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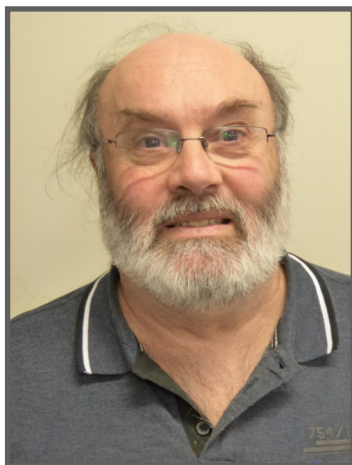
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DIARY 2025

June 28th - East Coat Timbers visit	August 11th - Annual General Meeting	October 6th - Committee Meeting
July 7th - Committee Meeting	August 11th - Members' Meeting after AGM	October 13th - Members' Meeting
July 14th - Members' Meeting	September 1st - Committee Meeting	November 1st - 4th - Cup weekend sale
August 4th - Committee Meeting	September 8th - Members' Meeting	November 3rd - Committee Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the June newsletter. The year seems to be progressing rather quickly – we are already halfway through the year with Christmas in our sights! I hope you are all working hard producing amazing timber creations to sell at our sales events. There are two opportunities for sales before the end of the year: Newhaven Patchworkers weekend and our ever-popular Christmas shop. There is a group of us working on digitising sales procedures and we hope to trial the new technology at the Newhaven event.

There has been a bit of a downturn in participation with some of our sessions. I blame the weather! It takes quite an effort on these cold mornings to drag myself out of bed, get dressed and walk out the front door and I'm sure I'm not on my own. Hopefully warmer weather soon will bring people out of hibernation.

Tassie Timbers is making a visit again, as mentioned in the last newsletter. It will be on Saturday the 28th of June commencing at 10am and going through to around 4pm. A large selection of turning blanks, box making boards and some larger pieces suitable for chopping boards etc., will be available. The timber species should be like the last visit – Sassafras, Huon Pine, Black Walnut, Myrtle, King Billy and much more. Put it in your diary.

Stay warm, Cheers, [Syd](#).



AGM - The Annual General Meeting will be conducted on August 9th. As is standard procedure all Committee positions will be declared vacant and the Committee appointed according to voting (if required) on nominations. Nomination forms will be available shortly in the meeting room, or contact the Secretary. All members are encouraged to consider standing for Committee and being involved in the important management of our Club.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS - Members' Meetings will return in July, with Grace Couchman managing speakers. We encourage all members to be involved and participate in Show & Tell. For catering at Members Meetings, Committee agreed that the number of cakes/sweets will be reduced and now include dry biscuits and dips. For the July Members' Meeting Peter and Alex will make pizza and sausage rolls, as a change from our regular sausage sizzle.

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
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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 - 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
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KUMIKO: Regular sessions

Monday 9am to 12 noon	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
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WOODEN JEWELLERY: Regular sessions

Participant numbers may be limited for this session.

Friday 1pm to 4pm	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
	- Tina Kalivas	0425 701 629

Please contact the appropriate Supervisor if you would like to join a session, or if you will be absent from your regular session.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

VISIT BY EAST COAST SPECIALISED TIMBERS - SATURDAY 28TH JUNE @ 10AM

As Syd has mentioned in his President's message, Tony from **East Coast Specialised Timbers** in St. Helens, Tasmania will be visiting us for the 3rd time, on **Saturday 28th June. Tony will be here by 10am.** As usual, it is expected he will bring over a nice range of timbers including Huon Pine, Blackwood, Blackheart Sassy, King Billy, Myrtle, Celery Top Pine, Tas. Oak, etc. There will be boards in various sizes and thicknesses, turning blanks and a range of shorts and off-cuts for scrollers, carvers and pyrographers. Note that the 10am start is only for Wonthaggi Woodies members. Other groups may be invited to join us later in the morning. However to be fair to everyone, please don't come before 10am, as Tony has to unload his truck. Most timber will be on display in our meeting room.

