



August 2023 Newsletter Special Dates

September 2023

- 1st Committee Meeting
- 8th T.o.M. - Nil
- 15th Monthly Meeting
- 17th Laurieton Markets
- 28th to 30th CWA Exhibition

October 2023

- 1st Daylight Savings Begins
- 6th Committee Meeting
- 13th T.o.M. – Greg Scrivner
- 15th Laurieton Markets
- 20th Monthly Meeting

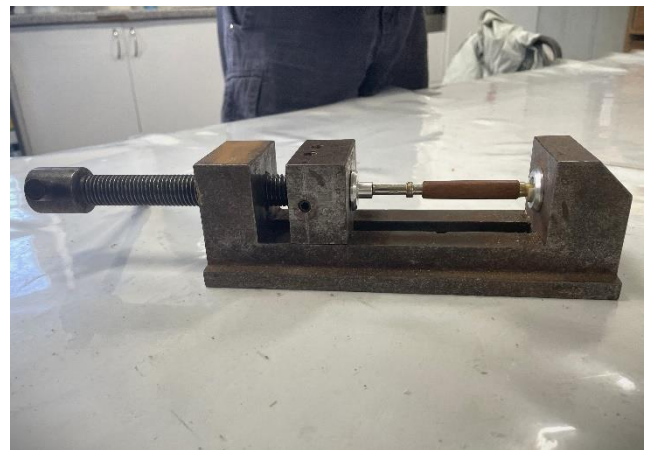
August T.o.M. Homemade Tools David Wells

It is that time again – T.o.M. time!

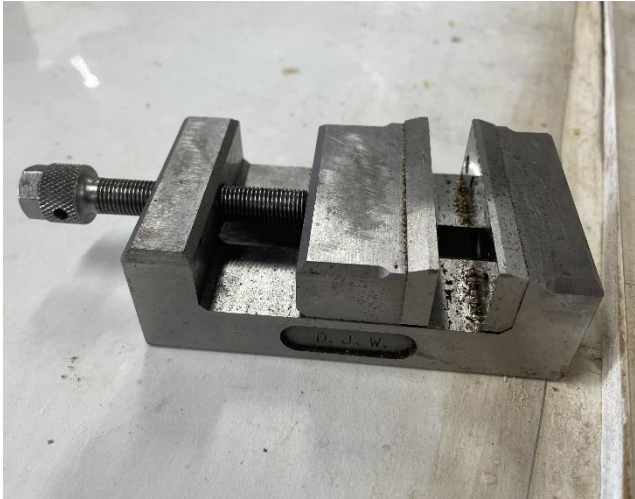
This time David had volunteered to do a presentation. When we heard he would speak on homemade tools we weren't sure what this meant. Questions floated around the room as everyone waited with excitement to see what David would do. In comes David with a trolley loaded with something; unsure what it was because it was covered.

David's past life was a tool maker. Not just any tools but precision tools that required accuracy and care. As a spin off of his skills, David decided to share with us how he uses these skills to make craft tools to be used in his woodwork. If David needs something he makes it.

These are some of the tools presented.



An old vice for use on a drill press. The silver-coloured inserts were designed to allow pen parts to be inserted and then pressed together to "fix" them in the pen.



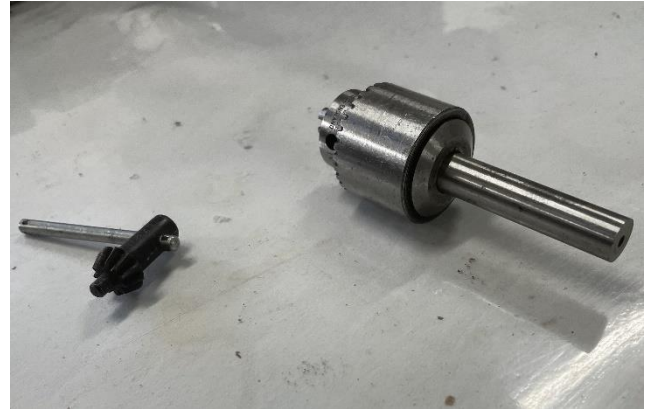
A smaller vice for finer work. He had to machine the blocks of steel, thread a rod and assemble.



He needed a hammer, but the handle was broken. Made a steel handle with grip.



Casings for brad bits to keep them on task. The plug hole and thread were done by David.



Needed a small drill chuck with an extended shaft for the lathe. He made the shaft bit and locked it into the chuck.



David enjoys lathe work. Many of his chisel are made by him. In the above, the 3rd one from the left is a bought one. The one on the left is heavy gauge with toughened steel cutting edge.



When using a lathe, a skew chisel is useful. However, David wanted a chisel with a longer blade so he made it.



Solid wood chisels. David has always been told to never hit a wood chisel with a metal hammer – too

harsh on wooden handle. So he has made chisels from heavy grade steel with metal handles. There is always a way around a problem.



Callipers made from aluminium. Used to measure the thickness of the walls of a bowl.



Used on the lathe at the dead stop. Good for pressing a job against it so it doesn't wobble and fall off. Especially helpful with off-set work.



