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For the calendar

Monday 4th May: General meeting

Thursday 7th May: Bunnings Mother's Day evening

Monday 18th May: Work night

Monday 1st June: General meeting

President's Report

Well I don't know about you but this year is simply flying by. Here we are almost at the end of April and probably into May as you read this.

We have had another busy start to the year. We commenced the year with a tour of "The Heights" followed up with a club BBQ. From all accounts it was a terrific way to kick the year off.

Bunnings again requested our assistance to help them conduct a very successful Easter night for the Kids. The children, with a little help from our members, made an Easter basket out of timber. For all our efforts on this little project we received gift cards as reimbursement. We are now almost ready for their next adventure – that being Mother's Day. Refer to more details later in this bulletin. As the year rushes past I must remind you that our Annual General Meeting will soon be upon us and as such all office bearers are declared vacant and a new committee is required. Duly completed nomination forms for our 2015 / 2016 committee must be in the hands of our Secretary by no later than Monday 8th June. Committee members can seek re-election if they wish. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary from Monday 4th May.

This year we have tried something a little different in that we have established 6 teams, each with a specific responsibility. The aim of this was to try and share the workload of the committee to a wider base and thereby seek the involvement of club members in an area that may match their particular interest or expertise. The Storage and Facilities team has negotiated the use of a shipping container at no charge, in which we will store our less frequently used items such as our annual exhibition signs, our steel fences etc. The Exhibition team have advised that our annual exhibition will be held on 28 and 29 November in the Masonic Hall in Belmont. Please note the date and start turning or cutting timber.

Great to see members demonstrating their skills on the lathe to our new members and those older ones who appreciate the way others do the same or similar task to them. Remember that there are many ways to do the same task and it is interesting to see someone else do it differently to the way you do it. Sure there can be a wrong way to do it but there are many ways to achieve the same great result

Membership continues to grow and as at the end of April we have in excess of 45 members, however I note that some members are not financial. This needs to be addressed for them to continue to be a member of this club.

Keep up with the support of your club

Bruce Twaddell

Joke of the Month

If anyone has any jokes you want to share, send them to the editor

A 911 Emergency Call Centre worker has been fired in Toronto, Ontario, much to the dismay of her colleagues, who are reportedly unhappy with her dismissal.

It seems that a caller dialled 911 from a cell phone stating,

*"I am depressed and lying on a railway line,
so that when the train comes I can finally meet Allah."*

To which the call centre employee replied,

"Remain **calm and stay on the line."**

By Jeff



Easter @ Bunnings

On the 26th of March our club did another toy kit assembly night for the Bunnings Easter evening for kids. This event was again held at both stores and was well patronised by the public. In all there were over 320 kits assembled between the two stores on the night. It was great to see the willing involvement of many members in the preparation of the kits, and also helping out with the assembly on the night.

A total of 15 members were at the stores on the evening readying components for the kids to put together and others helping with the assembly by holding parts, or assisting the younger kids to hammer nails in. These are a great social evening for members where they can joke and have a bit of fun with each other.

There were many other activities provided by Bunnings for the kids to partake in. Having so many other things for the kids to get involved in took the pressure off those assembling the kits, as our contribution was not the main attraction so the kids came in waves, not continuous lines like previous events. We believe we got the kits right this time by only leaving a small amount of work for the kids to do, which made the assembly time quite short and they moved through quickly. We have another event coming up for Mother's Day and this time we have the kits prepared well in advance. A big thank you to all those who have volunteered to prepare components in their own workshops which has got us into this comfortable position.

By Dallas



This is the Davenport Desk (also known as a Captain's Desk) for 1st prize in the November wood show raffle.

Made from Blackwood, fitted with a leather writing pad, lid fitted with a pneumatic stay and 4 felt lined draws on the side.

Pictures by John W



Upgrade to my shed dust extractor system

Up until recently I used the conventional dust extractor system that used the plastic bag to deposit the wood shavings and the cloth bag to vent the air out. Two major drawbacks with this system: the plastic bag is difficult to reattach and the very fine dust finds its way out of the cloth bag into my shed and into my lungs. So as the old saying goes necessity is the mother of invention. After watching many You Tube videos I came up with a vortex system (Pic1).

The incoming dust comes through the elbow, hits the side of the drum (180L) which as a result creates a vortex. The outgoing air is pumped out of the drum through the middle hole (Pic 2).

The only part of the old system that is still in use is the pump you can see on the top shelf in (Pic 1).



Pic 1



Pic 2

The only problem I had to overcome was some extremely fine dust that was exhausted from the pump. An idea came from Joe Mortelliti and I thought he was joking.



Pic 3

We pumped the exhaust air outside the shed into a wheelie bin of water (Pic 3 & 4). This way the fine dust is caught by the water.



Pic 4

Once the wheelie bin gets too dirty, my Lemon tree gets a good watering and a good dose of compost.

To remove the drum for emptying I designed a hook system, so the drum can easily be taken away with a trolley (Pic 5).

I used 100mm sewer pipe with a small wire running through all the pipes.

The wire was earthed at the case of the pump motor to overcome any static electricity build up. This extractor system works extremely well. I seem to have more suction and absolutely no fine dust in my shed.

If anyone would like to see it operate, give me a ring.

By Laury



Pic 5