



# The Wonthaggi Woody

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### DIARY 2023/24

December 8th - Woodies 2023 closure

December 9th to 23rd - Christmas Shop

December 23rd 2pm - Christmas shop pick up

January 12th - Working bee at Club

January 15th - Workshop sessions re-start

February 5th - Committee meeting

February 12th - Members Meeting

March 4th - Committee Meeting

March 11th - Members Meeting

## PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



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The front of the President's House - and I'm not talking about the "White House" - this is Neil's place. When do he and Lyn get the time to create all of this? It's got to be the highlight of Christmas in San Remo - brilliant.



**Ho Ho Ho - welcome to a very jolly Christmas newsletter.**

*On behalf of the committee and myself I would like to wish members and their families all the best for the festive season and a happy new year.*

*We had our Christmas luncheon and it was great to see so many there. We announced and presented our Club Award winners for the year, not only with perpetual trophies, but a framed certificate of recognition and a Bunnings gift voucher as well. The Christmas shop is open and so far is going great guns, so thanks to everyone who put things in to sell. A special thanks to Tina for her social networking skills, which I'm sure has had a lot to do with the shop's success so far. I would also like to thank all of the committee for their hard work over the year. There is a working bee on the 12/1/24 and you will be reminded closer to the date; the more people we have the easier it will be to get the jobs done.*

*So to everyone, enjoy your break and we will see you all next year.*

*Cheers, Neil.*

# Newsletter # 200

Yeah!! We've made it! **The Wonthaggi Woody** started many moons ago. I began as Editor at issue 67, June 2012. Prior to that Hartley Tobin was behind the keyboard for many years and for a while Lionel Wood. Syd Gordon created the Newsletter from issues 129 to 173 and I returned at issue 174 up to today - **200**.

**From the editors, thanks for everybody's support on that journey of at least a 22 year period.**

## WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

**Re-start date for all Workshop Sessions is week beginning Monday 15th January 2024.**

### WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
	Neil Lenne:	5678 5736
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229
Monday 1pm to 4pm	John DiStefano:	0481 480 812
Monday 5 pm to 8 pm	- Michael Bladen	0428 270 850
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Lionel Wood:	0409 695 950
Friday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
	Neil Lenne:	5678 5736
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229

### SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Grant Crocker	0418 121 592
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### WOODTURNING: On-demand Sessions

Friday 1pm to 4pm	Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
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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 9 m to 12 noon	- Lionel Wood:	0490 695 950
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### BANDSAW BOX MAKING: On-demand Sessions

Monday 1pm to 4 pm	- Marion Kerry:	0409 010 843
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### JOINERY: Regular Sessions

Thursday 9am to 12 noon	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
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### JOINERY: On-demand Sessions

Thursday 1pm to 4pm	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573

### CARVING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Harry Smith:	5674 8078
	Lionel Wood:	0490 695 950

## CURRENT NEWS

**Club Closure for Christmas/New Year break** - The Club is officially closed from Thursday 7th December., except for the Christmas Shop and associated access. Workshop sessions will begin again from Monday 15th January. **PLEASE NOTE: No sessions or work is to be conducted at the Club during closure, including whilst the Christmas Shop is operating, except for planned cleaning and maintenance.**

**Christmas function** - Our annual Christmas function this year was held at the Whalebone Hotel in Wonthaggi and 56 Woodies, partners and friends attended. The Club's Annual Award presentations were made, the raffle was drawn and Neil Lenne was presented with his Life Membership.

**Christmas Shop** - The Christmas Shop is nearly done and dusted for this year, and it's been very successful having it at our workshops. With a broad range of advertising including in the Sentinel Times, South Coast FM, shop windows, letterbox drop, other local community groups and a largely increased presence on Facebook and Instagram, the numbers coming through have been great. Thank you to the people who have supported all this advertising and publicity and thank you to the 23 members who contributed 800+ items for sale in the Shop—and this doesn't include the toys! In the first 10 days, we took \$12,000 from 350 sold items and hopefully that will extend before closure in 4 days time. A reminder to members to pick up their unsold items between 2pm and 3.30pm on Saturday, or arrange for someone else to do so. Please don't disrupt sales time by coming in to pack up prior to that. Any items not picked up will be stored in the meeting room and can be collected at the working bee on 12th January or earlier by personal arrangement with a key holder.

