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DIARY 2025

March 31st -	Annual fees due	May 5th -	Committee Meeting	July 7th -	Committee Meeting
April 6th -	Bunnings BBQ	May 12th -	Members' Meeting	July 14th -	Members' Meeting
April 7th -	Committee Meeting	June 2nd -	Committee Meeting		
April 14th -	Members' Meeting	June 9th -	Members' Meeting		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the March newsletter and I hope that you enjoy reading through it.

We are back at Churchill Island this year (Easter Saturday). Peter Myers is organising our part in this event, and we will be selling toys both assembled and kits. We are also returning to assembling the kits with the kids, including some pyrography. If you can spare some time, it would be nice if could you pay a visit and maybe have a look at the other attractions on the island.

Membership fees are due by the end of March. Please don't delay as there are only two weeks left – payment can be made via bank transfer, EFT or cash at the club rooms, just ask a supervisor, they will be more than happy to take your hard-earned money. And while I am on membership, we have had a recent influx of member applications and some have been approved by committee bringing membership to 114.

The new workshop groups that were mentioned last month are progressively gaining interest. Just to remind you of them, they are: - Kumico, Hand Tool Joinery and Wooden Jewellery. If you have any interest in them or want some more details you can talk to myself, Tina Kalivas or Peter Myers.

As you all know we have a 40ft container for storing timber. If you need any timber, ask your supervisor to unlock it so you can have a look. The old timber store between the turning room and the meeting room is now only storage for the toy making and carving groups. Please do not take timber from this storeroom as it is not for general use – you should note a new sign on the door, so you have no excuse for not knowing.

Cheers

Syd.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Annual Subs are due by 31st March 2025. Thank you to those members who have already submitted their \$70.

The Club's bank details are -

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Inc.

BSB 633 000 Account Number 221 237 910

Or pay by EFTPOS or cash to a Supervisor at the Club. Be aware that only financial members may use Club workshops and equipment - this is a requirement of our insurers.

The Member Survey: Tina and the Committee would like to thank the 39 members who completed the Survey. Further details of the results and action proposed by Committee will be announced shortly.

Some of the findings included –

- ◆ A response rate of just 33% of Woodies membership.
- ◆ There are some offers of voluntary assistance from the respondents.
- ◆ There are a small number of full time workers who are unable to attend due to work commitments, so session times outside of working hours may assist with this.
- ◆ There is interest in more field trips.
- ◆ There is awareness of contributing through working bees, Bunnings BBQs & the Christmas shop but some members were unclear about what other tasks need to be done around the Club.
- ◆ The most effective methods of communication were emails, the newsletter and word of mouth.
- ◆ Some members have expressed interest in assisting with preventative maintenance.

Bunnings BBQ: The next Bunnings sausage sizzle is on Sunday 6th April. The roster is on the board - please put your name down if you can assist.

Machine maintenance: Committee was informed that some machines are being adjusted, altered or used inappropriately. Members must notify a Supervisor immediately if there is something wrong with a machine. Bandsaw blades must only be replaced by Syd or another approved Supervisor. There is a book (located near the machine) where every use of the drum sander must be noted. There has also been recent instances of timber being burnt onto the drum sander. Some machines are key locked. These must not be unlocked unless approval has been given by a Supervisor. Unfortunately due to some of these issues being on-going, signs will be put on machines reminding members to see a Supervisor immediately if there is a problem.

Digital Assets Register: A proposal to create a Digital Assets Register has been agreed by Committee. David Carlos, who has substantial experience in this field, is undertaking this task. The register of our digital assets will sit alongside our physical Assets Register and offer a better understanding of the Club's overall assets and their most efficient use.

SOCIAL MEDIA

A reminder to Woodies members who have Facebook and Instagram social media accounts, could you please help us promote our club and current events by using your accounts:

1. **'Follow'** (or join) our 3 social media platforms:

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Facebook Page

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Instagram

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Inc. Facebook Group

2. **'Like'** our posts, stories and videos.
3. **'Comment'** on our posts, to help 'bump' them up the feed.
4. **'Share'** our posts with your friends to help broaden our exposure.

Our **'Facebook Group'** also allows its members to post their own content, so please contribute with photos of your work and anything else woodwork related you'd like to share with others. The site is moderated and posts will appear once approved.

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday 9 am to 12 noon - Hartley Tobin: 0400 359 976
Neil Lenne: 0417 343 112

Monday 1pm to 4pm Michael Bladen 0428 270 850

Time for this session may vary on 1st and 2nd Mondays of the month.

