or leaking sap is NOT to be used in this machine. The sandpaper rollers are to be cleaned after each use. Remember it is NOT a thicknesser but a finishing sander for fine use only.
- The Table saw is also being abused. After each use the saw table is to be cleaned and the safety guard replaced if removed for any reason. Remember that we have a special item for use as a push-stick when working with small work. It is yellow in colour, works brilliantly and is stored in the Tool Room.
- No-one is permitted to use a machine unless they have been authorised to do so. The list of members who are authorised to certify members is being updated and will be recorded in the front of the Machine Qualification Register. Just because you can use a machine doesn't mean that you are automatically authorised to certify someone else.
- The Club has decided to purchase a larger fridge for the kitchen. The existing one is too small, particularly as we have to store left over BBQ food for some time.
- Graham Miller is investigating the possibility of another Whale Cruise on "Imagine". The last one was very successful where we saw several whales breaching. Watch this space.
- Graham is also investigating the possibility of another Barefoot Bowls Day – this time at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club where it is thought we will be closer to the action and under cover. More details to issue.
- An application to the local council to reimburse the Club for Tip Fees has been successful. We will receive a payment of \$320.00 as compensation for 4 trips at \$80.00. We thank Councillor John Nell for his assistance with this exercise.
- The Constitution is being updated and, hopefully, the new version will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 9th July.

Welfare Report – Bob Grant

- The Funeral for Les Grumsen was held at St Michael's Catholic Church at 10.30 a.m. on the 16th April. It was a large funeral and was well attended by his family, friends, members of Probus and our Woodworkers Club. The members of our Club and Probus formed a guard of honour just prior to the Hearse leaving the Church and it was an impressive sight. Les was afforded a Funeral Mass which was a fitting tribute to a man so well respected and admired by his church and in the community. Most of us found out things about Les about which we had no prior knowledge. He was firstly an Electrician and then became a Cabinet maker with the NSW Railways, finally ending up as an IT expert with Sunbeam. A life well done Les. May you rest in peace.
- President John Jeffress has had an accident at home. The new Computer Cabinet that he made recently in the workshop (see picture last issue of "Woodnews") fell on him when he was installing it in his home. John suffered bruising and a hand injury plus concussion. He was housebound for a period but is now up and about. Good to see you back at the workshop John.
- Peter Thompson's wife Cherie has had a nasty fall outside McDonalds at Salamander Bay. She tripped on a protrusion in the carpark and suffered bruising and facial damage but thankfully no broken bones. Our thoughts are with you Cherie and we hope you recover fully very soon.
- Rumour has it that former member Geoff Smith is not well. He resigned some years ago to move to the North Coast. He was an expert in Intarsia and some of his work is currently on display at Kew. If you are interested, please see Graham Miller for details.

Please continue to let me know if any member or their family is ill or needs help in any way.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Our last Bunnings BBQ was held on the 12th May (Mothers' Day). Financially it was a disaster with a Net Profit of only \$273.68. It was a very quiet day and obviously Mothers don't bring their families to Bunnings on Mother's Day. Thanks to those members who assisted on the day. See photos below.

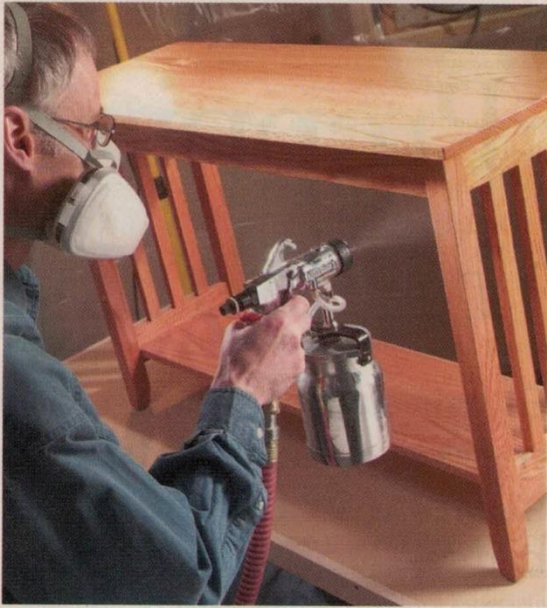
Thanks to Peter Thompson; John Jeffress and Chris Sturt for cutting the onions. The proposed cutting scheduled for the Friday afternoon was not required. Thanks to those who turned up anyway.



First Shift above. Helen Gilmour, Col Bridgeman, Rod Ryder and Francisco Canivilo. At right Col and Helen having a rest.

Second Shift below. Frank Henderson, Col Bridgeman and Metta Henderson. Also present on the day were Bob Grant (all day) and John Jeffress.



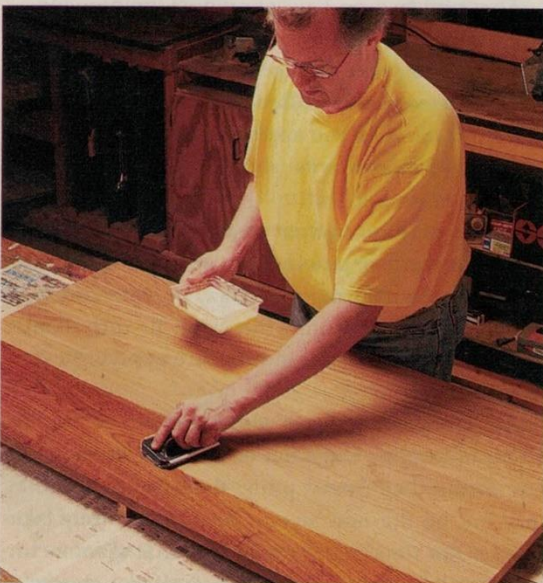


Lacquer dries so fast that it is best sprayed. You can apply multiple coats in one day.

