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From the President

The 2017 annual Royal Hobart Show activity is over, and once again some of us are in recuperation mode. The Junior Workshop activity is conducted over 4 days and during this time 13 Guild members have helped children construct 1200 kits. Which have been prepared over 16 Saturday mornings by, always 4 members and up to 8 on occasions Bump in and out of the show location involves the attendance of 6 to 8 members on the Saturday before and the Sunday following the show.

John Penprase is the team leader for this event and in this role John exceeds all expectations in his dedication to the task. John is assisted by Graeme Clark, Ray Collins, Rod Daly, Mike Dowd, Geoff Denney, Ken Dowling, John Grubb, George Harris, Murray Jessup, Clinton Luckcock, Brian Ridler, John Sheppard and Brian Weeding. Each give assistance in their own way and some give more than others. I warmly appreciate the efforts of everyone for their commitment to the task. Our members are sometimes put to the test. Especially on Wednesdays when the busloads of school children descend on us and are queued up for their turn. Everyone is busy from 9.30 until 2.30 when the children board the bus and depart as abruptly as they had arrived ...Phew, what a relief to get a rest!



I have included an image of two girls who visited us on Saturday morning, they brought the boats that they had made on Thursday and painted them at home. Thank you Abigail and Jessica this is fabulous feedback and a great tonic for us all.



For those who have a sense of déjà vu if you check November / December 2015 Newsletter as I did. You will notice that these are the same girls in each photo.

This newsletter will include Christmas and I wish all members and their families a Happy Christmas filled with love and joy. I trust that 2018 will bring you and yours all of the prosperity that you desire.

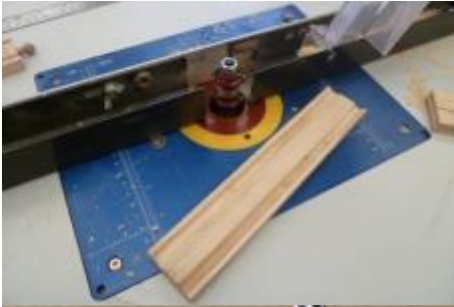
Brian Ridler
President

NEWS

September Meeting

Members were captivated at the September meeting by David Potter's talk on making wooden railway tracks for his grandson.

Some photos from his presentation.



Show and tell saw a beaut tractor and a miniature bird house.



October Meeting

In October members were treated to a fine demonstration of handmade dovetail joints, by Rod Daly. His many years of experience were available for all to see.



Editor: I see you can buy a dovetail marker from [Timbecon](#).

Future meetings

November 14th

St. John Ambulance trainer Roxy will conduct first aid training for workshop safety. This session will be conducted in the classroom upstairs.

December 12th

End of year dinner at the Black Buffalo Hotel Letitia Street 6 for 6.30 pm. For bookings please place your name on the list in the club room.

Special Interest Groups:

Box making:

This group, led by George Harris, meets on the **second** Saturday of each month, at **10.00 am** in the Guild workshop. Jewellery boxes and small lidded boxes are challenging, but very rewarding. It is woodworking on a small scale, but similar design and construction challenges apply on full scale furniture. New participants always welcome. Phone George on 0409 973344. Router techniques and the use of the Guild's router table are also featured.

Wood Turning:

The woodturning Special Interest Group fixture meets on the fourth Saturday of the month, and is being led by Committee member and keen wood turner John Penprase. Start time is 9.00 am, and members are asked to contact John Penprase or Brian Ridler or just turn up on the day for a look.

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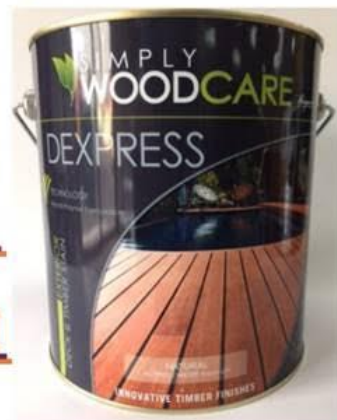


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Guild meetings: second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm at Cosgrove High School, Main Road, Derwent Park. Enter by **Felicity Lane**, which is adjacent to the Motors used car yard in Main Road. Meetings are held in the Manual Arts block. Telephone any Committee member for more specific details.

All members and any guests are welcome to join us in a BBQ, lit at 5.30 pm.

Extra Photos from the show.

