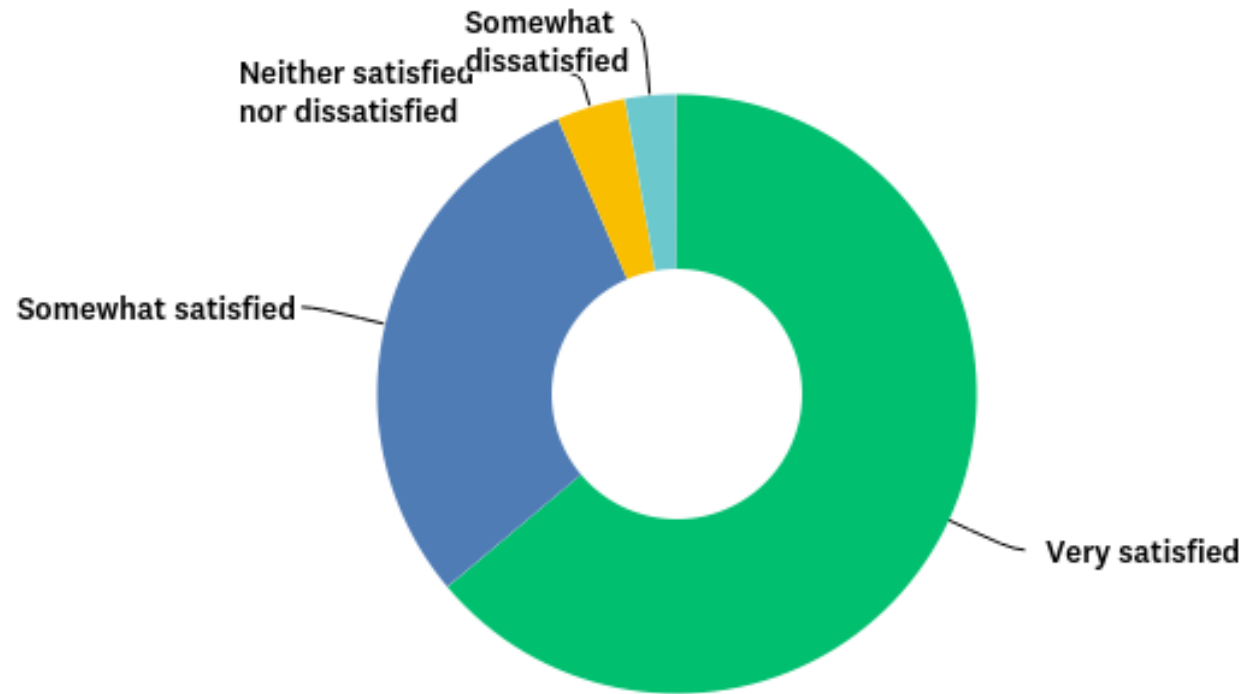
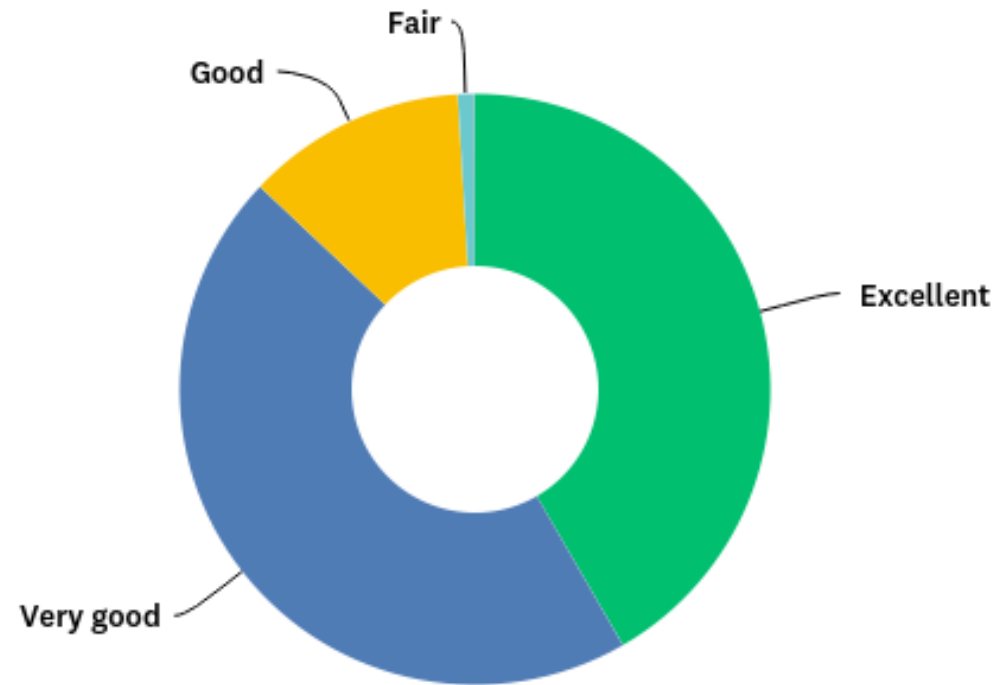


