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DIARY 2022 - 23

Dec 10th - Club break begins

Jan 9th - Workshop sessions restart

Jan 9th - Committee Meeting

Jan 26th - Bunnings BBQ

Feb 6th - Committee meeting

Feb 13th - General Meeting

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: Regular Sessions

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

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

CARVING: Regular Sessions

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

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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



Merry
Christmas

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

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President's report cont.

Hi everyone and welcome to the December newsletter. The Christmas get together at Leongatha was a great event. Thanks to the members who attended and made the day so enjoyable. I would also like to thank all of the members who contributed to the working bee on Monday 12th Dec. Due to the wonderful turnout we were able to achieve all of the tasks, even the gardening, which we didn't think would get done because of the rain.

On behalf of the committee and myself I would like to wish everyone and their families a happy Christmas and a safe new year and look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

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?**November's mystery tool**

**Vintage Stanley USA No. 55
universal combination plane for
making your own mouldings &
profiles, etc.**

**CURRENT NEWS**

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles - Our last Bunnings Sausage Sizzle for the year was conducted on December 18th. Both the November and December sausage sizzles cleared over \$1000, so they were great earners for the Club. Let's hope that level continues. The next event is on 26th January 2023 and the roster will be on the noticeboard when the Club re-opens in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS SHOP - We were very pleased that our Christmas Shop at the **Bass Coast Artists Society Goods Shed** was quite successful. As it was only for 9 days and it was at a venue we'd never been at before, we had no great expectations, however we were hopeful it would go well. We did all we could to advertise and promote the event. The sale opened with 580 items on display and 208 items were sold. That's pretty good & has provided some good pocket money for members as well as valuable funds for the Club. We will be analysing what we can do to improve and broaden publicity before our next similar event. The Goods Shed was an ideal venue and we thank the Artists Society and especially Wendy Saphin, for generously allowing us to use their building.

Grants - Great news, the solar system was installed 10 days ago and as of last weekend is now up and running - hopefully putting plenty back into the grid and making money for us whilst the Club is having a break. Thanks Syd for working closely with the installers to get things done so quickly.

Also, a few days ago we received notification that we were successful with a Federal Grant, through the Australian Men's Shed Association, to purchase a test and tag machine and have someone from the Club do a training course. This will enable us to check the electrical safety of all our equipment at any time without having to rely on someone from outside or pay for the service.

Club closure over Christmas and New Year - As usual, the Woodies is taking a recess over the holiday period. ***The Club will be closed for all activities from 10th December to 8th January.***

This allows Supervisors to have a well-earned break, as well as giving all members the opportunity to be with family and friends during the festive season.

Please note that there will be no workshop sessions at the Club during this time and there is no reason for anybody to enter the facilities except for security checks, which will be done by the President or Secretary from time to time.

However, we encourage everyone to get into their home workshops and continue enjoying working on your hobby. We should have a wonderful *Show and Tell* at the first General Meeting in 2023, which is on Monday 13th February.

PHOTO GALLERY OF DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS

Here are the Christmas lights at 7 Shetland Heights Road, San Remo. Yes, that's our esteemed President, Neil Lenne's house. Like me, you're asking - when do he and Lyn get time to spend on all this?? Neil tells me it's been a long time tradition. The setup takes just 1 or 2 days and they are lighting up the neighbourhood from 1st December to 1st January. Maybe Santa and his elves secretly come in and give them a hand. Each year there are a few additions and deletions as things get outdated. Well done Neil and Lyn, it looks brilliant.



The Christmas end of year get together of Woodies and partners at Leongatha RSL was very well attended, although some had to drop out late due to illness and other issues. We still had over 50 there and it was a happy and jovial function as witnessed by the first photo below - it seems Neil and Frank found the joke hilarious. It was good to have Robbo and his wife join us, he's like part of the family at the Woodies. The raffle went well with so many prizes, thanks to Lex and Syd and to all members who made contributions.



Having our own room at the RSL makes it so much more convenient and people mixed and matched, with 8 to each round table making it easy to see and speak to everyone.



With Lex as MC and Neil as his helping hand, things went smoothly and the raffle prizes were shared amongst many. The Woodies thank our many suppliers and supporters who donated prizes - Bunnings Wonthaggi, Carbatec, Timbecon, Pop's Shed, Carroll's Woodcraft Supplies, Jordon Crugnale MP, as well as a members Steve Edge, Anne Ormshaw, Frank Kisvarda, Alan Hurst, Ron Snooks and Bernie Bambling.



PHOTO GALLERY OF DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS *cont.*

The 9 day sales event at the Artists Society Goods Shed went very well. There were initially 580 items put out for sale by 19 members and although we didn't get as many customers through as past years, there were lots of regulars who found us. We also welcomed many visitors and holiday makers. In total, 208 items were purchased.



Below are Marion Kerry and Fred Demenech during a quieter time, supervising at the Goods Shed sales event.



PHOTO GALLERY OF DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS *cont.*

The last two Bunnings BBQs have been excellent, with much higher than normal takings. We have been blessed with ideal weather both times. Pictured below is the morning crew from last Sunday's event - Alex Myers, Alan Hurst, Peter Myers and John Harmer, with photo taken by the 5th 'worker' Peter Morgan. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to these events and Peter & Alex for organising.



Below is a drone photo of part of the Woodies facilities showing our newly installed Solar Panels. Thanks Syd for 'piloting' the drone without mishap. The system we have had installed is 9.8Kw comprising 48 panels. The system is battery ready in case we choose to go down that path in the future.

The Woodies are very grateful to the Bass Coast Shire Council for the Community Energy Grant of \$9500 which enabled us to go forward with this project. It will be so much more energy efficient and environmentally friendly and will save the Club a substantial amount in electricity cost each year. Thanks also to Syd Gordon and the Committee who managed the process.



