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THE PREZ'S TURN

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Hi all and welcome to another of my Prez's Turn. It has been another very busy month it would appear we are getting a new member every week. Wednesday week ago we had 26 people at our night session, this was fantastic great to see so many enjoying our facilities. Around 6 of these were first time new members. Numbers have been building in the workshop for some time now and it has been suggested that we also open on a Tuesday night in addition to our regular Wednesday and Thursday nights. This may help to ease the high numbers and give members more opportunity to enjoy the club. To make this work Geoff Baker has volunteered to be supervisor on that night and I will switch from Thursday night to Tuesday nights. We will start this the first Tuesday after our general meeting.

We have been very busy gathering, milling and inspecting wood / trees. We are almost at the time of year that the weather will dictate we stop milling as the heat will induce cracking of the slabs. I must say the modifications we have made to the mill have been very successful, the old girl is cutting very well.

The Raffle is now well under way all members should have their book of tickets now and hopefully well under way to having them sold. If you have not received a book yet please give me or Trish a ring and we will get you a book. They are selling quite well at our outlets Mooroopna, Tatura, and several in Shepparton. I even had a go at selling them at the last farmers market at Emerald Bank. I must say I see these opportunities to make a few dollars as very important to the club's prosperity.

Don't forget Shirts / caps are now available at the clubrooms. The shirts are of good quality (permanent press) and button down the front, camel in colour with a black logo, they look very smart, With only a \$40.00 cost. Caps are also a good quality same colour with black logo at a cost of \$16.00. They actually fit your head and not just sit on top of it.

This years Christmas party will be just across the road from the clubrooms at the new soccer pavilion. On the 15th of December 6.30 pm the doors will open. As requested we will have live music. The cost is looking like \$ 25 or \$30.00 at this stage. We need to know numbers

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GENERAL MEETING

To be held at the Clubrooms, 96 Packham Street, Shepparton

NOVEMBER 19th at 7-30pm

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Door & Raffle Tonja Dohrman & Helen Everist

Show & Tell Chairman Geoff Baker



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so we can finalise the price. So please get your name and numbers coming on the white board in the club rooms. If you will not be in the clubrooms for a while then give me a ring or send me a text I will put your name up. Don't miss out it promises to be a great night, one not to miss.

This month's general meeting will be a big one. As a lot of you will know, but some of our new members may not know, this is the meeting that we give the toys that we have made during the year to the local charities. It is always good to see our work appreciated. In addition to that I have a big announcement to make. This may take some time however I will make every effort to have a short sharp meeting. I look forward to seeing the room packed to the brim.

So keep the chips flying:- Bob

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE GOULBURN VALLEY
WOODWORKERS INC.**

Held in the Clubrooms, 96 Packham St, Shepparton.
15th of October 2018

OPENING:

Meeting opened by Bob Beecroft at 7:30 pm with 22 members in attendance.

APOLOGIES:

5 Apologies.

MINUTES:

MOVED: Rob

2ND: Geoff

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEWSLETTERS:

Wangaratta
Warragul
CWC
Townsville
GV Hospice

IN:

Shep Council – Revised Risk Assessment for the Show
Shep Council – Certificate of Currency
JH & Co – Simon Dixon Resignation
Hand Tool Preservation Society – Sale
Bendigo Telco - Invoice

OUT:

Shep Council – Revised Risk Assessment for the Show
Shep Council – Certificate of Currency

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

.Subs - Are due by end of month, a list on non-paid members will be put up on the notice board at the end of the month. Non-paid up members cant not use the workshop.

Uniforms – We now have a stock of Shirts (\$40) and Caps (\$16) for sale with the new logo etc, black logo on a beige background.

Computer – We will get it online for approx \$30. Allows computer to link to a pone.

History Committee – Updating the history of the club, organising wall next.

