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DIARY 2024

December 24th - Christmas Shop Closes 1pm

Pick up of all unsold items immediately after

January 6th - Committee Meeting

January 11th - Working Bee @ 9.30am.

January 20th - Club workshops re-start

February 3rd - Committee Meeting

February 10th - Members' Meeting

March 3rd - Committee Meeting

March 10th - Members' Meeting

March 31st - Membership fees due

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the final newsletter for 2024. It seems that the year went by in the blink-of-an-eye. Of course, the years don't really pass any quicker than normal, so maybe it is old age that creates the illusion of high-speed travel in time.

2024 has been a busy year for us and we have enlisted many new members bringing us to 106 at the last count. At our AGM we had a significant change to the Committee, new President, new Vice President, new Secretary and two new members. It is very pleasing that members are willing to step up to the plate. I would encourage others to consider putting their name forward for next year's election. However if you don't wish to join the committee, you may be prepared to take on a small responsibility to reduce the pressure on the group. Speak to one of the committee members to find out where you could possibly assist.

The Christmas function was held at a new venue, by all accounts the venue was a hit, and everyone had a fantastic time and the lunch went off without a hitch. Peter, Neil and Lex did a stellar job of organising the festivities with lots of raffle prizes. Do we use the same venue next year? Or consider an alternative? Suggestions are welcomed.



PRESIDENT’S REPORT *Continued from Page 1 -*

This year has seen an increase to our machinery. We replaced the 3phase HAFCO table saw with a 3phase Saw-Stop table saw, a needed change given the significant injuries sustained by a couple of members (no more to say about that). We have also added a new LAGUNA lathe to the turning room bringing the complement of lathes to nine. I think that might be the limit for that workspace.

Our workgroups are all doing well although numbers have waxed and waned throughout the year. Overall however, we are doing very well. Some of the workgroups have increased beyond capacity, in particular Carving and Joinery. As a result, we have had to ‘cap’ them. Carving is capped at eight and Joinery is capped at ten. If you wish to participate in either of these groups, please check with the relevant supervisor. As for Joinery, there is a second group that is focusing on hand tools only. If you are interested and want some more information, you may speak to me.

Whilst we are on the topic of workgroups. There are two new groups that have started or about to start. There is a Kumiko group that has been operating for a few months now. Kumiko is a traditional Japanese woodworking technique that involves assembling thin wooden pieces into intricate patterns without using nails or metal. The wooden pieces are grooved, punched, and mortised, then fitted together using a plane, saw, and chisel. The pieces are adjusted to create complex patterns that slot together under pressure.

A new workgroup will have a focus on wooden jewellery (mostly hand tools). It is still in development, but several members have already expressed an interest. Final details will be advertised when the club resumes next year.

The shop sales are doing well. The Christmas shop got off to a great start during week one, week two saw a slight decline in sales, but we expect an upturn for week three.

The Easter shop at Newhaven was a great success and as usual the coffee and scones were a hit with those members that manned the shop.

Well, that’s it until next year. A merry Christmas to you all and a happy New Year.

Syd.

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 such as the Christmas shop, 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. This is moderated but will be posted once approved.

Thanks everyone for your support during 2024 and we look forward to seeing you all on our ‘Woodies’ socials.
Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Cheers, Tina Kalivas.

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	0400 359 976
	Neil Lenne:	0417 343 112
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229
Monday 1pm to 4pm	Michael Bladen	0428 270 850
Time for this session will vary on first two Mondays each month		
Monday 5 pm to 8 pm	- John DiStefano:	0482 173 799
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Lionel Wood:	0409 695 950
Friday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	0400 359 976
	Neil Lenne:	0417 343 112
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229

SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Grant Crocker	0418 121 592
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TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

Tuesday 9am to 4pm	- Peter Myers	0413 122 103
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PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions

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

CARVING: Regular Sessions

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

Working Bee and workshop sessions starts for 2025

The Club will re-open for 2025 from Monday January 20th, for all Club workshop sessions.

During the Christmas/New Year break, no activities may be carried out at Club facilities, apart from the Working Bee which will be conducted on January 13th - beginning @ 9.30am. It is anticipated the activities will involve preparing our facilities for the upcoming year and making necessary arrangements for workshop sessions to begin smoothly. It will also involve some internal and external cleaning and organising eg. wood storage areas and some gardening and weeding.

Please join us if you can.

Awards - As previously publicised, the Annual Awards for 2024 will be conducted early in 2025.

The four annual Awards are:

1. The Okke Huitema Excellence Award
2. The Harry Oates Encouragement Award
3. The George Hill Most Improved Award
4. The President's Award

Members will be sent more information and exact dates later, but at this stage items for Awards 1 & 2 will be submitted and judged in the first week in Feb 2025. Supervisors will be provided with nomination forms for Awards 3 & 4, also around this time.

Judges are currently being confirmed.

Michael Bladen.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

The end of year/Christmas function was held at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club on 5th December. It was a new venue for us and the consensus was that it was ideal for our needs. 48 members and partners attended and enjoyed the friendship and conviviality. The raffle was drawn and it was estimated that there was near \$1800 value in prizes - all donated, and we are grateful for our generous sponsors and members who donated prizes. Special thanks to Neil & Lynn Lenne and Peter Myers for the function organisation and to Lex Van Saane arranging the raffle. Lynne & Neil also sourced many of the prizes. This venue has again been booked for next year.