PHOTO GALLERY OF DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS *cont.*

The Working Bee conducted at the Club on Monday 12th December was a resounding success. It was a wet, miserable day but that didn't deter 22 members coming along to help do the cleaning, gardening and maintenance necessary. Kicking off at 9 am, the group had a morning tea break with the usual happy and friendly chatter. The President agreed to have a 'free' raffle with a heap of small prizes for a bit of fun and a thank you to those who gave up their time to help. The meeting room needed a big clean as it hadn't been done totally since before Covid lockdown. **Below**, club members - Marion, Amanda, Nicky and Tina, took on the unenviable job in the kitchen area.



Below - Neil and Lex spent some time on essential maintenance on the thickener and other equipment.



PHOTO GALLERY OF DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS *cont.*

Although it was pouring rain for much of the time, it didn't stop Steve and Frank going to town with mower and whipper snippers. They did an amazing job as the area adjacent to the machinery shed and the meeting room had become extremely overgrown because of our very wet winter followed by some quite hot days.

They came in to morning tea looking like 'shags on a rock' & were warned by those who had been carefully washing down floors to not dare leave any muddy marks around!

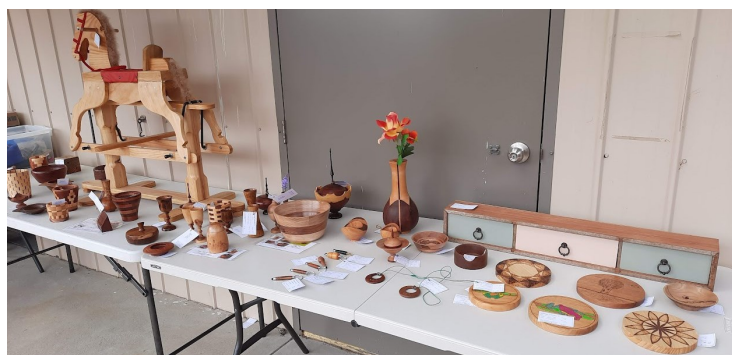
The chainsaw was put into action too and most of the large timber blocks behind the machinery shed have now been cut into more usable sizes for members' use.

A huge thanks to everyone who gave up their valuable time to support our Club. Everyone can be rightly satisfied and proud of what was achieved.



PHOTO GALLERY OF DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS *cont.*

We had our weekend sales event on 17th and 18th December. A lot of items were submitted for sale and although it was slow, it was generally steady and most people were buyers this close to Christmas. However we need to focus on better advertising and promotion if we propose to do it in the future. Thanks to Lex and a band of helpers who did most of the work, setting up, selling, packing up and general management.



BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER 2022



A very **happy birthday** to the following Members – Steve Dennett, Steve Edge, Ian Jarman, Marion Kerry and Harry Smith.

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

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PHOTO GALLERY OF DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS *cont.*

Thanks to Gordon Garbutt, we now have a new fridge at the Club. Gordon and Janice Garbutt decided to upgrade their fridge and were happy to generously donate their previous one to the Woodies. It will be invaluable to us as it's twice the size of our current one. It was an interesting task getting it out of Gordon's house (required the removal of doors) then on and off a trailer and set up at the Club. However it was achieved without incident & we hope this unit will serve the Club well in the foreseeable future. The picture below is of Neil Lenne and Syd Gordon providing a 'guided tour' of the new appliance.

Thanks to Syd and Neil for also coming in last Tuesday and shampooing the meeting room carpet. To call it 'grotty' would be an understatement. It took a few goes, but looks fantastic, so well done guys.



CHRISTMAS CRACKER JOKES



- ⇒ What do you call 2 happy mushrooms? *Fun guys*
- ⇒ What goes Oh, Oh, Oh? *Santa walking backwards.*
- ⇒ What do you call a snowman in the summer? *A puddle.*
- ⇒ What's bad tempered and goes with custard? *Apple grumble.*
- ⇒ Who gets the sack every time he goes to work? *Father Christmas.*
- ⇒ What did the hat say to the scarf? *You hang around while I go ahead.*
- ⇒ What do you get if you cross a parrot with a centipede? *A walkie-talkie.*
- ⇒ What did the pencil say to the paper? *I dot my i's on you.*

STAY COVID SAFE

Covid has not gone away. in fact we are currently still experiencing a new wave Australia-wide, so we still need to be super diligent. Importantly, there are new variants of Covid around, and we can't be sure how vaccinations will relate to these, so be extra careful and don't risk your safety.

Over Christmas and New Year, out amongst people and in crowded areas, it's even more important to protect yourself. Don't feel embarrassed to wear a mask, even if those around you aren't. Regularly wash and sanitise hands, cough or sneeze into a tissue/handkerchief or the crook of your arm. **If you are feeling unwell, take a RAT test or PCR test and isolate if you come up positive.** Although not mandated now, it's best for you and others if you stay at home and isolate for at least 5 days. Then complete at least two negative RATs before moving amongst people again.

If you do contract Covid, antiviral medications to treat COVID-19 are proven to save lives and reduce the risk of needing hospitalisation when taken early. People aged 70 and over are now eligible for antiviral medications.

GPs can prescribe antivirals and help eligible people plan to access them if they test positive for COVID-19. This can help you if you begin taking the medication within 5 days of becoming sick, when it will be most effective.

TAKE CARE OUT THERE.



And you reckon you've got a well stocked and organised tool cabinet? Get your head around this!



And as they say in the classics, "That's All Folks". For the time being anyway. I hope all Woodies members have a wonderful time over Christmas and New Year with loved ones and friends. See you all after 9th January.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay happy.

Cheers, Alan.

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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