



*Katoomba Men's Shed*  
*Building Better Blokes*

## NEWSLETTER

16 November 2011

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BARBECUE**

9:00am Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at the shed (Barbecue at 1:00)  
Cost is \$4.00 plus a plate of salad or a dessert to share

This will also be our annual photo day so wear something pretty.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS (membership fees) ARE NOW DUE**

\$30 to be paid to a Committee Member

### **COURSES**

#### **Make a Belt for Christmas**

Mick Elliott will be running a leatherwork course each Tuesday commencing 29 November. The cost will be the normal \$4.00 daily fee plus the cost of leather and fittings. See Mick or leave a message with a Day Coordinator if you are interested.

Limited places

#### **Woodturning with David Brackenbury**

David Brackenbury will be offering this comprehensive 6-week course on Tuesday mornings from early 2012. The costs will be kept low but there will be a limited number of places available. Please speak to David to book your place.

*A course outline is attached to this newsletter*

#### **Chainsaw Use and Maintenance**

This course will to be run by TAFE over three consecutive days commencing late November. There will be a maximum of six places. Watch the notice board for more details

#### **Digital Editing Course**

Download pictures from your digital camera to a computer and use free quality software to edit them. Boost colours, improve contrast, add special effects and remove unsightly blemishes. ....and lots more. Greg Jaques will be offering this course for up to three people at a time from May onwards

**Keep it in mind**

**NOTE:** A welding course and another small motors course will be conducted in the new year

### **BROADBAND FOR SENIORS**

David Bowskill continues to run the shed's Broadband for Seniors project and to provide ongoing one-to-one computer tuition on demand. Whether you wish to learn how to access the internet, write an email (or use a computer to research and write your next novel) or discover the joys of Linux, David is your man.

David is also on the lookout for additional trainers. So if you can help him out please have a word. He is available at the shed most Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## **Men's Health Program**

KMS has received two grants of \$500 each from the Bendigo Bank and BMCC to run a men's health program during 2012. The program will consist of six monthly meetings, each featuring a guest speaker and leading to the establishment of a Men's Health Support Group.

The full details of this exciting venture have yet to be finalised but please speak to David Christie, Stafford Lowe or Trevor Donnelly for more information.

# congratulations!

To all those who successfully completed the recent Small Motors Maintenance and Repair Course. We would particularly like to thank Rob, our tutor from TAFE, who guided us with skill, knowledge and good humour.



**Katoomba Men's Shed is open Wednesday and Thursday each week from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Committee meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00pm at the shed: 6 Orient St, Katoomba.**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Phone: 4782-7433 (please leave a message if unattended)**

*I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed four grave diggers walking about with a coffin. Three hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, "These guys have lost the plot!"*

**Attachment**

# KATOOMBA MEN'S SHED WOODTURNING COURSE

Presented by DAVID BRACKENBURY

## DAY 1

- Introduction to woodturning
- Health and Safety
- Lathes
- Tools
- Grain in timber
- Mounting spindle work
- Roughing square into round
- Use of skew chisel for planing
- Beads using skew chisel

## DAY 2

- Review Health and Safety
- Introduce marking gauges
- Introduce detail gouge and beads
- Detail gouge and coves
- Turn dibbler

## DAY 3

- Introduction to the chuck
- Bowl turning theory
- Mounting blanks and use of screw chuck
- Turn base and outside of bowl
- Sand and finish bowl

## DAY 4

- Lidded box theory
- Mount between spindles, rough down, create chuck mounts and part off
- Mount box blank, shape outside and hollow inside
- Make lid and fit, shape outside and hollow inside lid
- Finish shaping, sanding and polishing
- Jam chuck and part off spigots, polish bottom and top

## DAY 5

- Chucking thin blanks using screw chuck
- Mount and turn candle stick base
- Sand and polish
- Mount candle stick spindle and rough to round
- Mark up spindle using prepared plan
- Part down to sizes
- Finish shaping, sanding and polishing

Depending on the success of the course, David will provide some support and advanced tuition to interested woodturners

## DAY 6

- Tool sharpening
- Complete any outstanding items
- Review items in course