Q1 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the Woodcraft Guild?



Q2 Overall, how would you rate the redevelopment of the shed?



Q3 How many times have you attended the shed in the last 6 months?

attendance						
	NONE	1-3 TIMES	4-10 TIMES	11-20 TIMES	MORE THAN 20 TIMES	TOTAL
attendance	11.11% 12	17.59% 19	34.26% 37	11.11% 12	25.93% 28	108

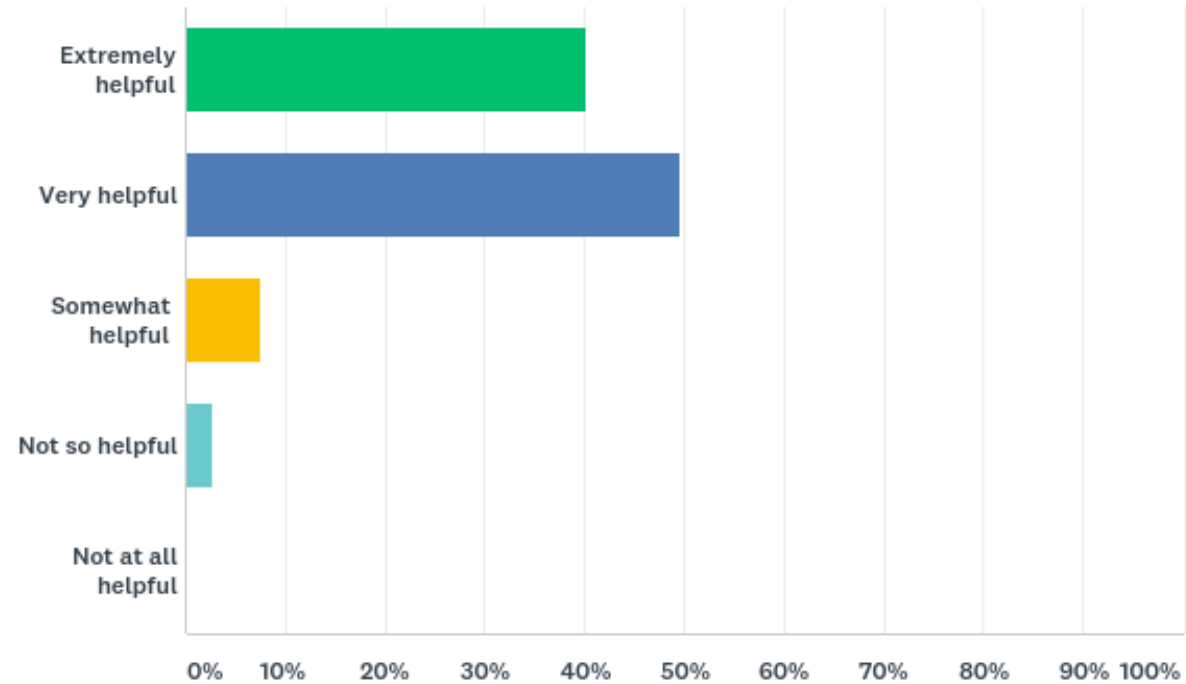
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ANSWER CHOICES			RESPONSES
Musical instrument making			3.75% 3
Tool appreciation and making			5.00% 4
Turning - between centres			5.00% 4
Pyrography			6.25% 5
Carving			7.50% 6
Toy making			10.00% 8
Marquetry and Intarsia			10.00% 8
Turning - intermediate and more			16.25% 13
Furniture making			18.75% 15
Turning - miniatures and mandrels			20.00% 16
Scroll Saw			20.00% 16
Turning- Saturdays			26.25% 21
Turning - beginners			28.75% 23
Introduction to woodworking			33.75% 27
Total Respondents: 80			

