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# The Woodpecker

The Newsletter of the Triton Owners' Club of the ACT

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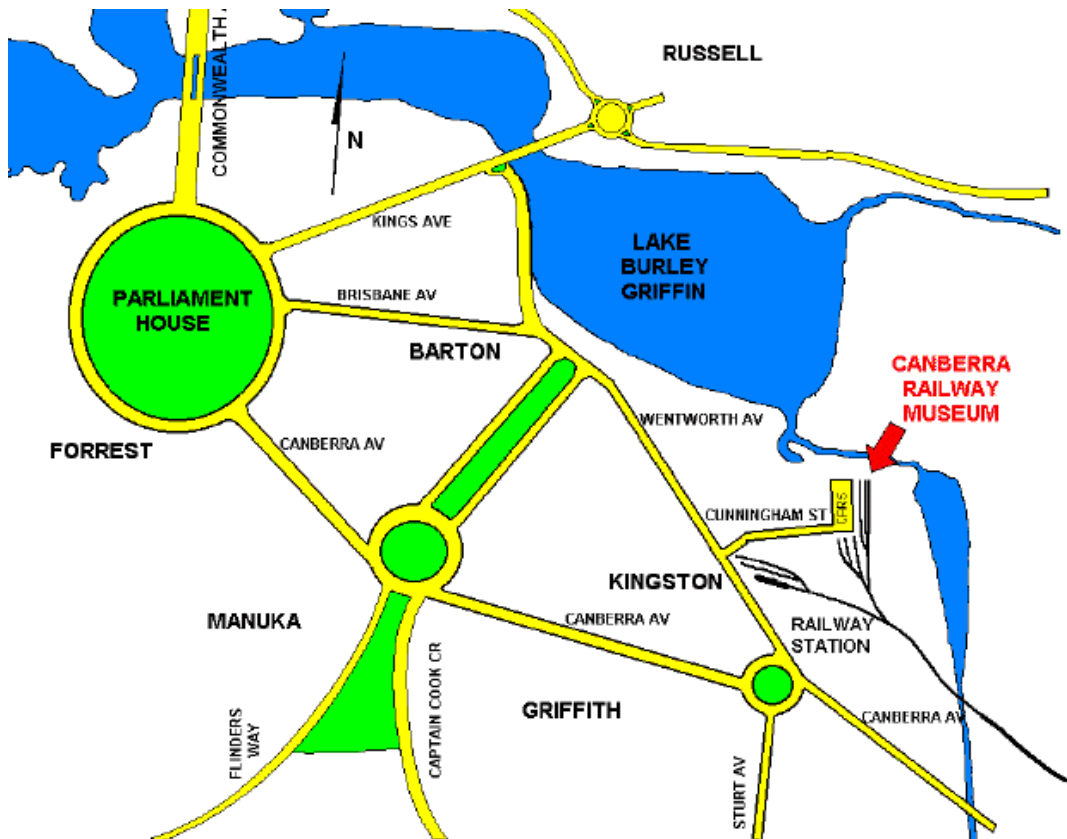
## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Generally held at 7:00 pm in Building G, CIT Bruce Campus, Vowels Crescent, Belconnen

November Club Meeting		December Club Meeting	
Date:	5 November 2008	Date:	3 December 2008
Main Topic:	Carriage Restoration	Main Topic:	Club Christmas Function
<u>Please Note:</u>	Changed meeting location of Canberra Railway Museum for November only	2nd Topic:	Annual Members Competition

## CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR NOVEMBER 2008 MEETING

Just a quick reminder that major topic for discussion at the monthly meeting for November 2008 will be carriage restoration at the Canberra Railway Museum that is located off Cunningham Street in Kingston at Geijera Place, Causeway. Please see the map below for details of how to get there.



Even if you are not expecting to re-build a carriage in the near future, many of the techniques and tricks that have been developed for railway carriage restoration would be extremely to all of us in our woodworking endeavours. In addition, this will be an ideal opportunity to get close and personal with a really big train set – talk about one of the ultimate boy's toys. See you all there!

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## PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Against the background that the editor will be away in Melbourne and overseas therefore unavailable from the beginning of November until at least mid-December, this edition of the Woodpecker has been brought forward. The primary focus of this edition is to:

- advise members who were not able to attend of the outcome of our annual general meeting;
- provide members with details of our annual competition where all members will get the opportunity to showcase their endeavours over the past two years and to marvel at the skills of other members; and
- provide a brief report on recent TOCACT activities.

*Editor*

## MAJOR CLUB RAFFLE FOR 2008

A final quick reminder about our major fund raising endeavour for the year. The Superjaws, pictured below, that were donated by Gordon Heggie of Triton, will be the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the major fund raising raffle by the Club for 2008. The raffle will be drawn at our 3 December 2008 meeting.



