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DIARY 2021

Nov 7th - Committee Meeting

Nov 14th - General Meeting

Oct 29 - Nov 1st - Sales with Island Quilters

Nov 26 - Dec 4th - Christmas Shop

Nov - Bunnings BBQ

Dec 5th - Committee Meeting

Dec 8th - Christmas function Leongatha RSL

Dec - Bunnings BBQ

Dec - Club break dates TBA

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday 9 am to 12 noon - Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328

Neil Lenne: 5678 5736

Neil Bateman

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

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Neil Bateman

SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon - Neil Lenne: 5678 5736

WOODTURNING: On-demand Sessions

Friday 1 pm to 4 pm - Hartley Tobin: 5997 6328

TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

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

PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions

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

SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions

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

BANDSAW BOX MAKING: On-demand Sessions

Monday 1 pm to 4 pm - Marion Kerry: 0409 010 843

JOINERY & SMALL FURNITURE MAKING: Regular Sessions

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

CARVING: Regular Sessions

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

Lionel Wood: 0490 695 950

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi all and welcome to the October newsletter. I would like to thank the members that came along to the general meeting and encourage others to also do so when they can.

I would also like to thank Peter Myers & his wife Alex, for taking on the co-ordinator role of the Bunnings BBQ. It's a great relief to all concerned. There is some one considering taking on the role as social coordinator as well, so

things are looking up.

Some of the committee are sorting Bernie Bambling's equipment at the moment. He will have lots for sale and you will be notified by email when we have everything organised.

I'm sorry to say that the drum sander has been used wrongly again. It can't continue, so Committee has decided to put a lock on it. If you wish to use it, you will need to get a supervisor to unlock it. They will also check what you are intending to put through the sander and if they feel it's inappropriate, the machine can't be used. They may also suggest that you manually sand your piece of timber before you put it through. We are having to take this drastic action because every time the sander needs a new belt it costs the Club money and someone's time for installation.

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cont. from P1 - To the person who took the tin of drinking chocolate, it is a very low act, one which I hope will not be repeated.

On a positive note, I'd to thank all the supervisors for doing a great job, where would we be without you all?

Just a reminder that on Saturday the 29th October, Tony from TasTimber Sales will be bringing a range of timber from Tasmania and will be at the club at 10 o'clock.

Should be an interesting lot of quality timber, so it will be worth popping in.

We will be at the Newhaven hall with the Patchworkers on Melbourne Cup weekend. Set up will be Friday the 28th at 12 o'clock. If you wish to sell your items, you will have to put your name on the list on the club's notice board and have your sales cards and sheets ready. Selling times are 10am to 4pm each day, Saturday through to Tuesday.

There's going to be two sessions, a morning and afternoon. If you are selling you should also put your name on the roster. Michael Bladen will be in charge of that event.

I'm signing off on a very wet and miserable Thursday afternoon. Cheers Neil.

SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES

The club has expendable items purchased in bulk (sandpaper, super glue, Shellawax, EEE, etc.) for sale at Club cost price. We also have earmuffs, safety glasses and Covid-safe masks if you've forgotten to bring 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 purchasing officer - Anne Ormshaw.***

WHAT TOOL IS THIS?

Last month's mystery tool



A tool for lifting small logs and sometimes used for lifting and shifting blocks of ice.



THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY TOOL

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CURRENT NEWS

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles - Bunnings Sausage Sizzles will be conducted in November and December. Roster sheets are already on the noticeboard. Please help out.

Training/Accreditation on major machinery use - Contact Syd Gordon if you would like to be trained on any of the Club's machines or equipment, or add your name to the sheet on the noticeboard against the suitable day.

Request for speakers at General Meetings - In the past we have attempted to have a guest speaker at most of our general meetings. This fell by the wayside over the past two years during Covid. We want to incorporate this popular aspect of meetings on a consistent basis again. If you have any ideas, a contact who would speak or feel you could do so yourself, please contact Lex VanSaane.