Xmas Breakup - 15th Dec – Venue is across the road at the soccer pavilion. We have a band and are looking at catering ourselves to save money. Cost will be \$30 +/- \$5.

Signup sheet on the notice board, friends/partners very welcome.

Upcoming Events - Eltham 10th including Pops Shed, Toolamba – 24th Nov

Mill – Needs work to fix. Quite a bit of wood lined up to mill including Pine Lodge and Invergordon. Any volunteers welcome. Making an “A” frame with wheels to display wood to help sales. May move bins to the outside in a lockable shed / wire cage.

Wood Show – Forming a subcommittee, investigating sponsorship by selling naming rights, this is to cover the majority of costs.

Toy Presentation – Presenting toys to the charities next month. Last Toy workshop will be on the 27th Oct. We will be simplifying the toys, Trevaskis engineering will be creating templates for us. We will be using screws rather than dowels, toys will not be painted.

Training and Accreditation – Working extremely well, at least 20 new members that have had induction done. Accreditation cards are really helping the supervisor know what’s happening in the workshop.

Sign – Need a new sign for the front of the building. Need to save old one for history wall, Baden needs some help so please volunteer. Inside needs a cleanup, need working bee. Raffle – Tickets have been organised. Please volunteer for Riverside and IGA rosters. Alex and Max are organising Mooroopna, Bob Tatura. Maybe outside K-Mart.

Bunnings BBQ – Have had an offer to run 3 BBQ’s over summer instead of once a year on a Sat or Sun. Fri’s gross about \$900, Sat/Sun about \$1500. Motion to do the 3 Fridays BBQ rather than 1 Sat/Sun, carried.

GENERAL BUISNESS:

Bench space is very limited now as we have many new members on weeknights.

WB Hunters compliments on how we ran Kidsfest! Need more glitter next year.

Furphy Cart clips done.

Shep Show - \$168 Toys sold \$94 Raffle, \$14 donations. 12 members on Friday, 17 on Saturday, great effort well done!

MEETING CLOSED: 8:02pm



The Member Behind the Badge

Don Mc.

Born at the old Una Hospital at 15 min's to midnight on the 22 June 1937. One of my aunties got very upset because my dear old Mum didn't wait until after midnight to have me arrive on the 23rd, this was her birthday.

Lived in Ray street in the house that Dad built, Moved to Essendon where Dad got a good job with better money. 1939 saw the start of the war. Man power brought us back to Shepparton and Dad spent the rest of the war as maintenance fitter. I started school at Fryers St School where the Tafe College is today. Dad dug an air raid shelter under the house with me and my little bucket and spade helping

During the war Dad had a hobby hatching out chickens in his home made incubator, we had some very nice roast chicken dinners. After the war we moved on to a dairy farm, we moved on Anzac day, got through Mooroopna just before the Anzac march.

One of the first things I learnt was how to catch yabbies with a piece of cotton and a little bit of meat. Then I was shown how to catch rabbits that were in plentiful supply, Then I was made chief rabbit catcher, This kept us in meat as there was very little money, they were easy to catch, All I needed was a length of rusty fencing wire and a hollow log fence just up the road. I used to walk around the paddock and take note of which log the rabbit went into and then push the wire through the log and start cranking, The rabbits fur got caught on the rusty wire and I could pull them out. The skins got me a little bit of pocket money

At 12 I was shown how to drive the old 1929 Chev Truck and the Detroit Fordson Tractor This was the start of my working on the farm, going to school and hurried home to milk the cows again. I attended the North West Mooroopna primary school, then to the Shepparton High School and then changed to the Shepparton Technical School the first year that it opened. Left school to run my fathers farm when he had his accident and was layed up in bed For quite some time. The old Chev Truck pushed him through the rear

