

# CUBBY HOUSE NEWS

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## **Minutes Workshop Meeting 15<sup>th</sup>. January 2018.**

Present / Absent (From attendance sheet passed around)

**Present:** Fred Warr, Thomas Hill, Frank Williams, Ken McEwen, Barry Belford, Patrick Thorpe, Alan Pentecost, Graeme Stokes, John Moss, Keith Allen, John Field, Trevor Simpson, Val Lipping, David Brackenbury, Steve Hooper, Michael Bryant, Warren Rankin,

**Absent:** Keith Jones, Keith Moses, Ray Elyard.

Due to the absence of our President and Vice President Fred Warr was invited to chair the meeting.

**Meeting opened by Fred Warr at 9:30a.m**

**Minutes:**

**Propose that the minutes of our previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup>. December 2017 as published in the December Cubby House News be taken as read:**

**Moved By: Frank Williams Seconded By: Michael Bryant.**

**Business arising from minutes: Moved: Barry Belford. That we keep a Journal of the minutes of Workshop meetings as from this month. Seconded: Pat Thorpe. Motion carried. Minutes stored Previously in folders with copies of the Cubby House News in Office**

**Correspondence In: Certificate of Appreciation for the Toys they received from us last Christmas. From the Charity Orana N.S.W. Inc.**

**Correspondence Out: Nil.**

**Treasurers Report. Income: \$10,858.65. Expenses: \$2,785.13. Income included \$10,000.00 Grant From the State Government towards a dust extraction system in the Cubby House. Federal Government Has promised \$7,650.00.**

**Move that the Treasurers Report be accepted:**

**Moved By: Frank Williams Seconded By: Barry Belford.**

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**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**The Chairman asked the Members present HOW DO WE INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP.**

**Below is some of the comments from members in attendance at this meeting.**

**Steve Hooper talked about Finances: We have 80 paying members. Membership fees is only 20% of our income. Getting more members to attend Maxi and Mini days. 75% of income is from members being in attendance. Some Costs: Electricity, \$2,000.00 per year. Telephone, \$500.00 per year. (What do we use it for)**

**Without the Bunnings income we would run out of funds very quickly.**

**Our members showing their handiwork at Markets and Craft Fairs does get enquiries.**

**Some members think they joined a woodturning club not a toy making club. Although a lot of our toys are fully turned or have turned parts.**

**We do not attract people because of the area the Cubby House is in.**

**Was the Bunnings BBQ started just to fund toy making.**

**We must find a way to attract the public by showing them what we do. We don't have open days enough.**

**We don't have anything to show at the local School Fetes. And we used to show at Hazlehurst.**

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When a visitor comes to the Cubby House assign someone to stay with the visitor and show that person how we operate.

A person came to visit us recently from a Bunnings enquiry but was not involved and seemed lost. Demonstrators on Maxi Days. It is not like the old days when a demonstrator used to show different woodturning tools and their uses. This no disrespect to the demonstrators that have demonstrated over many years.

**FOR EVERY ONE HERE TODAY GO AWAY AND THINK HOW WE CAN GET NEW MEMBERS.**

Steve Hooper: Commonwealth Bank are willing to sell our toys generate income.

We should start selling our toys, woodturning etc. out the front Examine what variety of goods our members can make.

John Field: Will produce an article for the Cubby House News on the history of our Club.

John is the Host this Saturdays Maxi Day and has organized a Masters and Apprentice's day.

Keith Allen: Trying to get our monthly add in both the St.George and Sutherland copies of the Leader.

Frank Williams: Doing work for the Community. Bunnings will supply materials for work done for the Community. One of our Charities have asked for help in making tables and bench seats to suit their new premises.

Bunnings will not allow us to sell, put out samples of what we do. But we have Demonstrated 3 or 4 times over the past years.

We need members to give us a hand at Bunnings as the crew are not getting younger and need a rest.

At the last meeting we asked for volunteers to make up an "A" and a "B" team but had no response.

But some of our members have asked if we could have a morning or afternoon shift.

**THE FRONT OF THE CUBBY HOUSE NEEDS A GOOD CLEAN UP.** Vegetation etc. needs some pruning, leaves need cleaning up. A working bee will be organized in the near future.

Ken McEwen stills needs a calendar for the rest of the year.

Frank Williams: Placed an order for Duct Work yesterday will arrive end of January. A working bee will be organized for February. Work to be done in advance Concrete base outside, Fencing around it

Electrician Quotes are being asked for New padlocks have been bought for front fence gates, Secretary to send a letter of thanks to our local politicians State M.P. Eleni Petinos.and Federal M.P. Craig Kelly for their help in their obtaining Grants.

For toys 2018 milled timber will be ordered to save a lot of time.

Michael Bryant: Has a number of packing boxes. We can put them away to end of the year.

Warren Rankin: Thanks to Frank Williams for organizing the Christmas Lunch. (I actually knocked back seconds.)

John Field: Sutherland Council nominations for grants in Leader.

David Brackenbury: We need a section on the notice board for members to put their names on who need training. So he can coordinate when training can be organized.

President Keith Jones had a fall before Christmas his leg is in a brace and he cannot put his foot on the floor. Goes back to the Doctors at the end of this week. Keith apologises for no Presidents Report this month from all reports he is bored stiff at home.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11,00a.m.

