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DIARY 2025

January 20th - Club workshops re-start

February 3rd - Committee Meeting

February 10th - Members' Meeting

March 3rd - Committee Meeting

March 10th - AGM followed by
Members' Meeting

March 31st - Annual fees due

April 7th - Committee Meeting

April 14th - Member's Meeting

April 18th - 20th - Possible Easter Shop TBA

May 5th - Committee Meeting

May 12th - Member's Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the January newsletter. I hope everyone had a good break and will be coming back reinvigorated and raring to get back into the fray. We had a working bee on Monday 13th Jan. It was very well attended with around 30 members giving up their time to clean, wash windows and attend to the overgrown grass and shrubbery. A very big thanks to you all. There was also a lot of maintenance performed on the machinery. Maintenance is an ongoing commitment throughout the year so, if you see anything that's wrong or faulty, please let a supervisor know so that it can be remedied ASAP.

The club re-opened on Monday 20th Jan and at the time of writing, the Monday sessions and the toy makers were the only groups that had started. Wednesday scroll sawing was unfortunately a bust – lack of interest. Hopefully it will not be too long before everyone gets back into the swing of things. There are some new interest groups starting up soon. Details will be published as soon as things have been firmed up.

The Christmas shop did extremely well, and our treasurer Frank has completed all the financial arrangements. Thanks for the hard work, Frank. The recent Bunnings BBQ also did well – thanks to Peter and Alex for organising it, also thanks to the volunteers who helped on the day. We couldn't do it without the volunteers. Unfortunately, there were a few 'hiccups' at the Christmas shop, mostly to do with sales cards not matching up with the sales sheets, but also with cards not being attached to items, cards incorrectly filled out (member number and item number switched). Also, it was very apparent that inexperience played a part. The committee has set up a subcommittee to look at streamlining/simplifying the procedures for our sales events. We don't have details currently as we have yet to meet. It may however involve an electronic point-of-sale system and less writing – more details will be published when available.

And one last note: Welcome back to you all. I look forward to catching up with everyone soon, after such a long hiatus.

Cheers, *Syd.*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Awards - As previously publicised, the Annual Awards for 2024 will be conducted early in 2025.

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

Members will be sent more information and exact dates later, but at this stage items for Awards 1 & 2 need to be submitted and judged in the first week in Feb 2025. Also around this time, Supervisors will be provided with nomination forms for Awards 3 & 4.

Judges are currently being confirmed.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles - Bunnings have a new manager and new policies for Sausage Sizzles, as there are many more groups wanting to be involved. Peter Myers has been in contact with Bunnings and the 6th April 2025 will be the only Bunnings sausage sizzle for the 1st half of the year. Contact will be made with Sally and Jo at Bunnings requesting that the Woodies be considered if there are cancellations.

New Manager South Coast FM - A new Station Manager has recently been appointed. Nic Velissaris.

Member Survey - Tina Kalivas has drafted a members’ survey which is being reviewed by the committee. The focus of the survey is to assess approaches to volunteering, social engagement and workshop sessions. When this is distributed, the Committee asks that all members make an effort to complete it, to ensure the views of everyone can be considered.

Christmas Shop - The Christmas Shop was very successful financially, with takings of \$17,325. Thanks to all those who assisted. Special thanks to Frank Kisvarda for the mountain of financial work. However, the following were noted by Committee as issues that need to be addressed at future sales events.

- ◆ Review number, which days and times, shop opens.
- ◆ Accuracy of cards and items lists.
- ◆ Use of electronic rather than hand written sales forms. No home made or altered versions of the forms and use of current cards only.
- ◆ When items are put on shelves. a card must be attached to the item.
- ◆ One experienced person should be on duty each session.
- ◆ A training session for new staff before the shop opens.
- ◆ Incorrect Club numbers and item numbers on cards.
- ◆ First and last name of members must be on cards.
- ◆ There were duplicated cards.
- ◆ Write name on the bottom of the item where possible.
- ◆ Unauthorised alterations made to sales sheets (changes in number or price).

- ◆ Point of sale, too many days did not balance. Items sold but not recorded. Items not sold but were recorded as sold.
- ◆ One person must be nominated as Shop Manager and can then delegate as necessary.