**Triton Superjaws**

If you are interested in winning the Superjaws, or any of the other prizes on offer, your time is rapidly running out. Speak to Roger Leach at November's Triton meetings about buying tickets. The more tickets you buy, the greater the chance to win.

However, you will need to be a financial member at the time of the draw to be eligible to win this or any other prizes on offer in that raffle so do not forget to see our Treasurer, Carolan, at the November club meeting to ensure your membership is up to date! ! !

## THE TRITON OWNER'S CLUB (ACT) INC. – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2008

### Opening

1. The vice president, Gavin Neilson, welcomed all members and opened the meeting at 19:20. He noted that a quorum was achieved with 25 members present at the meeting.

### Apologies

2. Apologies had been given by Tom Wilson, Udo Rockmann, Mark Coghlan, Warrick Elliot and Robert Morrison.

### Previous Minutes

3. The secretary advised that the minutes had been circulated to members via the Club's newsletter, the Woodpecker, in October 2007 and that copies were available at the meeting. No proposed changes had been received nor were amendments raised at the meeting.

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Burn Alting,      Seconded: Richard Lee      Carried

## Matters Arising

- The secretary advised there were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

## Annual Report – President

- The vice president reported on behalf of the outgoing president. He emphasised the effectiveness and interest generated by the speakers at our meeting. He thanked our own demonstrators, speakers, and those members who donated their time at the various shows we attended, included the Canberra Show, Malkara and the Working with Wood Show. He additionally thanked the office bearers whose efforts ensured the smooth running of the club for yet another year.

## Financial Report –Treasurer

- The treasurer, Carolan Marstin advised that the club's Financial Statements, Annual Report of the Committee, Statement by Members of the Committee, Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Notes to the Financial Statements and Auditors Report were published in the Woodpecker in September 2008. It was noted that we incurred a loss of \$560.55 for the year. She noted that club consistently keep a bank balance of around \$2,000 and that we had always been in a position to pay all our accounts. She noted that our debts had increased this year, but that was mainly due to the purchase of club caps which only occurred every few years. She also mentioned that recent changes by the local government resulted in our not having to pay a lodgement fee when we lodged our annual return – a saving of approximately, \$31.00. At the time of this meeting we had 77 financial members and had 33 members who had yet to pay their annual membership (they had been invoiced). Our biggest expense for the year was insurance (for our meetings and show/exhibition attendance), then the competition prizes. Carolan also reported we had saved money this year in newsletter costs and postage. A question from the floor regarding entertainment expenses was put and it was explained that the figure was the donation we made to the Ginninderra Lions Club for their provision of a BBQ at our December meeting.

Motion: That the Club's audited Financial Report for 2007/2008 should be accepted.

Moved: Burn Alting, Seconded: Roger Leach Carried

## Election of Office Bearers

- The vice president declared all positions on the Executive Committee vacant and called for nominations. There was only one nomination for each position, hence those who accepted nominations were declared to be elected to the positions as follows:

Position	Elected Member
President	Burn Alting
Vice President	Gavin Neilson
Treasurer	Carolan Marstin
Secretary	Udo Rockmann

- The vice president declared all positions on the General Committee vacant and called for volunteers. Volunteers were appointed as follows:

Position	Member	Position	Member
Rebates	Carolan Marstin	Web master	Burn Alting
Newsletter Editor	Tom Wilson	OH & S Officer	Brian Copeland
Presentations Coordinator	Anthony Figueiredo	Membership/Database	Burn Alting
Raffles	Roger Leach	Printer	Adrian Gallman
Malkara Liaison	Dave Veness	Toy Group Coordinator	Mark Coghlan
Demonstrator	Brian Copeland	Public Officer	Mark Coghlan
Library	Brian Copeland	General Member	Gai Simpson
General Member	John Gill		

The former separate committee positions for Membership and Database were merged.

## Other Business

9. A motion was placed before the members to change section 6 of our constitution. In summary, to allow the committee to establish the full annual membership fee each year. It was explained that by leaving the annual membership fee fixed in the constitution, the club could not quickly act to address any potential financial problems. For example, if the club were advised that our insurance fees were to dramatically increase, we could act to raise revenue to meet such additional costs without resorting to a special general meeting or await the annual general meeting.

During discussions, it was suggested that the motion to be put for decision should allow for the committee to establish the fee, but to impose a limit as to how much this increase could be. After discussion amongst the members present, this suggestion was not proceeded with.

The motion was then put to the meeting, that Section 6 (Membership Fees) of our Constitution be changed to provide that:

The membership year runs from 1 July to 30 June of the following year.

The Full Membership Annual fee will be set by the committee on or before 1 July each year and stay fixed for a period of one year.

The Junior Membership Annual fee will be set to 60% of the Full Membership Annual fee.

