

THE WONTHAGGI WOODY



Australian Men's Shed Association
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NEWSLETTER OF WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS INC. ISSUE 128 - AUGUST 2017

EDITOR'S OUTGOING MESSAGE:

In a way it's a sad time for me as this is my last Newsletter. I started doing the 'news' in mid-2012 and some 60 Newsletters later, it's time for someone else to take over. That person is Syd Gordon and I hope all members will get behind Syd and assist him in continuing the value and importance of *The Wonthaggi Woody*. Syd is excited by the prospect of being your new editor and I look forward to some fresh ideas and segments. I say it's sad because there have been some great things I've been privileged to put in our Newsletter and have always looked forward to the Member Profiles, learning things about fellow Woodies and opening up new understandings and relationships. On the other hand, Carol and I have a number of things planned for 2018 and I don't like to commit to roles I cannot put 100% into. Syd has a list of potential Profiles and will be looking for support from you all. He will create a new email address for the Newsletter only and this will be flagged in the near future. From now on woodiesnews@gmail.com will not be for newsletter or Club correspondence.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to The Woody over the past 5 years or so, you have helped make the Newsletter something that members look forward to receiving and proudly associate with Wonthaggi Woodcrafters. To those who have made contributions on a regular basis (no names, but you know who you are), thank you sincerely; it has made my role so much easier and Syd is looking forward to your on-going contributions. I decided to re-nominate for Committee as I believe I still have roles I can continue with .. and I certainly want to see the new Shed up and running asap - don't we all!!

Cheers, see you around the Club.

Alan.

DIARY... 2017

September 31 st	Father's Day event at Bunnings
September 3 rd	Bunnings BBQ
September 4 th	Committee Meeting
September 11 th	General Meeting
September 8 th to 10 th	Downunder Turnaround
September 8 th to 10 th	Working With Wood Show
October 2 nd	Committee Meeting
October 9 th	General Meeting
November 4 th to 7 th	Cup Weekend at Cowes
	Cup Weekend at Newhaven
November 5 th	Bunnings BBQ
November 13 th	Committee & General Meetings
December 4 th	Christmas Shop Opens (we hope)

YOUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:

Hartley Tobin - (03) 5672 2029

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Neil Bateman - (03) 5655 2027

SECRETARY:

Lex Van Saane - (03) 5674 2324

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John Davies - (03) 5655 2027

Syd Gordon - 0434 614 573

Alan Hurst - (03) 5674 2324

Neil Lenne - (03) 5672 1931

Lionel Wood - (03) 5672 2029

SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES:

Available - Velcro-back rolls in grits from 80 to 500, one metre rolls of high quality sandpaper, mixed grit packs, sanding discs and belts, BEARTEX sanding pads in 4 different grits, bottles of CA glue. End grain sealer, EEE and Shellawax will be re-ordered shortly. Ear muffs and safety glasses are also available and a wide variety of pen blank packs (6 or 8 per pack) at just \$5 pack. Streamline pen kits are also available. **NOW IN – Velcro back sanding discs in 2” (50mm) for \$4 or 3” (75mm) for \$6 in packs of 40 with 10 different grits.** There are now plenty of packs available.

Ensure everything that is purchased, including any timber, is receipted - see your Supervisor.

Items are purchased in bulk and on-sold at cost price for the benefit of members.

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229 or Neil Lenne:	5678 5736
Monday	5 pm – 8 pm	Contact John DiStefano:	5678 3294
Wednesday	1pm – 4pm	Contact Lionel Wood:	5672 2029
Friday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229 or Neil Lenne:	5678 5736

SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday	9am to 12 noon	Contact Alan McNaught:	5674 2457
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WOODTURNING: On-demand Sessions

Friday (project based)	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
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TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

Tuesday	9 am – 4 pm	Contact Ron Snooks:	5672 2113 or 0429 722 113
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PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions

Friday	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Michael Bladen:	0428 270 850
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SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions

Wednesday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Lionel Wood:	5672 2029
		or Ray Oram:	5662 4181

BANDSAW BOX MAKING: On-demand Sessions

Monday	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Marion Kerry:	5672 3553
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JOINERY & SMALL FURNITURE MAKING: Regular Sessions

Thursday	9am - 12 noon	Contact Robert Millard:	0418 565 467
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CARVING: Regular Sessions

Friday	9am – 12 noon	Contact Lionel Wood:	5672 2029
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As a courtesy to workshop supervisors and other participants, please notify them in advance if you are unable to attend your regular session.