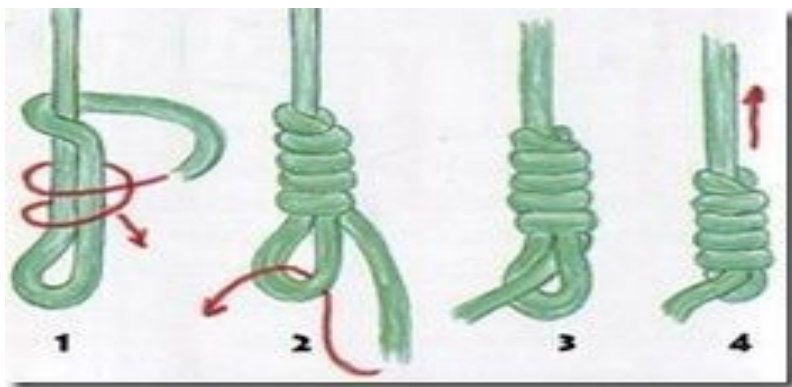
Wall of the shed, he had to crank it to start it and it was in gear.

Stayed on the farm for about 6 months then got an apprenticeship doing motor mechanics (one of the mistakes I made), transferred my apprenticeship to Shepparton, worked there for about 5 years and got a job with a local engineering workshop where I learnt to weld and operate a metal lathe, in that 5 years I got married and settled down, I was happy there but the boss died from cancer and the business was closed up, I went back to the motor trade with an International Harvester dealership. Where I was lengthening truck chassis and building tray bodies for different trucks also servicing hay bailers that meant long hours, the farmers wanted their bailers working day and night. From there I went to a Holden dealership for about 12 Years, during this time I took up Wood turning as a hobby. They closed the business so I went to a milk factory maintaining the trucks, after about 9 months they sold all the trucks and used owner driver. I was then promoted and looked after the maintenance with two chaps assisting me.

At the age of sixty I became unwell, had several weeks off, then the doctor advised me to Quit. It took me about a year to overcome my health problem and then I started to turn wood full time. I joined the woodies while I was at the Holden dealership. The club opened two months before I new they existed. This was the start of the most pleasant part of my life.

And so life goes on Don Mc.

Know your knots



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ERIC DILLON

Demonstrating at the Shep Show



Peter Meddings (Show & Tell) ↑



↑ Baden Howe (Show & Tell)



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Vern Marven (Show & Tell)



↑ Athol Chapman (Show & Tell)



↑ Baden Howe (show & Tell)

FRAKE

What is Frake, Frake is one of the less-familiar names. It is more commonly known as Limba or Black Limba, (It's also sometimes called Afara, Ofram, Akom, and Korina.)

Growing in equatorial Africa, Limba has both creamy white and brownish-black colors. But they are not simply sap wood and heart wood. The darker wood features streaking tones and sells for about \$18-\$22 per board foot in the US. It's desirable for making furniture as well as mouldings, and is a popular veneer. The lighter wood has significantly less value and demand.

Limba works well with tools and has few issues with shrinkage and warping, but splits easily when screwed without drilled pilot holes. It also proves susceptible to beetles and termites when stored.

