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## DIARY 2023

Nov 4th- 7th - Sales event at Newhaven

November 6th - Committee Meeting

November 13th - Members' Meeting

November 28th - Bunnings BBQ

December 2nd - Bunnings BBQ

December 4th - Last turning session for 2023

December 7th - Christmas Function

December 8th - Woodies 2023 closure

December 9th to 23rd - Christmas Shop

## WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

|                        |                   |              |
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| 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    |
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### SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

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| Friday 9am to 12 noon | - Neil Lenne: | 5678 5736 |
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### WOODTURNING: On-demand Sessions

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| Friday 1pm to 4pm | Hartley Tobin: | 5997 6328 |
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### TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

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

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| Friday 1pm to 4 pm | - Michael Bladen: | 0428 270 850 |
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### SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions

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| Wednesday 9 m to 12 noon | - Lionel Wood: | 0490 695 950 |
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### BANDSAW BOX MAKING: On-demand Sessions

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

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

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| Thursday 1pm to 4pm  | - Syd Gordon | 0434 614 573 |
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### CARVING: Regular Sessions

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|                       | Lionel Wood:   | 0490 695 950 |

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone and welcome to the October newsletter. The Members' Meeting was a great success at Bunnings. The speaker was very informative about Cabots' products and everyone learnt a lot. There are a few of us making possum boxes at the moment and I would like to thank the members who are doing so, it's for a good cause.

I would like to thank the members who last Saturday picked up the wood from Inverloch and dropped it off at the club for members' to use. I'm sure it will come in handy and members will make fantastic items from it.

In recent weeks we have had quite a few new members join which is very encouraging.

I would like to remind everyone that on the Melbourne Cup weekend we will be selling items at the Newhaven patchworkers display. So if you have items for sale, there is a sheet on the noticeboard for you to put your name down over the four days. Remember if you are selling things, your name should be on the roster.

Also a reminder that the club awards will be on soon, so please consider putting some items in and check the noticeboard for details.

Cheers, **Neil.**

## CURRENT NEWS

**Members' Meetings** - The October Members' Meeting at Bunnings with Lee from Cabots doing a presentation, went very well. There were 20 members in attendance and everyone seemed to especially enjoy the hands on opportunities to try out the products and take home their own chopping board and a goodies bag from Bunnings. Thanks to Sally for facilitating this and we hope to arrange something similar in 2024.

**Christmas function** - Our annual Christmas function this year will be held at the Whalebone Hotel in Wonthaggi on Thursday 7th December beginning at 12 noon. The cost will be \$30 for 2 courses + bon-bons and extras included. There is a sheet on the board to put down your name. Please make payments for this event by 1st December by EFTPOS at the Club, in cash to Neil Lenne or by direct deposit to the club account with the note **Xmas function**. The Club's Annual Award presentations will be made at this function and the raffle will be drawn.

**Christmas Shop** - After some consideration your Committee has decided that the Christmas Shop this year will be conducted at the Club. The Shop will be from Saturday 9th December until Saturday 23rd December. It's an ideal time to tap into Christmas shoppers and attract visitors holidaying in Wonthaggi. We had an opportunity to use the Goods Shed again, but it was felt the Club offered a lot of advantages with no costs involved. We have successfully conducted two similar events at the Club in recent years and hope that we may also conduct future displays and sales events here. This includes the possibility of having an Easter Sale next year. Advertising is essential and we are intending to spend some of the money saved by using our Club, to expand our advertising. We expect that members will also be prepared to take on advertising and publicity tasks. Remember, this event will not only allow members to sell some of their work, but also provide the Club with extra funds that keep membership fees down.

**Shipping container and New Workshop** - We have been offered a Grant by Bendigo Bank of \$1000 to install a 40' shipping container. This is substantially less than what we applied for, but we will likely accept this offer and work out how we can further subsidise the project. However, our current priority is the proposed new workshop and our application for a substantial amount from the Vic. Govt. Mens' Shed Development Grant, which is currently open. It is a lot of work and a major project and the Club will need to contribute substantially to get a Grant. However, health and safety is a priority at the Woodies and it is

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felt our current space with increasing membership compromises the best working conditions we can provide. Applications are due in on 8th December and there are a number of Committee members who have taken on this task. We have building plans and a quote, permission from BCAL and at the moment an application has been lodged with Council. If approved there is then a process of getting building permits and a range of other quotes and requirements. We'll keep you updated on progress.



