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Committee meetings:

Two committee meetings have been held since the beginning of 2015 with the last on February 10th. The following is reported from from the minutes.

Barbecue

A barbecue will be held at 4pm on the last Friday of February (the 24th) as a welcome to all new members and as a social occasion for all members. Food will be provided but you will have to bring your own refreshment. Note this date and time in your diaries. Incidentally we drop our men only policy for these occasions so if your wife/partner would like to come then they are more than welcome. Be a chance to see just what the blokes are up to!

Machining of recycled timber:

The committee has approved the purchase (subject to finance) of a suitable metal detector to avoid machinery damage when machining recycled timber.

In the meantime no timber is to be machined without the supervisor's permission.

The following is repeated from the last newsletter:

Wheelchair access:

When we closed in the lean-to for the machine shop, we also closed off the wheelchair access. The committee is to design and build a new ramp entry, probably from the front door. Our President Noel Riley has this in hand.

Name badge and footwear:

All members entering the workshop must wear their name badge, and wear appropriate footwear. Jandals are not appropriate footwear.

40 ft container:

The 40ft container is to be moved to the west end of the Engineering Workshop, next to the garden. To avoid corrosion of the base a hard fill base has been laid.

Engineering workshop:

The new Engineering Workshop is complete except for minor items, and has been occupied by (squatted by) the "pest trap" boys. The manufacture of pest traps for DOC, is not difficult but takes time and lots of space. Alan Kissell would appreciate assistance from any member able to help.

Ian Clark, Gilbert Leov and helpers have been busy assembling traps for DOC, including 115 for the Cobb Valley and 160 for other areas. This is a fund raising project.

Bleachers:

Three more of these have been made recently for the Stock Car Club. They are complex things to make requiring the bending of 50mm pipe and the welding of

this together to form a frame for the wooden seats. All of the welding is done in Graeme Gardeners workshop and therefore is a cost component. We have welding machinery at the shed and it would significantly improve our return on this project if we could bring the welding back in house. This is being looked into.

Doors and windows for Gibson's timber.

We have been manufacturing these for Gibsons for some time and they are a source of revenue for the club. However those involved would appreciate some help. If you are a tradesman or an enthusiastic DIY'er turn up at the Shed on Wed at 9am and see if you can help. To help speed up this work the committee has approved the purchase of a 'power feed' unit to fit the Robland saw. It will improve the machining time and quality, and reduce the amount of sanding time.

Take an interest:

If you want the shed to progress you need to put in some effort. Don't leave it to the same half dozen.

Tidy up

The committee had a tidy up recently and moved a lot of the woodworking machinery into the closed in verandah. This has created a lot more space in the main workshop as the photos show.



Note that the roblan sawbench has gone into the verandah. To provide a healthy environment in the machine shop, pipe and fittings have been purchased for dust extraction for all the machines.



Not as tidy as would like just yet.

Finances

Once again the committee got a full report from our Treasurer. This report covers the 10 months to the end of January. The net loss for the year is forecasted to be \$11,103.00 and the closing bank account amount \$3,010.04.

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