

# CUBBY HOUSE NEWS

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unformatted ( **plain text no special spacing** etc.) preferably Arial 12 point. Printed material should be clear enough to be scanned for character recognition as I don't have time to retype.

## Minutes Workshop Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Present Keith Moses, Steve Hooper, Fred Warr, Frank Williams, Barry Belford, Patrick Thorpe, Ray Elyard, Alan Pentecost, Graeme Stokes, John Moss, John Field, David Brackenbury, Val Lipping,  
Apologies Warren Rankin, Keith, Allen  
Due to absence of our President Keith Jones, Vice President Keith Moses chaired the meeting

Meeting opened by Keith Moses 9:30am

Minutes:

Proposed that the minutes of our previous meet held on 15th JANUARY 2018 as published in the JANUARY Cubby House New be taken as read.

Moved by Pat Thorpe

Seconded John Field

Business arising from minutes Memo from S.E.A

Correspondence In Quote from OZKAY TEST & TAGGING SERVICES for electrical inspection and tagging of electrical equipment

Correspondence In Nil

Treasurers Report

Income: \$10,039. 24

Expenses \$15,927. 42

Moved that treasurers report be accepted

Moved by Fred Warr

Seconded Val Lipping

Reports

Maintenance and Equipment Pat Thorpe and John Moss

Require new blades for Bandsaws

Historian John Field Information on going T.B.A.

Safety Co-ordinator David Brackenbury 64 members applied for Safety Training, 44 members now have access to use all machines.

Woodturning course completed with 5 members last week Thanks Bill Black and Ken Dicks.

General business

Frank Williams organised slabbing of tree out front on mini day Thursday 22/02/18

Starting 10-30am Cost \$400.00 + Turning blanks

Dust Extraction Ductwork to be delivered Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Start Installation

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February Electrician to install 3 Phase power to extractor

Testing and Electrical tagging to be delayed until after dust extraction system is

Completed.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to begin being organised over the next three years

Frank Williams will organise email to Bunnings re-monies

Steve Hooper to do electronic bank transfers, Frank Williams moved authorisation to be given

Seconded Fred Warr, Carried unanimously

Meeting Closed 11-00am

## Executive committee contact details

|                       |              |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>PATRON</b>         | Pat Thorpe   | 02 9524 2504 |
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### Note:-

**Maxi day February 17th  
Host Bill Black theme Vases**

### The Commando

During my physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level. I described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk about 7km through some pretty rough terrain.

I waded along the edge of a lake.  
I pushed my way through brambles.  
I got sand in my shoes and my eyes.  
I avoided standing on a snake.  
I climbed several rocky hills.  
I took a few 'leaks' behind some big trees.  
The mental stress of it all left me shattered.  
At the end of it all I drank eight beers"

Inspired by the story, the doctor said,  
"You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a shit golfer"



*Do you know of a member who is ill or has a family member who is ill.*

*Please pass information to our welfare officer to see if we can assist in any way.*

*Contact.*

***Costa Vlamis 0418 446 551***



# EBONY

Ebony is a dense black hardwood, most commonly yielded by several different species in the genus *Diospyros*, which also contains the persimmons. Ebony is dense enough to sink in water. It is finely-textured and has a very smooth finish when polished, making it valuable as an ornamental wood.[1] The word ebony comes from the Ancient Egyptian hbny,



through the Ancient Greek ἔβενος (ébenos), into Latin and Middle English.

## Species

Species of ebony include *Diospyros ebenum* (Ceylon ebony), native to southern India and Sri Lanka; *Diospyros crassiflora* (Gabon ebony), native to western Africa; and *Diospyros celebica* (Makassar ebony), native to Indonesia and prized for its luxuriant, multi-colored wood grain. Mauritius ebony, *Diospyros tessellaria*, was largely exploited by the Dutch in the 17th century. Some species in the genus *Diospyros* yield an ebony with similar physical properties, but striped rather than evenly black (*Diospyros ebenum*).

## Uses

Ebony has a long history of use, with carved pieces having been found in Ancient Egyptian tombs.[2]

By the end of the 16th century, fine cabinets for the luxury trade were made of ebony in Antwerp. The wood's dense hardness lent itself to refined moldings framing finely detailed pictorial panels with carving in very low relief (bas-relief), usually of allegorical subjects, or with scenes taken from classical or Christian history. Within a short time, such cabinets were also being made in Paris, where their makers became known as *ébénistes*, which remains the French term for a cabinetmaker.