WATER-BASED

Air quality concerns have fueled the demand for water-based finishes. They may be labeled as varnishes, polyurethanes or lacquers. In any case, water-based finishes are more user-friendly than solvent-based products because brushes and spray equipment can be cleaned up with water.

Water-based finishes provide about the same protection and durability as lacquer, with less odor and fire risk. They are also more difficult to apply. They tend to raise the wood grain, dry quickly and don't penetrate as deeply.



Water-based finishes can be brushed or sprayed. They meet higher air-quality standards than lacquer and most oil-based varnishes.

WAX

Commercial wax is sold in liquid and paste forms and can be a single wax or a blend of waxes. A wax finish adds shine to wood without darkening it. Wax is too soft and porous to be scratch or water resistant so it is not advised for use on items that will be regularly handled. It is excellent as a polish on top of another finish, however.



Wax is not as durable as other finishes. Use it on objects that aren't frequently handled or as a polish on top of another finish.

WHICH FINISH SHOULD I USE?

The type of finish you choose depends on the project and its use.

If you are building kitchen or bathroom cabinets, you're probably primarily concerned with durability. The finish has to be resistant to acids in body oils and alkalis in soaps. Varnish or polyurethane are the best choices. If their smell bothers you, consider water-based polyurethane. Lacquer is also an acceptable alternative, but stay away from shellac and oil.

For chairs and tables, you want a film-building finish to protect against wear. Your choice of finish depends on whether you want to rub it out. (Rubbing a finish removes all the dust nibs, making a finish feel ultra-smooth, and develops a high sheen.) Lacquer rubs out most easily, followed by shellac. Varnishes and water-based finishes can be rubbed successfully, but often only to a satin sheen.

Bookshelves and entertainment centers generally don't get a lot of heavy wear. Oil, oil/varnish blends and wiping varnish are acceptable and easy to apply. And as long as you let the coats cure thoroughly, you can apply other finishes over these later if you decide you want a thicker finish with more protection.

Smaller decorative items that don't receive wear can be finished with oil, oil/varnish blends or wiping varnish. While wax provides too little protection to be considered seriously for most projects, it does have applications for small decorative objects.

For floors, durability is of utmost importance. Polyurethane is clearly the best choice.

SHOW & TELL



At left is a “box” made by Bob Parrish to house the raffle prizes for the Tomaree Community Hospital Auxiliary at their Mother’s Day fund raiser. The box is beautifully made and a tribute to Bob’s excellent wood-working and rope skills. It is hoped that it will not end up as one of the prizes so that it can be used for similar projects in the future. Well done Bob. Another example of your unique talents.

At right is a Fairy House that Frank Henderson has made for the Arts Centre. It is attached to a tree in the gardens of the Arts Centre. The windows upstairs have small figures inside. See photos below. Well done Frank. It is already a hit with visitors to the Arts Centre.



Above right is a Platypus Platter made by Graeme Sosso. Graeme has labelled it the Platterpus. The points on the corners of the Platter are representative of the poisonous spurs on the hind legs of a platypus. Well done Graeme. It looks great and is a great exhibition of Graeme's skills as a carver.

The Whale below is a Humpback Whale made by Chris Sturt. The timber is Jacaranda on a piece of driftwood and is finished off with 8 coats of Danish Oil. Once again, the carving is beautifully done and demonstrates the patience that Chris exhibits for his craft



Below is a bowl made by Roger Delaney. He got the design off Youtube and the result is outstanding. The timbers include New Guinea Redwood, Jarrah and White Beech. There are 19 Hexagons involving 57 pieces of wood. A great piece of work Roger.



Below is a Box made by Geoff McClelland for Graham Miller to house the ashes of Norman Hallwood Jackson. The box is made from MDF which has been veneered to highlight a grain. The veneer was attached with contact glue which was applied to both the veneer and the MDF. It is coated with lacquer and looks the goods. Well done Geoff. A great result.



TALES OF THE MONTH

Yesterday I was at my local Coles store buying a large bag of Chum dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant?

So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Chum Diet again.

I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 2 stone before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with Chum nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in queue was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the kerb to sniff an Irish Setter and a car hit me.

GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied,

"I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked

'NO REPEATS'

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A drover, who just moved to Queensland from Victoria, walks into a bar and orders three glasses of XXXX.

He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn.

When he finishes them, he goes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the drover, "You know, a glass goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cattleman replies, "I appreciate your advice but, you see, I have two brothers. One's in 'Tassie', the other one's a 'Sandgroper'. When we all left our home in Echuca', we promised each other that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So, I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The drover becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs.

All the regulars take notice and fall silent.

When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I'd like to offer my condolences on your loss."

The drover looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.

"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I have joined the Salvation Army and I had to quit drinking."

"Hasn't affected my brothers though."

### The Budget

"The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." - Cicero, 55 BC.

*So, evidently, we've learned bugger all over the past 2,074 years.*

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## More Churchillian Quotes.

- Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to Hell in such a way that they ask for directions.
- You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.
- Fear is a reaction; courage is a decision.
- A nation that forgets its past has no future.
- If you are not a Liberal at twenty you have no heart. If you are not a Conservative at forty you have no brain.
- The positive thinker sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.
- There is nothing that Government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place.
- Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy. Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.
- The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.
- Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.
- You don't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer.
- I'd rather argue against one hundred idiots than have one agree with me.