



THE WONTHAGGI WOODY

NEWSLETTER OF WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS INC.

ISSUE 134 - March 2018



Wonthaggi Woodcrafters
P. O. Box 477. Wonthaggi 3995
Jean Meltzer Centre
239 White Road
Wonthaggi, 3995

DIARY... 2018

March 29th - April 2nd	Cowes Easter event
March 31st	Churchill Island Easter event
April 2nd	Committee meeting
April 9th	General meeting
April 21st	Hollow form piercing with Paul Barton (see notice board)
April 30th - May 7th	Koondrook trip away
May 7th	Committee meeting
May 14th	General meeting
June 3rd	Bunnings BBQ
June 4th	Committee meeting
June 11th	General meeting
July 2nd	Committee meeting
July 9th	General Meeting
July 8th	Vietnam Museum day

YOUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:

Hartley Tobin - (03) 5997 6328

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Neil Bateman - (03) 5672 3229

SECRETARY:

Lex Van Saane - (03) 5674 6634

TREASURER:

John DiStefano - (03) 0481 480 812

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Neil Lenne - (03) 5678 5736

Grant Crocker - 0418 121 592

Syd Gordon - 0434 614 573

John Davies - 0411 485 113

Lionel Wood - 0487 298 299

Alan Hurst - 0427 393 234

Club Email :- wonthaggiwoodcrafters@gmail.com

News Letter:- woodies.newsletter@gmail.com

Website:- www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au

Facebook:- www.facebook.com/wonthaggiwoodcraftersinc

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



I'm back from the second Bowna Turn Around after catching up with friends made at earlier events, and making some new ones. At this type of event participants swap ideas and, if you're lucky, get some new ones. As a woodworker, you will get ideas that are

specifically of interest to you (and, possibly, others), so, no matter what your woodwork interest is, give some thought to attending one (or more) of the many 'get-togethers' held each year. Apart from woodturning, there are events for scroll sawers and carvers, and many of the turning events cater for pyrographers as well as scroll sawers and carvers. The Woodworking Calendar in the 'Australian Woodworker' usually lists these events.

Looking at our own events, the Koondrook Weekend (plus) is 'just around the corner' and there are some woodturning demonstrations that we share with Eastern Woodturners and Waverley.

With Easter 'upon us', I ask newer members, if you have not put your name down to help at Cowes or Churchill

Island, to try to find time to visit one of these venues just to see what our Club does.

From time to time the Club makes bulk purchases of materials, polishes, glues, abrasives, etc. which we have 'on hand' for members to purchase. Other items, tools, chisels, band saw blades, etc. we do as 'one off' orders. So, to get the 'Club Benefit', you need to put an order in with our 'purchasing officer' (Neil Bateman) as soon as a 'Bulk Order' notice appears on the Club Notice Board. Other purchasing opportunities arise with the visits to suppliers arranged by Tony Stephens.

The cooler weather is arriving; the work shed is more comfortable, so let's get replacing those items for display and sale.

Hartley



Bowl made for John Cuttris and Family in honour of his father and late member Len Cuttriss and for the timber donated to the club. - Huon Pine

John Di Stefano

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: 0481 480 812
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
---------------	----------------	----------------------------------

WOODTURNING:

On-demand Sessions

Friday (project based)	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328
-------------------------------	-------------	----------------------------------

TOY GROUP:

Regular Sessions

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

PYROGRAPHY:

Regular Sessions

Friday	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Michael Bladen: 0428 270 850
---------------	-------------	--------------------------------------

SCROLL SAWING:

Regular Sessions

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

BANDSAW

BOX MAKING:

On-demand Sessions

Monday	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Marion Kerry: 0409 010 843 or 5672 3553
---------------	-------------	---

JOINERY & SMALL

FURNITURE MAKING:

Regular Sessions

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

CARVING:

Regular Sessions

Friday	9am – 12 noon	Contact Lionel Wood: 5672 2029
---------------	---------------	--------------------------------

As a courtesy to workshop supervisors and other participants, please notify them in advance if you are unable to attend your regular session.

SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES:

The club has expendable items (sandpaper, super glue, etc) for sale at cost price. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items see your supervisor. Check the noticeboard for details and cost.

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH:



A very *happy birthday* during the month of March to the following Members – Ric Fallu, Tony Hughes, Kaye Illingworth, Shane Gilmore, Eric Thorpe and Glenn Williams.

There are still some birthdays not on our records. If we've missed you, please let Syd Gordon know or email woodies.newsletter@gmail.com

LIBRARIAN'S CHALLENGES FOR 2018:

Feb/March	-	Lidded box (with or without finial) Scroll Sawed wooden puzzle toy
April	-	To be advised
May	-	To be advised

The Bathtub Test

During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director how do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub..."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ARE YOU GOING TO SHARE THIS, OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE??

