

THE WONTHAGGI WOODY



Australian Men's Shed Association
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NEWSLETTER OF WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS INC. ISSUE 124 - APRIL 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Hi Fellow Woodies:

The year is passing so quickly, and a lot has already moved by it seems. I have heard great reports from both the Cowes and Churchill Island activities earlier this month, and want to congratulate all the members that put in so much effort to make them so successful again. It makes me proud to be part of such an active group.

I was very sorry that I could not be part of those activities this year due to family commitments, but I know the club has been carrying on in good hands. Thanks to

all the committee members and helpers that made it all happen.

We now have an active group of supervisors that are looking at how the new workshop will be best utilised when it finally does come into fruition, and I know they will be showing great wisdom as to how that will be done. We are just waiting with bated breath to get final approval from council so that building can commence.

That's all for this month-

Regards,

Lionel.

DIARY... 2017

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| May 1 st | Committee Meeting |
| May 1 st - 7 th | Barham/Koondrook trip away |
| May 6 th and 7 th | Wangaratta Scrollsaw Weekend |
| May 8 th | General Meeting |
| May 24 th - 28 th | Peninsula Woodies exhibition |
| June 5 th | Committee Meeting |
| June 12 th | General Meeting |
| June 12 th - 18 th | Men's Health Week |
| June 16 th - 18 th | Australian Woodturning Exhibition |
| July 3 rd | Committee Meeting |
| July 8 th | Bunnings BBQ |
| July 10 th | General Meeting |
| August 7 th | Committee Meeting |
| August 12 th | Bunnings BBQ |

YOUR COMMITTEE

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Tony Stephens - (03) 5662 2957

Ray Oram - (03) 5662 4181

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Lex Van Saane - (03) 5674 6634

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, end grain sealer, bottles of CA glue, EEE and Shellawax. Ear muffs and safety glasses are also available and a wide variety of pen blank packs (6 or 8 per pack) at \$5 pack. Please don't break up these packs. Ask your workshop supervisor about Streamline pen kits. Ensure everything that is purchased, including timber, is receipted - see your Supervisor.

Watch out for some new items (including metal detectors) coming soon

Items are on-sold at cost price. Please fill out a receipt if you purchase any of these items.

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

| | | | |
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| 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

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

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

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

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

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

BANDSAW BOX MAKING: On-demand Sessions

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|--------|-------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Monday | 1 pm – 4 pm | Contact Hartley Tobin: | 5997 6328 |
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JOINERY & SMALL FURNITURE MAKING: Regular Sessions

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

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| 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.

LIBRARIAN'S CHALLENGES FOR 2017:

Let's see if we can all really support this initiative –

May - Clock inset in wood

June - Pair of candlesticks eg. Sir Henry Parkes design - Page 60 Dec 2015 Australian Woodworker

July - Toy or game (no batteries required)

August - Carved gum leaf eg. Page 62 June 2016 Australian Woodworker (using high speed rotary tools)

September - Bud Vase

October - Laminated item

November - Lookalike Melbourne Cup or the Ashes Urn

MEETING ROOM CLEANING ROSTER:

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| May: | Alan Jones | Peter Morrissey |
| June: | Marion Kerry | Kaye Illingworth |
| July: | Tony Stephens | Ray Oram |
| August: | Norm Court | Ken Urquhart |
| 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.



WORKSHOP CLEANING ROSTER:

MAY: Scroll sawers and Wednesday turners.

JUNE: Toy makers.

JULY: Friday turners.

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

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MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL:



A very *happy birthday* during the month of April to the following Members – Fred Demenech, John Hatton, Okke Huitema and Mario Toffolon. There are still some birthdays not on our records. If we've missed you, please let Alan Hurst know.