Monday 5 pm to 8 pm - John DiStefano: 0482 173 799

Friday 9 am to 12 noon - Hartley Tobin: 0400 359 976

Neil Lenne: 0417 343 112

SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon - Grant Crocker 0418 121 592

TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

Tuesday 9am to 4pm - Peter Myers 0413 122 103

PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions

Friday 1pm to 4 pm - Michael Bladen: 0428 270 850

SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions

Wednesday 9am to 12 noon - Lionel Wood: 0490 695 950

Syd Gordon: 0434 614 573

JOINERY: Regular Sessions

Thursday 9am to 12 noon - Syd Gordon 0434 614 573

Thursday 1pm to 4pm - Tina Kalivas, Peter Myers and David Carlos - specialised session - it is essential to contact Syd Gordon to access this session.

CARVING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon - Harry Smith: 5674 8078

KUMIKO: Regular sessions

Monday 9am to 12 noon - Syd Gordon 0434 614 573

WOODEN JEWELLERY: Regular sessions

Participants numbers may be limited for this session

Friday 1pm to 4pm - Syd Gordon 0434 614 573

- Tina Kalivas 0425 701 629

OTHER NEWS

An Invitation...

U3A Wonthaggi invites members and friends to join us in celebrating 30 years of lifelong learning, activities, connections, and friendships at our Annual General Meeting.

Date: Wednesday, March 26th, 2025

Time: 1:30 PM

Venue: Wonthaggi RSL, 60 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

This milestone event will feature a special guest speaker, Professor Simone Alexander, Interim CEO of Bass Coast Health, who will share insights into the operation and future plans of our expanding local hospital.

The meeting will also include:

Life Member Awards: Recognising outstanding contributions

Annual Report Presentation: Reflecting on our achievements

Committee Opportunities: Get involved in shaping the future of U3A Wonthaggi

We welcome all members and friends to attend and celebrate this special occasion with us.

For more information and RSVP, contact the secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au or phone 0493 471 254

WOODIES AT WORK

Below: The wool feeder for knitters shown in production in the last Newsletter is now being well used and the second edition is well underway.

Bottom: As usual on a Friday morning, the Carvers are shown enjoying their various projects and the social atmosphere.



NOW HERE'S A GREAT IDEA: These latex finger protectors/covers are great if you use CA glue regularly. Saves using full gloves, you only need a few at a time and they can be reused. Simple, cheap, no more fingers stuck together or difficult to remove glue remnants. Only about \$2 for 50 pack at Temu. I'm converted - Alan.



FROM YOUTUBE



Stumpy Nubs (James Hamilton) does regular really good woodcraft related videos, well worth subscribing to - 938 videos available. Here's a couple.

Inexpensive tools that are changing workshops
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikGOKY5r0Ik>

Cheap tools that changed my workshop immediately
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdE3P3UuVO4>

CLUB AWARDS

The Club Awards 2024 presentation luncheon was held on Saturday 8th March. There were 34 members and family in attendance and all enjoyed the social atmosphere and the opportunity to recognise the four Award winners. The 2025 Awards process will be conducted later this year in October or November, with presentations at our Christmas function.

Thanks to Neil Lenne for arranging the food, the judges for making the difficult decisions on the Okke Huitema and Harry Oates Awards and Syd and the Committee executive for considering the nominations for the President's and George Hill Awards.

Below: Winner of the Harry Oates Award Geoff Rippingdale, and the George Hill Award, John Harmer with their certificates and perpetual trophies.

The 34 attendees enjoyed a light luncheon and socialising with friends, family and fellow members.

At right: Our oldest member Eric Hornsby (95) who submitted a carved piece for the Awards, is pictured here with his family who attended the function.