Elephant carvings from Sri Lanka, made from ebony, in this case likely Gabon ebony (*Diospyros crassiflora*)

Modern uses are largely restricted to small items, such as crucifixes, and musical instrument parts, including black piano and harpsichord keys, violin, viola, mandolin, guitar, double bass, and cello fingerboards, tailpieces, pegs, chinrests, and bow frogs. Many plectra, or guitar picks, are made from this black wood.

Traditionally, the black pieces in chess sets were made from ebony, with rare boxwood or ivory being used for the white pieces. Modern East Midlands-style lace-making bobbins, also being small, are often made of ebony and look particularly decorative when bound with brass or silver wire. Due to its strength, many handgun grips and rifle fore-end tips are made of ebony, as are the butts of pool cues.

As a result of unsustainable harvesting, many species yielding ebony are now considered threatened. Africa in particular has had most of its indigenous ebony cut down illegally.

## Legislation

In Sri Lanka, ebony is a protected species and harvesting and sale of ebony is illegal and punishable by imprisonment.

In 2012, the Gibson Guitar company was raided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for violations of the Lacey Act of 1900, which prohibits the importation of threatened woods and other materials.

Pete Lowry, ebony and rosewood expert at the Missouri Botanical Garden, calls the Madagascar wood trade the "equivalent of Africa's blood diamonds." [4]

Ebony, when ground into fine dust (for example, during sawing), results in a flammable and toxic powder which can float about in air for several days. Due to the high toxicity of ebony in powdered form, its use in construction work requires government certification in several South Asian countries.



Elephant carvings from Sri Lanka, made from ebony, in this case likely Gabon ebony (*Diospyros crassiflora*)

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# SHOW AND TELL



*Best displayed  
January*

◀ Jack Butler Platter  
Turned object.

Keith Jones Tractor  
Joined object ▶



## Monthly award winning objects 2017



*Tony Hancock  
Scooped the pool  
With the best  
displayed  
Turned object  
And  
Joined object  
For 2017*





# MAX DAY



Bernie Korent



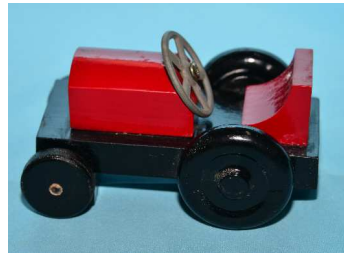
Frank Cecson OBE with Keith Jones



Peter Hanson



Alan Brooker taking instruction from Ken Dick



Keith Jones



Phil Dean with Jack Butler making trains



## February Brain teaser

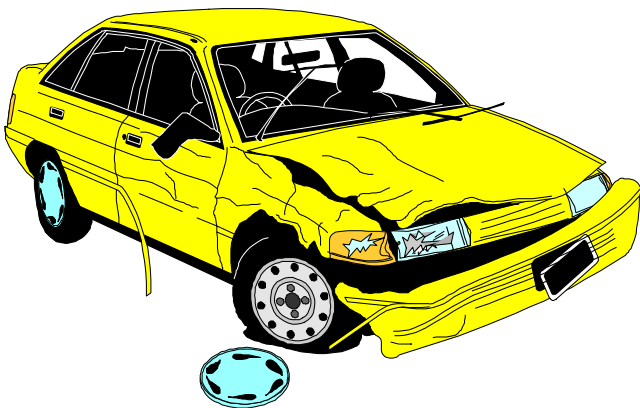
A man driving his car on a lonely back road along a river has a punctured tyre.

He stops gets the spare from the boot removes the nuts from the wheel with the flat tyre and removes the wheel in the process he accidentally knocks the five wheel nuts into the river.

It is impossible to recover the nuts from the river. There is no chance of help from a passing traveller so he is in despair.

When he calms down he comes up with a solution to his problem (not suicide)

What is his answer to the problem.



### January Brain teaser 1

Read the following sentence and count the number of "F"s read it only once without going back.

**F**INISHED **F**ILES ARE THE RESULTS  
OF **F** YEARS OF **F** SCIENT**F**IC  
STUDY COMBINED WITH THE  
EXPERIENCE OF **F** MANY YEARS

**ANS.**

**There 6 "F" s in the text the one in the last line is often missed**

## February Birthdays

**Michael Bryant**

**Jack Butler**

**Clive Cairns**

**Ray Elyard**

**Leigh Ferguson**

**David Johnson**

**Graeme Stokes**

**David Truskett**



### January Brain teaser 2

A common word in English which means that something does not exist but by placing a space between two of its letters it would mean that the thing is with us now.

What is the word and what does it become?