HEALTH & SAFETY

STILL MORE easily avoidable equipment damage - It's been stressed before, but it's essential that members inform Supervisors if any equipment is not working or damaged. This time it's the oscillating spindle sander in the machinery shed, where someone has cross threaded the top pressure nut, making it inoperable. More work to repair by the Supervisors!

IT'S ABOUT - Covid, Colds and Flu

These and numerous other viruses are around and lurking. Most of us already have been hit or know someone who has. Ensure you are protected. Keep your inoculations up to date and be fair to others, please don't come to the Club if you believe you may have any sort of transferrable illness.



COMMITTEE NEWS

- ◆ **CHANGES TO SALES EVENT OPERATIONS:** There is to be a change of operations for our future sales events, with electronic management via QR codes simplifying the processes and reducing errors. Peter, Frank & Syd are working out the details, then the required equipment will be purchased. The new system will be demonstrated at a Committee meeting, presented at a Members' Meeting, and training will be provided for those involved. The aim is to trial it at Newhaven in November, in preparation for our annual Christmas Shop..
- ◆ **Thanks to Syd, Tina, Peter and Dave** who did the Mothers' Day BBQ for Bunnings. We will be given a \$200 voucher.
- ◆ Peter reported that unfortunately because of the late notice, we were not able to get enough volunteers to go ahead with our **involvement at the Churchill Island Easter Festival**. We already have the details for 2026 but will need to decide if we participate on Sunday as well as Saturday. Woodies members will be requested to offer their support early in the New Year. This is a great fundraiser for our Club, so please help out if you can.

COLLIDING HOBBIES

... *Sandra Pietrolungo*

Even as a novice woodworker, one of the best things is having the freedom and ability to tailor your own tools. I have made mallets and little jigs, but beyond the woodworking shed, I have been able to create a number of items fit for purpose for some of my other hobbies. To date, these include hobby specific storage boxes, weaving tools and needle felting tools.

My first project was a Tassie Oak knitting needle box with walnut splines which included a tray insert for small items and knitting needle storage underneath.

Following the success of my first box, I decided I needed an organiser for my embroidery and slapped together a simple plywood box for my bits and pieces. It looked a little plain, so I embellished the lid with some embroidery onto the wood. Then I glued some cork on the underside of the lid to poke my needles into and made some 3mm ply floss boards so I could wrap leftover cotton around them and easily sort the colours.

More recently, I have tailor made a needle holder for my needle felting, I wanted one a little chunkier to suit my larger sized hands. I turned a scrap of hardwood and a little Oak dowel insert to house the needle (the bought one is at the bottom).

And finally, my newest hobby - weaving. I was able to make myself some extra shuttles in various lengths to accommodate extra yarn colours and one for a smaller width project. The longer ones are Oregon which is nice and light and the smaller one is made of Ash. The bottom shuttle is the one which came with my loom.

I also attached some hooks to a length of Oak which is really handy when warping up the loom (threading it up). Instead of using a single peg, the multiple hooks help spread the tension across the project making for more uniform lengths of yarn.



COLLIDING HOBBIES

Pictures following are explained in what Sandra has written on previous page.



COLLIDING HOBBIES



WORKSHOP SESSIONS

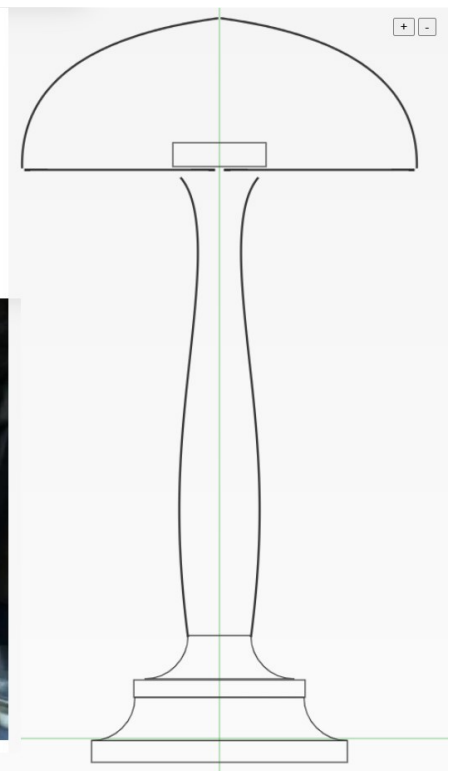
The Monday night wood turning group is making a hatstand. (See picture and diagram below).