Due to an unfortunate accident The President Keith Jones has not made a Presidents letter this month. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

### **Electricity and Safety**

Electric shock causes death by interference with the heart's natural electrical system which controls it's beat. Most electrical accidents occur with the domestic AC supply of 240V It is current through the heart which causes the heart to go into fibrillation (rapid pulsations which are too rapid and small to pump blood) or contract and stop beating competely. The amount of current is small as low as 16 milli amps. The voltage to cause this amount of current could be as low as 12V under the right circumstances such a being wet in a swimming pool. A shock from high voltage sources may be unpleasant but if the source is low power (electrostatic discharge) it is unlikely to cause serious harm however may cause fire.

Earth leakage circuit breakers are designed to trip on current that may indicate electrocution, every installation should be protected by one.

Frayed cords should be discarded and unused power outlets are best to have a dummy plug inserted for 2 reasons. 1 To prevent foreign objects being inserted (by children and idiots)

2 To prevent dust and lint ( all houses have lots) from building up inside.

**If you notice any charring, colour change or arcing when switching it is best to change the outlet. Wood dust or lint each time a switch is thrown will be burnt to char when enough build up occurs this can start smouldering and cause a fire. Blackening and discolouring is a sign that it is on the verge of burning.**

### **Exective committee contact details**

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<b>SECRETARY</b>	Tom Hill	0418 269 943
<b>TREASURER</b>	Steve Hooper	0401 987 003



### **Note:-**

**Objects (turned or Joined) which were judged as best displayed should be brought to the January 2018 Maxi-day for judging the overall best for 2017**



*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***

## December Maxi Day Awards



Jack Butler with bowl  
Best displayed December



Ray Elyard  
Given the Most meritorious  
award for 2017  
For services to the  
"Cubby House"



# SHOW AND TELL



Jack Butler

Pens and pepper grinder by Merv Larsson



Bernie Korent



Christmas Decoration  
Warren Olsen



George Blundell



Frank Volk



Pot Pouri bowl  
by Peter Hanson



Bruce Vaughan



### Brain teaser 1

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

**FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULTS OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY YEARS**

### Brain teaser 2

I 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?

## January Birthdays

**Bruce Canham**

**Frank Cescon**

**Gerry Husson**

**Alan Pentecost**

**Bill Wilkes**



## The ultimate brain teaser for 2017

*There was an outbreak of a plague in the city so the oracle was consulted. The advice was :-*

### “Double the cube of the altar”

*The people responded by increasing the dimensions times 2 the plague increased. They then realised their mistake.*

### Question 1

**What was their mistake and how was the altar increased in size.**

*By doubling the dimensions the cubic volume would have increased  $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$  times.*

### Question 2.

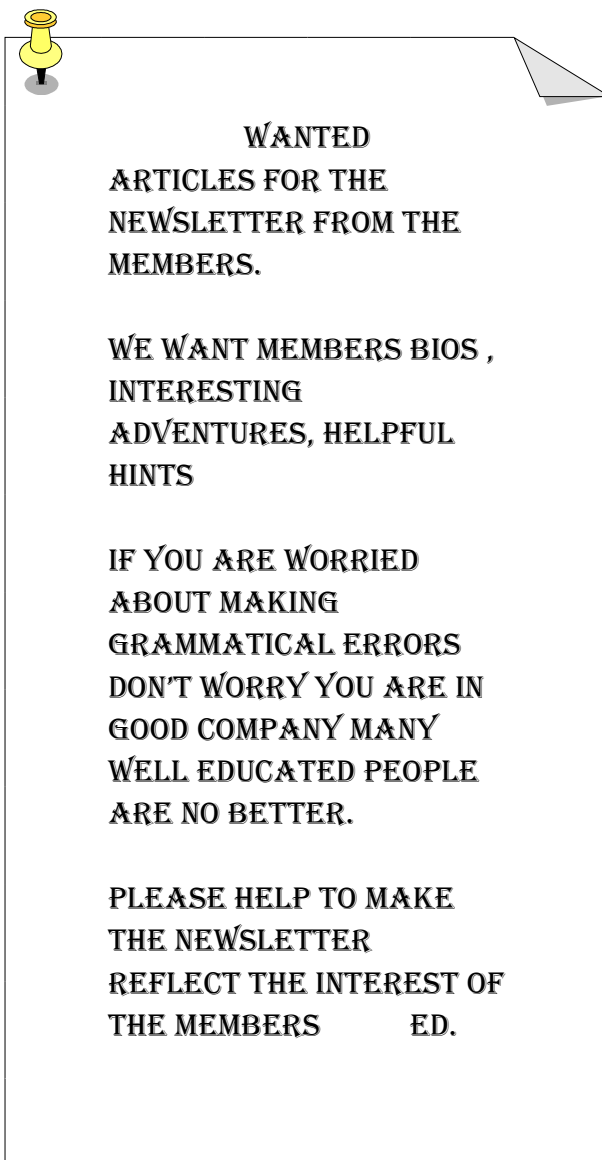
**Assuming that the altar was a simple cube what change to the dimensions would have doubled the cube. An answer to 2 decimal places is adequate.**

*To double the cubic volume the dimensions would need to be increased by the cube root of 2 approximately 1.26 times*

# Event Calendar 2017

**Note** The following information may be subject to change in date or content if in doubt contact a committee member. See page 2 for contact

<b>January.</b>	
Mon. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Club Committee Meeting 9.30am
<b>Sat. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maxi-Day HOST – John Field</b>
	Thurs.25 <sup>th</sup> Mini-Day
<b>February</b>	
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
<b>March.</b>	
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mini-Day
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mini-Day
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bunnings BBQ
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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.

20 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	<b>John Field</b>	<b>Master/Apprentice - Toymaking</b>
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	