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# CUTTING EDGE

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## Monthly Newsletter

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### FROM THE COMMITTEE

#### Grants.

HWMS succeeded in our grant application as part of the Federal Government's Stronger Communities program. The application was submitted via the office of the local Federal Member for Berowra, Julian Leeser. Two of our members Tracy Knights and Paul Crowe, both full time workers, spent much of their time preparing an excellent submission. Their effort was rewarded with a \$10,000.00 grant which will go towards a new kitchen and a new 20inch thicknesser.

Ian McKay will coordinate the installation of the new kitchen which is anticipated to occur on the October 2021 long weekend i.e. Labor Day. The committee is preparing a program that will minimise interruption of the Shed. However, it may mean a week or two without kitchen facilities so be prepared to bring your sandwiches.

The committee is currently investigating a suitable thicknesser to replace the existing 20 inch Laguna thicknesser. Ian Raper and his team will review the thicknesser options and advise on the most suitable machine.

Tracy and Paul also made a successful submission for Bendigo Bank's Double the Impact Campaign where Bendigo Bank will contribute a dollar for each dollar raised to a maximum of \$3500. We were one of many organisations vying for one of the ten positions on offer. Thank you once again to Tracy and Paul.

At the time of going to press, the Double the Impact Campaign had been going for 18 days and has already raised two thirds of the \$3,500.00 HWMS target. If you have not already donated, please do so before 20<sup>th</sup> June by going to <https://doubletheimpact.com.au/hornsby-woodworking-mens.../>.

We thank our members for the many generous donations made to date. All donations help so even if it is only \$5.00 or \$10.00 it is doubled and will go towards upgrading our tools for the benefit of all members.

The committee has also recently applied for the ClubsNSW Grants Scheme. The application is for the replacement of filter bags in our Dust Collection system. According to the Dust Collector manufacturer, the filters need replacing by October. This involves replacing 49 filter bags approximately 1500mm high by 300mm diameter – not a small job. We will let members know if we are successful or not in the next few months.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The annual HWMS Christmas Party will be in a different format this year. To celebrate HWMS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the committee has decided to hold a catered function at the Thornleigh Community Centre. The Centre has been booked for the evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please keep this date free.

### **Former Sydney Water (Water Board) Site at Westleigh.**

You may have received a survey from Hornsby Shire Council about the proposed redevelopment of the former Sydney Water site. The proposal is for three areas of sporting fields. However, there is currently no provision for Community groups such as HWMS. This is a once in a generation opportunity for HSC to cater for sports minded people but also an opportunity to create facilities for our type of organisation with parking close by. We urge members to complete the online survey (<https://survey.zohopublic.com.au/zs/SgBcSF>) and add suitable comments of the inadequacy of non-sporting facilities for the local community.

### **Shed Cleanliness.**

We have managed to give away most of the excess tools and the entry area is now clear. The Shed will resume taking limited donations. The bottom shelf of the high stack area in the back corner of the Shed is reserved for donated tools and we will only take tools if there is available space on this shelf.

We will commence frequent blitzes on shed cleaning. From time to time work in the shed will stop and members will be required to help clean up different areas. It is all too common for members to leave before the close of the day without cleaning up their mess, leaving it for others to do so e.g. supervisors, this is unacceptable. Supervisors are members like you, who join the shed to work with wood and they also give some of their time to help you and are not at the Shed to clean up after others.

As a simple way of reciprocating you are asked to:

- Clean up your mess
- Clean up your surrounding area
- Put away the tools you have used.

### **Bunnings BBQ**

We will be having their first Bunnings BBQ in almost 2 years on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The BBQs are a valuable fundraisers for the Shed and all we ask is that members give 2 hours to help.

### **Chuck Keys for Pedestal Drills.**

For some unexplained reason, there has been a recent upsurge of chuck keys being left in the pedestal drills. We all have moments of forgetfulness but, leaving the chuck key in is inexcusable. It is a simple task to remove the key as soon as you finish installing or removing a drill.

### **Test and Tagging of Electrical Equipment.**

The annual “Test and Tag” will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and the Shed will be closed that day. We apologise for the inconvenience to members who normally come Wednesdays.

**No Private Commercial Work.**

A reminder that the Shed is not to be used for private commercial work. Any member carrying out private commercial work will have their membership revoked. If you are doing any work for personal gain, other charitable organisations or other reason please let a supervisor know.

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**Members Monthly Meeting**

12.00 NOON\* 18th June 2021

[33A Sefton Road Thornleigh](#)

The meeting will also go out on Zoom.

The IP address will be sent out next Wednesday.

\* Work in Shed will cease at 11.45am and the meeting may start slightly earlier than 12.00 Noon.

