



# The Wonthaggi Woody

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## DIARY 2025

December 20th - Christmas Shop closes

December 26th - Bunnings BBQ

January 10th - Working bee

January 12th - Workshops restart

February 2nd - Committee Meeting

February 9th - Members' Meeting

March 2nd - Committee Meeting

March 9th - Members' Meeting

April 3rd-6th - Easter events TBA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Woodies,

Another memorable year has flown. They seem to go faster each year. It's been an excellent time for our Club. Membership has been steadily rising and currently sits at 103. Most workshop groups are thriving with good numbers involved after the usual drop-off over winter.

I'd like to sincerely thank your Committee for the incredibly valuable work they have done to ensure our Club is viable in so many ways. Special thanks to both the outgoing and incoming executive members who have provided me with such great support.

To all our members who are not experiencing great health at the moment, best wishes, keep positive, we are all thinking of you.

In behalf of the Committee, may I wish all members and their families a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all back and enjoying your woodcrafting in the New Year.

Don't forget the working bee to prepare our workshops and equipment on January 10th.

Cheers, Peter Myers.





## COMMITTEE NEWS

The final **Bunnings BBQ is on Boxing Day , 26th December.** It'll be our last chance to make some valuable income for the Club this year and this special day should be a boomer.

**Starting dates for 2026.** There will be a maintenance and general working bee on Saturday 10th January and the Club re-opens for workshop sessions on Monday 12th January 2026. More detailed information to follow.

The photo below of Sandra, Grant, Tina and Leanne with their Kumiko work, was published in the Sentinel Times recently as publicity for our upcoming Christmas Shop.



## THE CHRISTMAS SHOP

The Christmas Shop this year has been an outstanding success. It was arranged differently, thanks to the ideas and skills of Sandra Pietrolungo and Tina Kalivas. It was a pleasure to walk into and peruse the broad range of creations for sale. With broad advertising and publicity, we were visited by many of our regular customers .... and a lot more. Well over 700 items were sold and takings were \$4000 more than last year. A great outcome for both the Club and individual members to help sustain their hobby.

Thanks to everyone who contributed sales items and helped out at the Shop. We look forward to similar future events and encourage all members to become involved.

Photos below are of the Shop when it was fully stocked on opening day - 29th November.

## THE CHRISTMAS SHOP





## PRESENTATION OF CLUB ANNUAL AWARDS

The Woodies Annual Awards were presented at the Club's Christmas function on 4th December at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club. Awards consisted of a framed certificate, a shield on the relevant perpetual trophy and *a gift voucher thanks to Bunnings Wonthaggi*. The photos below are from left:

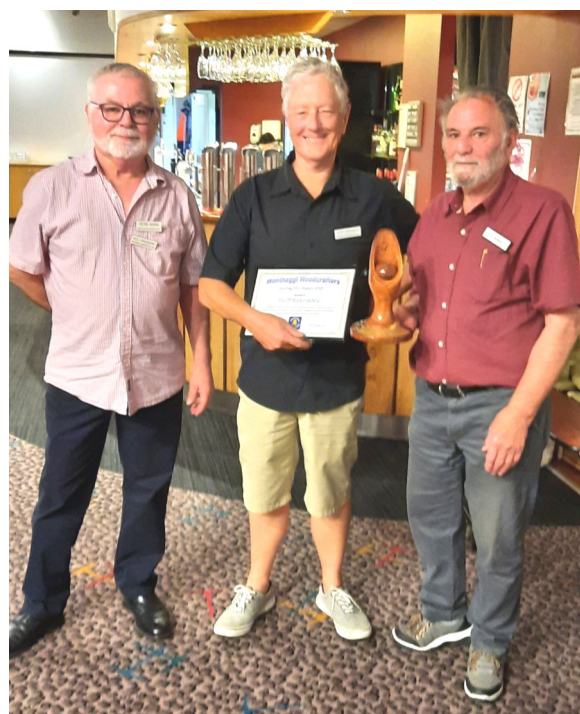
The **Okke Huitema Excellence Award** - presented to **Tina Kalivas** by President Peter Myers and Awards co-ordinator, Neil Lenne.

