

## TREEN TOPICS APRIL 2017

### This Meeting

After the business is dispensed with, the topic for the night will be on wood finishes and this will be addressed in various ways. Mel, who is our resident paint expert, will be talking about various finishes which are available and about the ones she uses in particular. Charlie and Steve will demonstrate the use of cyanoacrylate (super) glue and oil friction finishes on the lathe. The rest of us are invited to bring along a sample of our favourite finish and to discuss it with the assembly if you want to. There is such a plethora of finishes available, it can be extremely confusing for newcomers to woodworking to not only find something they can use, but then to find out just how to use it. So apply some finish to a piece of scrap and bring it along for comparison with the others on Wednesday night.

### Vale John Goodger

John has not been an active member for several years now but he was well known within the club for his wood turning prior to ill health forcing his standing down. He grew up on a local farm and attended school at Camberwarra before working as a truck driver for many years. He was a capable all round sportsman playing cricket in his younger days and continuing with regular tennis and golf until recent years. He is survived by Joyce his wife of many years and two children.

### Marquetry Classes

Mel Allen has issued this circular to see what interest there is in marquetry classes which she is willing to run

*Over the last few weeks I have been passing around some of the marquetry panels that I have been making (see photo below).*

*Some members have expressed interest in learning how to assemble a marquetry panel in this style. I am happy run a workshop either on Tuesday night or on a Saturday to a group at my workshop. Depending on numbers I can even break it into two sessions if needed. At this point I am gathering numbers before setting the dates.*

*For speed and ease of use, I am going to arrange for all the pieces to be pre-cut and ready to assemble, so members won't be required to cut anything. The exercise would only be in assembly. They can expect to go away with a complete piece for a box lid or similar. The inlay, when complete, could be set into any number of items really.*

*If any members would like to bring along an item such as a box, tray etc. I can advise on a style that they want to have a go at if they are stuck for ideas.*

*The skills they would be learning would be based around using veneering tape, piecing together, considering style, pattern and colour.*

*Material will cost \$6 for the bits of veneer cut to the right size, Materials list is as follows:*

- a nail scrubbing brush, natural or synthetic (I use natural)*
- a small light/desk lamp if they need it to see better (Yes, I use one lot).*
- A Household sponge sitting in a small container (Think about the look of the stamp pads at the post office).*

*Optional items are a cutting mat or place mat just to have something to work on. Bit of Ply or MDF painted or varnished would also work.*

- a stanley knife or a small pair of scissors to cut tape*

*The session would go for 2-3 hours, depending on how long it takes. It takes me about an hour to do*

*a panel this size as a guide, but take learning into account. As far as projects go, this one should be pretty achievable for most skill levels. You can go as basic or fancy as you like. Members with questions are welcome to email or pop into the shop to ask.*

A sheet for those wishing to take part will be circulated at this meeting. Otherwise you can ring Mel on 0448 737 738.

### Sharpening Workshop

Marcia, who is relatively new to woodwork, attended Jim's sharpening workshop and enjoyed it so much that she wrote the following report:

*On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10 members and 4 non - members attended a flat Chisel and Plane blade sharpening workshop at Jim Davey's shed at Falls Creek.*

*What a fabulous informative day we all had. Jim started the day by describing the different quality and grades of steel available and their varying attributes, then went on to show us the differences in the honing stones and explained when, where and how to use them, more importantly, how to keep them in good shape and what not to do with your stones.*

*The next faze we moved to the other work shop where Jim demonstrated how to use a bench grinder safely and efficiently, showing us the set up procedure with a jig for both chisels and planes, to use with the bench grinder, after this process the tools were ready for the final honing.*

*We all got to practice with the stones, bench grinders and jigs, ending up with tools that were beautifully sharpened, we did have much larger upper arm muscles after the honing process..*

*During the day Suzy Jim's wife provided us with tea coffee and biscuits and a delicious lunch, which we were able to enjoy outside, yes the rain stayed off long enough for us to have lunch then bucketed down again, Thank You Suzy. We all enjoyed the day, everyone helped each other.*

*I came away with my brain on overload, but thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you Jim.*

*Marcia*

### Plane Tuning Workshop

This is a follow up to the sharpening workshop held at Jim's recently. If that day was your first introduction to these essential woodworking skills, it is recommended that you also attend this one. Well-tuned and sharp tools make the job so much more enjoyable and faster. A sheet will be sent around at this meeting.

### Australian Woodturning Exhibition

If you fancy a trip to Melbourne and coming home with a pocketful of money here is your chance. Enter some of your wood turning in this competition and this might be you. Entries close on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and the exhibition is on shortly after in June. There is total prize money of \$15000 plus further monetary prizes for your woodwork club. We could do with some extra cash. There will be demonstrations by top Australian turners and this will all happen at Kingston City Hall at Moorabbin. You can see further details on [www.awtex.com .au](http://www.awtex.com.au)

### Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

General Meeting – Finishing with several presenters

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Workshop at Jim's – Plane Tuning

Every Tuesday night &  
Thursday morning

Workshop at Shed – Do your own project

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

General Meeting – Sharpening Turning Tools