This is an interesting project as it includes both bowl turning and spindle turning.

The drawing for this project does not include dimensions which allows some flexibility for the member to modify the project to suit requirements.

John DiStefano

HAT STAND



WORKSHOP SESSIONS



Turning workshops

Pictures at left show activities during the Friday morning Turning session.

1. Hartley Tobin working with Geoff Rippingdale on a timber sleeve for his metal drink flask
2. Keith Dyason is working on his first bowl from a burl - a very old and hard burl, as he has found out.
3. Johan Vaessen is completing another beautiful vase from highly featured, but unknown, timber.

Toy Group Update

The group were very busy prior to Easter making kits for the Churchill Island weekend. which unfortunately didn't go ahead. However we do have a good start for next year. We will be requesting assistance next February as this event could be a major fundraiser for our Club.

Since then we have been very busy making toys for the Newhaven and Christmas sales events. Below are two of our new toys for the toddlers. The kiddy plane, designed and built by Stephen Rosendale, and the kiddy car designed and built by Bob King. Both need wheels to be painted and the bodies to be stained with food safe oil. There will be a call-out in September/October to help with this.

Meanwhile Marion Kerry has finished 2 dinosaurs, shown below, and is working on making 2 more.

Amanda, Margaret and myself have been busy completing, finishing or improving existing items to make them saleable.

Peter Myers.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT

This is the Miyajima Tsugi joint, the inspiration for the pencil box next it, that I made at two Japanese joinery workshops held at *Japanese Tools Australia* in Sydney over the recent long weekend. The workshops were conducted by Canberra based furniture maker Hiroshi Yamaguchi, seen in the photos below demonstrating how to use a Ryoba saw and Japanese chisel to make one of the three compound angle cuts required to make the Miyajima Tsugi joint. This joint is traditionally used to create seamless joints in ceiling beams in temple building.

Below are some photos of parts of the pencil box making process, including the safety measures taken in the making cuts for the rims on the very small pieces for the box sides, done on a table saw and router.