The **George Hill Award** - presented to **Geoff Rippingale** by Peter Myers and Neil Lenne.

The **Harry Oates Encouragement Award** - presented to **Lynn Lenne** by Peter Myers and Neil Lenne.

The **President's Award** - presented to **Bob King** at his home, as he was not able to attend the function due to illness.

Also pictured below was a presentation of flowers to **Alex Myers** in recognition of her support for Peter as Vice-President, President and managing Bunnings Sausage Sizzles over a number of years.





## CLUB EVENTS

The photos below were taken at the Club's annual end of year function at Wonthaggi Workingmen's Club. This was attended by 60 Woodies members, partners and friends. The occasion was one of great camaraderie, fun and laughs. The socialisation and recognition of members who won Awards highlighted the luncheon. The event also included the drawing of the Club Christmas Raffle. There were 40 prizes valued at over \$3500.

It's the second year running that we have used this venue and the atmosphere, food, space and setup generally were excellent.

Picture below are many guests enjoying the atmosphere. We even had "royalty" of sorts as Lex donned a lovely brightly lit tiara.



- ◆ I asked Santa for memory pills... he said, "Didn't you already ask for that last year?"
- ◆ Instead of Ho Ho Ho, I say "Ow Ow Ow" getting off the couch.
- ◆ I put the angel on top using a step ladder - and a prayer.
- ◆ "Santa's watching" is now a privacy violation, I feel.
- ◆ My grandkids re-gifted my re-gift. I'm so proud.
- ◆ I gift hugs. Cheaper and slightly more useful.
- ◆ I sat in Santa's lap, he screamed.



**WELCOME!**

## *NEW MEMBERS*

There were 3 new members since the last Newsletter and we welcome -

*Elizabeth Quinn*

*Naomi Hynes*

*Stephen Roberts*

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: 103**



A very happy birthday to the following Members:

*James Dean*

*Steven Dennett*

*Steve Edge*

*Kate Harmon*

*Marion Kerry*

*Harry Smith*

*Paul Wells*

There are still a few birthdays not on our records.  
If we've missed you, please let David Carlos  
know or email - [woodiessec@gmail.com](mailto:woodiessec@gmail.com)

## INTRODUCE A FRIEND TO THE DELIGHTS OF WOODCRAFTING

We'd like to urge all Woodies members to encourage friends, relatives and anyone else they know who may be interested in working with wood, to come along and have a look at what we do.

New members are always welcome and are in fact necessary to keep our Club active and dynamic, able to continue offering the best facilities and woodcrafting opportunities.

Suggest that people may like to come along and experience the friendship and companionship of the Woodies, doing the things we love, learning and opening up new horizons in our chosen fields of interest.

Prospective new members are always welcome to visit us for morning or afternoon tea. However, to ensure there will be someone available to show them around and have a chat about the Club, it is best to arrange a mutually suitable time by phoning the President or Secretary. Details are at the top of this Newsletter.





*It wouldn't be the Woodies December Newsletter without a picture of Neil and Lynn Lenne's Christmas lights in San Remo. This year they're up to their usual brilliant best - thank goodness for the solar battery!*

*Well done to both of you - we all wonder how you manage to fit in the time to arrange this, within your incredibly busy lifestyle.*



**Just a reminder  
for Christmas  
this year...  
if your birth  
year starts with  
'19', wrap your  
gifts on a table  
and not the  
floor.**

**WHEN YOU  
STOP  
BELIEVING  
IN SANTA...  
YOU GET  
UNDERWEAR**

On behalf of the Wonthaggi Woodies Committee, have a great Christmas, New Year and festive season everyone. Stay healthy and safe and we look forward to seeing everyone 'making sawdust' in 2026. If you were lucky enough to receive some 'spending money' for Chrissy, don't forget to support our valued sponsors shown on the next page.

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

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 GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR  
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**We also recognise the generous support in  
 many ways from our local Member of  
 Victorian Parliament - Jordan Crugnale.**

**Thanks to others who supported the Woodies in any  
 way during 2025, you are highly appreciated.**

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