CHRISTMAS SHOP - We are pleased to advise members that we have secured a venue for our Christmas Shop this year. It will only be for 9 consecutive days, but in a high profile position and with plenty of space and facilities. **The Goods Shed** is owned by the BCSC, but is occupied by the Bass Coast Artists Society. It is located adjacent to the old Wonthaggi station - bounded by Big W, Woolworths and Dan Murphys. There is plenty of parking and good options for displaying signage. The Artists Society has generously re-arranged some regular programs to allow us this time and there will be minimal costs. The dates for the Shop will be from 25th November to 4th December. We are hoping we can set up and pack up on the Friday before and Monday after. The inside space is at least equivalent to what we had in the Plaza Arcade and there are toilet and kitchen facilities.

As well as this there has been some preliminary discussion about having a weekend sale at the Club, like we did last year, which was very successful. This is proposed for 17th and 18th December and will be discussed in due course, as no decisions need to be made immediately.

Newhaven Sales Event with the Island Patchworkers This has been arranged for the Melbourne Cup long weekend - yes, that's next weekend! It will run from Friday 28th for set up only through to Cup Day on the 1st November. If you are interested in putting items in, please read the detailed document that was sent out by email to all members last week. Michael Bladen will be the co-ordinator.

Bernie Bambling's equipment - One of our valued long time members, Bernie Bambling, has decided for health reasons to clear all his woodworking tools, machines and workshop equipment. He has asked the Woodies to manage this, which Committee agreed to. The equipment which includes a lot of machines and power tools as well as such things as ladders, timber and general workshop materials, is currently being sorted, listed and priced. The sale will be conducted

CURRENT NEWS cont.

by the Club and Bernie does not wish to be involved. To be fair to all members, details of the items for sale, photos, prices and guidelines will be emailed to all members over the Cup weekend. There will be several sessions for people to view and make purchases, or items may be purchased sight unseen. Everything will be priced to sell. In the meantime, our agreement with Bernie is that he won't be involved, so please respect his wish.

TasTimber sale - Tony from TasTimber sales (East Coast Specialty Timbers) will be visiting the Woodies on Saturday 29th October - yes, that's also on Cup weekend. For details refer to the information document that was emailed to all members last week. Tony will be at the Club at 10am with a wide range of Tasmanian timbers including some unusual and rare varieties. Tony is aware of what we do at the Woodies and will bring timbers that should be appropriate for our groups., such as Huon, Sassafras, Myrtle, King Billy, etc. Should be good, don't miss out.

Pens For The Troops response - As members are aware, we have contributed to the Pens For The Troops project on two occasions, with over 300 pens donated to our serving personnel overseas. We have received a response from one serviceman which indicates our most recent contribution has made it out there to wherever the troops are located. The response is below -

Good afternoon guys,

I'd really like to thank you guys for this beautifully crafted pen. I carry it around with me in my uniform at all times.

Thank you for taking the time out of your lives to craft something for us it really means so much to a lot of the crew.

All of us appreciate the support and respect (and pens) you've given us.

Kindest regards,

Alexander Bennett

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Communications and Information Systems Operator (Signalman-Radioman)

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"Thorough and Ready"

Grants applications - The Woodies currently have three Grant applications pending from as long as 2

months ago. It is often a long process, but we are hopeful of good outcomes. The main application is for the installation of Solar Panels and we have just been notified that there is a delay, but we should hear about mid-November. We are very hopeful with that one, as the electricity bills we are currently getting are crippling.

New lights for scroll sawing and carving - Recently, 4 new lights were purchased for use in the scrollsaw, carving workshop. These lights are high power and have a magnifier. They are floor standing and adjustable so can be used for a variety of activities



Back in September of last year blogger, Chris Schwarz, a well known furniture maker, writer and publisher <https://www.popularwoodworking.com/chris-schwarz-blog/> blogged about his introduction to the polissoir, a French polishing tool described by Andre Roubo in his book, "L'Art du Menuisier". This relatively small bundle of broom straw can be used to burnish raw timber or, with a little more prep work, fill grain in open-pored wood. Worth a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aI4CtLFebU>

Andre Roubo's Polissoir, a Simple Tool for Polishing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM6VCdrGfC8>

How to make Roubo's Polissoir



SHOW AND TELL

From the October General Meeting -

1. Open segmented bowl by Grant Crocker using Vic. Ash and Blackwood.
2. Also created by Grant is a chopping board made from Redgum, American Oak and Pine.
3. Brian Johnson created the natural edge bowl from Walnut and the candle snuffer from Cypress Pine.
4. Also by Brian are the two bowls made from Olive.
5. The two 'baby bird's beak' vases/bowls were made by Alan Hurst from Mulga and Gidgee.

