

TREEN TOPICS

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Highlights from the December Meeting

Peter Jackson spoke on the importance of workplace safety and the need to have our procedures and practices firmly in place. So at the risk of being repetitive I am running the January article on this topic again. ***It is important that every member is well aware of this.***

Workplace Health and Safety will necessarily remain an important facet of our workshop activities again this year. All who enter the shed will have their name listed on an accreditation chart covering the various machines in the shed. This chart is a check list to ensure that we have been trained and that our training is up to date. It is intended to have the chart right up to date (i.e. everyone holding current training) before we move into the new shed which should be in the first half of the year. All of the safety procedures are on the club website and can be read at your leisure. There are three instructors and they are Peter Jackson, Jim Davey and Warwick Robinson.



Stanley 444

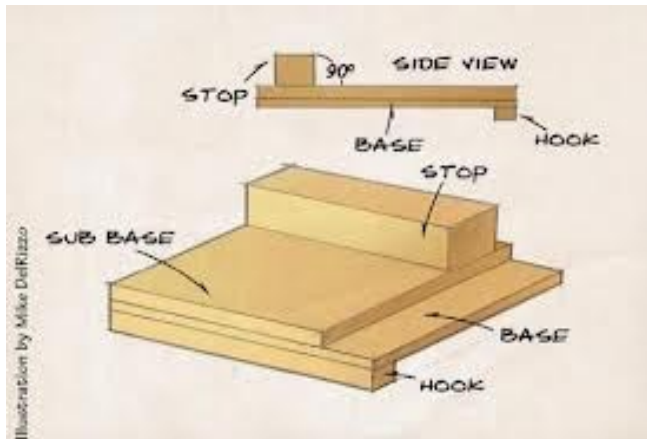
SHOOTING BOARD

Jim Davey gave a short presentation on **shooting boards** emphasising how simple they are, how easy they are to make and the marvellous benefits they provide in the workshop. Both a bench hook and a shooting board are fundamental tools in a workshop. If you don't have at least one of each, then make them as your next project. The bench hook is used to make accurate saw cuts and to plane ends of boards square. They are also useful for holding and cutting small pieces which are difficult to handle. By using a stop you can cut multiple pieces exactly the same length. A shooting board is used to plane board edges straight and square. If you don't have a jointer then you need one of these. Although it may be slower, it does exactly the same job and gives more satisfaction because you have done it by hand. By having an adjustable fence along the length of the shooting board, similar to the one in the photo, both sides of the board can be made exactly parallel.

One disadvantage of a flat shooting board is that the same small section of the plane blade is doing all of the cutting. Jim was in the process of making one with a ramp so that the whole width of the blade shares the cutting over the length of the board. The Stanley 52 Chute Board and Plane was especially made from 1905 to 1943 for planing edges and Jim had one at the meeting. Veritas have now come up with a special shooting plane for this express purpose which features a low angle and skewed blade. Having used Jim's Veritas shooting plane, I can vouch for it's ease of use and the excellent results it produces.



This revolutionary plane is available from Jim **NOW in stock**



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It is hoped to have a man telling us about 3D printing which is a relatively new technique and one which is going to revolutionise certain manufacturing processes. In the event that he is not available, Mel will fill in with a talk on brush use, care and maintenance.

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 19th February

General Meeting – 3D Printing or
Brush use & care

Weekend 22nd/23rd February

Tools & Techniques Weekend at
Mittagong

Every Tuesday Night

Workshop – Various Projects

Wednesday 5th March

Committee Meeting at Showground
Cottage

Wednesday 19th March

General Meeting

Saturday 22nd March

Sharpening Workshop at Jim
Davey's

Woodies Videos

Christmas Tree

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/1yWmqbltB-c>

By coincidence, **George Gray** turned up for **show and tell** with a Stanley 444 Dovetail Plane which was manufactured from 1912 to 1938. These were intended for cutting sliding dovetail joints but were very difficult to use according to a review on the internet. One for your collection cupboard George.

Garry Usher has a great variety of timbers which he sources from the Yalwal bush and then turns them into very nice and useful objects. This time he presented a small bowl of oak, a rough edged bowl from an old fence rail and a vase from an old bloodwood post.



Demetri arrived with another two lovely boxes. They were generally rectangular but had three faces on the ends giving them eight sides in all. There was a spline running through the full height of the joints. One box was from a London Plane tree which was culled in Canberra and the box was enhanced with Zebrawood and Queensland Walnut features. The second box was in Red Mulberry with Red Cedar dividers in the base tray.



Peter Jackson has been on the garage sale circuit again and this time he found a couple of good quality chisels at a bargain price. He also presented a nice marking gauge which he made from blackwood.



Tools and Techniques Weekend

This is being held on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd February at Mittagong which is only an hours drive from here. Sturt's biggest annual event has everything for the aspiring or experienced woodworker. The historic Sturt School for Wood will feature displays and sales by Australia's finest toolmakers and specialist timber suppliers including: HNT Gordon Classic Planes, Colen Clenton, Jim Davey Planes & Sharpening, Japanese Tools, Vesper Tools, Gifkins Dovetail Jig, Allwood Timber, Southern Highland Woodies Inc. and Men's Shed. A daily program of woodwork demonstrations will be conducted by Australia's leading furniture makers.

The address is corner Range Road and Waverly Parade, Mittagong. Free admission and parking with food and drinks available on site. For more information visit <http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/events>

Creative Moments 2014

This event which serves as our annual exhibition is now five months away. It will commence in late July and go into August. The important thing at this stage is to think about what you want to put in the show this time and then to plan its manufacture. Exhibits should be something you have made during the last year which avoids repetition of items shown previously. When you have made something and you consider that you have done a good job, it is very satisfying to put it on display for others to see.

Bunnings Barbeques

There has already been one on Saturday 15th February and others are scheduled for Sunday 27th April and Saturday 14th June so please make yourself available if possible. With the new shed getting closer we need as much money as we can get. We will soon enjoy good facilities and equipment thanks to

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The Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc. was formed in 1987 and is Comprised of persons interested in understanding woodcraft and developing skills in its many and diverse forms.

The aims of the Society are to:

- *Foster a understanding and appreciation of woodcraft*
- *Provide mutual advice, help and a problem solving forum.*
- *Collaborate with other craft groups in the Shoalhaven.*
- *Involve the families of “woodies” in social activities.*

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Next Committee Meeting:

*Nowra Showground Cottage
7.30pm Wednesday 5 th March 2014*