Tina Kalivas

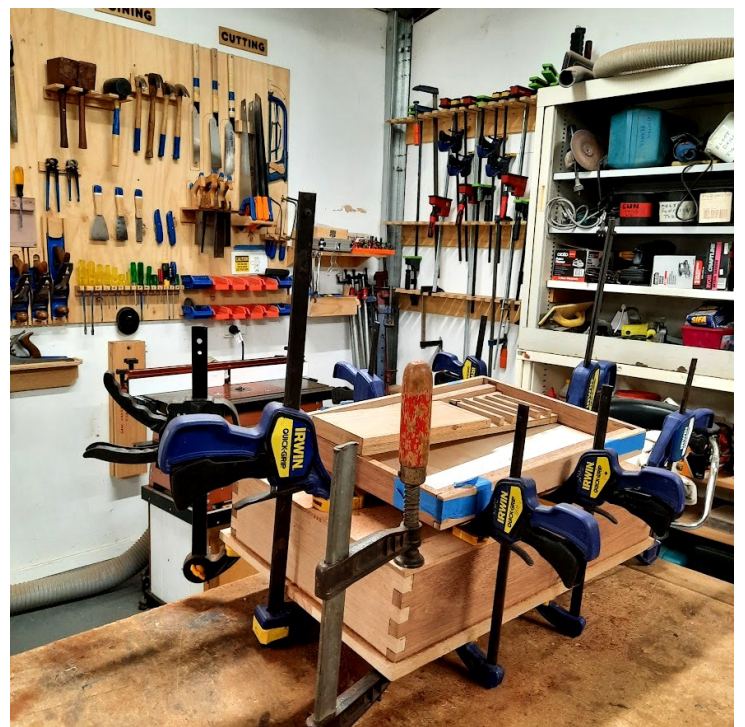


CREATIVE JOINERY

Below is my carving tool carry case as a work in progress, with the unfinished insert tray sitting on top. This is designed to have all my carving tools neatly set out and visible in one place. **Tina.**



Many people may not be aware of what goes into producing a beautiful piece of woodwork using joinery skills. There is a need to not only make the piece look good, but also be accurately constructed and have a practical and often very personalised purpose. The picture below shows Tina's tool carry case being clamped to ensure a best possible final product. The picture also shows in the background, the variety of clamps and hand tools that are available for Woodies members in their woodcrafting endeavours.



SHOW & TELL

I recently prepared some of the Olive tree wood that I had cut down from my backyard. I initially had 15 Olive trees, now down to 8, so there is a lot more Olive wood to produce some nice woodwork from. The first are the two candlestick holders shown below, with more to follow.

While at it, I also used some left over Cypress Pine to produce a few Oil lamps , again with a few more to come.

Frank Kisvarda



Apparently this weekend there will be a constant rane, hale, gails, drissle, thundre, litnin, hy tydes, tawnaydoes, and frizzing colde.

Just a really bad spell of weather.

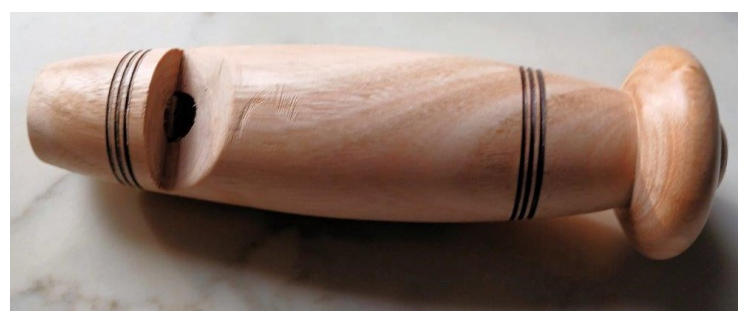
SHOW & TELL

Below: The 600+ piece segmented bowl is made from Huon pine, Banksia, Merbau and Oak.

The whistle is from one of the gum trees on my property.

The segmented container with lid is from Cherry Ballart, Olive, Tassie Oak and Gum.

Steve Edge



COMMUNITY PROJECT

A year or so ago, the Wonthaggi Girl Guides asked the Woodies to make a number of 'hockey sticks' for use in a version of the game they play.

Recently we were asked if we could make more, which we were happy to help them with.

The sticks are a rather unusual shape and the picture below is of Lex Van Saane doing some final sanding of the five sticks we created from the template they provided.



My latest project – a wine bottle coaster – was based on a design I saw in a Richard Raffan book. I think I've seen similar items made in silver. My wooden one is (IMHO) simple and attractive.

Not sure about the type of wood .. I rescued it from my firewood pile!

Colin Goodwin



And not a bad drop of wine either, if I might say!

If you're in the Nagambie area, it's worth a visit to a very historic Tahbilk winery - Ed.

SHOW & TELL

Below are a couple of things I have been working on. They are both prototypes and the plan is to make improvements on subsequent versions.

- ◆ A folding guitar stand made from structural ply.
- ◆ A wooden saxophone made from meranti. It uses an alto sax reed. Much to my surprise, most of the notes work but this is not the right timber to use.

David Carlos



WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

There was only one new member since the last Newsletter and we welcome -

MICHAEL EMERY

Everyone is encouraged to make all new members feel welcome and at home at the Club and to assist and support them.