Attendances at SIGs - this question looks perhaps at where we should be developing particular groups and interests

NONE	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	TOTAL
34.26%	33.33%	13.89%	10.19%	8.33%	
37	36	15	11	9	108

How often have you been to monthly meetings - this answer reflects a core group who attend monthly meetings – it would be nice to think that we could pack out the monthly sessions with more members – but we do need guidance on what you want in these sessions. ... or do we stop them?

Q6 How would you rate the friendliness of the Woodcraft Guild



Sure we are helpful and friendly – but could we do better?– we all need to keep an eye on those members who need help or inspiration.

Q7 What is it that you like best as a member of the woodcraft Guild?

helpful great friendly expertise equipment learning advice use
Access facilities members work people good
help Friendship knowledge machinery experience skills

This is really what we exist for – a friendly group of people interested in wood and helpful to others.!

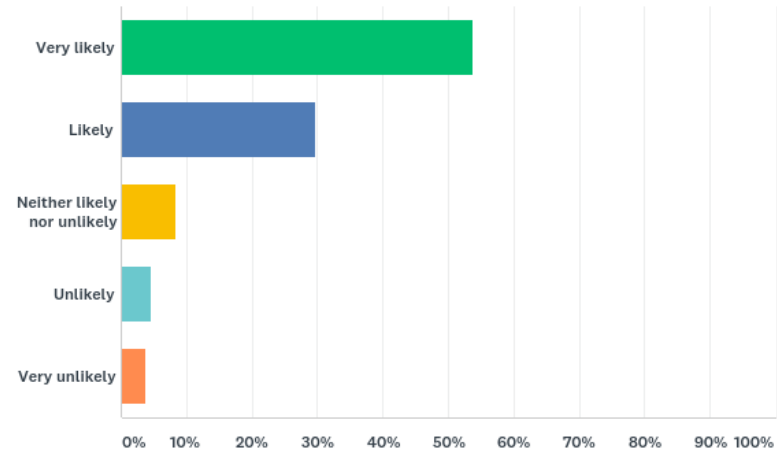
Q8 What is it that you like least as a member of the woodcraft guild?

people home live find time attend shed SIG guild think
members know Nothing new member lack anything feel
enough work access

And the can we do better question hangs behind here !... there are things that we cannot do .. Moving close to everyone for example, work time, weather... whilst we would like to please everyone all of the time .. At least we try!

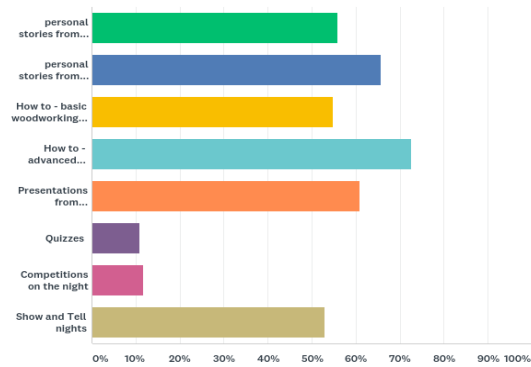


Q9 Now that we have nearly completed our redevelopment, how likely are you to support an increase of \$10 in the membership fees in order to fund replacement tools.



