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DIARY 2025

March 3rd -	Committee Meeting	April 14th -	Members' Meeting	June 2nd -	Committee Meeting
March 10th -	Public Holiday - no Members' Meeting	April 18 - 20th -	Possible Easter Shop TBA	June 9th -	Members' Meeting
March 31st -	Annual fees due	May 5th -	Committee Meeting		
April 7th -	Committee Meeting	May 12th -	Members' Meeting		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the February newsletter. I hope that you enjoy reading through it.

Our club has a vast array of woodworking equipment and we pride ourselves on keeping up on the maintenance of this equipment. Our goal is to repair any damage as quickly as possible, however the job is made easier if members using the machinery, report any faults/damage to one of the supervisors as soon as possible. Also, members should not be replacing bandsaw blades and belts on belt sanders themselves. Today (Monday 18 th), I needed to use the belt sander, only to find that the belt had been wrongly fitted. The noise when started was startling and the belt had ground through the guard on the underside. It is now fully functional again. If you suspect a machine is not functioning properly or is making any unusual sounds, please tell a supervisor as a matter of urgency, don't just walk away.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there are some new sessions starting up. Hand Tool Joinery – Thursday 1 to 4pm, Japanese Kumiko – Monday 9 to 12am and Wooden Jewellery, Friday 1 to 4pm. If you have any interest in these workshops speak to me, Tina Kalivas, David Carlos or Peter Myers and we will provide more details. Also, read the article by Tina in this newsletter.

Tina and I attended two Japanese joinery workshops in Tasmania last week. I won't go into detail just now, but if you are interested in knowing anything about this highly specialised field, speak to either of us – we have examples of what we made to show off and can explain the origins of these techniques. Already someone has expressed interest in using one of the unique joints as a decorative feature for table legs.

Cheers for now

Syd.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Awards Lunch - As previously publicised, the Annual Awards for 2024 are being conducted early in 2025.

Judging is now complete and the presentations will be made at our Awards Luncheon on Saturday 1st March at 2pm. The cost is \$10, to be paid in advance as this event is being catered for. Currently we have 24 people attending. Speak to Neil Lenne for further details.

Member's Meetings - Our guest speaker for the February meeting was Woodies Member Andrew Orr, an Archaeologist whose business, Triskel Heritage, provide a range of heritage and archaeological services. Andrew spoke of the areas in South Gippsland that he has worked on and the amazing finds he has made. There was a disappointing attendance of only 17 members at the February Member's Meeting. Also only one item was submitted for Show & Tell. Keep in mind these meetings include a complimentary lunch. There will be no meeting in March because of the Labour Day holiday. Thanks to Peter Myers and as a trial, the meeting on April 14th will provide pizzas instead of sausage sizzle for lunch. So put it in your diary now and join your fellow Woodies members.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles - Change of Bunnings policy has meant that 6th April is our only event currently booked. Peter Myers has been in contact with Bunnings requesting that the Woodies be considered if there are cancellations.

Member Survey - Tina Kalivas has distributed the Survey to all members electronically. The focus of the survey is to assess approaches to volunteering, social engagement and workshop sessions. The outcomes and recommendations will be distributed to members after the Committee has appraised the submissions.

Container Deposit Scheme - Woodies are separating and collecting items for the State Government Container Deposit Scheme. If you have any items you wish to add or donate to the club's collection, to assist with fund raising, you can place the following items in the BLUE bin near the sink. Items accepted: soft drink bottles, alcohol sold in cans, glass beer bottles, water bottles, small juice cartons and flavoured milk cartons. Most aluminium, glass, plastic and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 15ml and 3 litres are eligible. Keep the lids on - they can be recycled too.

Unfortunately the following cannot be returned -

Plain milk containers of all sizes; wine or pure spirits bottles made of glass; containers 1 litre or greater that contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice, cask wine or cask water; cordial or syrup containers; sachets (soft plastic or foil) above 250mL that contained wine.

