

The Eltham Woodworker



December 2017

Reg Number A 0025947P

Office Bearers

John Winkett President	9439 1793	John Brownrigg Vice President	0409 145516
Charles Camera Secretary	9434 2269	Dave Mitchell Treasurer	9436 4916

Committee Members

Keith Hawkins	9432 6751	Tony Orbe	0407 050723
Steve Mitchener	0409 003487	Bruce Jackson	9717 4802
Lorraine Kruger	9436 1742		

All correspondence to be addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box 701, Eltham, 3095 or email secretary@elthamwoodworkers.org.au

Newsletter Editor

Beryl Watling 9439 6860 editor@elthamwoodworkers.org.au
The deadline for inclusion in the newsletter is the Tuesday the week before our meeting. Please email the item in Word or text format.

Next Monthly Club Meeting Wednesday 6th December, 2017 at 8pm

At the CFA Hall, next door to the Clubhouse, War Memorial Park
448 Ironbark Rd Cnr De Fredericks Rd) Yarrambat, Melways map, page 184 G8,
Phone: - 9436 1907

President's Report for November 2017

Well I guess we are all recovered from the wonderful exhibition. I have had so many positive comments that I think it was one of the best that we have had. A lot of member's pieces were sold from the exhibition as well as the sales table and as usual Wes's workshop was one of our highlights. A really big thank you to everyone who contributed to this success.

We now have a membership of 107 which makes our proposed extension even more necessary. The mayor promised to get some action at Council on this but so far, the silence has been deafening. I will be taking this issue up with our local Councilor as well as the Mayor, before Christmas.

There are still a number of members who haven't picked up their Safety guide. Please can you do this as it is an important part of the Club's OH&S policy. We are trying to make this workshop as safe a place as possible for members to work in so please support us in this initiative.

We have scheduled a clean up day on Saturday 9th December so come along and lend a hand. We will start at 9am and hopefully be finished by 12. Apart from the clean up we will also be moving the container into a more convenient position. Robert Merlo has a plan!!

The following Sunday is our Christmas lunch and if you haven't signed up for this event contact John Brownrigg as soon as possible. A lot of hard work goes into this event and it deserves our full support.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee may I wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2018.

John Winkett

Winners & Grinners

The result of the raffle are as follows:

1st Prize	C. McCoy	Eltham
2nd	M. Vaughan	Eltham
3rd	E. Grace	Eltham
4th	M. Spargo	Eltham
5th	R. Starec	Doreen
6th	J. Stewart	Briar Hill

Xmas Function - all those planning to come along to the Xmas function and 30th Anniversary celebration, if you have not yet confirmed your places, please let me know how many tickets you need for the 10th of December. Come along and enjoy the company of your fellow members. Let any objections you might have fall away and support your club. You might even have fun!

Annual Exhibition

Our thirtieth exhibition is now over and what a great one it was with around 350 magnificent exhibits. It amazes me to see the wide range and imagination of members exhibits.

The exhibition would not happen without the effort put in by many members and I would like to thank those members who helped as follows:

- The exhibition committee for the planning and organisation of the exhibition
- Making the Wes's workshop items
- Transporting items to and from and setting up/ packing up the exhibition
- Helping out during the exhibition such as demonstrating, Wes's workshop, sales table, ticket sales or generally being of assistance

And a special thanks to Maureen, Janette and Ilma (and others) who supplied tea/coffee and lunches throughout the 2 days as well as the wrap up drinks.

Geoff Oliver

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Festive Season Workshop Closures - 2017-2018

	Last Session	First Session
Box Making	6 th December 2017	7 th February 2018
Carving Group	1 st December 2017	19 th January 2018
Saturday Open Workshop	16 th December 2017	20 th January 2018
Tuesday Open Workshop	12 th December 2017	23 rd January 2018
Thursday Open Workshop	14 th December 2017	25 th January 2018
Mentoring Monday	18 th December 2017	8 th January 2018
Pyrography Group	26 th November 2017	28 th January 2018
Scrollsaw Group	2 nd December 2017	6 th January 2018
Woodturning Tuesday Evenings	5 th December 2017	30 th January 2018
Wes' Workshop (Wednesday morning)	Currently Closed	To Be Advised 2018
Woodturning Thursday Daytime		1 st February 2018 To be confirmed

These dates have been set with the knowledge and cooperation of the various Group Leaders and Keyholders.