SHOW AND TELL:

Unfortunately no photos were taken of the Show and Tell items for April. However, the following work was displayed at the general Meeting:

- 🕒 Garden seat by Alan McNaught for the Wonthaggi Bowls Club in honour of Frank Scott, made from Jarrah to a very stylish Japanese design
- 🕒 Cube within a cube by Hartley Tobin
- 🕒 Golf ball within a cube by Bruce Talbot
- 🕒 Bolt inserted in Pine block by Bruce Talbot
- 🕒 Jarrah and Huon Pine square bowl by Alan Hurst
- 🕒 Pedestal bowl with finial – London Plane and cypress painted with Indian Ink by Alan Hurst

NEW SHED UPDATE:

STILL no further information about our planning permit progress. It may still be some time before we get Council approval - our application has been submitted by Andrew Donohue and it's now a matter of waiting until Council inform us of the outcome.

In the meantime, planning for the internal structure and layout of the new shed is going forward. Already, there have been further meetings of the Shed layout and facilities workshop supervisors group and they will continue to meet and work through the many layout, dust extraction and electricity provision options until a mutually agreeable plan has been established and submitted to Committee for approval.

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK 2017:

Men's Health Week is just around the corner! At the Woodies General Meeting on 12th June, we will spend some time promoting Men's Health Week. The idea of keeping a balance between a healthy body and a healthy mind is about understanding how everything in our lives connect; the mind, the body and the environment we live in.



This annual worldwide celebration of the contributions of men and boys to our society has been running for over a decade.

This year, Men's Health Week theme is: *Healthy Body - Healthy Mind: Keeping the Balance*

Our guest presenter will be one of our own - ROBERT MILLARD. Robert has been a health professional for most of his life, both as a GP and more recently in the field of mental health as a Psychiatrist. Robert will give a presentation and questions and discussion will be welcomed. There will be a lot of relevant material available to take away and read and this offers a valuable opportunity for everyone to think about their personal health and their future. We encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity.

BARHAM/KOONDROOK TRIP:



The annual trip to Barham and Koondrook is coming up very soon – during the week 1st to 7th May. Currently it looks like there will be about 16 attending.

It still may not be too late to join the group. It's not necessary to stay the whole time. If you are still undecided or want to discuss this further, contact Tony Stephens on 5662 2957.

EASTER AT COWES AND CHURCHILL ISLAND:

It was a very successful Easter for Wonthaggi Woodcrafters with the display and sales event at Cowes and the toy makers at Churchill Island. Thanks to all members who assisted at these events. It can be a lot of hard work and it's important to share the load. Special thanks to those who assisted with loading and unloading equipment and helped set up the room at Cowes, where sales were the best at Easter for several years. We thank the Phillip Island Artists Society for their on-going support. At Churchill Island the toymakers and pyrographers were kept busy throughout Saturday, putting together and personalising 160 toys from a range of thirteen taken on the day. A further 20 kits and one display model were also sold for a grand total of 181 toys. This was up on the 141 toys sold last year. The Woodturners were also flat out demonstrating and making tops for all the children to take away with them as a memento. To 'top' it all off David Macdonald was there entertaining with one of the didgeridoos that he and Bruce Talbot have been making. He plays a pretty mean didg. from all accounts!



Left: Jim Kilpatrick and Michael Bladen burning children's names onto the toys they have just made. Centre: The tops being given away and 'table top test' was of interest to all ages. Right: Fred Demenech and Tony Hughes concentrating on assisting the kids to complete their toys.

BANDSAW BOX MAKING WORKSHOP SESSIONS:

Marion Kerry is looking for people who are interested in forming a bandsaw box making workshop session. The weekly session is to be conducted on Monday afternoons 1pm to 4pm.

It is proposed that these workshop sessions begin as soon as possible. If you are interested please contact Marion on 5672 3553 or marion.kerry@bigpond.com

BUNNINGS BBQs

A reminder that the dates for future 2017 Bunnings BBQs are Saturday 8th July, Saturday 12th August, 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.

