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The Secretary

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Craft Pavilion, Wangaratta
Showgrounds.

Newsletter

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"In this Issue"

17th. February — Sausage Sizzle.

21st. March —Easter event at Bunnings.

26th & 27th. October — Wood Show at
Shepparton. More information to come on
this event.

Time Table of Normal Club Activities.

General Meeting	7:00pm Third Monday in the month regardless of holidays.
Committee Meeting	7.00pm Second Monday of every month unless by agreement.
Saturday Workshops	9:00am Every Saturday morning of the month.
Sunday Workshops	10:am to 1:00pm every Sunday of the month.
Club Project Days	9:00am Every Tues & Thurs –Private Projects/ Club Maintenance/ BBQ
Woodturning Group	9.00am Every Thursday morning of the month.
Creative Crafts Night	Every Wednesday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.(Work on your project with help from the experts.) There may be times when session topics are altered. Check with Committee Members if in doubt.

Presidents Report.

Welcome, we start another year. I hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Unfortunately, late last year and early this year we lost two of our members, who will be missed.

So, it's time to start coming back to the club rooms to chat and get back into doing some woodwork.

We have two events to start the year off, so we need names to be put on the BBQ roster for the 17th of February, as this is one of our biggest forms of income.

We also need names for Thursday 21st of March at Bunnings for their Easter event between 6.00 -8.00 to help children put together their wooden models. It also allows us promote the club.

I'm after any suggestions for our social meetings, so please let me know.

Also if you want anything brought up at the committee meeting just send an email to Frances so it can go on the agenda. The only thing I ask is that you be there if the committee has any questions.

When using any of the machinery can we make sure that you have the right clothing and safety gear, and you also take care.

With the planer we don't put wood with bark on it as this will damage it, and with the drum sander we need to take into account what we put through it so it does not clog up the sand paper, so check the drums from time to time and clean them. Also, can you clean any machine's that you use.

Just a reminder that we have a new signing in system which was passed by the committee to try and make it better, so if you're not sure on what to do then ask a committee member as they should be setting the example.

Will see you at the next committee or social meeting.

Kind regards.

Bevan Tremellen

Sausage Sizzle Roster. Bunnings 17th February 2024.

Shift 1, 9am- 11am.

Bevan Tremellan

Les Whinray

Ken Plattfuss

Colin Anderson

Shift 2 ,11am- 1.30pm.

Bevan Tremellen

Heather Joseph

Sam Pearson

Shift 3, 1.30pm-4pm

Bevan Tremellen

Les Whinray

Peter Gotham

Brendon Dodson

Need at least one more volunteer for shift two. Please put your hand up.

Supper Roster 2024

The Supper roster duties include: -



Provide a light supper for those present.

Provide 2lt of milk.

Layout supper table at the end of the meeting.

<i>Supper Roster</i>	<i>2024</i>
Jan 15th. 2024	Colin Anderson, Warren Anker, Les Whinray.
February 19th.	Ian Cardwell, Peter Gotham, Cassie Brindley.
March 18th.	Jim Doyle, Lionel Baldwin.
April 15th.	Ken Plattfuss, John Flanagan, Gary King.
May 20th.	Heather Joseph, Ashley and Fran Whitehead.
June 17th.	Sam Pearson, Les Whinray, Warren Anker.
July 15th.	Ian Wilson, Bevan Tremellan,
August 19th.	Alan Taylor. Agnes Rowland,
Sept 16th.	Alan Darwin, Robert Falkenberg.
Oct 21st.	Bevan Tremellen, Warren Anker, John Flanagan.
Nov 18th.	Jim Doyle, Ken Plattfuss, Eugene Hodson.
December	Date & Venue — To be advised.

If any member named above cannot be in attendance on the night rostered, please contact Les Whinray who will arrange a replacement.

Show and Tell

November 2023



Furniture restoration is becoming a favorite project with the Ladies in our Club. Here is **Jenny Best** with the table she brought back to life.

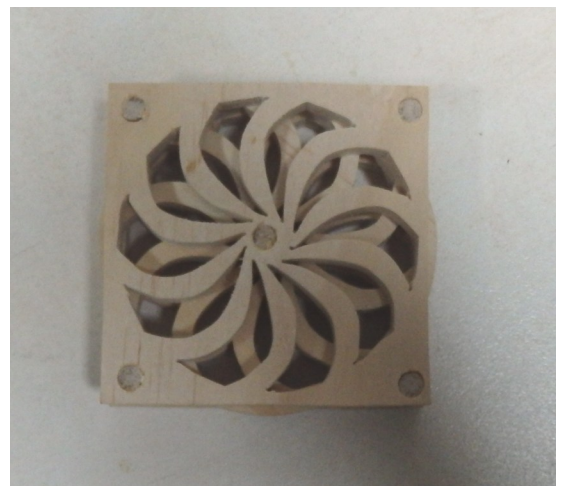


Fran Whitehead is not only known for her pyrography art. She has turned her hand to wood turning with this stool and pen.