The Country Membership Annual fee will be set to 60% of the Full Membership Annual fee.

The Family Membership Annual fee will be set to 140% of the Full Membership Annual fee.

The Life Membership and Honorary Membership Annual Fees will be set to Zero Dollars (\$0.00)

Note 1: If new members pay their membership fee on or before 31 December, the full annual fee is payable.

Note 2: If new members pay their membership fee between 01 January and 01 April, the annual fee is reduced by 40%.

Note 3: If new members pay their membership fee after 01 April, the full annual fee is payable, but membership will be extended to 30 June of the subsequent year.

Note 4: If the calculated fee computes to a non whole dollar value, then that fee will be raised to the nearest whole dollar value.

Moved Burn Alting, Seconded Dave Veness Carried

10. A further motion was made, that:

The committee make every endeavour to announce the Full Membership Annual fee for the following year by the May meeting.

Moved Bob Hall, Seconded Peter Kupkee Carried

## Close

11. The vice president, Gavin Neilson, thanked all members for their attendance. There being no further business, the vice president declared the meeting closed at 20:00.

Gavin Neilson  
Vice President

Burn Alting  
Secretary

## BURN'S TURN

Welcome to my first ramblings as your president. I hope to make time to write something for each Woodpecker.

Up until a few days ago, I was wondering what I could write for this Woodpecker, but then, I was asked what I wanted for the club and what did I want our members to gain from our meetings. Quite simply, I want you, the members, to both enjoy and gain something from our meetings. I want you to come away from the meetings thinking that you learnt something new or rediscovered what you had once known and, as a result, wanted to go home and try out what you just had seen.

Your committee plans to keep up the concept of the last few meetings where we 'generate sawdust and/or shavings'. We want our meetings to be about "HOW TO", whether it's assembling a Workcentre 2000 straight from out of the boxes to

powering it on or to making a box using the router and table. Where possible our presenters will encourage audience participation.

That said, we also want more ideas for meetings. What do you want to see? Is there some tool or aspect of woodworking that you always wanted to see or try, but wanted to see someone demonstrate it first, perhaps then try it under the watchful eye of an experienced member? Well, send an e-mail, call one of the committee or just pull any one of us aside during a meeting and tell us what you want to see.

I am looking forward to next month's meeting at the Canberra Railway Museum in Kingston, we shall see 'working with wood' on a grand scale!

I hope that many of you can attend our annual Christmas BBQ, competition and major raffle draw. Speaking of that competition, aside from the usual categories for entries, we are again pushing the concept of a 'never before entered in our competition' category (our maiden category). We are doing this to encourage all members to just have a go. We hope you may feel this is a somewhat 'safer' category, where you are not competing against the supposedly more experienced woodworkers. Either way, good luck to everyone!

Good woodworking

*Burn.*

## SEPTEMBER 2008 MEETING – FRAMED AND FINISHED

In our September meeting, our erstwhile fearless leader, Rob Morrison, showed us all his expertise in making picture frames – it sounds an easy task but is one that has to be done well to produce an outcome consistent with the quality of the object of our framing. In the photograph below, we see Rob setting up for a cut on his purpose built picture frame cutting jig. If you can't remember, Rob is clamping the frame side to both the jig and the protractor prior to initiating a cut.



Thanks Bob for passing on those skills and tips to us all.

Later that evening we had the ever-reliable Brian (and sorry we couldn't put your photo in the Woodpecker one more time Brian, but the camera just broke) and Burn demonstrating a whole range of sanding devices that members might want to use from time to time.

These ranged, from the simple cork block, though oscillating, orbital, belt and disc machines. Burn demonstrated how quickly one could sand away 1cm of wood on a 12" disc sander with 80 grit paper mounted - it was only a few seconds! I think we all came away with a much clearer understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of all the sanding aids available to us as well as the importance of selecting the right tool for the right job. As always, Brian and Burn thanks from everyone for passing on your knowledge and skills to us all.

*Editor*

## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

If you haven't yet started on your masterpiece(s) for this year's annual competition, you are running very late and unless you get cracking very soon, it will be too bloody late.

The Annual Competition and Christmas Barbeque are being held at the December Triton meeting on Wednesday, 3 December 2008 at the usual venue at CIT. Please note that the BBQ will commence at 6:00 pm, and if you have a competition entry, please have it fully set up by no later than 6:30 pm to facilitate timely judging. This means you will have to have lodged your entry form(s) with the Secretary well before that 6:30 deadline in order to allow the Secretary to allocate an entry number for each of your entries.

In this regard, please remember, a separate entry form is to be lodged with each piece entered in the competition so members will need to print as many copies of the form on page 6 of this newsletter as the number of entries they propose to lodge on the evening.