Look for the 10c mark on the drink container label. It is often located near the barcode.

Also don't crush your containers as then they can't be accepted.

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 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.

WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday 9 am to 12 noon - Hartley Tobin: 0400 359 976

Neil Lenne: 0417 343 112

Monday 1pm to 4pm Michael Bladen 0428 270 850

Time for this session may vary on 1st and 2nd Mondays of the month.

Monday 5 pm to 8 pm - John DiStefano: 0482 173 799

Friday 9 am to 12 noon - Hartley Tobin: 0400 359 976

Neil Lenne: 0417 343 112

SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon - Grant Crocker 0418 121 592

TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

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

PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions

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

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 - specialised session - it is essential to contact Syd Gordon to access this session.

CARVING: Regular Sessions

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

KUMIKO: Regular sessions

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

WOODEN JEWELLERY: Regular sessions

Participants numbers may be limited for this session

Friday 1pm to 4pm - Syd Gordon 0434 614 573

- Tina Kalivas 0425 701 629

NEW SESSIONS AVAILABLE

A new session focusing on making wooden jewellery and small ornaments is now running on Friday afternoons 1 - 4pm. Participants will use a range of woodworking skills and techniques used elsewhere at the club, such as laminating, segmenting, turning, carving and wood bending, and may include embellishments, such as metal and stone inlays. It also involves scroll sawing and pyrography skills. The session was inspired by past and current members making wooden earrings, bangles, pendants and rings and will allow participants to focus more closely on finer jewellery making skills and techniques. (See photos of work by Tina, Sandra and Amanda below). It will initially be a small group, so any members interested should contact the Supervisor, Syd Gordon, to discuss first.

This will be in addition to the new Kumiko and Japanese Joinery group that has been meeting Monday mornings 9am - 12 noon in the carving room. If you are interested in joining this group, again in the first instance please contact Syd for more information.



An Easter treat from Ikea

"Hello, customer service? Yeah, I got my flat pack Easter egg ... but parts are missing ... can I get replacement parts?... yeah 2/3 of the squares are missing... crunch, suck, mmm no, make that 3/4 of the mmm squares are gone".



A MUST HAVE - SCRIBER TOOL - \$27.20 at TEMU



The Woodworks Book and Tool Company

An independently owned supply company specialising in fine hand tools and woodworking books.

<https://www.thewoodworks.com.au/>

Fine Tools is a boutique, family run business located in Melbourne, specialising in quality hand tools such as Luban by Qiansheng and Narex.

<https://www.finetools.com.au/>

Protooling sells a huge range of Japanese knives and tools.

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



FROM YOUTUBE

Bored with the same old, same old, projects on YouTube? This is flagged as the most difficult woodworking project ever seen on YouTube. It's by an Aussie woodcrafter with 30 years experience. If you like masterful woodworking skill, creativity, perfect use of tools, precision, etc., this is well worth the 45 minute watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9IUWB59gHo>

CLUB AWARDS

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

The current Awards process is a catch up from 2024 when Awards were not conducted. The Awards for 2025 will still be conducted later in the year and the presentations will be made at the Club's Christmas function.

The pictures below show some of the items presented for the Okke Huitema and Harry Oates Awards. Judging has been completed for these Awards, with winners decided by Hartley Tobin and George Contaxis.

We would like to thank George for assisting us with the judging. He is a very experienced and highly credentialed cabinet maker and woodcrafter who has specialised in French Provincial cabinetry. We appreciate that he travelled from Melbourne to support our Awards.

The recipients for the George Hill and President's Awards have also now been decided from the nominations made by session supervisors.

Presentations of perpetual trophies and framed certificates will be made at the special luncheon being held at the Club on Saturday 1st March.

BELOW: Co-judge of the Okke Huitema and Harry Oates Club Awards for 2024, George Contaxis, pictured with President Syd Gordon, Committee member Tina Kalivas and Vice-President Peter Myers.