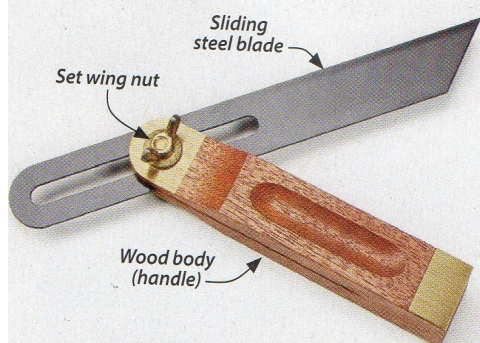
Bevan Tremellen Scrolled this layered horse shoe and horse head finished in contrasting colours.

Below is ***Ashley Whitehead's*** collection of turned pens and a layered decorative scrolled object. Perhaps it could be used as a trivet. Ashley himself didn't quite know what to call it.



Tips for Using a Bevel Gauge

Woodworking has a number of challenges. None more so than when you have to deal with angled cuts. For most of the projects I build, the workpieces come together at 90°, with an occasional 45° here and there. When I have to deal with angles other than those, I can't check them accurately with a combination square or easily set up my machinery using the adjustment options offered on the tool.



▲ A basic bevel gauge is a simple tool consisting of a body and blade with a locking mechanism.

THE SOLUTION. In most cases, you'll find that a bevel gauge is the tool of choice to solve the problem (photo at left). A bevel gauge is also referred to as a sliding T-bevel, carpenter's bevel or sliding bevel gauge. Regardless of the name, its purpose is to duplicate an angle exactly, without having to do any measurement.

A bevel gauge is a simple tool. In its basic form, it consists of a wood (or metal) body, a steel or brass blade and a wing nut (or knurled knob) to lock the two parts in place at the desired angle. You'll want to note that if a wing nut is used to lock the parts, it's important that it not extend past the body or blade where it might interfere with an accurate setting.

A slot in the blade allows you to adjust its position as needed during use. This blade (and the body) can vary in size. I find a 150mm blade works best for most tasks.

Chris Vesper from Vesper Tools positions his knurled locking nut at the base

of the handle. This innovation allows the bevel to be used right- and left-handed.

MATCHING AN EXISTING ANGLE. One of the more common uses for a bevel gauge is to duplicate an existing angle. When that's the case, simply loosen the blade of the bevel gauge and place the body against one of the surfaces of the angle you want to copy. Then it's just a matter of rotating the blade until it rests securely against the mating surface and locking it in place. From there, you can transfer that angle to another workpiece if you're doing layout work, or quickly set up a machine to make the cut, as you'll see next.

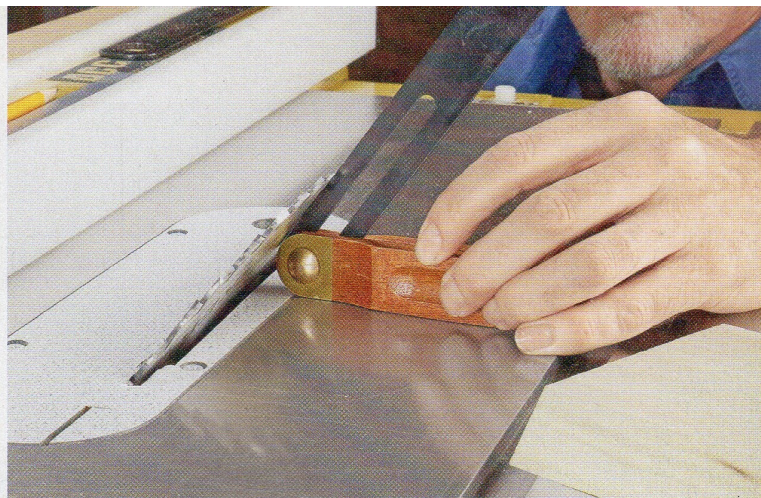
MACHINE SET-UP. Another use for a bevel gauge is tool set-up, especially if you need to adjust the tilt angle of your table saw blade. I find it's best not to rely on the angle scale on most tools. I don't find them accurate enough.