WORKSHOP CLEANING ROSTER:

AUGUST: Segmented turners and carvers.

SEPTEMBER: Monday evening turners.

OCTOBER: Furniture makers.

See the noticeboard for details of tasks or check back to the email that was sent to all members.

MEETING ROOM CLEANING ROSTER:

September: Syd Gordon Gerald Lynch
October: John Davies Alan Morcom
November: Frank VanPelt Debbie VanPelt
If these dates don't suit, please arrange a swap and let Alan Hurst know to change Newsletter details.

LIBRARIAN'S CHALLENGES FOR 2017:

September - Bud Vase

October - Laminated item

November - Lookalike Melbourne Cup or cricket Ashes Urn



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MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL:



A very *happy birthday* during the month of August to the following Members – Michael Bladen, Norm Court, Andrew Orr and David McNaughton. There are still some birthdays not on our records. If we've missed you, please let Alan Hurst know.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2017/18:

At the Annual General Meeting conducted on Monday 14th August 2017 at 1pm, the following Committee positions were filled:

President: Hartley Tobin
Vice President: Neil Bateman
Secretary: Lex Van Saane
Treasurer: John DiStefano
Committee:
Grant Crocker
John Davies
Syd Gordon (and newsletter editor)
Alan Hurst
Neil Lenne
Lionel Wood



Well, it saves asking people I suppose. Don't reckon this bloke has had to buy any wood for a while!!

Thanks must go to the following members who nominated for Committee but were unsuccessful this year. It is a very healthy situation for the Club to be in, to have so many worthy nominees and we trust they will continue to support the Club in so many valued ways during 2017/18.

David McNaughton
Ray Oram
Tony Stephens
Dave Teasdale

WOODCRAFT ITEMS FOR MS:

Grant Crocker gave the August General Meeting an update on the sale of items donated by Woodies members recently. So far \$600 has been raised for MS and there are still more items to sell. The sale is on-going so hopefully everything will go. If not the remaining items will be put into the Annual Christmas shop and proceeds donated to MS. In the meantime, I'm sure Grant would still be happy to accept any other items members would like to donate.

NEW SHED UPDATE:

Well, after what seems an eternity, we are now underway. Last Wednesday we received our building permit and on Friday signed documents and paid a deposit. Also on Friday we had 3 prospective concreting contractors come to assess the site and our electrician also came to discuss his requirements and what we need to provide. The shed will be delivered in about 4 weeks and we're hopeful that we can have a slab by then. It is dependent on a number of things, so we are hoping we will get quotes in quickly. The slab will depend on how busy the contractors are and the state of the weather. Building can begin a week after the slab is poured, but is also dependant on the schedule of the allocated construction contractor. It's great to have Bernie Bambling back assisting with the project. His considerable experience in this field is valued and his support and advice greatly appreciated. We'll keep all members up to date as things start to happen. Alan.

SHOW AND TELL:



Clockwise from top: The first 3 photos are 'bowls or dishes made from a board', as different from segmented turning, which some members are enjoying creating. The first is by John DiStefano and made from two boards of Redgum and Elm. Second is by Neil Lenne and is made from Redgum, Purpleheart, American Oak and Myrtle. The third dish was made by Grant Crocker from Jarrah, Myrtle, Walnut and White Ash. The last photo is of a footstool made by Eric Thorpe.



Clockwise from top: Segmented plate made by Alan McNaught. He found this to be a very challenging pattern. It's made from Jarrah, Mahogany and Hoop Pine. The chain was carved by Ken McKenzie from one piece of timber. Ken demonstrated how the chain can be threaded completely back through the end links. The 50cm high lighthouse was made by Alan Hurst from Golden Ash on a eucalypt burl. The light is 240v and the glass is an old telegraph pole insulator. The occasional table was made by Robert Millard from various timbers segmented into a very interesting top. The stool was made by Alan McNaught from recycled Kauri and pieces of bamboo.





Clockwise from top: A very unique table made by Robert Millard from Blackheart Sassafras with Oregon legs stained black. The second occasional table with drawer was made by Dave McNaughton. It is an exemplary piece made from American Cherry, Kauri Pine and the black legs are 'milk paint'. The large natural edge bowl of local Sheoak was made by John DiStefano. The final piece is very unusual, made by Neil Lenne from Huon Pine shavings mixed with talcum powder and PVA glue with an added dye. ALSO DISPLAYED but not photographed – A natural edge bowl by Neil Lenne from a tree root burl and a brass indexing wheel donated to the Club by Bruce Talbot.