MEN'S SHED CLUSTER MEETING:

A reminder that the South and West Gippsland Men's Shed Cluster gathering will be held at Wonthaggi Woodcrafters on Wednesday 10th May. There will be representatives from Men's Sheds across the region from as far away as Drouin and Warragul. The meeting will be held in the BCAEC's Room 1 (thanks to Marianne and Bill for allowing us to use this facility) from 10am to 12.30pm and lunch will follow in our meeting room and under the veranda. We hope the weather is reasonable. Lunch is funded and Kaye has that in hand. The BCAEC Hospitality group will be assisting with catering and providing coffee. Prior to the meeting (from 9am) we've encouraged delegates to come along and have a look at our scroll saw group in action (this will operate as a normal Wednesday workshop). After lunch we have arranged to have demonstrations of woodturning. Thanks to those turners who have already offered to assist with this. Because space at our venue is limited, the number of delegates from each Shed has also been limited. For this reason we cannot invite more members from our own Club to attend the meeting. Our representatives will be those who regularly attend these cluster meetings – Alan Hurst, Kaye and John Hatton, Lionel Wood and Lex van Saane.

ANOTHER NEW SPONSOR:

We welcome another new Woodies sponsor this month. **Connells Bakery Wonthaggi** have made a generous donation to the Club As with all our sponsors, we encourage members to support them. If you go in, make it known you're from the Woodies, or join the toy group there for lunch on Tuesdays.

SAFETY MESSAGE:

Last month the safety message was on *table saw kickback*. It turned out appropriate to highlight the dangers of table saws as we had what could have been a serious accident occur last week. Thankfully the benefit of using a SAWSTOP machine probably saved a finger and maybe more. The result was just a small nick and a bit of blood. The high cost of replacing the cartridge and blade paid off on this occasion and proved the real value of this type of saw.

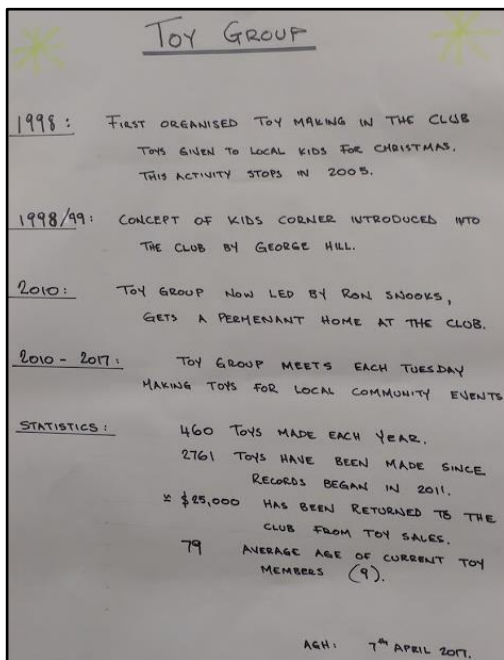
COUNCIL OF WOODWORKING CLUBS NEW WEBSITE:

At the request of the CWC Committee, a sub-committee has been working hard to develop a new website for the CWC, to enhance their communication to clubs and, hopefully, to attract new people to join in woodworking activities. The address of the website is - <https://www.councilwoodworkclubs.org/>



PRESENTATION BY TOY GROUP AT APRIL GENERAL MEETING:

A big thanks to the toy group, especially Ron Snooks and Tony Hughes, for their presentation at the April General Meeting. There are many new members especially who did not know much about the history of the group and what they actually do. Ron spoke briefly first and then handed over to Tony who gave a history of the group from its roots, working from the home workshop of Life Member, George Hill. The statistics on the sheet pictured below tell the success story of a small group which has been a strength of the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters for a long time now, has provided a lot of financial support for the Club and made literally thousands of kids throughout South Gippsland very happy.



Left: A brief history of the Toy Group going back to 1998. *Right:* Ron Snooks and Tony Hughes display the many components used to make one of the toys – the Fire Truck. This is an example of what the kids get to put together at the toy makers events and school visits. It was mentioned by Ron and Tony that the Toy Group is always welcoming of new members.



Left: The General Meeting for April was well attended by 30 members who enjoyed the Toy Group presentation. *Right:* Some of the range of toys produced by the group over the years



*** MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE: ***

It is great to see that all but a few members have renewed their membership and we look forward to a fun and exciting year at the Woodies. Membership has now lapsed for anyone who has not paid their 2017-18 subscription. Non-members will not be able to use Club facilities including workshops and will not receive the Newsletter. If for some reason you have inadvertently missed the payment date of 31st March and wish to continue your membership, please contact the Treasurer Kaye Hatton as a matter of urgency.

