



The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
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Dear Mr Smyth

 A.C.T. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE OFFICE	
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RE: Inquiry into elements impacting on the future of the ACT Clubs Sector

On behalf of the **Woodcraft Guild ACT** I am happy to relate our involvement with the Southern Cross Club to the Inquiry.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for **the Woodcraft Guild ACT** for a number of years and each year we receive approximately \$1500 per year to support the Guild's activities in tutoring and mentoring troubled children from 2 of ACT schools locally.

Excerpted from our monthly newsletter: Our March meeting presenter, Phil Colman, is the Coordinator of the Guild's Student Program. Along with other esteemed Guild mentors, Mike Cammell, John McKenna and David Dunnet, and with the ready assistance of Shed Boss, Terry O'Loughlin, Phil runs weekly tailor-made workshops for disadvantaged students during school terms. Under the Guild's Licence Agreement we have an obligation to provide a community benefit, such as this Student Program. The Program is specifically aimed at meeting the needs of disadvantaged students who have learning difficulties, or are from troubled homes. Phil's talk focussed on the regular Thursday workshops; how suitable projects have evolved; and in particular the skills required in teaching, mentoring and encouraging these students.

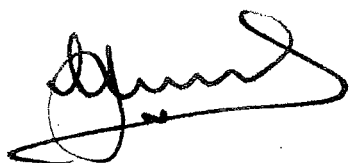


In the photo above, Phil is seen at right, in mentoring "uniform", along with one of his students and a school representative. The Bird Feeder proudly on display is a typical introductory project for teaching basic hand-tool skills.

Because of our SCC support, we are able to unlock Children and young people's creativity and woodworking skills in a safe therapeutic environment. We would be unable to mount this program without this contribution and in expanding the program further we will be looking to our continued engagement with the Southern Cross Club into the future.

The assistance of the Club industry in the ACT is reflected through our partnership with **Canberra Southern Cross Club** and clearly articulates an important role in Canberra that we would like to see continued and enhanced.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Reynolds', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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