**Woodies Annual Awards** - The Club will once again be holding Woodies Woodcrafting Awards this year after a two year hiatus due to Covid restrictions. There will be some changes, including the introduction of the George Hill Award. Details and guidelines have been emailed to all members and are also displayed on the Club noticeboard. Winners of each Award will have their name engraved on a plaque on the relevant Perpetual Trophy as well as receiving a framed certificate. An update on that is that Bunnings Wonthaggi have generously agreed to donate a \$50 gift card for each of the 4 Award winners. The submission date for the Okke Huitema and Harry Oates Awards will be 10th November. Awards will be presented at the annual Christmas function on 7th December. I notice that another Woodies Club calls their Awards the *Be In It Awards* - let's try and emulate that and have as many members as possible submit their work and *be in it*.

**Using timber from the Club** - The Club has a lot of timber available for members to use ... and even more is on the way. The amount of dry wood in the storeroom is growing. However, if you would like to use something - please ask your Session Supervisor for approval and advice.

**Timber from Inverloch** - Thanks to those who assisted to bring all the timber back to the Club last weekend. It required 4 trailers and a ute, but hopefully will be worthwhile. Use the timber as you see fit for projects, however please don't spread it. It's neatly stacked, let's keep it that way. Although green, it is quality timber - Silky Oak, Golden Ash, Liquid Amber and fruit trees.

**Newhaven Sales Event with Patchworkers** - This event will be conducted over the 4 days of the Melbourne Cup long weekend from Saturday 4th Nov. to Tuesday 7th Nov. daily from 10am to 4pm. There will be two rostered sessions - 10am to 1pm and 1pm until 4pm. Frank Kisvarda and Neil Lenne are managing this event, so please direct any

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questions to them. There is a roster up on the notice-board and still plenty of vacancies, especially for Monday and Tuesday.

As there is limited space at the Newhaven Hall, only smaller items should be submitted for sale - no furniture and there is no wall display space. Be prepared to be spoilt with morning and afternoon tea.

Remember, like all of our sales events, if you wish to put things in for sale, please make yourself available for the roster.

**Possum boxes** - We were asked by Sally at Bunnings if we would be prepared to make some possum boxes in flat pack form for a Trade Skills for Teens Program that Bunnings is implementing.

Bunnings provided the materials and Lex, Syd and Neil produced the required flat packs. Thanks guys.

## JUST A SMILE FOR THIS MONTH

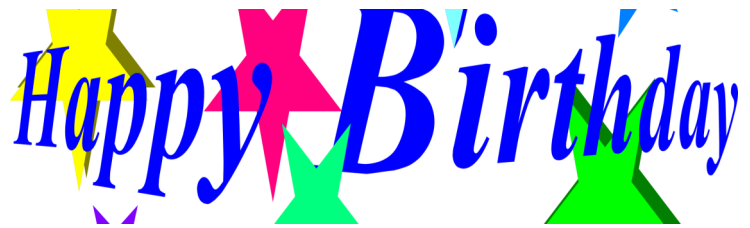


- ◆ He's about as sharp as a marble.
- ◆ Not taking risks is life's biggest gamble.
- ◆ Life gives the test first and then the lesson.
- ◆ Am I ignorant and apathetic? I don't know and I don't care.
- ◆ Ignorance is temporary but stupidity is permanent.
- ◆ Can I speak a second language? Depends if profanity counts.
- ◆ Patience: What you have when there are far too many witnesses.
- ◆ You never learn anything by doing it right.
- ◆ Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- ◆ Behind every angry woman is a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.
- ◆ I'd agree with you but then we'd both be wrong.
- ◆ Me? Sarcastic? Never!

## 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'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 purchasing officer - Neil Bateman.***

## BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER 2023



A very **happy birthday** to the following Members –  
 Peter Campbell  
 Craig Charles  
 Jan Fattohi  
 Wayne Taylor

***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)***

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

***A very warm welcome to new members this month -***

**Nicole Betts**  
**David Carlos**  
**Guilio Marcolongo**

***Woodies members please introduce yourselves and make all our new members welcome at the Woodies.***

### \*\*\*URGENT REQUEST\*\*\*

**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](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com)**

## MEMBER PROFILE



### JOHAN VAESSEN

I was born in Indonesia. My mother was Indonesian and Father Dutch.

We moved over to Holland when I was 3 years old and did all my schooling in

Holland and finished off with becoming a mechanical Engineer. At the age of 19, I moved to New Zealand and I worked there for 2 years before moving to Victoria.