GARDEN SEAT FOR WONTHAGGI BOWLING CLUB:

The late Frank Scott left a bequest to the Wonthaggi Bowling Club, and their Committee decided to have a seat made in his honour. Ron Snooks approached the Furniture Group to see if we could help. After much deliberation, Robert Millard came up with a design which was agreed to by the WBC Committee.

The timber decided on was Jarrah, and after three trips to Matthews Timber, Allan Morcom and Robert Millard brought back the timber. I was very grateful for the assistance of several members of our Club, particularly Robert Millard, Allan Morcom and David McNaughton who helped me with what was a very heavy seat. The finish on the seat is Organoil Garden Furniture Oil. Ron Snooks and helpers delivered the finished article to the Bowling Club on Monday 24th April to coincide with their Committee meeting.

Alan McNaught



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✚ **The 21st annual DOWNUNDER TURNABOUT 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. This event usually fills quickly, so if interested get in early. To find out more, speak to organisers **Bruce or Caroline Talbot** (5956 7300 or 0419 956 730), or other Woodies members Hartley Tobin, John and Kaye Hatton, Neil Bateman, Neil Lenne and Alan McNaught, who all attended the 2016 event. The cost is \$210 and a \$50 deposit is required. Application forms are on the meeting room noticeboard.
- ✚ Wangaratta Woodworkers Club is holding its fifth **Scroll Saw Weekend** on 6th & 7th May 2017. Application forms are on the noticeboard.
- ✚ **The Australian Woodturning Exhibition** will be held on 16-18th June 2017. This national exhibition has grown year on year and in response to demands from both exhibitors and visitors alike, they are moving to bigger premises. The 2017 show will take place at:
Entry forms must be in by Friday 19th May.
Items must be delivered on Tuesday, 13th June.
Kingston City Hall Banqueting Rooms
985 Nepean Highway (Corner of Nepean Highway and South Road), Moorabbin VIC 3189
AND DON'T FORGET The Council of Woodwork Clubs (CWC) has kindly sponsored 2 new wood club prizes for this year's Australian Woodturning Exhibition. Woodcraft clubs could win one of two prizes - \$1200 or \$800 to buy new equipment and tools. Open to any Novice who belongs to a club and has never entered before or has not entered the exhibition in the past two years.
- ✚ The Peninsula Woodturners Guild will be having an exhibition of woodturning at the Peninsula Community Theatre corner Wilson's Rd and Nepean Highway, Mornington from 24th May to 28th May 2017.
- ✚ Forest Edge Experience 2017 is being conducted from July 21st to July 23rd. Cost is \$210 fully inclusive of accommodation, meals, good company and a fun time.
For details contact: Mary Reynolds on 0439 312 318. An application form is on the Club noticeboard.
- ✚ The LUMINOUS LIGHT GALLERIES of the Waterline townships officially turn on at 6:30 on April 8th in Pioneer Bay, Grantville, Tenby Point, Corinella and Coronet Bay. Grantville will host the opening with a special ceremony on the foreshore. <http://www.theedgeofus.com.au>

SOME INTERESTING WOODCRAFTING WEBSITES:

<http://woodworkingtutor.com/category/projects/>

Easy woodworking projects for all ages.

<https://www.lifehacker.com.au/2016/01/make-a-dust-collector-using-a-wetdry-shop-vac/>

Making a dust collector using a wet/dry shop-vac.

<https://au.pinterest.com/pin/588071663813341787/>

Some more ideas on home-made dust collecting and use of a dust-deputy.

<http://www.popularwoodworking.com/projects/dust-free-bandsaw>

Home-made dust collector for a bandsaw.

WHAT TOOL IS THAT?



CLUE: It is (was) used in the furniture making trade.



It's true, woodworkers will make use of any spare timber for repairs and sometimes make something even better and stronger than it originally was – but obviously not in this case!



- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian cafe, but I said I never met herbivore.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.
- A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

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 - woodiesnews@gmail.com

NOTE EARLIER DATE FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Articles be received no later than Tuesday May 16th 2017, to be included in the next Newsletter.

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