Once your bevel gauge is set, either from a workpiece (top left photo, facing page) or using one of the methods shown





▲ Don't know the existing bevel angle of a workpiece? No problem. Loosen the bevel gauge and rest the blade and body against the desired angle and then lock it in place.



▲ The next step is to set up your machine, like the table saw shown above. Rest the body of the bevel gauge on the tabletop and adjust the table saw blade to match.



▲ Sliding a bevel gauge along a hand-planed bevel makes quick work of checking the accuracy of your work.

in the box below, it's a simple matter to tilt the saw blade until it matches the angle of the bevel gauge (right photo above). For an accurate set-up, be sure the blade of the bevel gauge isn't touching any of the teeth on the saw blade.

This process works just as well for setting the angle of a mitre gauge relative to the table saw blade. Again, keep the bevel gauge blade clear of any teeth on the saw blade.

DOVETAIL LAYOUT. One of the main tasks I use my bevel gauge for is laying out dovetails. Unlike a dovetail layout gauge that's designed for one specific angle, a bevel gauge can be adjusted to suit the design needs of the project. Once you set the bevel gauge to the desired angle, you can quickly and easily transfer that angle to any workpiece, like you see in the main

photo on the previous page.

HAND TOOL WORK. There are times when I like to add a chamfer or bevel to a project. For example, undercutting the edge of a tabletop to make it look a little thinner. Depending on the project, I may or may not be able to create it using one of my stationary tools.

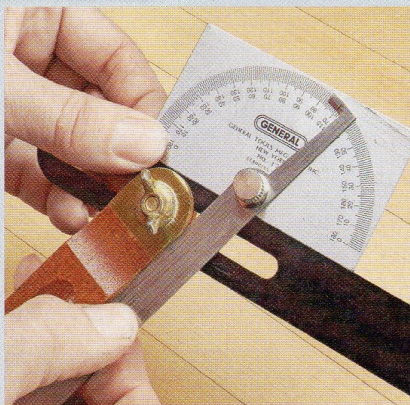
When that's the case, I'll use a hand plane to form the angle. Keeping track of where I'm at is the challenge. As you may have guessed, a bevel gauge is the solution. You can set the bevel gauge to the desired angle and make sure the angle is correct by spot checking across the edge (photo at left).

PROBLEM-SOLVER. As you can see, a bevel gauge is a handy workshop tool. It may not see daily use, but it's a must-have when the task at hand demands it. **W**

How-To: SETTING A BEVEL GAUGE



▲ A drafting triangle is an easy and accurate way to set a specific angle, such as the 30° angle shown here.



▲ A protractor is best for intermediate angles, just rest the blade against the base and lock in the setting.



▲ Commercial jigs make quick work of setting commonly used angles. The accuracy can't be beat.