I am married have 5 sons. I worked as a Mechanical Engineer with 2 companies, one for 20 years and one for 25 years, until I retired.

My wife and myself have renovated many houses. We bought land in Bass Coast 23 years ago and then watched a show about moving houses and we decided to move a house onto the property. Boy was that an experience for 3 years. Never again, but we love having our space.

My wife is my right-hand person and can always create something from nothing. I enjoy the garden now and growing all our own vegetables. Also, I like to build and have built all the sheds and outbuildings on our property.

I have always worked with metal and my wife said why don't you try something different and work with wood? So down to the Woodcrafters I came and am enjoying a new learning process with wood. Encouraged to join the Woodcrafters? No, I was told to join the Woodcrafters by my wife as I was driving her nuts.

At the Woodcrafters my goal is to just keep getting better and better at working with wood.

I have played sport all my life, basketball. I have also done martial arts all my life and hold black belt.

What I would like to see happen to improve the woodcrafters would be for a few more grants to come the way of the club. But besides that, I enjoy the chats, watching people and learning new skills.

I am a member of the Woodcrafters for life now.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE -

*For those that go back with the Club that far, this was the President's Report from one of the first Newsletters I did in August 2012. Bruno Trenning was the President and the concreting he refers to was what is now our timber storage area . Prior to that, the meeting room and the woodturning workshop were two separate buildings with open space between. You got wet in winter getting from one to the other. No verandas, no machinery shed in those days. We've come a long way and now we're looking at extending again. Alan.*

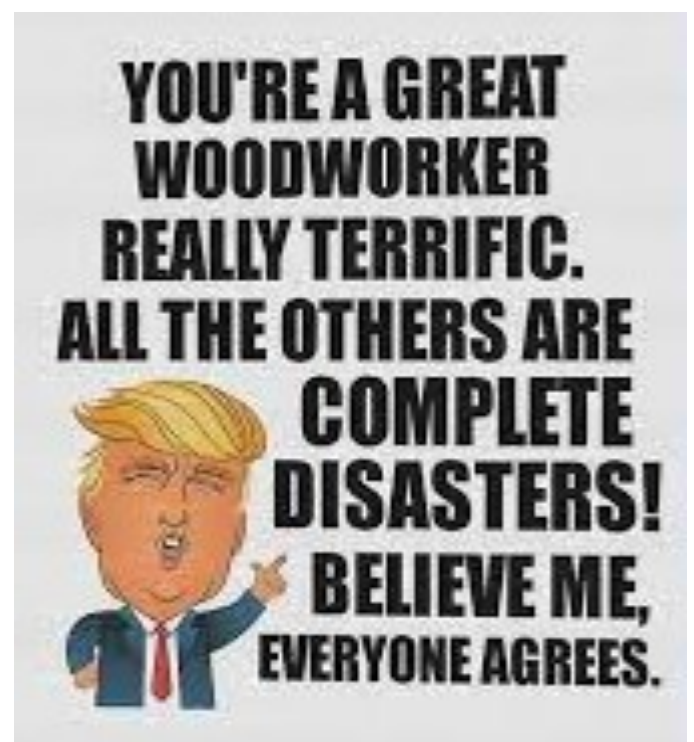


**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** It was great to get back to our Club after an absence of 6 weeks or so and I was pleased to hear that John Hatton had so ably taken over the presiding role! I can now rest assured that things will be in good hands after Mandy and I leave for Queensland in November. Also great to see Hartley back in good spirits and almost good health:

look after yourself now, old fellow!!

Finally, the concreting between our buildings has started; hope the rain will stay away for a few days, to give things a chance to dry. The Honour and Life Members' Boards have been made by Ken and we are now awaiting the gold lettering to be done - about 2 weeks I think.

Best wishes, Bruno.



# SHOW & TELL

**Below:** Two small bowls made from Dead Finish by Hartley Tobin

The large zippered vase was made from Walnut by Alan Hurst

It's amazing what people toss away. This little box was made by Brian Johnson from items in the 'throwaway' box. He even made the lid from a spigot end that was discarded.



# SHOW & TELL

**Below:** The segmented vase was made by Neil Lenne from some interesting timbers including ply. John DiStefano explained Neil's method in his absence.

A vase made from Blackwood by Alan Hurst, who also made the suspended clock at bottom from Peppercorn.



## SHOW & TELL

**Below:** The three balls were made by John DiStefano. The first is Redgum with a few cracks to contend with. The small one is made from Blackheart Sassafras and the large segmented sphere is made from 20 year old Apple. It is 20mm thick . Amazing contasts from the same timber.