Whittlesea Show – David Green

On the week-end on 4th and 5th November the Whittlesea Show was on once again and we "The Eltham & District Woodworkers" had a stand there as usual. The weather gods were on our side as the weather was just beautiful and with that it brought out plenty of passing people.



With all of these people and the glorious conditions we could not help but have a successful time. Wes was busy making bush furniture and was attracting much interest. However, I must admit he took the easy way out on many occasions and actually got the passing trade to try their hand at his skills. Nice work Wes, perhaps you even tempted some of them to join the club. Sandra as usual was showing her skills at wood carving and had a wonderful display of her finished articles for people to drool over. Sandra always draws a very keen group of admirers when she is working.

Tony Orb (who had just come out of hospital) was put on light duties. So together with John Winkett they were in charge of the sales table. Over the two days all of the items that we took to sell were sold. We sold every cutting board, all of the helicopters left over from Wes's workshop last year and a couple of bags of small scroll saw animals and jigsaw puzzles that Peter Davies gave to us. Thank you, Peter. We even had a couple of boot pullers that Alwyn donated for sale, but unfortunately, we could only sell the right hand one, and had to bring the other one back home. Ha Ha!!



As for me (David Green) I was busy working on the lathe most of the time and was busy making spinning tops for the kids as they passed by. After all of the tops that I have turned I must admit most of them do actually work. When not on the lathe I spent a little time on the scroll-saw. Perhaps next year we may be lucky enough to get a couple of other members who can use either the lathe or the scroll-saw to come along and help out, it is a great week-end.

Charlie Camera came along with his wife Yvonne for a while. Yvonne got busy taking photos and short videos to put onto our "face-book" page. While Yvonne was doing this Charlie gave me a bit time off the lathe and demonstrated his skills at making a small ring box and lid. Very clever Charlie, I must learn to do this at some time.



On Sunday, we had a slight change of staff as Maike joined us to demonstrate her skills at pyrography. As we all know Maike is just brilliant and the crowd soon got to appreciate her skills also. Well done Maike your work is just divine. John Dawdy come and stunned the punters with his miniature items. I don't know if he dropped any but if he did I can assure you they would still be there somewhere.

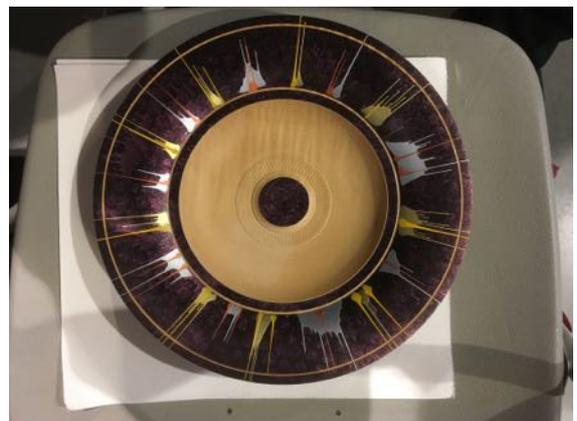
Geoff Oliver as we all know is also in a recovery situation also, so he was on light duties on the sales table as well. Barry Vaughan also came along, he is a good all rounder. It is always a pleasure to have Barry's company and his assistance in many areas is invaluable.

It would be remiss of me not to mention and thank most sincerely, Barry McDonald. Barry actually organised all of this and was the main communicator between us (Eltham & District Woodworkers) and the Whittlesea show authority, unfortunately at the last minute Barry had to go to Perth on urgent family business. Thank you, Barry, for the preparation that you had done and the way in which you handed it over to me. Without your effort, this would have been a totally different report. Hopefully next year we will have your company on the lathe and scroll-saw once again.