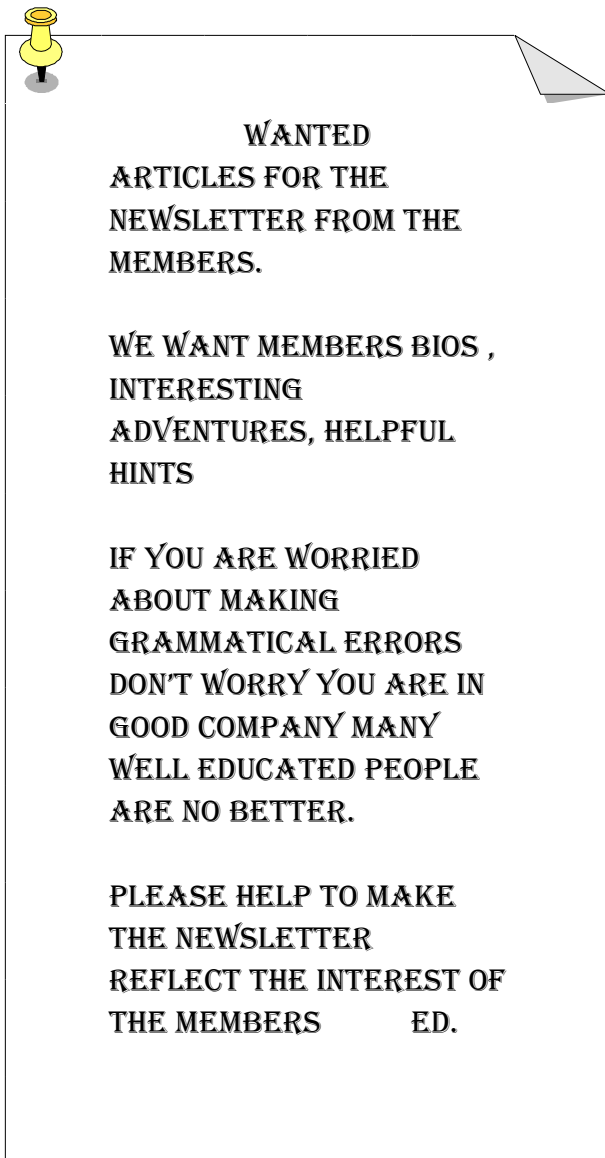
**ANS**

**The word is "Nowhere"  
it becomes "Now Here"**

# Event Calendar 2018

**Note** The following information may be subject to change in date or content if in doubt contact a committee member. See page 3 for contact

| February                |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Mini-Day                      |
| Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Maxi-Day                      |
| HOST –                  |                               |
| Thurs. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Mini-Day                      |
| March.                  |                               |
| Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Mini-Day                      |
| Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Mini-Day                      |
| Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup>    | Bunnings BBQ                  |
| Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup>    | C/House News Deadline         |
| Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Club Committee Meeting 9.30am |
| Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Mini-Day                      |
| Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>   | Maxi-Day                      |
| HOST –                  |                               |
| Thurs. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Mini-Day                      |



**WANTED**  
ARTICLES FOR THE  
NEWSLETTER FROM THE  
MEMBERS.

WE WANT MEMBERS BIOS ,  
INTERESTING  
ADVENTURES, HELPFUL  
HINTS

IF YOU ARE WORRIED  
ABOUT MAKING  
GRAMMATICAL ERRORS  
DON'T WORRY YOU ARE IN  
GOOD COMPANY MANY  
WELL EDUCATED PEOPLE  
ARE NO BETTER.

PLEASE HELP TO MAKE  
THE NEWSLETTER  
REFLECT THE INTEREST OF  
THE MEMBERS ED.

## MAXI – DAY HOSTS 2018

On a MAXI-DAY previous to their Hosting Date HOSTS will explain what is expected from these THEME titles.

| 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.   | Bill Black        | Vases                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March  | Malcolm Stewart   | Non Winning Item Submitted 2017       |
| 21 <sup>th</sup> April  | David Brackenbury | Lidded Box                            |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May    | Bruce Vaughan     | Inside, Outside Turned Article        |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> June   | Ray Elyard        | Pen with inclusion                    |
| 21 <sup>th</sup> July   | George Blundell   | Bowl with added inclusion             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> August | Alan Pentecost    | Carbon Copy !                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.  | Paul Higgins      | Miniatures                            |
| 20 <sup>st</sup> Oct.   | Keith Moses       | Household Item                        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov.   | Michelle Brown    | Planes, Trains, Cranes, & Automobiles |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec.   | TBA               |                                       |