The sculpture is made by Mel Day . It comprises a natural timber base infused with coloured resin. Then the glass bowl was heated until soft and shaped to fit exactly over the timber.

The bottom dolphin sculpture was carved by Eric Hornsby and mounted on a piece of timber that Mel helped to add resin to. I hope I can do that when I'm in my 90's Eric.



## You know you're growing older when ...

- ⇒ Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
- ⇒ The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
- ⇒ You feel like the night before and you haven't been anywhere.
- ⇒ Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.
- ⇒ You get winded playing cards.
- ⇒ Your children begin to look middle aged.
- ⇒ A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.
- ⇒ You need glasses to find your glasses.
- ⇒ You turn out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.
- ⇒ You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
- ⇒ Your knees buckle but your belt won't.
- ⇒ Your back goes out more than you do.
- ⇒ You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.
- ⇒ You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

## WHAT TOOL IS THIS?



Last month's Mystery Tool, supplied by Grant Crocker. His wife brought it back for him from her recent trip to the UK.

***It's a small (10cm) vintage router.***

Here's the mystery tool for October:



# SHOW & TELL

**Below:** The ladle was carved from Ash by Tina Kalivas. It will be finished in oil and used as a soup ladle at home.

The F1 replica with moving parts was made by Jimmy Yokoi, solely from a picture.

Grant Crocker made the two trivets from Walnut, Redgum and White Ash.

Grant also made the two pens from pieces left over from other projects.



# SHOW & TELL

The 'Dizzy bowl' below was made by Grant Crocker. This amazing design comprises 10 different timber species, using 10 boards each 6mm thick, which are stacked before 'manipulating' to get the final effects.



**OK, summer is almost here**

- time to get that finely sculptured body ready for display..... hmmm, or maybe not!



# New Premium Qantas Service to Include Flight



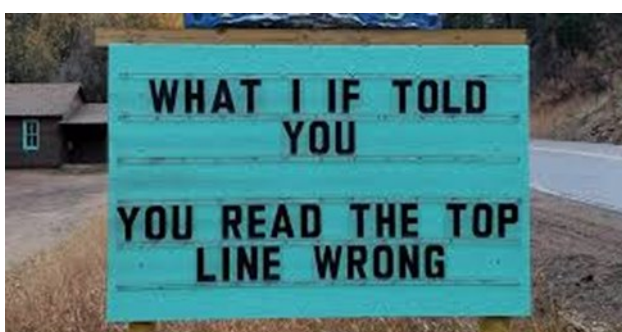
National carrier Qantas has announced a special new top-end fare that will allow customers to enjoy a flight on an aeroplane with every flight purchased. It represents a step-up from standard Qantas fares, which include a flight confirmation email, but not the flight itself.

New CEO Vanessa Hudson said as the premium carrier in the market, Qantas was always looking for new ways to delight its customers. “We thought about different ways we can add value to the Qantas experience – a free snack, an extra luggage allowance --- and then we had this idea of including an airline flight. It was quite a breakthrough moment,” she said.

Customer services manager Elise Samadas said the new service was the result of extensive research. “We asked customers what they really want out of a flight, and being flown to their destination was right up at the top of the list, which surprised us,” she said.

Ms Hudson said they were well set up to offer the service, given they already had aeroplanes. “I’ve always wondered why we had all of these aeroplanes, and now it just seems to make so much sense,” she said.

However the new ‘Flying-Class’ fares will come at a premium cost, to reflect the extra service. Customers can choose to upgrade further, by having their baggage flown to the same destination as them.





## WOODIES @ PLAY

Twenty Woodies members went to Bunnings after our shortened October Members' Meeting at the Club, to learn more about finishing woodwork with Cabot's and FeastWatson (also distributed by Cabot's) products from their representative, Lee. Each participant was provided with an unsealed chopping board to try out the various finishes. It was a highlight of the demonstration and great to be able to try so many finishing options.



## WOODIES @ WORK

We are gathering stacks of wood at the Club. The two pics below are of the timber collected from Inverloch last weekend. It's available for members' use.

It's all fairly green, so take some home if you wish to cut it up and air dry it over time. However, ***it is craft wood, not firewood.***

**NOTE:** All of our dry timber is kept indoors. Please ask a Supervisor to advise if you wish to use any of this.



## 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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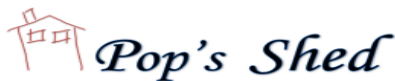


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