SHOW AND TELL *CONTINUED*



The magnificent large scale model below was created by Frank Paravicini. Amazingly every component was hand made and everything works as per the real thing - brilliant!



WOODIES@WORK



Above - Grant Crocker has designed and built his own jig for placing, perfectly aligning and gluing pieces for his segmented projects. He says it improves accuracy dramatically and is much quicker than doing the tasks manually.

With so many Woodies members doing segmented work now, the software developed by John DiStefano and various jigs created by individuals to suit their needs, means that amazing pieces are being produced.



The Carving group shown all totally focused on their current projects at their Friday morning session. I'm told the new magnified LED lights on adjustable stands are fantastic acquisitions for that close up and intricate work.

WOODIES@WORK

MAKING BOBBINS - *Gordon Garbutt*

Firstly I cut the ends off a piece of Cypress Pine 75mm square by 25m, and drill a 3/4 inch hole in the centre with a Forstner bit (don't have metric Forstner bits) through the end pieces.

Then I turn the centre shaft to 3/4" and glue the ends of the bobbin. I turn the ends to 75 mm diameter and the ends are turned to the shape of the sample and the belt groove is made with the skew chisel.

The next part is to drill the hole through the shaft. I drill a 6mm hole first by end for ending the shaft in the lathe.

The centre hole is then enlarged to 15mm to take a plastic bush 15x6mm, which I turn on a metal lathe (see Photo 3) and glued into the ends of the bobbin.

The bobbin is sanded with a coat of shellac then sanded a second time. This is usually enough so long as it is nice and smooth.

This has been a fairly steep learning curve for me. The thing is to find the best way of doing each operation. I have found that leaving the end pieces square, makes gluing the ends square to each other easier.



WOODIES @ WORK



This beautiful variety of pieces have been made by GRANT CROCKER

The cutting board is made from American Oak & Walnut

The Lazy Susan timbers are Walnut, White Ash, Jarrah

Four open segmented bowls are not really bowls. They are going to be used as ceiling lights & wall lights. Timbers are Jarrah & White Ash. There are 1,732 segment pieces in total.



The timber for this small open segmented bowl are Blackwood & White Ash

Below is a 3D cutting board. The timber is American oak, White Ash and Redgum



We're heading there soon.

Got a bit of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Wonthaggi will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from 25 October to 4 November. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [lifeblood.com.au](https://www.lifeblood.com.au), on our app or on 13 14 95.

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25 October to 4 November

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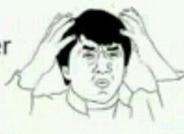
<https://www.lifeblood.com.au/donor-centre/vic/wonthaggi-mobile-donor-centre>

Can you solve? 🤔

If Teresa's daughter is my daughter's mother, what am I to Teresa?

a. Grandmother
b. Mother
c. Daughter
d. Granddaughter
e. I am Teresa

World's hardest riddle and it's breaking the internet



Did you work this one out from last Newsletter? If so, you're a genius!

The answer is - I am Teresa's daughter, the grandmother here is Teresa .. I'm her daughter, making me the mother of the youngest daughter. I hope that makes sense.

WOODIES @ WORK

Whilst supervising a woodturning session, Neil Lenne was handed a piece of timber that was considered too flawed and damaged to continue with. Neil took up the challenge and produced a beautiful natural edge bowl. Unfortunately the photo below does not do the work or the lovely colours of the wood justice.

Below that is a shallow dish made from the 'Lone Pine' tree that was donated to us from the Inverloch cemetery.



