



November 2023 Newsletter Special Dates

December 2023

- 1st Committee Meeting
- 8th Guild Christmas Lunch
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Boxing Day

January 2024

- 1st New Years Day
- 5th Committee Meeting
- 12th T.o.M. ??
- 19th Monthly Meeting
- 26th Australia Day



Shipping Containers

Working Bee

Friday 10 Nov, was the day. Members enthusiastically made a bee-line to the shipping containers for a joyous working bee.

Well let's start it again – Members travelling to the containers for one of those working bees!!

Anyway, we arrived with our protective gear on (against the sun type!). Needed to clear away stored items which would be of no further use. This was an interesting task. Decisions were made on the run as to whether items go to the dump, go to members or remain for PMACC. It was interesting watching where things went and who took what.

It was warm and we all started to feel the heat by 11am. We were finished so decided to call it quits.

Several members took trailer loads to the dump whilst the rest adjourned to the country club for lunch. We were very pleased to reach the club and taste a thirst satisfying drink. The others soon joined us.

I think we can call it a successful day, not only did we do a great job on clearing containers but we also had a joyous time together- nothing like a stir!!

Photos by Max Garland



Sharada and Greg checking the packet of blades, Steve checking how much they are taking.



"Mmm, what are we going to do lads? "I don't know what this is", said Greg, Dave and Tom mull over the items.



Serious chat between Bob and Bob. Obvious Bob has been working hard (dirty shirt) Bob is reflecting on what he has done (dirty shorts). Well done lads.

Show and Tell

A different experience for this month's meeting.

Will and Marg Howard graciously offered their house so we could have our meeting. All of us greatly appreciate their offer.

Following the meeting, it was time for Show and Tell. Will had a table prepared with our favourite red table cloth to display items.

Greg Scrivner has finally completed his bathroom renovations. Now a special request, make a stool for the bathroom, not any ordinary stool but something different. Result was the stool below. Made from silky oak with a finish in Danish oil and an antique wax.



Greg demonstrated how to recycle; "Someone's trash, Greg's treasure". After purchasing a wine rack with dilapidated ends, Greg crafted new ends from forest oak and finished them in Danish oil and wax. Looks good.



Will Howard had to do some advanced maths to calculate special cuts on a bowl he crafted from red cedar. Measuring where to cut the angles!! Three times it took to calculate using πr^2 , before he got it! Result was a beautiful bowl. Finished with 2 coats of mirror tone.



Will also crafted another bowl on the lathe from black wattle with an estapol finish.



Bob Jones presented his first item for Show and Tell, and what a beauty it is. Bob designed and crafted a bath table from Bloodwood for his daughter. The table sits across the bath with slots for a glass of wine, an iPad and scented candles. Finished with Danish oil. Well done, Bob.



David Wells has a great reputation for making jewellery boxes. They are always high quality and people are keen to buy them. But he decided to do something different this time. With Will Howards advice, he crafted the lids using resin. What a great idea. He used silky oak and red cedar, with New Zealand abalone shell inserts. Timber finish was Kanouba Wax.



Laurieton Markets November

November markets were held last Sunday, thanks to Rod's organisation. Our "on the spot reporter and photographer" was Bob Robinson. The day started well with the usual set-up and stirring. A great display of quality items was available for sale. It appears the THREE P's were out in force, thus sales were low – disappointing.



Rod and Bob waiting for customers



Bob also included a photo with the heading

"Some Real Men from the Guild"



There was no report, so I'll leave it to your imagination what it means!!

From all this, it is obvious humour, friendship and camaraderie are still strong in the guild after all the recent dramas.

Next edition will be the Christmas edition