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
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229
Monday 1pm to 4pm	Michael Bladen	0428 270 850
Time for this session will vary on 1st and 2nd Mondays of the month.		
Monday 5 pm to 8 pm	- John DiStefano:	0482 173 799
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Lionel Wood:	0409 695 950
Friday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	0400 359 976
	Neil Lenne:	0417 343 112
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229

SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Grant Crocker	0418 121 592
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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 9am to 12 noon	- Lionel Wood:	0490 695 950
	Syd Gordon:	0434 614 573

JOINERY: Regular Sessions

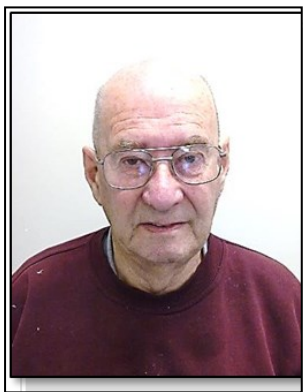
Thursday 9am to 12 noon	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
Thursday 1pm to 4pm	- Tina Kalivas, Peter Myers and David Carlos -	refer Syd Gordon to access this session

CARVING: Regular Sessions

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



I was born in 1939 in McKinnon and went to primary school at Ormond. I was one of 6 children – one brother and 4 sisters. There were twenty years between me as the youngest and my brother as the oldest sibling. Three of my sisters are still living.

I left school after grade 6 as things were not going well there and got a job at the Bentleigh newsagency. At 18 years of age I was

drafted into National Service. When I returned, the newsagency job was unavailable but I got employment at Reid Paper Products in South Melbourne and over 5 years there I worked my way up to become a machine operator. Following that I went to General Motors in Dandenong and learned panel beating and ended up in the final finishing section where we checked cars before they were sent out to the dealerships. From there I went to a roadmaking company in Moorabbin called Kingston Plant Hire and my job mostly involved driving trucks and large machinery such as graders.

I met my future wife, Ellen, while I was at General Motors in about 1964 and we were married in 1969. We bought 10 acres at Healesville, cleared 7 acres of it and built a home. Five years later we were offered a price too good to refuse, so we sold up and bought a 30 acre farm in Pakenham South, where we established a Poll Dorset sheep stud. Such a small property could not sustain a full living so I also worked part time at General Motors. After 10 years we sold the farm and upgraded again, this time to a 130 acre farm at Strezlecki, which we worked until Ellen became ill. I went relief milking so that I could spend as much time at home with Ellen as possible as the doctors only gave her 12 months to live. Against all odds she lived another 12 years and passed away in 2002. It was just before this in 2000 that we decided to move into Leongatha and I still live in that same house today. I love the area, the scenery, the peace and quiet.

I retired from relief milking 6 years ago and it was two years before then that my interest in woodturning began. I wanted to get involved in a woodworking club and tried the Leongatha group, but found them too inactive. I saw an advertisement in the Australian Woodworker for the Wonthaggi Woodies and rang Hartley Tobin. I like the Club, the people, the challenges it offers. I enjoy supervising the scrollsaw group at the Club and am happy the Club is showing so much growth and diversity.

This was from Ray's Profile - Woodies Newsletter 2015, so some details will be out of date.

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JIM KILPATRICK



I was born in the town of Rothesay (pop. 7000) on the Isle of Bute, which is off the coast of Scotland. The island is about the same size as Phillip Island and was a very popular holiday resort in the pre-war period, before foreign holidays became the 'in thing'.

I trained as a draughtsman with the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board in Aberdeen. Later, having become interested in

Electrical Engineering, I studied this branch of engineering and gained a Higher National Diploma. I subsequently took up a position as an engineer with the Hydro Board, working in turn in the Planning, Construction and Operation & Maintenance departments.

In 1955 I married Jean and in 1957 our only son Gerald was born. Some four years later I successfully applied for a position as project engineer with the South Eastern Electricity Board in Kent. We moved to Kent, settling initially in the small town of Cranbrook, later moving to Folkestone. My work there was taking charge of the construction and commissioning of electricity substations up to 11,000 volts.

I took early retirement at 55 and Jean and I moved back to Scotland. Gerald had gained an Honours Degree in Electronics and was working for British Aerospace in Lancashire. He had also married Anita, whom he had met at University. They did not move to Scotland with us as they lived and worked in Preston. On our return to Scotland, Jean and I eventually settled in Falkirk. I had been keen on drawing and painting from an early age and joined the local art club. I exhibited at the annual art shows, fortunately selling most of the paintings I entered. Falkirk Council staged an annual themed show in Callander Park, a huge park with a stately home, Callander House, as a very imposing background. I painted two fairly large pictures of successive annual shows, one with a medieval theme, the other with a western theme, which are now in the Falkirk Council art collection.