Around the Workshop – Charlie Camera- November

At the opening of our exhibition, John Winkett welcomed Graham Legg from the UK. Graham is a member of the Derbyshire Dales Woodcraft Club (<http://ddwc.co.uk/>) and had asked if he could “check out our club” as he was visiting Melbourne. He couldn’t believe his luck when told that it was our annual Exhibition W/E and was delighted to be invited to our official opening. Not surprisingly he was most impressed with the standard and variety of work on show and with the unfamiliar but very attractive wood species we used. Graham is most involved in wood turning and at his club there is currently great interest in a technique using iridescent paint on turned items. The paint is applied on a black background whilst the item is on the lathe and results in a remarkable effect. The paint used is from Jo Sonja USA and whilst the brand is sold in craft shops everywhere here I have yet to find stock of the iridescent range. When I do I think it might give the turners something new to try.

On his return, he sent some photos and on the left is his first attempt at the technique whilst on the right is another item by a master (Mick Hanbury).



Derbshire have a very interesting newsletter which can be opened here - <http://ddwc.co.uk/downloads/files/Issue%2053%20November%202017%20REDUCED.pdf> and if that is rivetingly interesting they have others on their website - <http://ddwc.co.uk/>

Some time ago I put up a notice on the club’s white board requesting suggestions for new equipment. One response in very bold letters was asking for a new sander. Barry Lay has also been advocating for an industrial strength machine for some time. As a result, the matter has been considered by the committee and a decision has been made to investigate opportunities and available models. A candidate machine is the Festool Rotex 150 on which it happens that member Albert MacGregor is an expert and master. We have asked Albert to demonstrate one at the next members meeting on Dec 6th. At the meeting members present will be able to have a say on the merits and suitability given the very considerable cost.

We now have a greater number of members interested in turning especially from many new members and, as reported last month, Graeme Deany has arranged for additional turning times including Thursdays afternoons beginning next year. Along with the extra time slots there is also a need for more machines but provision is however complex as there are such matters as space requirements both for working and for storage. Various options are being investigated with consultation from members.

Carving Group – Steve Mitchener - 27/10/2017.

As the Exhibition is closing in on us, we decided to slip in another carving day to help us get things finished. The intent was well-founded, the planning and co-ordination was excellent, but the results were somewhat lacking at the end of the day. But we had fun any way....

Sandra was working on a trilogy of pieces in Huon Pine. Long odd shaped triangular legs off a rustic type stool I believe. One is definitely a pug dog; his face is quite clear. The other two are still under discussion. Suggestions are coming from every quarter. A hand, snake, egret, paw or a bird's head. Sandra also cut up a log for another bird shape.

Batoul worked diligently on her goose until it was finished. Neil was shaping his jar, still hoping he had enough time to get it finished and in the Exhibition even at this late stage.

I was finishing a Bilby I started some time ago. Still requires a lot of sanding before it's finished, so it won't make the cut this year either. When I got tired of that, I started carving a Peeking Mouse that I had cut to rough shape a couple of years back. It's in Kauri Pine, and has a long, long way to go.

Barry and Talal were in the workshop working along at a frantic pace.

Pyrography Group – Peter Davies – 29/10/2017

A beautiful sunny day for any activity – we chose pyrography for the day. No footy or cricket on the oval and no Firies sorting their hoses next door so it was a quiet day too. We were a bit down on numbers but that did not stop some useful work being done - in between there were conversations on many and varied topics, so once again we had answers for politicians, parents, teachers, and just about everyone else. But of course, we never get around to passing our advice on. Every member present is, or was, a teacher!

As usual, some quite varied work. Maike has taken on a couple of big projects, an under the sea scene with turtles and coral, and a steam train in the country side, both requiring patient detailed work. Beryl applied a mouse and cheese motif to some cutting boards (destined for the sales table?) requiring a higher temperature than the usual birch ply. Yours truly embellished a few animal jigsaws and tested my patience in applying a plant motif to a couple of pen parts, a task I have not attempted for a while.

Box Making – Steve Mitchener - 1/11/2017.

It was quite a mixed bag of people here at box making today. Mark and Barry were staying on from the morning session, both desperate to get some work completed. Mark obviously working on a guitar and Barry also trying to finish the hall table for the Exhibition.

Sandra was working on her small Myrtle chest, and also doing some repairs to a strange looking carved stool, that either came from the Arab states or Asia. Not sure which.

Batoul was practising cutting large circles on the small bandsaw. A link to her current project in the beginner's group. And we had Jennifer cutting and fitting pieces of a very specialised box that will contain her Scrollsaw blades when it is finished.