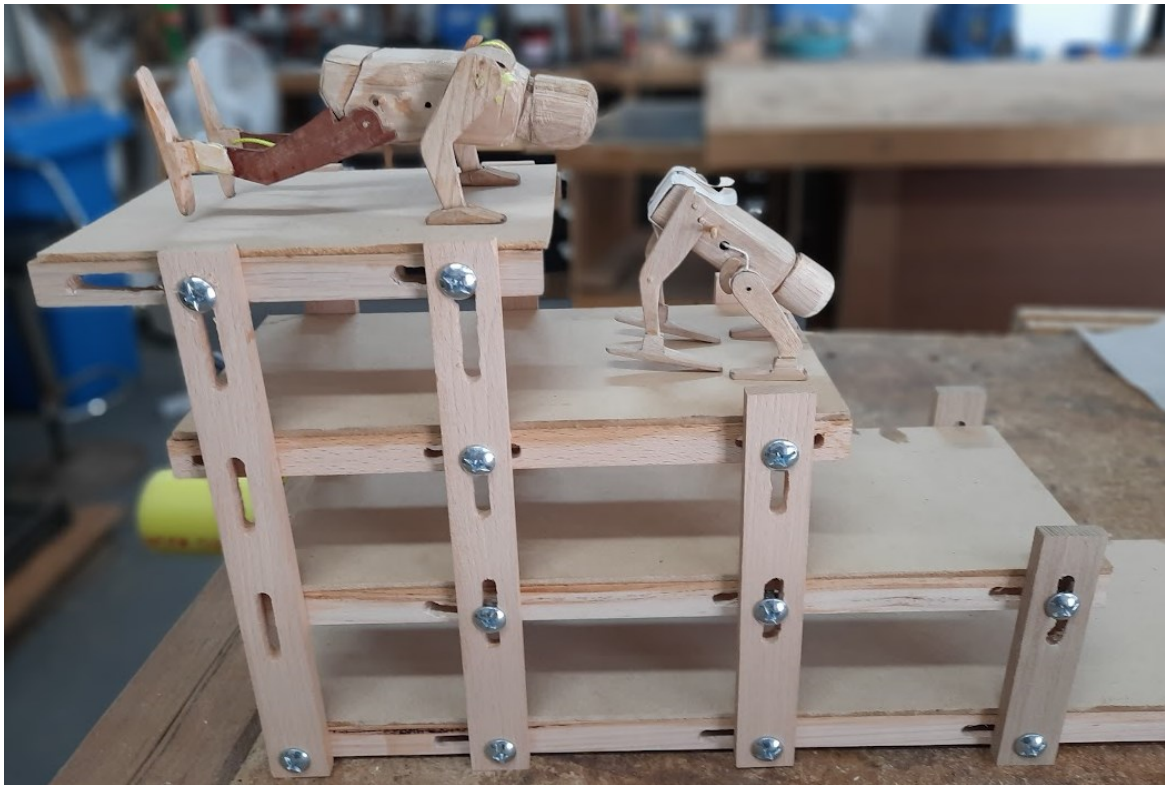
Mel Day is pictured with the three outstanding carved items she submitted for the Okke Huitema Award.

Unfortunately the winners of the President's Award, David Carlos and the Okke Huitema Award, Craig Charles, could not attend. Their perpetual trophies and certificates are pictured and on his return, Craig Charles shows his creation that won the Award.



WOODIES AT WORK & PLAY

Jimmy Yokoi has been working on the setup below for a while now. The aim is to have the men do full somersaults down the stairs. It involves a lot minute adjustments to weight, balance and spring to make it work effectively. You can see that the steps are also fully adjustable to make further allowances for this to work with different size/shape of the 'men'. Knowing Jimmy as we do at the Woodies, it will work perfectly when completed.



**Ron Snooks, Fred Demenech, Frank Paravicini and Eric Thorpe
enjoying their weekly coffee at GRAZE DELI AND BAKEHOUSE**



I recently had a short holiday in Canberra and on a Saturday, decided to pay a visit to the ACT Woodcraft Guild. The Guild has near 500 members and is open 7 days a week including some evenings. They have a well established and equipped multi-workshop facility. I was impressed by the very clean, tidy and well organised facilities. The pictures below are of the woodturning area, which comprises 10 Vicmarc lathes. Interestingly each lathe is in its own 'alcove' (walled on 3 sides).

The Guild's other workshops are roomy and they have one with multiple workbenches (pictured below) for various tasks. Everything is dust extracted by a very large system. They also have their own large milling machine. Prepared timber is sold to members. Annual fees are \$200. It's worth visiting their comprehensive website -

<https://www.woodcraftguild.org.au/> *Alan.*



From Lex Van Saane -

* Two Irish lads were working for the local county council. One lad would dig a hole and the other lad would follow him and fill the hole in. They worked up along one street and then down the other. They then moved to the next street and did the same, working flat out all day without stopping.

A passerby saw what they were doing and was amazed at the hard work, but couldn't understand what they were at. So, he shouted over to the lad digging the holes, *'I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only for the other lad to fill it in?'*

The lad wiped his brow and sighed, *'Well, I suppose it probably does look a bit odd. You see, we're normally a three-man team. But today the lad who plants the trees phoned in sick.'*

* Paudie goes into a bar and orders seven shots of tequila and one Guinness. The barman lines up the shots and goes to get the Guinness. When he comes back with the pint, all seven shots are gone.