FIRST AID COURSES:

The two First Aid Courses went well. There were only 6 participants at the first course and 9 at the second. The convenor Deb Reilly has been a paramedic for 25 years and was able to not only clearly explain things, but also able to answer all questions.

It has left us with 4 course positions which we will merge into a later scheduled course for several of our supervisors/committee members who were unable to attend.

Thanks to Bill Street at BCAEC for his assistance and support for the program.

BANDSAW BOX MAKING WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

Marion Kerry is still keen to begin a bandsaw box making workshop session on Monday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm.

These workshop sessions could begin as soon as possible. It only needs a couple of people to make it a goer. If you are interested please contact Marion on 5672 3553 or marion.kerry@bigpond.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✚ **The 21st annual DOWNUNDER TURNABOUT is nearly with use. It will be conducted on 8th, 9th and 10th September 2017.** The residential, hands-on, fully catered weekend in Cowes attracts Australia's best turners and is equally suitable for beginners. Bruce tells me there are still some vacancies, but the event will be well attended as usual. Richard Raffen will be there again as will some other prominent turners to lend support. To find out more, speak to **Bruce or Caroline Talbot** (5956 7300 or 0419 956 730), or other Woodies members Hartley Tobin, Neil Bateman, Neil Lenne and Alan McNaught, who all attended the 2016 event. The cost is \$210. Application forms are on the meeting room noticeboard.

- ✚ The Timber and Working with Wood Show for 2017 will be held as follows:
Melbourne - 8 - 10 September 2017 - Caulfield Racecourse

BUNNINGS BBQ:

Thank you to those members who assisted at the most recent Bunnings BBQ last weekend. The Club benefitted to the tune of almost \$500. It wasn't a great day and the BBQ tent was relocated to the quiet corner out of the wind (and away from the passing trade) but we still did very well. Once again thanks to Lionel and his merry band of helpers for their support. Future Bunnings BBQs are on Sunday 3rd September, Sunday 5th November and Wednesday 27th December. Put these dates in your diaries as we will need plenty of support for these very important Club fundraisers.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS AT MELBOURNE MEN'S SHED:



Thanks to Lex Van Saane's contact with Melbourne Men's Shed, two of our woodturning supervisors went down to assist at their 'shed' in the basement under Federation Square. Here is a report by the Secretary of Melbourne Men's Shed, John Howarth.

"The Melbourne Men's Shed is a relatively new Shed but one which has some unique features. We are located on the ground floor of the Federation Square car park located on the corner of Russell and Flinders Streets in Melbourne's central business centre.

Our Shed is small in size but rich in personality! Our members, of both sexes, now number just over 70 and come from a wide variety of age, professions and life experiences. Many are post-children, retirees who have sold up the family home in the burbs and moved into the convenience of an apartment where there is no weeds to pull, grass to mow or house maintenance to do - BUT they don't have a SHED and now really miss the quiet week/weekend creative time in the backyard shed playing with wood.

When Melbourne Men's Shed was setting up, a survey of members identified a desire to turn wood – subsequently a new Carbatec lathe was purchased and the Shed was equipped with chisels, chucks and a wide variety of accessories.

Unfortunately the most experienced wood turner was myself. I had previously turned 2 bedside Blackwood table lamps under the watchful eye of the local high school technical teacher in Rosebery (located on the west coast of Tasmania) in 1983. Drawing on this vast experience I was on the lookout for some help. Enter Lex Van Saane (an ex work colleague and friend) and member of the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Group. On Friday, 21st July I was invited to spend some time at their Shed located in the Jean Meltzer Centre, Wonthaggi. I was given 3 hours of solid tuition and advice from the two Neils – Neil Bateman and Neil Lenne – and offered an invitation for them to bring their skills and knowledge to Melbourne Men's Shed.

A date was set for Tuesday, 8th August. The two Neils arrived and commenced grinding wheel training on the importance and process of maintaining a sharp edge on the cutting tools.

The two Neils then demonstrated the turning of two red gum egg cups and a beech bowl, sanding and polishing the final products. Questions and answers rolled back and forth from the time of their arrival at 10.15 to their final departure back to Wonthaggi at 4.30pm – the Melbourne Men's Shed members "sucked their brains dry".