This question was meant to gauge the members attitude to our membership fee value. With the expanded facility we have increased costs not just in utilities but also the need to replace consumables more often.

Q10 Concerning the monthly Guild meeting: which broad categories of presentation would you support?



ANSWER CHOICES-

RESPONSES-

-personal stories from members.	55.88%
	57
-personal stories from experts outside the guild.	65.69%
	67
-How to - basic woodworking techniques and skills.	54.90%
	56
-How to - advanced woodworking techniques and skills.	72.55%
	74
-Presentations from industry/companies involved in selling timber and or tools.	60.78%
	62
-Quizzes	10.78%
	11
-Competitions on the night	11.76%
	12
-Show and Tell nights	52.94%
	54

Total Respondents: 102

We were trying to understand what members would like at their monthly meetings - if they are to continue.

Some of the other responses about the monthly meeting.

back to little competitions.

I think that members should be able to put their (excess) tools up for sale, with a 15% commission to the guild (same as ebay and Graysonline). No reason the guild could not put them on the website either

None at present

Sometimes the topic is well above my skill level and I'm not even sure what is being discussed.

I would like to but I have never attended as I'm still a beginner to the guild.

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I've not been to one yet, can't comment

Frankly, I am not a fan of the monthly meeting, but I do understand that many members look forward to them. I have no clear idea how to make them more attractive, at least for me. Given the enormous number of members, it's a challenge.

Start on advertised time

Current format is OK

I was unaware this was for everyone. I thought it was for the committee members

The monthly meeting used to be more fun... it now seems more stilted and I have not attended as regularly as I used to.

SIG reports

I'm not really a meeting person unfortunately and I am not keen on driving over the Kambah after dark. Once I'm home for dinner I like to stay there. Yes, I know, I'm a wooz!

A degree of heating for the meeting during Winter months would assist in making the monthly meeting a more pleasant experience.

bring your own catering e.g cakes/biscuits

More exposure of the development plan with critical path goals and a team approach to each goal attainment; along with the budget allocation.

Some variety in presentations to inspire new ideas.

Focus on project tips and hints

I wasn't sure what it was. I thought it was a committee meeting so as a newer member I didn't attend. Now I am interested. Perhaps reminding new members via the bulletin what the meeting is for not just for the committee.

An earlier start in winter.

Members' work - show and tell.

On evenings other than Wednesday, as those are mostly busy for me.

I have not been able to attend yet because of work commitments. Is it possible for a monthly meeting to be held on a Saturday occasionally.

More hands on stuff

Other than the monthly meetings visits to craft woodwork or other related business

Would it be possible to stream it to the Internet via "twitch"? I cannot make it due to protracted severe illness, but I'm super keen. If I could watch I would be super stoked. (see <https://www.twitch.tv>) or something else.

More advance notice of the agenda.

Short and sweet. Presentations shouldn't be part of the meeting. Presentation should be stand alone...

I like the idea of a Market for Tools suggested earlier. I know I could bring along a box of old tools to sell off, with the usual commission going back to the Guild of course. Maybe a larger once a year event on the same theme.

I can't make Wednesday nights so I never go. Could we vary the weeknight a little?