The barman says: *"Wow! You sure drank those fast."*

Paudie explains: *"You would drink fast too if you had what I have."*

The barman asks: *"What do you have?"*

The guy reaches into his pocket and says: *"Fifty cents!"*

And a few more while we're at it—

My friend got a personal trainer a year before his wedding. I thought, *'Bloody hell, how long's the aisle going to be?'*

My friend says to me: *"What rhymes with orange?"* I said: *"No it doesn't!"*

Whenever I see a man with a beard, moustache, and glasses, I think, *'Now, there's a man who has taken every precaution to avoid people doodling on photographs of him'.*

In need of a good laugh? Start an argument with someone when they have hiccups.

WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the Woodies recently.

252 - Gail Trollope

253 - Amandeep Rolay

We encourage all Woodies members to make them feel welcome and at home at the Club and to assist and support them.



Wendy's driving skills are legendary, it's actually 60 for everyone else.

I usually keep politics out of the Newsletter, but couldn't resist this one



A very happy birthday to the following Members –

Nicole BETTS

Neil CROLL

Frank DUNIENVILLE

Gordon GARBUTT

Shane GILMORE

Mark NUGARA

Susan PARTRIDGE

Amanda ROBBINS

Amandeep ROLAY

Beate SCHRODER

Eric THORPE

Johan VAESSEN

Greg WALKER

There are still a few birthdays not on our records. If we've missed you, please let Michael Bladen know or email - woodiessec@gmail.com

SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES

STOCK IS PURCHASED IN BULK, SO PRICES ARE MINIMISED: Shellawax, Glow, EEE, super glue and sandpaper. All items are on-sold at cost price. We also have basic earmuffs, safety glasses and Covid-safe masks if you'd like to wear one. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, see your session supervisor for prices and availability. *If you have any thoughts about other items the Club could purchase in bulk for resale, speak to a Supervisor or to Woodies purchasing officer - Neil Bateman.*

*** CAN YOU HELP ?? ***

Please send any relevant articles, photos of interest or your latest project, items to buy or sell, woodworking tips, tricks and jigs, or just any general suggestions for the Newsletter to -

woodiesnews@gmail.com

FROM MY ARCHIVES

I began doing the Woodies Newsletter back in June 2012. There has been a lot of news, happenings and fun at the Club since. Back then we had a total of 55 members, which has now more than doubled and the Club has gone from strength to strength. Here are a couple of articles from that time you may find interesting. I'll include more from the archives in future Newsletters. *Alan*



FIRST BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE:

"The Club's first Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 14th July 2012 was a great success. The weather held out and it was a great fundraiser for the Club. Thanks to the 14 members who gave up their valuable time to support. A special thanks to Lionel Wood for the purchasing and organisation, ensuring all went smoothly".

Ed. The four members pictured are Neil Lenne, Neil Bateman, Lionel Wood and Tony Stephens.



AUGUST 2012 - BUILDING PROJECT – INFILL BETWEEN SHEDS:

"Everyone will be pleased to know that the work has begun. After a long wait for some good weather, the area was dug out and mesh laid on Tuesday this week, with concrete poured on Wednesday. We now look forward to getting the structure started. Bernie Bambling is overseeing the job and will be looking for helpers for various parts of the project."

Ed. This project is now the storage room between the woodturning workshop and the Meeting room. Bernie Bambling also oversaw the construction of the Machinery Shed in 2018. More on that in a future Newsletter.

WHAT TOOL IS THAT?

The picture of the tool below was provided by Syd Gordon. Any idea what it's for? Answer next Newsletter or just ask Syd.



The Joy of Woodturning with Tim Yoder

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcWKSJkAkFQ>

Tim Yoder is a brilliant wood turner. Have a look at his multitude of great videos on Youtube.

www.youtube.com@woodturningwithtimyoder

However this one is a parody of 'The Joy of Painting with Bob Ross', which many of you may have watched. Move over Russell Coight!

Forget political correctness and have a good belly laugh!! Very cleverly done.

Well, yeah but which one is it??



CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER SEGMENTS?

If you have any funny stories, articles, *Tips, Tricks & Jigs*, favourite gadgets, items to sell or buy, interesting websites, pictures of things you've created or work in progress, send them to - woodiesnews@gmail.com
Articles must be received no later than the 16th of the month please, to be included in the next Newsletter.

WOODIES CLASSIFIEDS

There are two categories; "For Sale" if you have any tools or woodworking equipment to liquidate, and "Wanted" for those of you who are looking for preloved tools or equipment that other members may be willing to part with. There is no cost, except if it is a commercial arrangement.

All you need to do to get an advert in, is write a short description (including contact details) of the item that you are selling, or wish to buy and send it to woodiesnews@gmail.com along with any photographs where appropriate.

Entries must be received by 16th of the month to be included in the next newsletter. Items can appear in two consecutive newsletters unless sold or otherwise requested.

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