- **Apologies.**
- **Welcome visitors & new members.**
- **Secretary’s Report & Correspondence.**
- **Treasurer’s Report**
- **Woodturners’ Report.**
- **Toy Makers’ Report.**
- **Equipment Report.**
- **Welfare Report.**
- **Show & Tell.**
- **Question & Answers.**
- **General Business.**

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Hornsby Woodworking Men’s Shed acknowledges the support provided by:

- the Hon Matt Kean, local state member of parliament for Hornsby
- the Hon Alister Henskens, local state i of parliament for Ku-ring-gai
- the Hon Julian Leaser, the local federal member of parliament for Berowra
- Hornsby Shire Council
- Hornsby RSL Club
- Magpies Waitara
- North Shore Timber
- Westfield Hornsby



- Orangelime Web Design
- Coca Cola Amatil
- Bakers Delight Hornsby
- Please support the organisations that support HWMS.

- Bendigo Banks, Turramurra, and Lindfield
- Bunnings Warehouse Dural and Thornleigh.

### Warrawee Probus Club

Recently I was invited as a guest at the Warrawee Probus Clubs monthly meeting by Robert Plant. It was held at Warrawee bowling club, a very nice venue indeed. The guest speaker was Noel Phelan a man with vast experience in sailing, and all things to do with maritime history. He gave an extremely interesting talk on “Women Sailing the World”. Some inspiring women that achieved great feats of courage and endurance, like solo sailing around the world, very courageous indeed. The members were very welcoming, and showed interest in our Mens Shed. If you would like to attend any of their meetings contact Robert Plant.  
Editor

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From Ludmila Hayes:

Just finished restoring an old English table with a leather top. It took a long time and was a bit of an effort to fix it, but it looks so beautiful and elegant – I am so pleased with it.

Now it's my favourite piece of furniture in the house! Just to see it is pleasant, but to sit and work behind it – it's a pleasure!

Just wanted to take an opportunity to say a **huge thank you** to all people in the shed who helped me with this project and with other projects!



I would never have finished it without help. So again, thank you

## **Safety First & think about your fellow woodworkers. Today's topic is:**

### **PEDESTAL DRILL & IT'S WORKINGS**

The drill has a 3 pin chuck & you should tighten each of the 3 points of the chuck, it is surprising how much you can tighten the drill bit, it is very important that the drill bit is very tight.

The drill bit has twist channels ( called Flutes ) these are to allow excess material to discharge from the hole being drilled . It is essential for the drill bit to be withdrawn regularly during the process so the excess material can be discharged. It is essential that drill bit is removed on numerous occasions for each hole regardless of size of drill .

We are a woodworking shed that is predominately cutting & drilling timber . On the odd occasion metal is drilled you must clean the drill bits, plus & I repeat, clean the drill table & timber protector with the final touch use the portable dust extractor to completely remove all metal fillings .

Metal ( this includes ALUMINIUM ) can cause problems for the future participants where the metal shavings/fillings can mark/scour the job .

You must never drill ARALDITE 2 part Epoxy or similar product that has not cured overnight . Reason being, the glue is more than likely to stick to drill bit & it is almost impossible to clean the drill bit.

Regards

Les Sanford

### **New members for the month of May**

**Pei Tan  
Chelin Mundy**

Please welcome our new members and assist where possible. Thanks.

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**Coffee time at the shed :** 🛎️🛎️🛎️☕☕☕



**Members enjoying a well earned cup.**

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Bandsaw & Dust Collection	Ian Raper/ John Talbot	If there is a problem with equipment please notify a supervisor and have the problem entered in the equipment book at the front desk for Ian to resolve.	
Lathes	Ian McKay/John Edwards		
Tablesaw & Compound Saws	Mark Lusted/Yuval Cohen		
Thicknesser & Routers	David Boyd & John Barrett		
Small Tools	Philip Newman/Roger Thorburn		
Events (Social Secretary)	Philip Hirschbein		
Grants	David Tarran, Tracy Knights		
Induction	Kevin Wallace		
Kitchen	Michael Hannagan		
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Supervisors	David Harrison		
Paint Supplies	Ron Koutchavlis		
Possum Boxes	David Boyd		
Purchasing Consumerables	Bruce Campbell		
Support Services	Philip Hirschbein		
Tool Donations	Kevin Wallace		
Web Master	Karen Benhar		

## PYROGRAPHY



Recently the Shed has received enquiries for pyrography. Pyrography is the art of burning a design, picture or script in wood or leather using a heated metal point.

An example of pyrography, prepared by Bruce Campbell, is shown on the left. This was done on plywood. Bruce is one of the Shed's best operators on both the bandsaw and scroll saw and, as you can see he is also handy at pyrography.

The Shed had operated pyrography classes with Anka Leivi. Unfortunately due to lack of interest the classes were discontinued.

With the recent interest shown in Pyrography the committee is investigating the return of pyrography classes.

If you are interested in trying this craft please let a committee member know and, if there is sufficient interest shown, pyrography classes will resume.

### **BUNNINGS BBQ**

#### **Volunteers**

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. At Thornleigh**

HWMS is back in business and we need your help. We require members to volunteer for a 2 hour shift between 8.30am and 4.30pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Please don't leave it to usual few – put your hand up for a 2 hour shift. Please put your name on the white board in the shed or send email to [hwmspres@gmail.com](mailto:hwmspres@gmail.com)