



## **WOODCRAFT GUILD TASMANIA INC.**

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### **Newsletter No. 159, March April 2017**

Welcome to the March newsletter. Summer seems to have been and gone but hopefully we may have an Indian summer this year for a bit of warm weather. At least it has not been too hot in our workshops and hopefully some pieces have been made.

#### **From the President**

Since the January newsletter many have been involved with our activity at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. This will be reported elsewhere in this issue. I do especially thank Team Leader John Penprase and all those who worked to make this a successful endeavour.

Last meeting, following our well attended BBQ. I invited the members present to extend their ideas for the activities and themes for the committee to include in our program for 2017

I recorded 20 suggestions, each of them worthy and I thank all of those members who contributed ideas. Most of the suggestions were discussed by those present and none were dismissed. On the night, I kept notes and have subsequently prepared a quite extensive list. The list will be included as an agenda item for consideration by the committee. I will place a copy on the Guild Home notice board. We will endeavour to incorporate the suggestions into our ongoing program. The matter will remain on subsequent agendas until all of the suggestions are addressed.

Recently we have been having a tidy up of our home room. We have removed the large magazine rack filled with old woodworking magazines. We appreciate member additions to this collection and now offer the magazines for removal. They are now located in a new storage rack in the foyer area. The rules are first in best dressed and please, no returns. They will be available from the March 14th Meeting until say May 9th meeting, then they will be disposed of via the tip shop.

Brian Ridler

#### **Annual BBQ**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January members gathered at Crawleighwood Gardens for the annual BBQ that is held instead of the monthly meeting. About 20 members and their better halves gathered on a beautiful sunny day to singe some meat and enjoy good company. Whilst the men stood round the BBQ enjoying liquid refreshments and cooking the ladies enjoyed a walk round the beautiful gardens.



## Wooden Boat Festival

The Guild completed another 4 day children's boat building at the Wooden Boat Festival. The weather was fine over Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Monday being cold, wet and windy.

As expected Friday, being a school day, numbers of boat sales were slow, but some members took this opportunity to check out the exhibition boats and displays- As always, well worth the look.

Saturday and Sunday was steady, with our busy times from 11.00am till about 3pm. Monday, with the weather being unpredictable was slow.

This year we shared a marquee with another group making foam yachts. They ran out of stock by about 11.00 am on Monday. After they packed up we were able to move 4 of our assembly blocks in out of the weather. This made life more comfortable for our "assembly technicians".

Unfortunately, presumably due to the weather, boats assembled were down by 25%

The Wooden Boat Festival is the club's main revenue raising event and it was very pleasing to see an increase in the number of members involved. The comradery between members at these events is exceptionally good and enjoyable.

My personal thanks to you all

John Penprase

Boat Co-ordinator



As mentioned by John above there were some interesting displays in the commercial area in the Prince of Wales shed which related to general woodworking rather than wooden boats

Of particular interest was a display of magnificent hand tools by Colen Clenton, a range of Japanese tools and a black heart sassafras table by Craig Howard and son and some wooden frame circular mirrors by Distinctive Timbers of Devonport.





There were many magnificent wooden boats afloat and ashore.



General view of the docks



Old and new

Dutch sailing yot

### February Meeting

The club's and Ken Dowling's BBQ's were put to work at the February meeting. More members than usual gathered at the club to cook their tea and enjoy a drink or two provided by the guild.

The purpose of this meeting was to gather ideas for future meetings this year. As mentioned in the President's report these have been discussed by the committee and they have prepared a program in accordance with member's wishes.



The usual show and tell session was also held and the following items were displayed

John Penprase	Picture of urns and digging drains
John Shephard	Wooden trivets
Colin	Moisture meter
Murray Jessup	Dice



## Future meetings

March 14th

John Penprase will present a lathe tool sharpening session. Feel free to bring your favourite chisels as John will be giving detailed, individual instruction.

April 11th

Michael Gaskell will give us a follow-up of his 2016 gluing techniques presentation. Michael will refresh his earlier session. He will then have a session on epoxy gluing and include defect filling using epoxy.

## 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.

Members are reminded that the guild has a library of about 200 books and DVD's on various woodworking topics. A detailed list is available on our website at the bottom of the newsletter section. Members are asked to register any items with the Librarian and if possible return them within a month so that other members can use this valuable resource.

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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.