Want a good read? Check this piece of classy of literature:

A “woody” kind of holiday

by Imelda Daly

In late November and early December of 2017, Imelda Daly & her partner headed over to Tasmania in their Toyota Hi Ace campervan (affectionately known as Holly Hi Ace – Holly for short). The overnight journey on the Spirit of Tasmania was smooth and showcased the evening lights around Port Phillip Bay and the array of stars overhead.

After a good night’s sleep the Spirit docked at Devonport around 5:30am and shortly after 7am Holly drove off and headed towards Ulverstone for breakfast with Kaye & John Hatton – a pleasant 20 minute drive.

Kaye and John (well mostly Kaye !) cooked up a full breakfast and proudly showed us the property and shed. As John said “we bought this great shed and the house came with it”!!

After a lovely catch up and full bellies Holly headed back towards Devonport – with a stop-over in Ulverstone for a visit to the local craft shop. Needless to say “investments” were made in various fabrics and other craft items.

The first stop was at Low Head on the northern coast. A bus trip into Launceston the next day included a visit to Design Tasmania – an outlet devoted almost entirely to wooden items. The centre showcases leading edge design by students and established wood crafters. An exhibition was being set up prior to an opening ceremony scheduled for the following day. Some amazing and creative designs were on display. The website is worth checking out <http://designtasmania.com.au/>

Leaving Low Head and heading towards the next stop-over, a sign to Legerwood attracted Holly’s attention. Turning off was worth the short detour as the little township has a dedication to the ANZACs and those fallen during WW1 in the form of wood carvings – bigger than life size!! To read more about Legerwood carvings go to the website <https://www.northeasttasmania.com.au/legerwood-memorial-carvings>

Holly arrived in St Helen’s in time for an evening meal in the camp kitchen with other travellers. Prior research had indicated a wood supplier in the area, and a phone call the next day, resulted spending an hour or so at Top

Tassie Woodcrafts where Ivan Walker opened up several huge sheds containing stacks of various Tasmanian wood. Most of the wood is reclaimed, some is dressed and some is raw. A selection was made and Holly departed quite a bit heavier than when she arrived! To see more go to

<http://tastimber.com.au/ecst/index.html>

Surviving a “once in a hundred years” storm for 48 hours was the next challenge, followed by a visit to Port Arthur. The next stop was a small town called Snug which provided a base for exploring the beautiful Huon Valley region over a couple of days.

A 2 hours drive from Snug is the Tahune Air Walk. This amazing structure rises through the trees and includes a cantilever overlooking the Huon River. One of the many highlights of the experience was getting up close and personal to Huon Pine trees !! In fact all the Tassie favourites were on display in their natural environment – Sassafrass, Celery Top Pine, Horizontal, Blackwood, Myrtle, Leatherwood, Silver Wattle, Native Laurel, and many Eucalyptus trees. The website provides more information <https://tahuneadventures.com.au/>

Returning from Tahune, a stop at Island Specialty Timbers before lunch again resulted in purchasing many pieces of Tasmanian wood. Thankfully Holly had plenty of storage capacity!

More information about their supplies can be found at <http://www.islandspecialtytimbers.com.au/shops/ist/pages/special-species-timbers>

Geeveston was a lovely stop for lunch and turned out to be the home in the TV series Rosehaven. The town featured a display of all things wood as well as some craft shops – do you need to be told that more purchases were made?

Heading back to Snug was the town of Franklin – the home of the Wooden Boat Builder and a father & daughter business called The Wood Guy (John and Holly – not to be confused with Holly Hi Ace). John and Holly had moved somewhat recently from NSW and operating from home had an eclectic range of wood at very reasonable prices. Guess what happened? Yesmore purchases.

John and Holly can be contacted at

<http://thewoodguys.com.au/>

As the holiday was nearing the end, the journey back up the central part of Tasmania included a stop at Bagdad (not Baghdad) to meet Robert McMillan of Tasmanian Timbers. Robert specialises in rare salvaged Tasmanian wood and supplies wood to a USA guitar manufacturer. A few pieces of wood were able to be squeezed into Holly's last nooks & crannies. Find out more about Tasmanian Timbers at <https://tasmaniantonewoods.com/> and <http://www.tasmaniantimbers.com/>

As Holly lined up to board the Spirit of Tasmania, there was no pressure around excess luggage weight – thankfully vehicles are not weighed!

Back home at Phillip Island, the purchases were removed from Holly in what seemed like a never ending stream and stored in various sheds around the

property. There was talk about going back again to get more wood – but a lot of woodturning needs to be done to get through this batch first!

