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Welcome to the third newsletter for 2016. The wonderful summer we had is nearly a distant memory and autumn is well and truly upon us as shown by many of the deciduous trees losing their leaves.

From the President

In this issue I will formally thank those members who, from time to time demonstrate their skills and pass on knowledge to the other members. This may be at a general meeting or one of the Special Interest Groups (SIG) which are held regularly. When I am in attendance, I thank that member for their presentation and members present always acknowledge their appreciation with a hearty hand clap.

It is easy to sit back and enjoy the presentation. We sometimes should reflect on the preparation that goes into an enjoyable session, to assemble the necessary tools, materials, prepare the verbal delivery, add to this the preparation of the viewing area including the video display. Then, when it is finished, there is the cleanup of the venue. For the presenter, they will have items to pack for home. These will then need to be all packed away when they get home. We as members are indebted to those who take on these tasks, including the members who assist in many ways to add value to the presentation. From myself and on behalf of all members I sincerely thank John P, Ken D, John S, Michael G, Robin J, Brian W. should I have missed your name, my apologies.

Brian Ridler

President

Reports on previous guild activities

March Meeting

The March meeting was held on 8th and was attended by representatives from Australian Hearing. They brought with them their mobile hearing booth and many members availed themselves of this opportunity to undertake a preliminary hearing check.

Australian Hearing is the nation's leading hearing specialist and largest provider of Government funded hearing services.

Their services include assessing hearing, fitting hearing devices and providing counselling and rehabilitative programs to enable eligible customers to manage their hearing impairment. Many of their audiologists specialise in particular fields of service delivery.

These include paediatric, adults with complex rehabilitation needs and outreach services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients. Should any members who did not attend on the night wish to have their hearing checked they should contact this organisation. Further details can be found on their website www.hearing.com.au/.

Before the meeting proper commenced members enjoyed a BBQ provided by Australian Hearing.

The show and tell session included the following items

Brian Ridler	stainless steel goblet
Ken Dowling	Golf ball trophy
	Large lazy susan
	Kaleidoscope
George Harris	a range of photos showing construction of his workshop
	The use of leather pads on stools instead of commercial pads
John Penprase	Drink serving paddles
	Bolt action pens
	A bowl from Apricot
John Sheppard	Sanding discs



Graham from Australian Hearing gave a short presentation on this organisation and their activities and then answered questions from members.

April Meeting

The guest speaker for this meeting was Brett Squires from Specialised Joinery Supplies. The following members showed items in the usual show and tell session

Michael Gaskell	Sizing Gauge
	Sanding blocks and silicon spatula for glue
	Demonstration of sticking ability of new and out of date glue
Rod Daly	Golf Ball trophy
John Penprase	Niddy Noddy
	Tool rests for new lathe
	Vermont chisels
	Low angle plane
Trevor Semmens	Plug guard or socket protector
George Harris	Architectural models



Niddy Noddy



George Harris

Brett gave a short introduction to the history of Specialised Joinery Supplies and then went on to demonstrate new products that had arrived recently. He advised that the store had established a relationship with Leda Machinery as they provided a much wider range of machinery. Details of the range can be found on the Leda website www.ledamachinery.com.au/ as well as their own website <http://www.sjs.net.au/>. They also provide a wide range of hardware for cabinets included drawer runners. These are made in a wide variety of sizes and include self closing drawers. The final items were from

the Festool range and included the new battery operated saw and the small dust extractor that both could be taken out on the job.

They continue to provide access to their usual range of Bandsaw blades, circular saw blades other consumables and still can provide access to the Carbatec range.



Report on Wood Turning Special Interest Group on 17 April

This session was organised by Ken Dowling who demonstrated making the golf ball trophy and a bowl from a myrtle burl with an interesting outcome in both cases

The golf ball trophy is made from a perfect cube of 53 mm of a fine grained timber that has no flaws or cracks. This is then mounted on a chuck on the lathe in a protective box. A 40 mm forstner bit is used to drill holes through each of the surfaces of the cube and then the inside is smoothed. This produces holes marginally smaller than the golf ball which fits inside.



The secret to inserting the ball is to freeze it for several days. As we all know things expand when they are heated and contract when cooled. The freezing process shrinks the golf ball by half a mm or so and then it fits through the aperture. Needless to say this is still a very exacting process and the apertures need to be cut by only a very small amount smaller than the golf ball. Once the ball has returned to normal temperature it returns to its normal size and cannot come out.

Ken also mounted a burl of Myrtle which was very misshapen and had the misfortune to jump off the screw chuck. Ken was able to mount his piece on his home lathe and has provided the following before and after pictures.



Future meetings

May 10th Router table demonstration by John Penprase

June 14th Demonstration on Drill sharpening by John Sheppard

July 12th Fellowship night with BBQ provided by the Guild

Any members who are planning to attend the BBQ should put their names on the board in the club room so that we can organise catering

August 9th Annual General Meeting

Special Interest Groups:

Box making: This group, led by George Harris, meets on the **second** Saturday (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF WEEKEND FOR THIS GROUP) 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 **third** 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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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.