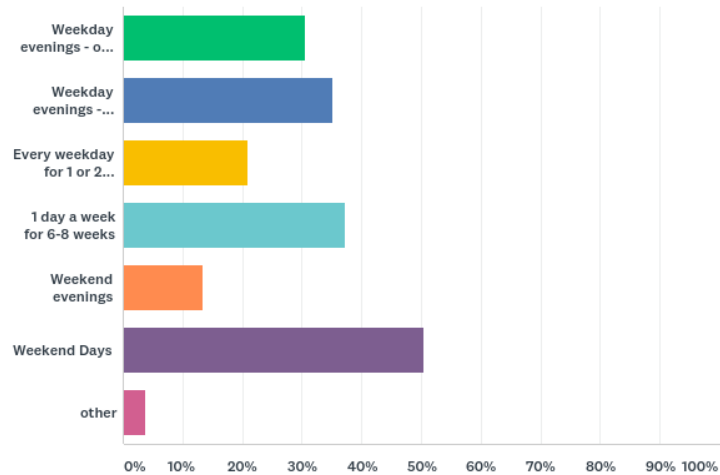
Q12 How would you rate the Guild monthly meetings for you?

VERY POOR	POOR	NEITHER GOOD NOR BAD	GOOD	GREAT
0.98%	1.96%	47.06%	45.10%	4.90%
1	2	48	46	5

From this we get the impression that members who come like what we do – and members who do not, don't come.

Workshops – this gives members an idea of preferences for workshops and courses. Whilst many members are retired and have free time in the week many others remain at work and can only manage weekends. We have to plan workshops to satisfy a range of members' available time. We have made it possible to run workshops alongside SIG meetings.

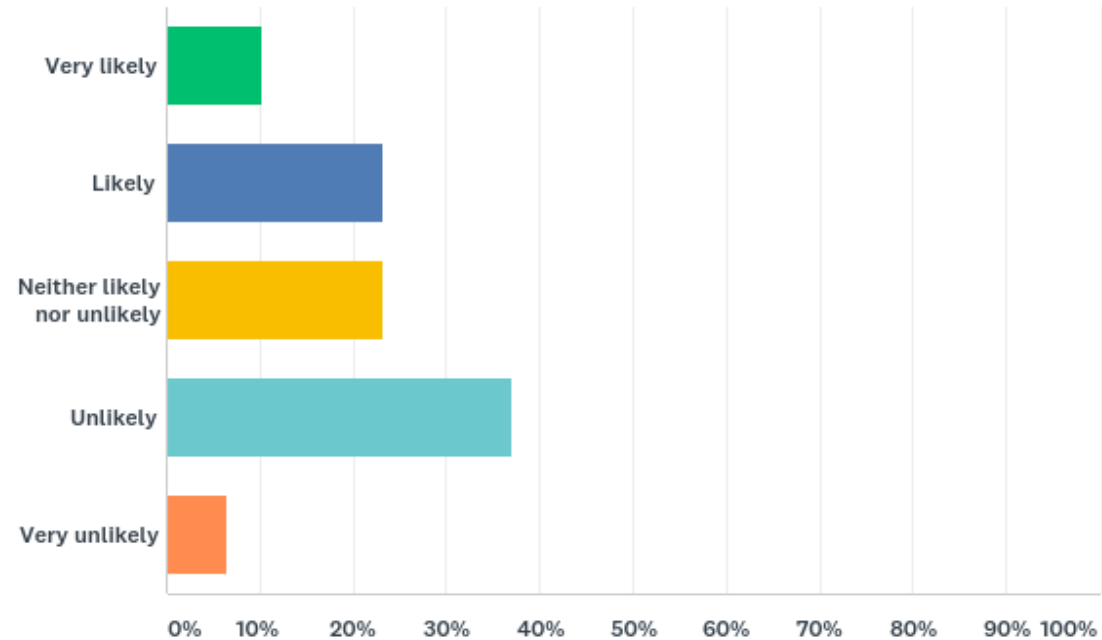
Q14 Concerning Courses and Workshops: What is your preferred time for which you could schedule your attendance?