Sadly, my dear wife suffered a stroke in 2002 and passed away. Gerald and Anita had emigrated to Australia in 1982 and now had three daughters. As I had no reason to stay in the UK, I decided to come to Australia and arrived in Melbourne in 2004. I rented a unit in Wonthaggi, purchased a block of land, and arranged to have a single storey house built. I felt I could then look for some interesting leisure activities while my house was being completed. I joined the Bass Coast Art Society and was fortunate enough to sell some of my paintings. Also, Gerald had previously been a member of the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters doing turning, until ill-health made it difficult for him to continue. He suggested we join the pyrography group. I am pleased to have been introduced to what has proved to be a very absorbing hobby.

This was from Jim's Profile - Woodies Newsletter 2013, so some details will be out of date.

WORKING BEE

Thanks to the 27 members who came along to make the Working Bee on 13th January such a productive event, thus setting up our facilities for what we all hope will be a positive and fun year for everyone at the Woodies.

Pictures below: 1. Some of the 'workers' at morning tea break. 2. Grace, Alex, Amanda and Lynne dealing with the kitchen area. 3. The machinery room got an especially good clean and tidy up. 4. Hartley and Neil doing repairs on a turning room grinder.



Former member Jim Kilpatrick, who sadly passed away recently, was an extremely talented joiner and pyrographer, highly skilled at making beautiful wooden boxes. Below are two examples of the lids for boxes he created. If you would like to have a look at other wonderful pyrography work that Jim produced, there is a photo catalogue of them all in the Club's library.



The tool below is available today and is advertised as a **15 function tool**. Can you see .. or guess, the 15 functions??



KNOW YOUR AUSSIE TIMBERS

THE WOOD DATABASE

83 Australian/New Zealand timbers detailed

https://www.wood-database.com/wood-filter/?fwpl_location=ee201c9d1b66eae6b60f1ac35868d095

BULOKE - the hardest wood in the world

Australia has 3 out of the top 6.

<https://k-timbers.com/top-10-hardest-woods-in-the-world/>

Always Wear Underwear...

Always wear underwear in public, especially when working under your vehicle. From the local paper comes this story of a Brisbane couple who drove their car to the shopping centre, only to have their car break down in the car park. The man told his wife to carry on with the shopping while he fixed the car.

The wife returned later to see a small group of people near the car. On closer inspection, she saw a pair of hairy legs protruding from under the chassis.

Unfortunately, although the man was in shorts, his lack of underpants turned his private parts into glaringly public ones. Unable to stand the embarrassment, she dutifully stepped forward and quickly put her hand up his shorts, and tucked everything back into place.

On regaining her feet, she looked across the bonnet and found herself staring at her husband who was standing idly by watching.

The R.A.C.Q. mechanic however, had to have three stitches in his forehead.

A paraprosookian (/pærəprɒs' dɒʊkiən/), or par'hyponoian, is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence, phrase, or larger discourse is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright - until you hear them speak.

Hospitality is making your guests feel like they're at home even if you wish they were.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many, is research.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

I used to play piano by ear. Now I use my hands.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the short list.

I always take life with a grain of salt - plus a slice of lemon and a shot of tequila.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

I'm a very tolerant man, except when it comes to holding a grudge.

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

Standing in the park today, I was wondering why a frisbee looks larger the closer it gets ... then it hit me.

There are three kinds of people in the world – those who can count, and those who can't.

Her lips said "No," but her eyes said, "Read my lips."

People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.

When I was young I used to think that money was the most important thing in life; now I am old, I know it is.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

We never really grow up; we just learn how to act in public.

One of the working bee tasks was to re-organise and tidy up the woodpile behind the machinery shed. There's a lot of good timber here – mostly Silky Oak, but also some Camphor Laurel, Golden Ash and other varieties. It's all pretty dry so take what you can use for your woodcrafting exploits. **NOTE - It's NOT firewood.**



Well, the working bee is over. We've done the slashing, mowing and weed-ing. Time for a rest, but I'm ready to go for the next one!

A: Why are you late?

B: There was a man who lost a hundred dollar bill.

A: That's nice. Were you helping him look for it?

B: No, I was standing on it.



WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the Woodies recently.

247—David Smith

248 - Keith Dyason

249 - Alan Rye

250 - Sue Gates

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



Re-tired

(adj.) I was tired yesterday and I'm tired again today.

The other day

(n.) Any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

Pessimist

(n.) An optimist with real world experience.

THE FACT THAT
THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO
HELL AND ONLY A
STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
SAYS A LOT ABOUT
ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC
NUMBERS.



A very happy birthday to the following Members –

Betty Burns

John Davies

Diane Douch

David Macdonald

Peter Morriszy

Margaret Place

Alan Rye

Lionel Wood

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

HANDYMAN TIPS AND TRICKS THAT REALLY WORK from TECH ZONE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjlluY1p6Zo>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fQRE4Qzl_g

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1sXCzi58ck>

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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