CURRENT TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 96



Neil and Lynn Lenne have taken off for a while in their van for some well deserved relaxation and leisure. They are on their way through central NSW and one of their bucket list points of interest was "The Dish" at Parkes. They made it.

For those that haven't seen this huge structure, it's a 64 metre diameter CSIRO Radio Telescope. It is famous as it was one of several radio antennae used to receive live television images of the Apollo 11 Moon landing. The observatory and telescope were featured in the 2000 film *The Dish*, a fictionalised account of the observatory's involvement with the Apollo 11 Moon landing.



A very happy birthday to the following Members –

Grant Crocker

Mel Day

Keith Dyason

John Harmer

Bob King

Linda Lorenzen

Robert Millard

Anne Ormshaw

Hartley Tobin

Jimmy Yokoi

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



SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES

STOCK IS PURCHASED 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.*

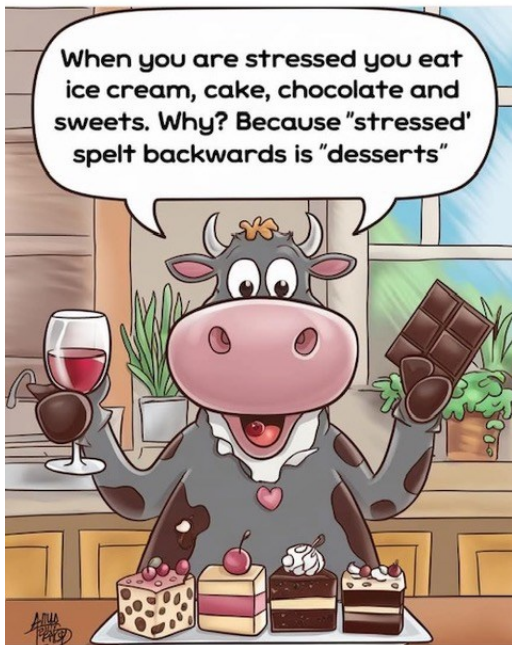


*** CAN YOU HELP ?? ***

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

I THINK WE'LL JUST CALL THIS OUR "FUNNIES" PAGE



**Two more payments
and they're all mine**



I got pulled over. The cop said "Papers." I said "Scissors, I win!" and drove off. He must want a rematch because he's been following me for 15 minutes. 🤔😂😂

A woman went to the supermarket -

At the cash register, she opened her purse to pay.

The cashier noticed a TV remote in her purse -

He couldn't control his curiosity and asked,

"Do you always carry your TV remote with you?"

She replied, "No, not always, but my husband refused to accompany me shopping today because of a football match, so I took the remote.

****Moral: Accompany and support your wife in her endeavours.****

The story continues....

The cashier laughed and then took back all the items that the lady had purchased.

Shocked at this act. She asked the cashier what he was doing.

He said. "Your husband has blocked your credit card."

****MORAL: Always respect the interests of your husband.****

Story continues

Wife took out her husband's credit card from her purse and swiped it.

Unfortunately, he didn't block his own card.

****Moral: Don't underestimate the power and wisdom of your wife.****

Story continues....

After swiping, the machine indicated, 'Enter the pin sent to your mobile phone'.

****Moral: When a man tends to lose, the machine is smart enough to save him!****

Story continues....

She smiled to herself and reached out for the mobile phone which rang in her purse.

It was her husband's phone showing the forwarded SMS.

She had taken it with the remote control so he doesn't call her during her shopping. She bought her items and returned home happily.

****Moral: Don't underestimate a determined woman!****

Story continues....

On getting home, his car was gone.

A note was lying on the table.

"Couldn't find the remote. Gone out with the boys to watch the premiership match. I will be home late. Call me on my phone if you need anything".

****Moral: Don't try to control your spouse. You will most likely lose!****

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 woodworking equipment 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, except if it is a commercial arrangement.

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 can appear in two consecutive newsletters unless sold or otherwise requested.

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