ANSWER CHOICES-	RESPONSES-
-Weekday evenings - over one or two weeks	30.48% 32
-Weekday evenings - weekly for 6 - 8 weeks	35.24% 37
-Every weekday for 1 or 2 weeks	20.95% 22
-1 day a week for 6-8 weeks	37.14% 39
-Weekend evenings	13.33% 14
-Weekend Days	50.48% 53
-other	3.81% 4

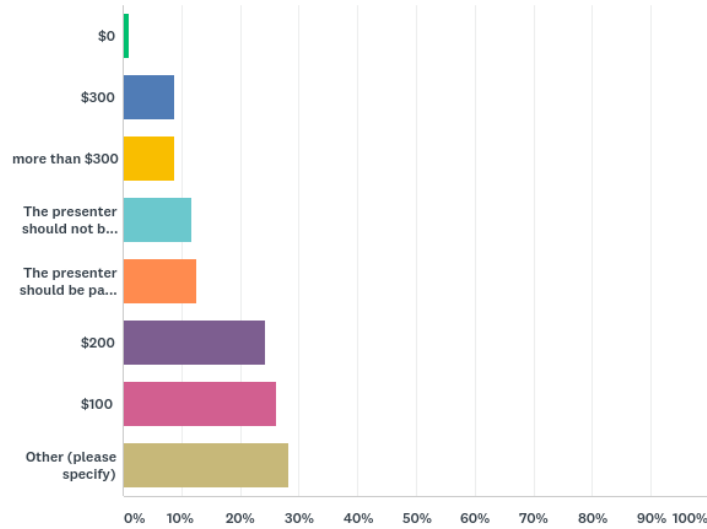
Total Respondents: 105

Q15 Courses provided by outside experts cost a daily fee, travel and accommodation for the duration of the course. Assuming a 3-5 day course given by a popular and notable expert, the estimated course cost may be say \$600 each for a pool of 10 students, how likely are you to be interested in attending.



So .. There is a group of members who are interested in attending courses from experts. This will entail transport, accommodation and meals costs for the course leader. Some leaders can be accommodated at member's homes but all will command a workshop fee between \$600-\$1000 per day. So before we start we need to cover costs – hence the fees.

Q16 For the same course provided in house by an equally expert guild member what maximum price per person would you be prepared to contribute?



