



January 2024 Newsletter

*It's official, the Guild's new address is
2/227 Oxley Highway
Port Macquarie. 2444.
Part of the
Port Macquarie Art and Craft Centre*

Special Dates

February 2024

- 2nd Committee Meeting
- 9th T.o.M. ??
- 14th Valentine Day
- 16th General Meeting

March 2024

- 1st Committee Meeting
- 8th T.o.M. ??
- 15th General Meeting
- 29th Good Friday
- 30th Easter Saturday
- 31st Easter Sunday

**** REMINDER - PMACC**

PMACC payments are due 20th of each month via direct deposit or at the office.

Key holders are;

. Wednesday – Steve

. Thursday – Pete

. Friday – Greg

Shed open on these days 9am to 1pm.

Sign-in book, at entrance.

Welcome to 2024

****New location, new procedures, new activities.**

**** Continued camaraderie, continued projects, continued activities**

T.o.M. Presentation

By Greg Shrivner

Our 1st TOM for 2024 was held in the Craft Centre workshop. Greg was keen to get the ball rolling. The start of the new year motivated him to begin his presentation on time. In summary,

A receptive audience was introduced to the Douglas Dakota transport aircraft & its history. When the RAAF flew them, they were known as DAKs & Goonie birds.

A balsa model of the Vietnam War version, the AC-47, complete with replica 7.62mm miniguns rigged in its windows was displayed.

A dramatic demonstration of a “heavy landing” proved that this aircraft is tough & has been able to continue flying services for over 80 years!

Orientation Day

Friday 19 January

This was a special day for all of our members. We were to receive an orientation of the PMACC. We received information about the various levels of hierarchy at the location, fee payments, where fees go, workshop safety, sign-in, PPE (bring your own), times open, key holders, etc. It was a bit overwhelming for some members as the various pieces of information was presented. However, as always, with help from fellow members we will work our way through this so we can enjoy woodwork and our camaraderie.

After this, a sausage sizzle lunch including coleslaw and bread was provided. Members used the lunchtime break to catch-up after the Christmas and New Year festival seasons.

Roger Kilburn, one of our 'on-the-spot reporters', provided the two images.



Christmas Hamper Donation.

Robert Miles received the following email from Hastings Neighbour Centre. What a great achievement and thank you to Robert for organising our contribution.

"Dear Robert,

On behalf of the Hastings Neighbour Centre, I would like to personally thank you for your generosity towards our 2023 Christmas Hamper drive.

With your donation we were able to help 60 families with food hampers and 99 children with gifts. We had a big Christmas brunch on the 21st December and handed out all the donations. The common response from recipients was that of being overwhelmed by the generosity that meant they could have food and gifts for the family for Christmas. Many were having to choose rent as the priority and would have had to go without.

We are very grateful to have had your support and wish you a happy New Year filled with love, laughter and lots of relaxation."

Kind regards

LRHarrison

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Show and Tell

No Show and Tell this month because of the PMACC Orientation Program.