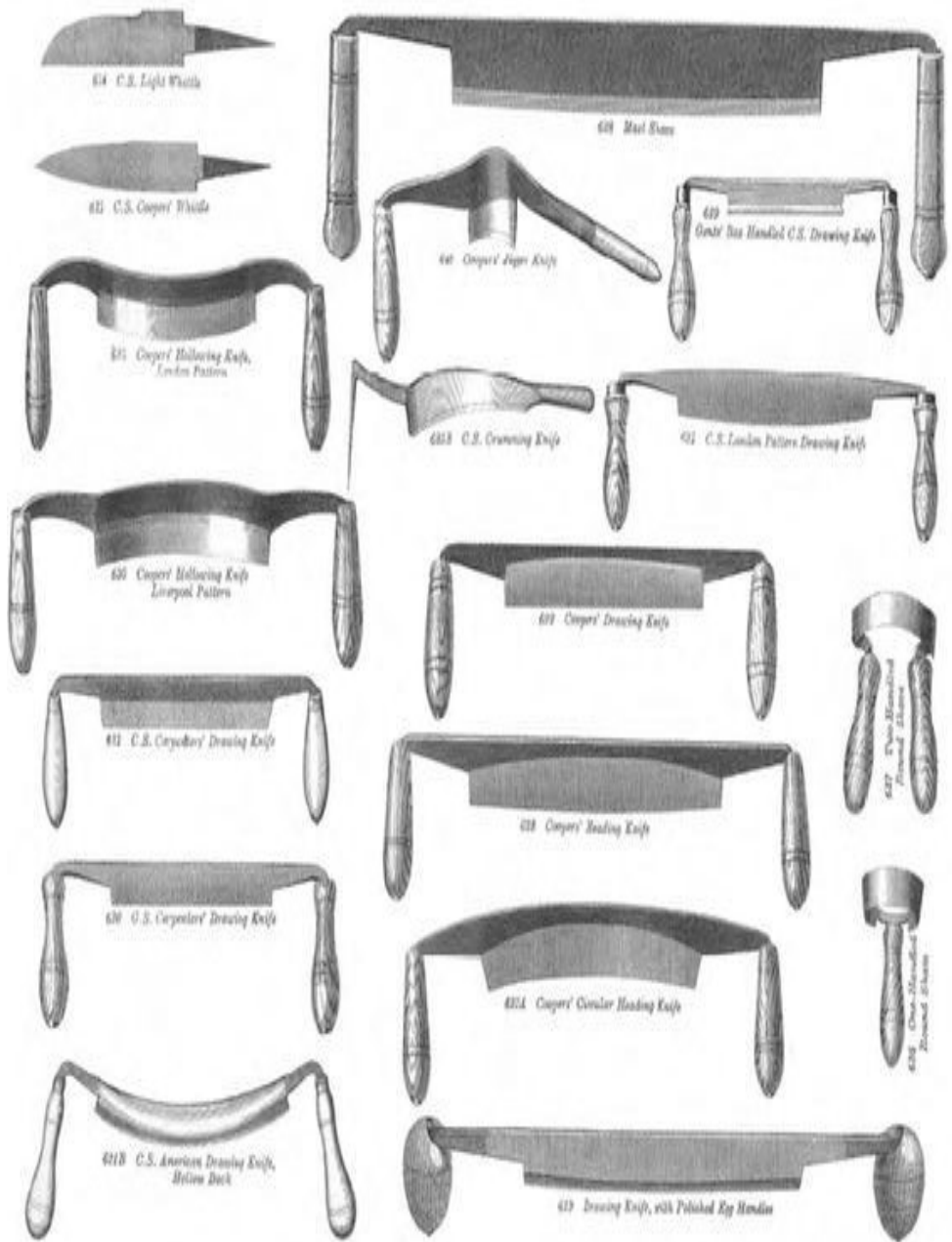
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WHITE LIMBA



BLACK LIMBA



The varying types, size and shape of draw knives from yesterday,
Quite a lot of them are still used today

Coming Events

Toolamba Twilight Festival	24-11-18
Christmas Annual Dinner In the Hall near the Club Rooms	15-12-18
Last Workshop Day No working on this day All hands on deck for a big clean up	22-12-18
Workshop will reopen on	8-1-19
Shepparton Show Me market In the Mall, We can sell our articles and also demonstrate (will be a Saturday) .	1-12-18



Bob Beecroft (Show & Tell).

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NOVEMBER**

TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Peter	3 Lindsay
6 Len	8 David	10 Willis
13 Perrie	15 Baden	17 Bob B
20 Peter	22 Lindsay	24 Perrie
27 David	29 Bob B	

DECEMBER

4 Willis	6 Baden	8 Peter
11 Perrie	13 David	15 Bob B
18 Willis	20 Lindsay	22 Clean