SHOW AND TELL

The rocking horse **below** was made by David Carlos for his granddaughter. It looks fantastic, but David said that the base needed to be wider to be more stable. Food for thought for the next edition.

Bottom: The carvers are producing some wonderful and varied creations. This leaf is currently a work in progress by Tina Kalivas.



Before Christmas I planted my tomatoes and realised the old trellis I had been using to support them was no longer usable. Researching alternatives led to discovering the "Florida Weave" in which long stakes are used to hold the structure up, but pairs of twine are stretched between the stakes in multiple rows and the tomatoes are woven between the rows of twine as they grow.

I was concerned that the nets I use to exclude birds would catch on the top of the stakes, so I designed some rounded wooden tops for the stakes. These tops also have a slot to take the twine.

I used 12 stakes, so I turned 12 "tops" from cypress (old fence posts) .. with a few extras "just in case". Repetition work like that is quite challenging, as the aim is to make all the items look the same, but also to do the job quickly.

After turning the tops, they all got a couple of coats of lacquer, and were put into service. As the picture shows the structure seems to be able to hold lots of heavy vines and fruit, and the fruit is quite visible for harvesting. So far – so good!

Colin Goodwin



Below: Colin in action on the lathe at the Woodies, working on his latest project, a knitting yarn turntable, AKA a yarn butler, yarn caddy, yarn dispenser, yarn buddy, yarn spindle ... you name it!!



REMINDER - BE AWARE OF SCAMS

RED FLAGS FOR SCAMS:

Hundreds of thousands of Australians are scammed out of their money or personal information every year.

Don't respond to unsolicited cold calls, emails, junk mail, late-night commercials or infomercials, or social media posts that are either overly attractive or fear-inducing. These are all common tactics scammers use to entice you to engage

Don't click on links, open any attachments or reply to requests. Scam messages may try to trick you into giving out your personal information. A scammer might ask for your bank account details, passwords or credit card numbers. They may also ask you to download files, software, or allow remote access to your computer. **JUST DON'T.**

Act fast if you've had your personal or financial information stolen, or if you think your credit cards or bank account may be at risk. Contact your bank or credit card provider asap and tell them to stop any transactions. They may be able to close your account or stop a transaction.

Report a cybercrime via ScamWatch - www.scamwatch.gov.au/ if you have fallen victim to a scam.

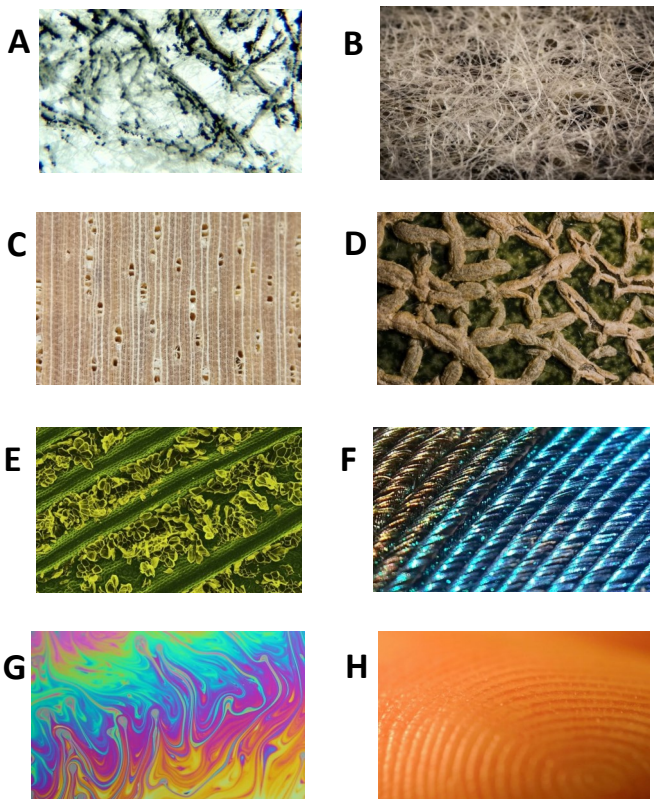


BELOW: Great to see so many members at our morning teas. This is last Friday. Also wonderful to have Neil Bate-man and Gordon Garbutt able to join us for a cuppa and chat.