ANSWER CHOICES-

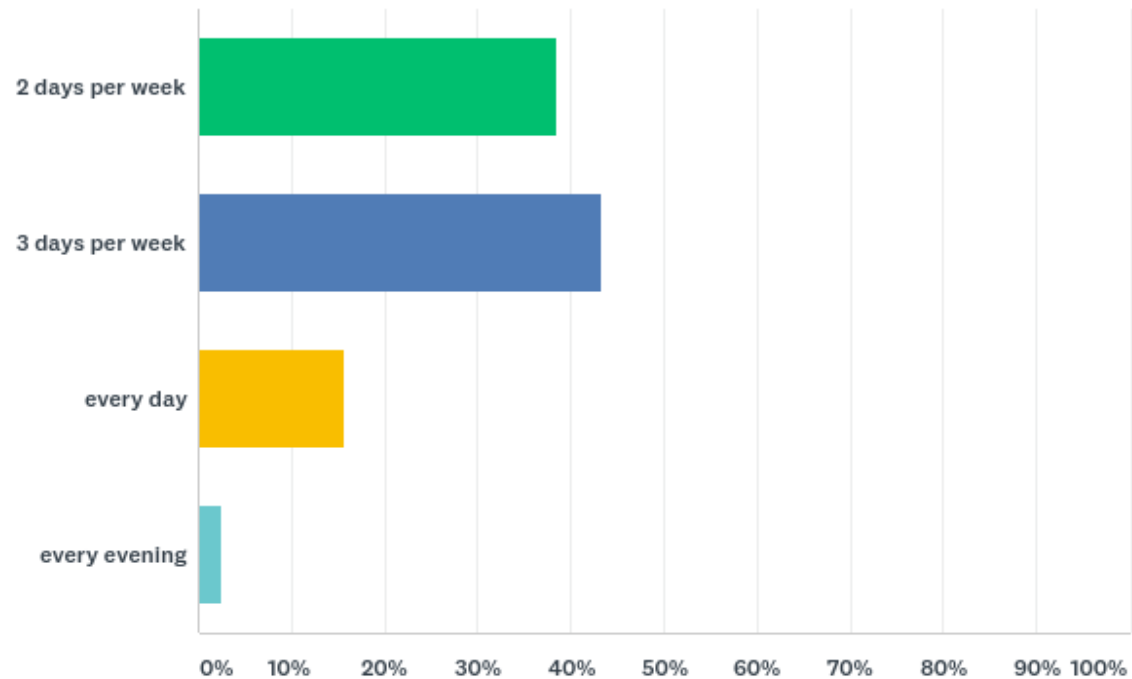
RESPONSES-

-\$0	0.97%
1	
-\$300	8.74%
9	
-more than \$300	8.74%
9	
-The presenter should not be paid	11.65%
12	
-The presenter should be paid the same as the outside expert	12.62%
13	
-\$200	24.27%
25	
-\$100	26.21%
27	
-Responses	28.16%
Other (please specify)	29

Total Respondents: 103

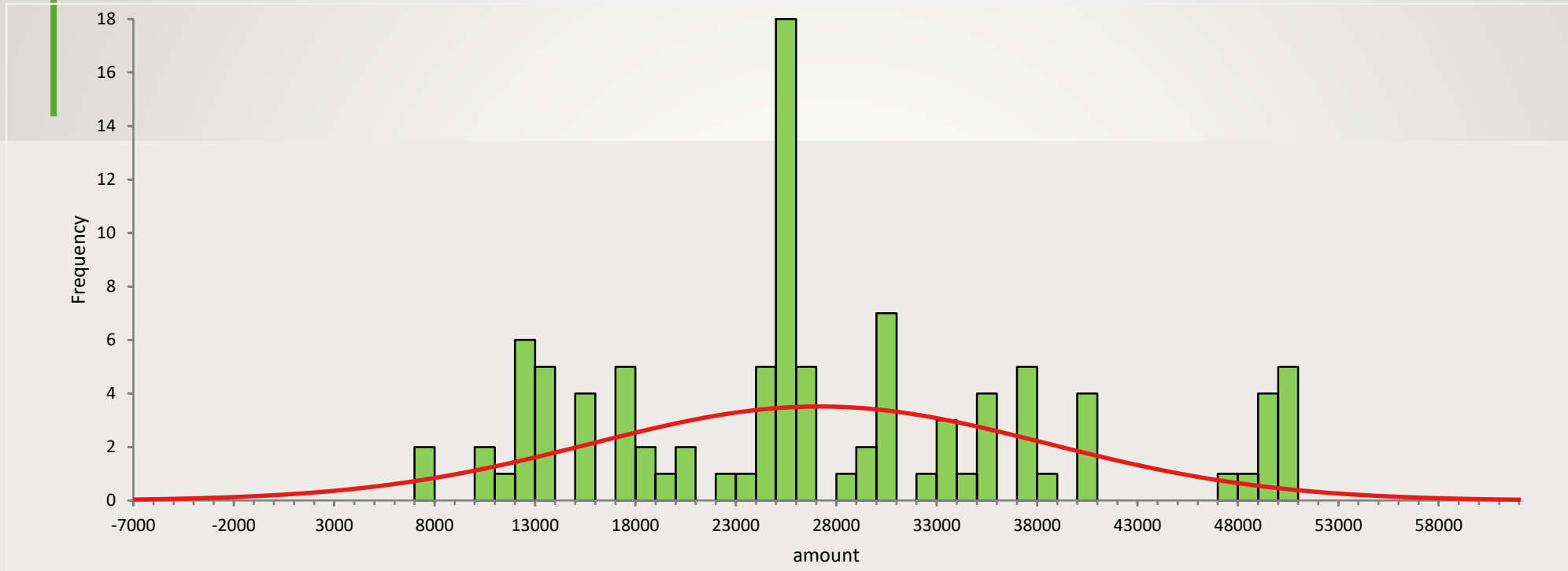
Workshops – some members believe that in house courses run by members should not attract a fee – there are however, material and preparation costs, and costs in providing facilities out of normal SIG hours – in general they cannot be put on for nothing. Some courses will be specifically looking at tool replacement or new tool purchases. A present or small token of appreciation seems popular. We are aware that that many members do not have spare cash to spend in this way and are reliant on advice and teaching from others during general meetings.