It has been interesting to reflect on how an email to the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters enquiring about learning how to use a router (Eric taught Imelda) has resulted in joining the club and developing a new hobby in wood turning, and how a holiday can be planned to include all things wood.

All the suppliers that were visited were very welcoming and helpful and would welcome enquiries from members of the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters.

The next holiday is Uluru – unfortunately Holly won't be going – she's still recovering from Tassie !!

A list of words and definitions.

(Hartley thinks they should be in the dictionary?)

ADULT

**A person who has stopped growing at both ends
and is now growing in the middle.**

BEAUTY PARLOUR

A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF

Cold Storage.

INFLATION

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO

An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN

A grape with a sunburn.

SECRET

Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON

A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE

The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW

One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.

YAWN

An honest opinion openly expressed.

And MY Personal Favourite!!

WRINKLES

**Something other people have,
similar to my character lines.**

SOME PICS FROM THE BOWNA TURNABOUT: (Courtesy of Meryl)

Robbo giving Kerry some guidance.



From left to right - Babs Donaldson, Helen Wraight and Anne Leslie at the reception desk. Anne is the one who does all the organisation behind the scenes.



Hartley trying to make out he knows what he's doing.



The work room set up with Harry Dennis checking that all is going as planned. (Picture by Kerry Truelove).

FROM THE COUNCIL OF WOODWORK CLUBS

Forthcoming Events

- The Wangaratta Woodworkers Inc Scroll Saw Week End is to be held on **Sat May 5 and Sun May 6, 2018**. [Further information is attached](#).
- The Ballarat Wood Show is on **May 26-27** this year at St Andrews Kirk Hall, Dawson Street North, Ballarat as part of the Ballarat Heritage Weekend. Further information from <http://www.ballaratwoodies.com.au/>
- Albury Wodonga Woodcrafters invite you to attend the 9th Annual Woodcarving Weekend on **2 & 3 June 2018**. Bookings essential as there are only 25 places available. [Further information is attached](#).
- The 2018 Australian Woodturning Exhibition will take place on **22-24th June 2018** at the Kingston City Hall, [985 Nepean Highway Moorabbin](#). See below for further details.
- Tools for Design - A journey into design with wood - **04 August, 2018** at Monkey Baa,

Sydney. Part of Wood Review LIVE. [Further information here](#).

- Wood Dust - the Australian International Timber and Woodworking Festival, will be held at Bungendore & Queanbeyan, NSW on **17 - 21 October 2018**. They promise a rich program that includes talks and master-classes by leading Australian and international craftspeople, an exhibition of fine woodwork at the Bungendore Woodworks Gallery, a tool market place featuring visiting tool makers from around the globe and of course some country hospitality. More information at their [website](#)
- Studio Furniture 2018 is a partnership between Australian Wood Review and Bungendore Wood Works Gallery, as above, and invites people to participate in the exhibition. Further details [here](#)
- The 2018 *Roundtoit* will be held at the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation facility on **9-11 November 2018**. Bookings will open at a later date, but further information may be obtained from Richard Nutt on 0404 020 440 or Kerry Truelove 02 6457 8214

SOME MORE BRAIN TEAZERS:

1. Mary needed 400ml of vegetable stock for a recipe she was following. However, the only measuring containers she had were 300ml and 500ml. How can she measure out exactly 400ml?
2. If a clock turned into a twenty four hour clock so that it struck 24 times at midnight, how many times would it strike in the course of a day?

Solutions:

1. She should fill the 500ml container first and use this to fill the 300ml container thereby leaving the 200ml in the larger jug. Then she could empty the 300ml container back into the stock jar and pour the 200ml from the larger container into the 300ml container. If she once again fills the larger container from the jar again, fills the smaller container from this, the smaller container needs 100ml to fill it, which will leave 400ml in the larger container.
2. 300

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 - woodies.newsletter@gmail.com

Articles must be received no later than the 18th of the month, to be included in the next Newsletter.

THANKS TO WONTHAGGI WOOLIES' SPONSORS

>>>>> They support us, please support them <<<<<<



45-61 McKenzie St, Wonthaggi

Ph: 5671 4000



23 Inverloch Road, Wonthaggi

Ph: 5672 1677



10b/286-288 Maroondah Hwy, Chirnside Park



33 -35 Murray Street, Wonthaggi

(directly opposite Woolies Supermarket)

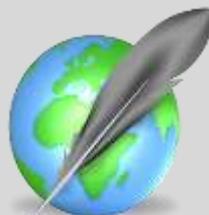


CARROLL'S Woodcraft Supplies

Your one stop shop for all your woodcraft supplies

Unit 2, 10-14 Capital Drive, Grovedale

Ph: 03 5243 0522



Editor
Sydney Gordon