And we were joined by Shane working on his cutting block to go with his outdoor entertainment/barbeque trolley. This was also to make its debut at the big upcoming Exhibition.

And I worked on some of my little time-passing carvings between helping Jennifer, Sandra and Batoul.

And to top it off, we had a short visit from Geoff Oliver. I told you it was a mixed bag of people.....

Carving Group - Steve Mitchener –3/11/2017

Sandra was levelling the background of a Huon Pine lid of a box that featured a dog. And was also fiddling intermittently with half a dozen other projects. Batoul was carving waves in a piece of timber to mount her finished goose on. A surfing goose! I've never seen that!

Alwyn was working on his crouched wood carver. Neil worked on a large incense burner he intends to use as a potpourri jar. Also spent some time working on the funerary urn.

David Green prepared some timber for Whittlesea, and managed to find some time to work on his spoon. I worked on my peeking mouse.

Barry and Talal worked on the hall table. Time is getting short.

Scrollsaw Group – Steve Mitchener – 4/11/2017

We had a small group today because of apologies, but also had a short visit by Andrea who popped in to finish her sign. (Refer to previous Sign Making Group reports last month.) We, Andrea and I, quickly fitted a chain to suspend her sign, and off she went happy and content. And no wonder, the sign looks terrific now it's all sealed and finished. Great job!

Apologies were from Roz, Ron, Joe and Graham. And two others didn't scroll today, they were Beryl and myself. I had set-up, but then Beryl came in with her timber and ply to make a new 'light-weight' Scrollsaw table like Jennifer's. And that was the end of my scrolling even before I started. While Beryl and I collaborated together in the workshop on the new table, the others worked on without us.

Maike scrolled an eagle descending, which will be greatly enhanced by her prodigious pyrographic skills in the near-future. Then cut some corner finger joints in ply to manufacture a box at a later session. Jennifer was scrollsawing her blade holder box parts. Then proceeded to cut some small coasters and a tiger head trivet. And Keith Binch was making some 'blind catchers' for home. (To suit outdoor roller blinds.) Then he cut some small animals and a jigsaw puzzle.

Beryl and I fitted the Scrollsaw to its new ply base, made the ply top to insert it into, and cut and fitted the boards for the top skirt. We worked out the fitting of the legs, and left the final assembly for Beryl to complete at home.

And I think I better get used to building these tables. Maike has acquired her own Scrollsaw, and Tony Orbe is about to acquire one. So, it looks like I have two more to build, or at least assist in the build. Well, Christmas is coming, I can always Scrollsaw then at home. Anyway, it doesn't matter. It's all woodwork of a sort, isn't it?

Mentoring Monday Group – Steve Mitchener – 13/11/2017

Here we go folks! Another first for me! A report on the Mentoring Group. Dave is away today sorting out the aftermath of the Exhibition. The show may be over, but the behind-the-scenes work still goes on. The big paper shuffle has to be sorted and completed so we can get a final result. So, while you're out there enjoying yourselves sniffing sawdust, think of poor Dave hammering away at the old keyboard.....

Today, Charles, Martin and I coordinated and assisted the people involved in the Mentoring Group. So, all the 'students' were under constant supervision and monitoring throughout their various activities.

Paul Rushton is a new addition to the group. Paul obtained the details and measurements for the step stool. (Dave's favourite project.) Paul will acquire timber and be ready to commence under Dave's

tutelage when he returns next week. Mario and David continued to work on their separate step stools. Today they were gluing various part together ready for the next step. (Pardon the pun!)

Steve Hood continued to work on his workshop trolley. Andrew worked on his candle holder. Patrick worked on his small stand. Jennifer lined her cooking box, then inserted the insulation and covered the outside and base. Next session will see the lid manufactured, and if all goes according to plan, it will be assembled to the rest of the box. Then Jennifer only has to sand and finish the item and seal it all. Job done.

Carving Group – Steve Mitchener - 17/11/2017

Well, the big Exhibition is all over, and everyone is working on something in a more sedate and leisurely manner. The next one is twelve months away, no pressure. Neil is away, but I am sure he would have rather been here.