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

woodiesnews@gmail.com

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y2swN51qcQ>

Insane 3D segmented work

<https://thekiltedwoodworker.com/page/7/>

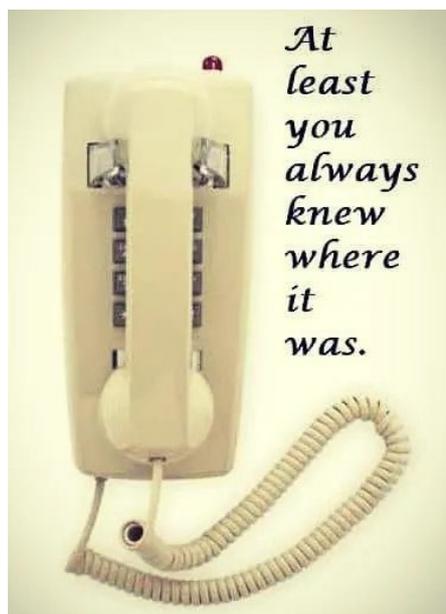
Bandsaw tune up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGCsFlsr624>

Turning a Banksia nut into a work of art with resin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsJ1VMKGVmu>

Understanding Typical Woodburning Mistakes



BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER 2022



A very **happy birthday** to the following Members – Peter Campbell, Tony Stephens, Wayne Taylor and Craig Charles.

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

When I'm feeling down & someone says 'Suck It Up' I get the urge to break their legs and say 'Walk It Off'.

WOODIES @ WORK

Carving, Woodcrafting and Camping

Would the two mix together? For me, yes, very well.

Long, long ago in the before: 2019, I decided to attend the Carving Camp run by Manningham at the Lady Northcote Camp at Glenmore. I had read the notice in our newsletter/ on the notice board at the club and remembered Harry Smith telling us how he had learned so much by attending some camps a few years before. For 40 years my maternal side of the family have visited Borambola Sport and Recreation Camp near Wagga so I knew I didn't have to fear the weather in a tent! So I repeated what I had done coming to live in Wonthaggi.... Sight unseen, not knowing anybody off I leapt into the unknown.

On a Friday afternoon turning off the Western Highway it seemed I had driven west in a nearly straight line halfway across Victoria before I finally arrived to be met by the most welcoming, friendly and helpful people from Manningham. The dormitory was small and dark but already warm, with 3 bunks for me to choose from and the little 'jack and jill' bathroom was bright and modern.

With no incentive to hang about, out I went to the dining/ meeting room and with hot drink and food in hand chatted to the non-carving wives who were already setting up their own crafting corner, then I was off to explore. Next door in a small hall there were sounds of activity. Large expanses of heavy material were being affixed wall to wall to the carpeted floor, people were setting up their stands or laying out gear on the tables. Shortly there was the tap, tap, tap or bang, bang, bang of mallets on wood as the carvers got stuck into their chosen projects. Groups with specific projects or one of individual choices were available. They covered 3D models, relief carving or mechanical (electrical) carving. My choice had been to ""attempt"" to carve a netsuke, a small 3D animal or shape originating from Japan. Charles was very patient with my fumbling efforts for which I was very grateful. Dinner followed after which we had a show and tell of completed work from the previous year and socialized. Saturday we ate, worked, x 4 then after tea had a speaker. Sunday am we were drawn from our bedrooms by the hearty sound of bagpipes courtesy of David Cretney, a member of Wonthaggi Woodies and occasional visitor to our club. Then followed eating and working x2 until lunch, a show and tell of work accomplished, then clearing and cleaning our work areas. The temporary flooring was dragged outside to have shavings and chips shaken off and the carpet inside was vacuumed to within an inch of its life.

How sad, everyone was gone by 3pm, off to their homes around Victoria. I was hooked. Afterwards it was also a chance to catch up with a school friend 20 kms further down the road and a teachers college friend south of Geelong.

So I lined up for the turning camp at Cowes a few months later, and lo and behold I was sharing a room with two ladies, Ann and Helene, whom I had met at the carving camp.

There I worked at the end of the hall where Caroline Talbot

had set up Jan and I to work on our pyrography. More new people to meet and share ideas and techniques of turning and pyro. Included this time were members from here, of course I'd heard commentary over the years so was happy to see familiar faces.

Then Ann notified me about a weekend 'Carve In' run by the Manningham Carvers in October, so off I went, stayed with one of my daughters, enjoying both new friends and family.