The jaws of this chuck can be removed and realigned. This enables off-set work the be set-up.



Named "The Beast". Used to clean out the insides of large bowls. Cutting edge at the bottom of image.

Everyone appreciated David's presentation. David has very special skills developed over many years. He has retained these skills to create tools that are useful to him as a woody.

Monthly Meeting Couple of Points

1. T.o.M.

- September – Nil
- October – Greg Scrivner
- November Will Howard

2. Committee Vacancy

Bill Johnston was elected to fill the committee vacancy.

3. Slabbing Saw

- Is semi operational. The saw and winch electrical components work.

4. September Monthly meeting

15th September at Country Club.

Show and Tell

Following the monthly meeting we had the opportunity to view a variety of quality items. *(Photos by Max Garland)*

Howard Horsman has spent quite a few hours making the guild raffle prize. It is a well-crafted round coffee table. Initially slabs had to be glued together to get the table diameter. A string line attached to the centre was used to mark the circumference. Once cut out he used three different router settings to create the fancy edging. The legs were meticulously made with glue, dowels and screws securing the timber together. Timber was camphor Laurel with beautiful wood grain. The finish was a special mix 1/4 Danish Oil. 1/4 Linseed Oil, 1/4 Orange oil and 1/4 Thinners with a wax coating. Thanks, Howard for a great job.





Jon Ward has taken a break from earring making to craft this “nifty” little box. Slide the lid and “look out!!”. Like your sense of humour Jon.



Jon has also presented potpourri and candle pots. Using his favourite laser cutter and Bunning plywood, he has crafted the cubes. The rounded edges were created by using special cuts with laser cutter. Finish is a spray on paint.



Bill Johnston has been busy making wooden spatulas. His environmental interest took over when he decided to recycle pine pallets. Bill has made quite a few to be sold at markets.



Robert Miles has been busy once again. Firstly, he decided to make miniature chest of drawers, drawers that slide out, with mini animals in each drawer. Must be preparing furniture for leprechauns. Very clever work, Robert.



Secondly, he has carved an exquisite flower to be part of a decoration on a mirror frame. The beautiful colour is from a mangrove tree branch.



Thirdly, two pens made from timber given to him by a friend. Beautiful colours in the timber.



George Campbell thought he would try his hand at making a large bowl from a burl. Burl timber is very hard and quickly takes the sharpness off chisels. He worked for 8 hours to achieve the result. It was always out of balance during the process and eventually realised that parts of it were clogged up with dirt. Every time dirt fell out it caused an imbalance. With

perseverance he finished the bowl with great result and great character. Finish was two coats of grain filler; 2 coats of gloss estapol and one coat of satin estapol.

John Ockers is a versatile woody. Firstly, he made one of his famous wall clocks. He used a variety of timber and a shellac finish to achieve a beautiful item.

Secondly, a cat with a big heart. Great decorative item. The red is red shoe polish.



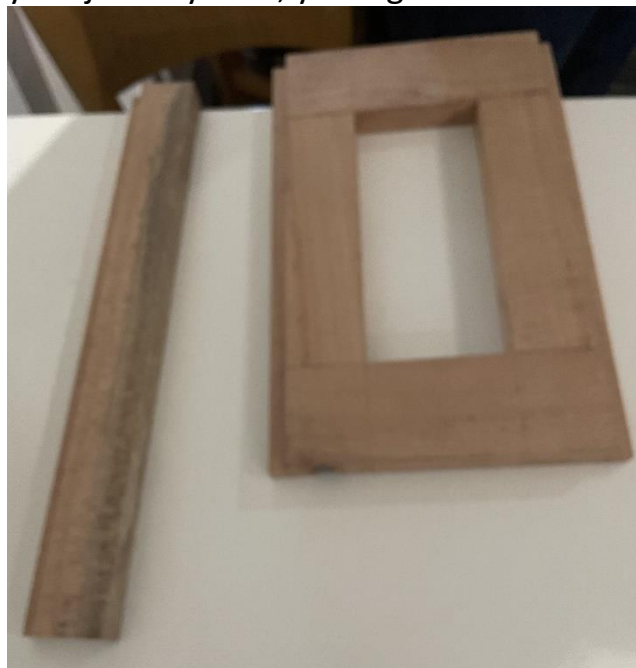
Thirdly, a mini puzzle of a dog and its owner.



Fourthly, one of his favourite Kenworth trucks. Use camphor laurel and a few other timbers. Once he completes a second one, they will both be finished with shellac.



Tom Sheppard is on a mission. He is going through a slow process of constructing a historical style wooden camera. He is taking it one step at a time because he has no pattern, just his instincts. Using Silky oak, he has made the bed for the backing to slide forward and back. The camera will be 10" x 8" with a 300mm lens. Continue your journey Tom, you'll get there.



Greg Scrivner and his wife were checking out a store when they found a short wooden leg in a style that matched some furniture at home. From this one leg, Greg designed and crafted four matching legs for a foot stool. The leather work was completed by a motor trimmer in Sydney who dealt with car upholstery and took this on as a challenge. See finished items below, a fantastic job Greg, you should be very proud.