Q17 The shed is currently open tuesdays and thursdays only, how many days each week do you think that the shed should be open?



Shed opening times are tricky. There needs to be a shed boss to take responsibility for how the shed runs, keep an eye on safety and be there to lock up securely. Fridays looks as if there will be someone on deck most weeks and will be discussed further – Wednesdays is also possible. So watch this space.

One question was seeking member's understanding of the running costs of the shed. Given a scale between \$0 and \$50,000 per year Range of estimates is shown below:



Our current running costs are close to \$35,000 per year before we get into tool and machine replacement. Funding for the new build has come from grants, gifts and accumulated funds of members with prudent stewardship over the last 10 years. Courses, workshops and sales events contribute to buying tools – replacement and new. The Guild membership fee remains very good values.

Q20 Finally, Would you like to make other comments or suggestions that would help us make the Guild experience better?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 46

- Buddy system for new members, can be a bit intimidating turning up sometimes.
- As a new member, I am finding it necessary (& enjoyable) to attend the shed and actually build something (rather simple and utilitarian) in order to become familiar with who is who, but more importantly to learn the guild/club culture. The lunch bell was a surprise to me. Accreditation was not a surprise but my lack of it is teaching me that starting up can be a very slow process. I deliberately avoided using my own table saw, bad saw, planer/thicknesser to "experience" the guild for my first project, but now I am starting to think it would have been easier to pick a hand tools only project to work on "in the shed". Its been quite an interesting sea-change, after 5 or 6 years of retirement closeted in my own workshop.
- 1. Too much stuff left lying on benches and around the shed. Tools should be put away when finished with and all timber should be removed/confiscated. 2. Old tools and items not required by members should not be left in the shed. This is largely junk which is no longer required. 3. Not a fan of craft shows and the like. If the owners of items want to sell them then let them run such sales events. 4. Sausage sizzles at Bunnings are the easiest and most effective fund raisers. Give them promotion to get members involved. They seem to be organised and run by a select few. 5. Terry O'Loughlan is the most valuable member of the Guild and needs to be given more support.
- The Guild rebuild is great, but at the same time I think that we have lost something of the sense of community that we enjoyed a few years ago. The two may not be linked, but somehow the environment is not quite as welcoming as before.
- Many like to assist others. The Guild could usefully encourage / promote its philanthropic work. For example: most Australian woodworkers use power tools. Manual tools can be invaluable in remote Pacific islands. A bridge through organisations like Rotary could put these tools to good use.
- more flexible approach to courses. e.g. one day/night course teaching a simple/single skill e.g. dovetailing.
- Rather than raise the membership fees would it be better to have the required amount for maintenance added either annually or in some other regular intervals?
- SIGs, Intro (Mon evening) and Advanced (Wed evening) shed programs could have more structure.
- Needs more educational stuff and more days open
- The guild could look at developing holistic program of activities that include, learning, teaching, demonstrating, sharing workshops designed for people to develop and improve skills and then graduating to working on projects of interest or for community benefit. Social activities that do not necessarily involve woodworking should be explored to develop a social affinity with the woodworking community.
- I'm thrilled there might be an opportunity to learn lutherie skills. Perhaps the guild should do more hard-core educational experiences e.g. like Bowral, ANU, private tutors, etc
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