**Woodies Annual Awards** - Our Awards were again presented after a hiatus due to Covid restrictions for a couple of years. Congratulations to Award recipients and a big thank you to Neil Lenne, Steve Edge, Hartley Tobin and John DiStefano who created the beautiful perpetual trophies to go along with framed certificates and \$50 vouchers compliments of Bunnings Wonthaggi.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzles** - A big thank you to Peter and Alex Myers for the organisation and running of our Bunnings events throughout the year. It's a substantial amount of work, but their dedication and efficiency have meant that the Club has earned over \$5000 for the year from these events. They have generally been well supported and the funds have substantially improved the Club's financial status as we look to add a new workshop during 2024. Recent Sausage Sizzles have each cleared around \$1100, so

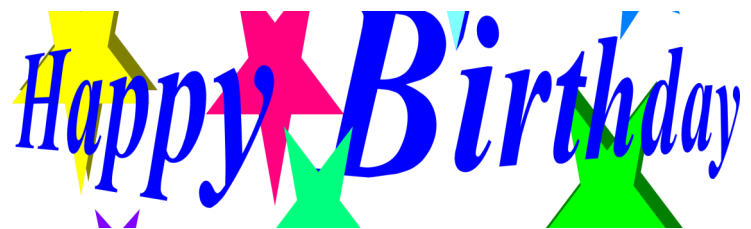
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everyone can see what important fundraisers these events are. They provide essential income to keep Woodies fees down. Please help out if you possibly can – it's only a morning or afternoon commitment, is not onerous and can be a lot of fun. Our next event is on January 27th 2024 and the roster is already on the noticeboard.

**The Annual raffle** - \$1000 was raised with this year's raffle and we had an amazing array of 30+ prizes. This year we offered more than ever before, thanks to the efforts of Lex Van Saane, Neil and Lyn Lenne. Thanks to Lyn especially, who successfully called around to local shops and businesses. A special thanks also to Lex who once again efficiently managed all aspects of the raffle with Neil's support. It's no easy task and is another invaluable financial addition for our Club. Our very generous sponsors and prize donors will be acknowledged by thank you letter, as well as in the January 2024 Newsletter.

**Working bee** - A working bee will be conducted on Friday January 12th. The tasks will be cleaning and maintenance of all adjacent outside areas including grass cutting and tree trimming. Cleaning of the kitchen, meeting room including tables, floor and carpet. Full clean of workshops including machines, floors, dust extractors, vacuum cleaners and overhead areas. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER



**A very happy birthday to the following Members –**

**James Dean**  
**Steve Dennett**  
**Steve 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](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com)**

## EVENTS PHOTOS

Most of the creators of the Perpetual Trophies and the Award recipients were proud to share their contribution and involvement in recognising the efforts of all members of the Wonthaggi Woodies. Below are Steve Edge, Grant Crocker, Craig Charles, Wayne Taylor, Neil Lenne, Hartley Tobin and Frank Kisvarda.

**BOTTOM:** Opening day at the Woodies Christmas Shop was literally 'standing room only', with 840 items on display and for sale.



Although the venue was a little noisy, 56 Woodies, partners and friends enjoyed the food, companionship and some laughs for an end of year celebration at the Whalebone Hotel. Thanks to Meryl Tobin for contributing the photos on this page.

Neil Lenne was very happy and proud to receive his well deserved Life Membership certificate and badge from Vice-President Lex Van Saane.



Winning raffle prizes and just joining friends for some fun and Christmas cheer.



## 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](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com)  
**Articles must be received no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

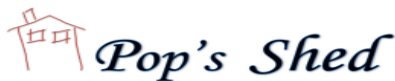
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