Ann also clued me in on the Scroll Sawing weekend in November at Traralgon where Ann, Helene and I also shared motel accommodation. I worked on my pyrography making my first ever sale!! Lots of new people to meet with ideas and techniques to absorb.

Well thought I, now I don't have to be sad about not affording cruises and trips away, I'll have lots of weekends doing what I enjoy: talk, food, family, creating, meet new people and learning new skills. I'll add Borambola and Forest Edge turning camps to my itinerary.

One excuse for going to the Borambola was to catch up with relatives living in Wagga, perhaps to scoot over to Canberra and to work my way down on and off the Hume to catch up with friends, brother, niece and family. Only it was scuppered, so I attended the 2020 carving camp and then the sky fell in.

2022, the last weekend in April this year I returned to Lady Northcote and worked with the group making goblins/ dwarves. There I renewed acquaintances from further afield.

The first weekend this month I attended the October Carve -In at the Manningham Club, although not in their actual building. We used the local hall which is in the same precinct. The club rooms were the original (probably one-teacher) school which is far too small for a large group to spread out in. Their workbenches are an excellent height and stand on large, lockable wheels which make them easy to manoeuvre between and in buildings. One side of each bench stores a detachable piece of timber which has been fashioned to fit onto a lathe to make extra work spaces. Every piece of equipment in the clubroom fits in its own place like a jigsaw puzzle.

Now this weekend I'm off to the VRI (Victorian Railway Institute) hall in Traralgon, again with my pyrography gear to reconnect with a different bunch of woodcrafting enthusiasts after a 3 year hiatus. It's the November Scrollsawing Weekend and I'm planning to try my hand at that as well. We also have participants coming from South Australia. Late November was not possible because the hall might be needed for the State election and early Nov. clashes with the Cup so I'm having an abundance of October woodcrafting and will be back with lots of small pieces to contribute to our Cup long weekend shop. I have a multitude of photos from the carve-in available, showing a huge variety of carvings and some extraordinary media. BUT you can see a heap more by looking at the latest Manningham Newsletter which was forwarded to Woodies members last Friday.

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JOKES OF THE MONTH



I got myself a 'seniors' GPS today. Not only does it tell me where to go, it tells me why I want to go there!

Wife crashed the car again today.....
She told the police the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking can of beer!
Police said he can do what he likes in his own living room!



STAY COVID SAFE AT THE WOODIES

The Woodies strongly encourage members to stay COVID safe. Covid has not gone away, so we still need to be super diligent. Regular hand sanitising, cough or sneeze into a tissue/handkerchief or the crook of your arm. If you are feeling unwell and have flu-like symptoms, do not come to the club. You should get tested and if you return a positive Covid result, stay at home and isolate for at least 5 days. Complete two negative tests before returning to the club.

Also, at this time the Flu is also still amongst us in the community. It may be less volatile now it's becoming warmer, but this illness should not be taken lightly and can have very detrimental and long lasting effects on some people. If you feel you have a cold or flu and have tested negative for Covid, stay at home for your own well-being as well as that of others.

Masks are not mandatory at the Woodies, but please wear one if you feel more at ease doing so, and sanitise and wash hands before eating or after using equipment.

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Also, on page 10 there is a box with 'wood porn' please check out the 2nd one, a less than 4 minute video of the carve-in which shows some of the magnificent work which was presented. (video link below as well). On a single table in the middle of the room is work from just one person, Thanh Duong who seems able to turn her hand to any creative endeavour.

I look forward to my mini holidays in future years.

Marion Kerry

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vL81is_K30w



WORKSHOP SAFETY

HAVE A LOOK AROUND YOUR HOME WORKSHOP

- Is the work area as free from hazards as possible?
- Is the area equipped to handle an emergency situation; for example, with a fire extinguisher, a properly equipped first aid kit and a phone handy?
- Are your tools clean, sharp and well maintained?
- Do you have enough light so you can clearly see what you are doing in all areas of your workshop?
- Do you store your power tools safely to prevent damage to the tool and cord?
- Do you keep all guards and shields in place?
- Do you always wear appropriate PPE???

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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