Thanks to Meryl Tobin for the **photos below**. Robyn was very pleased to win the prize donated by the Wonthaggi Miners Dispensary. The 'Two Neils' are in a happy mood (nothing to do with what's on the table in front of them!!)



VINTAGE TOOLS FIELD TRIP

An enthusiastic group of Woodies members recently went on a day trip to visit the **VINTAGE TOOL SHOP**. This retail outlet has been selling antique and vintage hand tools in their online shop since 2012, and have had their physical shop since 2019.

<https://vintagetoolshop.com.au/>

The group also visited **CERES FAIR WOOD** which supplies farm forested and salvaged timbers. They support farm foresters and other well managed timber sources by connecting timber and firewood buyers to small scale growers and millers.

<https://ceresfairwood.org.au/>

In the photo below, Tina, Syd and David are considering what they might buy from the huge stock at Ceres.



Be amazed, have a laugh - here's 44 photos that are exceptional.

Right place, right time, right moment.

<https://www.ipnoze.com/photos-prises-parfait-moment-2/>

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOP

Almost at the end of the road now and the Christmas Shop has once again been a great success. The convenience of using our own premises was very obvious. We opened with well over 600 items for sale. After just two weeks of opening, a total of 450 items had been sold. Thanks to those members who have been able to add more creations along the way, we have been able to keep up the available stock. With just a few days to go now, it is looking a little thin. However that is the usual expectation and reflects how many people have gone away with great wooden products created by our Club members.

Thank you to all members who supervised the shop - the roster was completely filled.

A reminder that the shop closes at 1pm Tuesday 24th December and members are expected to pick up their unsold items at that time. Alternatively, arrange for another member to pick your things up if you can't.

Any items not collected will be left in the meeting room which will not be accessible until the day of the working bee or when workshop sessions resume on 20th January.



50 Things That You Need To Start Doing For Yourself

- 1/ Start making your own happiness a top priority.
- 2/ Stop giving your energy and time to people that don't respect you.
- 3/ Start breathing properly.
- 4/ Let go of all things that no longer serve you.
- 5/ Start living in the present.
- 6/ Forgive yourself for your past mistakes.
- 7/ Stop judging others and accept them as they are.
- 8/ Expect only the best from life.
- 9/ Start loving yourself
- 10/ Stop competing with others.
- 11/ Start simplifying your life by removing unnecessary conflict.
- 12/ Focus on solutions rather than problems.
- 13/ Stop comparing yourself to others.
- 14/ Forgive all those people who have hurt you in the past.
- 15/ Nurture the relationships you have with others.
- 16/ Start treating yourself as you want others to treat you.
- 17/ Develop an attitude of gratitude.
- 18/ Start spending time only with people that make you feel good.
- 19/ Stop making excuses for others and for yourself.
- 20/ Begin making time to do the things you love.
- 21/ Stop wishing things were different.
- 22/ Take more breaks.
- 23/ Listen to your inner voice.
- 24/ Start trusting your own intuition.
- 25/ Don't take on other people's problems as your own.
- 26/ Start increasing your comfort zone a little every day.
- 27/ Be gentle with yourself.
- 28/ Make time to focus on all the things you have in your life to be grateful for.
- 29/ Start believing in yourself and your ability to succeed.
- 30/ Don't bully or pressure yourself into making decisions.
- 31/ Stop saying 'Yes' when you really mean 'No'.
- 32/ Be happy for others.
- 33/ Make more time for pleasure and enjoyment in your life.
- 34/ Make a list of your goals and start taking steps towards achieving them every day.
- 35/ Learn to release control of events you cannot change and relax into the flow of life.
- 36/ Start standing up for yourself and saying what you really mean.
- 37/ Stop talking yourself out of all the things that you really want to do.
- 38/ Take full responsibility for your life, don't play the victim.
- 39/ Start noticing the beauty of small, everyday things.
- 40/ Stop worrying about things that you cannot control.
- 41/ Speak kindly and lovingly of yourself.
- 42/ Start making time for doing the things you love.
- 43/ Start celebrating all your victories, however small.
- 44/ End toxic relationships.
- 45/ Create a vision for your life.
- 46/ Start being honest with yourself about how you truly feel.
- 47/ Go after your dreams.
- 48/ Smile more.
- 49/ Slow down.
- 50/ Start living the life you want today.



A very *happy birthday* to the following Members –

James Dean
 Steven Dennett
 Stephen Edge
 Andy Hopkins
 Marion Kerry
 Harry Smith
 Peter Williams

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



SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES

NEW STOCK HAS NOW ARRIVED 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

On behalf of the Wonthaggi Woodies Committee, have a great Christmas, New Year and festive season everyone. Stay healthy and safe and we look forward to seeing everyone 'making sawdust' in 2025. If you were lucky enough to receive some 'spending money' for Chrissy, don't forget to support our valued sponsors shown on the next page.

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 equipment you want 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.

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 will appear in two consecutive newsletters unless sold or otherwise requested.

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