Aren't these better and more fun than the grotty old, overused yellow cones we see everywhere in our day to day ventures when there are spills or dangers?

MAGNIFIED ITEMS - CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM?



Unordered the items above are: wood, soap bubble, cantaloupe skin, tea bag, marble, finger print, feather, pineapple leaf. **Answers are on next page.**

**MOST PEOPLE
DON'T THINK I'M
AS OLD AS I AM
UNTIL THEY HEAR
ME STAND UP**

SOME CLEVER DEFINITIONS

- ◆ **BALANCED DIET** - One cheeseburger in each hand.
- ◆ **GAMBLE** - Resting your eyes in the morning after shutting off your alarm
- ◆ **TERMS & CONDITIONS** - I could write literally anything here and you wouldn't read it, so I decided not to bother.
- ◆ **DIPLOMACY** - The ability to tell someone to go to hell in such a way that they actually look forward to the trip.
- ◆ **THAT'S WHAT I MEAN** - What you said makes more sense, so I'm taking credit for it.
- ◆ **I DON'T KNOW, I'LL SEE** - Not coming, never was coming, never even considered it.
- ◆ **BLURSDAY** - When you're not sure what day of the week it is.



One evening, Paddy said to his wife Mary:

"Lets go out to eat tonight."

Mary came back with the classic reply.

"But I have nothing to wear."

So Paddy said to her:

"Just wear what you had on the last time we went out darling, you looked beautiful!"

So there they were in their local Chinese restaurant, Paddy in jeans and a T-shirt, and Mary in her wedding dress!

**NEVER
UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER
OF
STUPID PEOPLE
IN
LARGE GROUPS.**



WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the Woodies recently.

250 - Sue Gates

251 - Kate Harmon

We encourage all Woodies members to make them feel welcome and at home at the Club and to assist and support them.



HERE ARE THE WEBPAGES FOR SOME OF THE VICTORIAN WOODCRAFTING CLUBS WE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH. MOST ARE VERY INFORMATIONAL AND PROVIDE GREAT CONTACTS AND LINKS.

WAVERLEY WOODWORKERS

<https://www.waverleywoodworkers.com/>

KNOX & DISTRICT WOODWORKERS CLUB

<https://www.knoxwoodies.org.au/>

WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM

<http://www.woodcraft-manningham.org.au/>

BERWICK DISTRICT WOODWORKERS CLUB

<https://bdwwc.club/>

ALTONA WOODWORKERS CLUB

<https://altonawoodworkers.weebly.com/>

ELTHAM & DISTRICT WOODWORKERS CLUB

<https://www.elthamwoodworkers.org.au/>

NORTHERN WOODTURNERS

<https://www.northernwoodturners.org.au/>

PENINSULA WOODTURNERS GUILD

<https://www.pwguild.org.au/>

VICTORIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION

<https://www.vmsa.org.au/>

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION

<https://mensshed.org/>

Magnified items on Page 6 - answers:

- A. Marble B. Tea bag C. Wood D. Cantaloupe skin
E. Pineapple Leaf F. Feather
G. Soap bubble H. Finger print



A very happy birthday to the following Members –

Peter Fussell

Dominic Iervasi

Giulio Marcolongo

Patrick Mitchell

Mike Tesch

Frank Van Pelt

Jillian Verhardt

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



Why buy it
for \$7 when you
can make it yourself
with \$92 of
craft supplies.

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

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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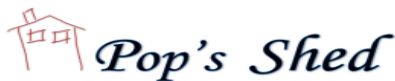
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