Sandra impaled a small carving of a horse so it would sit upon a stand. Then spent the rest of the time working on her Rhino. Batoul started another goose. This one has his/her head down low to the ground, and no visible feet, quite unlike the other one.

Dave was working on his spoon. Conferring with Sandra on the finer details of this particular item. Alwyn was working on his crouching carver. Really starting to take shape now.

I spent some time trying to sort the Celtic Puzzle I cut last year. Since it was sold, I offered to help the new owners get it back together correctly. It's been in disarray for the last twelve months. But since I hadn't seen it for that period of time, I offered to take it home and get it sorted as I was having not much luck finishing it here. (I did get it half-done. But felt I should be carving rather than playing with puzzles.) So, with that in mind, I started working on a graceful swan in Spalted Poplar, did a little to my peeking mouse, and stopped Batoul from taking my near-finished Bilby home.

Pyrography Group- Peter Davies – 26/11/2017

Thor tried his best to interrupt my breakfast and scare me with his outbursts in the clouds (and it wasn't even Thursday) but I ignored it and the rain and set off anyway. The day turned out to be a bit different with a number of non-pyro people popping in for various reasons. We welcomed two new members of the group, Batoul and Paul. Batoul surprised us with the quality of her work on her first attempt at pyrography, a family of polar bears, following some initial tuition and instruction from Steve. Paul showed us a set of coasters he had completed at home, and then set to cutting up some ply for future projects.

Maike's "train at Diamond Creek" is a mammoth project that will take a lot of time and patience and is coming along very nicely. Beryl worked on some cheese-boards for next year's exhibition. Some help from Maike has resulted in a more detailed approach to Beryl's work resulting in a more realistic depiction. Steve had a polar bear family picture completed and then produced more of his "witty" plaques. David Green gave me an "order" for more toddlers' jigsaws for the Whittlesea Show next year so I started on them and then tried some new designs for pens – I am close to needing a magnifying lens for such small work. All-in-all, another great day.

Reminder – no December meeting – other things to do on Christmas Eve!!! Next meeting 28th January 2018.

EDWC CLUB Workshop / Meeting Calendar

Box Making	1 st Wednesday	1.00 pm	John Brownrigg
Carving Group	1 st & 3 rd Friday	9.00 am	Sandra Dean
Open / Cabinet Workshop	Tuesday	9.30 am	Key Holder
	2 nd & 4 th Saturday	9.30 am	Mark Thompson
	Thursday	9.30 am	Key Holder
Mentoring Monday	Monday	9.30 am	Dave Mitchell
Pyrography Group	4 th Sunday	9.30 am	Peter Davies
Scroll Saw Group	1 st Saturday	9.00 am	Steve Mitchener
Woodturning	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Tuesday	7.30 pm	Graeme Deany
Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday	7.30 pm	Committee
Exhibition Committee	4 th Wednesday	1.00 pm	Geoff Oliver
General Meeting	1 st Wednesday	8.00 pm	In CFA Hall
General	Wednesday	9.00 am – 12noon	Wes Weight

These dates do not take into account public holidays. Please check.

Note 1. All members are encouraged to make full use of the clubrooms. However, the nominated activity groups have the dedicated use of the premises during their time slots. Please consult these groups beforehand if there is a special reason to use the workshop during these allotted sessions.

Note 2. Daytime cabinet and open workshops generally commence at 10am but if no one arrives by 11am the member rostered can close-up. If you cannot arrive by 11am contact the rostered member to make other arrangements.

Note 3. Long weekend key holders have the option to cancel. Members must confirm prior to attendance.

Club Key Holders

The following people are key holders and can be contacted to gain access to the workshop at reasonable times outside the regular opening times. It is a commitment for all key holders to ensure club rules and regulations are maintained, including signing in and out in the attendance book, cleaning up, checking dust extractor bags, etc. For safety reasons a minimum of two people MUST be on site when using workshop equipment.

J. Winkett,	B. Jackson,	D. Mitchell,	B. Vaughan,
S. Mitchener,	J. Brownrigg,	L. Kruger,	C. Camera,
B. Lay,	B. McDonald,	G. Oliver,	S. Dean,
G. Deany,	M. Thompson,	K. Hawkins	D. Green,
A. Wainwright.			