TAPE DISPENSER

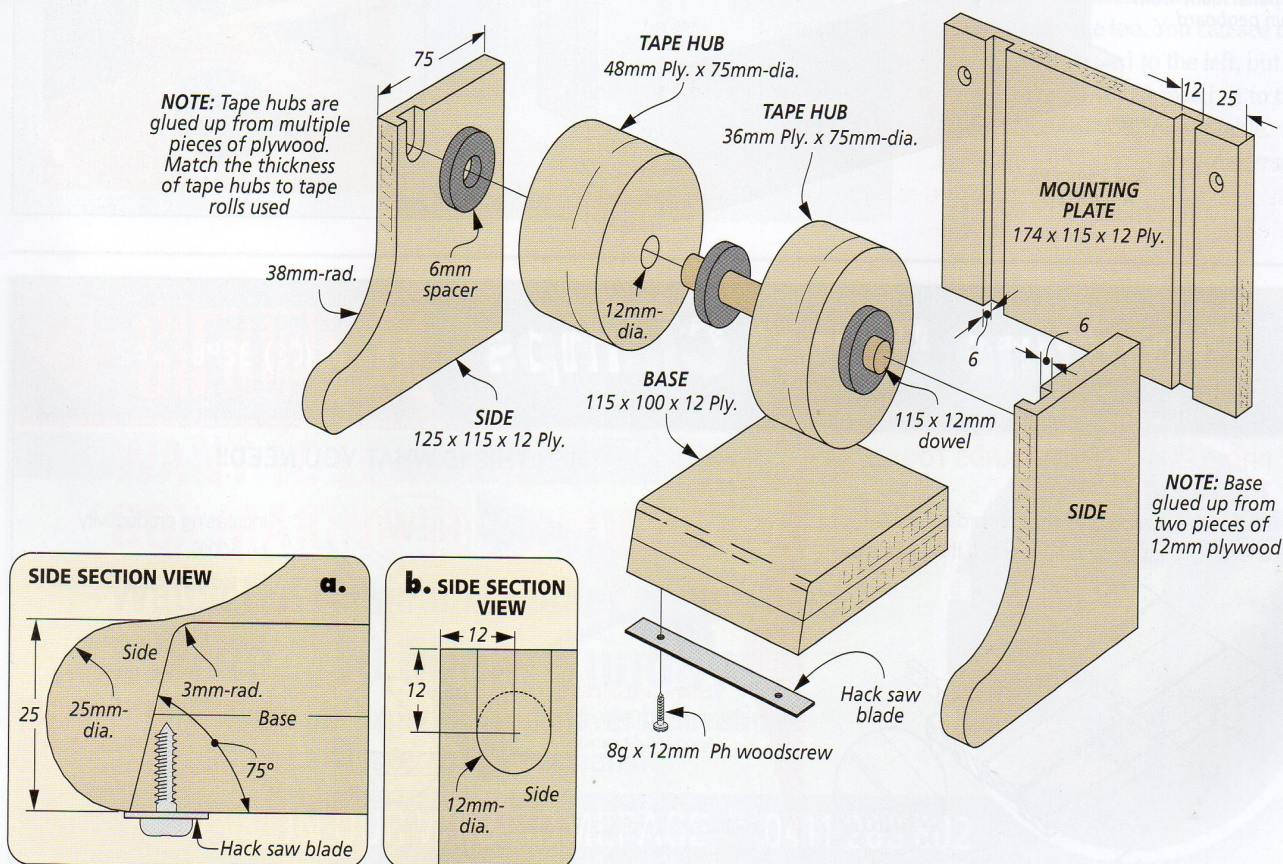
If you use tape as much as I do, you'll appreciate this dispenser. Two sides fit in grooves cut into a mounting plate. A dowel spans the distance between the sides, holding the hubs which fit inside the rolls of tape. Each side has a notch in the top edge to support the dowel, which

are left open at the top to make replacing a roll of tape easy. A cut-off hack saw blade is screwed to the base and used as a cutter.

After assembly, add the hubs that fit inside the rolls of tape. Each hub is sized to match the tape roll you'll be using, with a centred hole so you can slip it onto

the dowel. Adding some store-bought washers between the sides and hubs allows the rolls to spin independently of each other. To mount the dispenser, the mounting plate can be screwed into a wall or a pegboard panel.

Jake Pippin



Club Fees and Membership.

2024/25 Membership subscription of \$70.00 due in July 2024.



If you have any queries about your financial status, please call the Treasurer, Peter Gotham on 0457 221 994. If payment has not been made you will not be covered by the club insurance and will not be able to participate in club activities. Payment can be made direct to the Club account — BSB 803070 , A/C No. 25321, or by Eft-pos at the Club.

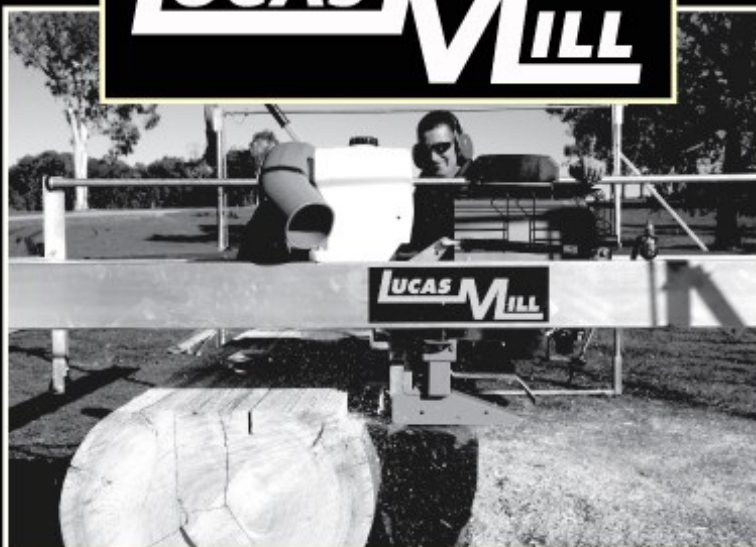
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