Like last year, the BBQ will be pay-as-you-go affair – the more you eat, the more you will have to pay. But the proceeds of the BBQ will go to a good cause.

The competition will follow the same format as last year, and you still have time to whip something together. This is an event for you to show off your handiwork, whether it is large or small, finished or unfinished, or something built in the last two years. Even if you don't want to enter the competition, bring your handiwork as a discussion point.

To encourage members to enter this competition, this year, there will be five categories. We will have the usual four of Toys, Furniture, Ornamental and Workshop. In addition we will have a 5<sup>th</sup> open category which is ONLY AVAILABLE to members who have never entered this competition in a previous year. All items entered into the maiden category will only compete against each other and will be displayed on a separate table.

Remember, this is more than just entering a competition for a prize. This is an event for you to show off your handiwork, whether it is large or small that has been built in the last two years, irrespective of whether it is finished or unfinished.

### CATEGORIES

- Toys: Unlimited except should be designed for a child as a toy and not a model; i.e. can a child belt this around or will it sit on a shelf for display.
- Furniture: Might include tables, chairs, beds, chests, cupboards, cabinets, stools, benches, plant boxes, camping or fold-up tables, etc.
- Ornamental: Might include jewel boxes, puzzles, chess pieces, trays, lamps, knick-knacks, quilt racks, etc.
- Workshop: Might include jigs, tools, tool boxes, workshop assistance etc.
- Maiden: The only criterium for items in this category is that the member entering has never entered anything in our competitions in previous years.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

- Fit For Purpose: Safety aspects, can it be used as intended?
- Innovation: Novel ideas or designs
- Look: Feel, Finish, Visual Appeal
- Materials: Best use of materials (bonus points will be added if you use recycled materials).

Provided there are sufficient entries in each category of Toys, Furniture, Ornamental and Workshop, there will be three cash prizes in each of these categories: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$30 respectively. There will only be ONLY ONE prize in the Maiden category, 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$100. Entry forms for the competition are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

*Editor*

## NEXT TRITON TRAINING COURSE

The next Triton Course being conducted by CIT will be a summer school from the 12th to 16th January 2009 09:00 to 12:00 noon daily. Contact CIT Solutions for more details.

*Editor*

## WORKING WITH WOOD SHOW

Although Triton, the organisation, didn't make it to the Canberra Working with Wood Show, the Triton Owners Club (ACT) Inc., did. Thanks to the Woodcraft Guild we were provided some space for a table and small stand where we were

able to show some of our member's efforts. We had many people stop and talk with our faithful members who staffed the stand and let's hope some of these people are now new members reading this article.



*A Smiling Triton Team*



*Jigs and cars and wheels and Triton*



*Toys any child would love*

The photos show above some of our faithful workers, and the items we had on display. The committee's thanks goes to all those members who spared a few hours over the weekend to help staff our stand and talk with current and potential woodworkers.

*Editor*

CALENDAR		
Date	Event	Notes
5 Nov 2008	Club Meeting	Primary Topic: Carriage Restoration (Bob Hall) at the Canberra Railway Museum Secondary Topic: More Carriage Restoration
3 Dec 2008	Club Meeting	Competition and Christmas Party
4 Feb 2009	Club Meeting	To Be Advised
11 Feb 2009	Committee Meeting	CIT Bruce
4 Mar 2009	Club Meeting	To Be Advised

Just a reminder, for any late changes to the calendar of forthcoming events, please see the 'Calendar Section' of the Triton Owners' Club website, [www.tocact.org.au](http://www.tocact.org.au).

**2008 ANNUAL COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

**Instructions**

Please complete all fields in Section 1 and Section 2 except for the Entry Number and present this form to the Competition Convenor well before the start of the judging. A separate entry form is to be lodged with each piece entered in the competition.

The Competition Convenor will allocate the next sequential Entry Number for your category and record it in both sections. The Competition Convenor will retain Section 1. In this way, the judges will not know which member made the entries.

Place Section 2 with your item.

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**SECTION 1– to be retained by the Competition Convenor**

Name: ..... Member Number:.....

Phone: .....

Category: Toy / Furniture / Ornamental / Workshop / Maiden (*Circle applicable*)

Are you willing to have your entry available for display at a subsequent presentation by the Triton Owners' Club (A.C.T.) Inc. (for example, at the Model Railway and Scale Model Exhibition or the Working with Wood Show) during 2009?

Yes / No (*Circle applicable*)

Entry Number: .....(allocated by the Competition Convenor)

Please detach here

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**SECTION 2 – to be placed with your entry**

Entry Number: ..... (allocated by the Competition Convenor)

Category: Toy / Furniture / Ornamental / Workshop / Maiden (*Circle applicable*)

Item Name:.....

Recycled Materials? No / Yes (*Circle applicable and describe:*) .....

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Item Description:.....

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