The two Neils left the Shed tired, but well fed and with the same gracious, giving attitude in which they had arrived. No question was too dumb to be answered with patience and politeness. At the end of the day they left with the words "If you have any questions do not hesitate to call us – you have our numbers".

I think that the two Neils from Wonthaggi Woodcrafters represent the essence of everything that Men's Sheds stand for. The generous sharing of creative skills which makes us all feel very good about ourselves.

Thank you Neil Bateman and Neil Lenne from the members of Melbourne Men's Shed".

BUNNINGS FATHERS' DAY FAMILY NIGHT:

The Fathers' Day evening with the Woodies making toys for kids and offering demos of woodturning at Bunnings Wonthaggi, is with us again on **Thursday 31st August**. The evening begins at 5.30pm.

At the moment Ron Snooks has 4 volunteers to do woodturning demos/make tops and several pyrographers to add names to the toys. However he would like 4 more members to help with the toy construction. He has 8 at the moment but as this event is usually very busy, 12 helpers would be ideal. Anyone who could give up a couple of hours would be appreciated. Please call Ron on 0429 722 113

Ron would also like plenty of wooden tops to give away to the kids. If you could make some at home in advance, or at a woodturning workshop session, that would also help a lot

WHAT ARE MATES FOR?

Fred Demenech sent this in and it sounds like very good advice:

Microwaving water



A 26-year old man decided to have a cup of coffee. He took a cup of water and put it in the microwave to heat it up (something that he had done numerous times before). I am not sure how long he set the timer for, but he wanted to bring the water to a boil. When the timer shut the oven off, he removed the cup from the oven. As he looked into the cup, he noted that the water was not boiling, but suddenly the water in the cup 'blew up' into his face. The cup remained intact until he threw it out of his hand, but all the water had flown out into his face due to the build-up of energy. His whole face is blistered and he has 1st and 2nd degree burns to his face which may leave scarring. He also may have lost partial sight in his left eye. While at the hospital, the doctor who was attending to him stated that this is a fairly common occurrence and water (alone) should never be heated in a microwave oven. If water is heated in this manner, something should be placed in the cup to diffuse the energy such as a wooden stir stick, tea bag, etc., (but nothing metal).

General Electric's Response: "Thanks for contacting us, I will be happy to assist you. The e-mail that you received is correct. Microwaved water and other liquids do not always bubble when they reach the boiling point. They can actually get superheated and not bubble at all. The superheated liquid will bubble up out of the cup when it is moved or when something like a spoon or tea bag is put into it. To prevent this from happening and causing injury, do not heat any liquid for more than two minutes per cup. After heating, let the cup stand in the microwave for thirty seconds before moving it or adding anything to it."

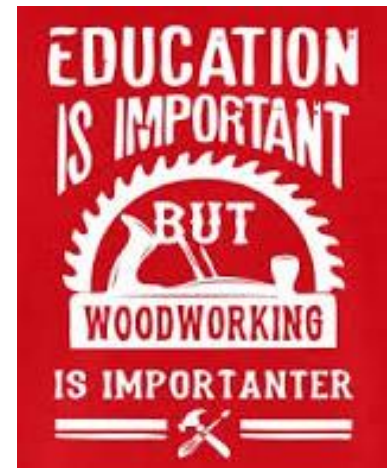
This is what a local science teacher had to say on the matter: "Thanks for the microwave warning. I have seen this happen before. It is caused by a phenomenon known as super heating. It can occur anytime water is heated and will particularly occur if the vessel that the water is heated in is new, or when heating a small amount of water (less than half a cup). What happens is that the water heats faster than the vapour bubbles can form. If the cup is very new then it is unlikely to have small surface scratches inside it that provide a place for the bubbles to form. As the bubbles cannot form and release some of the heat that has built up, the liquid does not boil, and the liquid continues to heat up well past its boiling point. What then usually happens is that the liquid is bumped or jarred, which is just enough of a shock to cause the bubbles to rapidly form and expel the hot liquid. The rapid formation of bubbles is also why a carbonated beverage spews when opened after having been shaken."

If you tell your mates about this, you could very well save someone from a lot of pain and suffering.

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW NEWSLETTER SEGMENTS?

AND if you have any funny stories, articles, Tips & Tricks, items to sell or buy, or interesting websites, send them to - **Syd Gordon:** windspider@gmail.com
Articles must be received no later than Friday September 15th 2017, to be included in the next Newsletter.

GO ON – HAVE A LAUGH:



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