



The Toy Team

If you visit the clubhouse on a Wednesday you will see plenty of activity. It appears everyone has a task and it is tackled with a smile & enthusiasm.

Key Dates

2017 Neighbour Day	19 th March
Bunnings BBQ	18 th March
Picture Framing Night	3 rd April

At the beginning of the year a plan is established considering the most popular toys, the resourcing to make, paint & store the toys before handover in late November.

John Parrent's past project management skills is tested in bringing this plan together. The success of the quantity & quality of toys delivered over the past couple of years indicates 2017 should be another good year.

WOSP on a Wednesday is not just a toy workshop, it is a social gathering. It is a friendly community which in many ways provides the heart of the club. The attendees represent 20-25% of the club. A large percentage of the toy workforce also supports the Bunnings BBQ's, the main income of the club. Conversations at mealtime are friendly & energetic. Discussions focus on the best techniques for streamlining production, prototyping new toys and arguing about whose football team was best.

Currently the team needs a spray painter so if you or anybody you know would like to help please contact John. Experience is not required as there are members who can provide training.

The club has only one gas bottle and it is awkward running out of gas during a club function. If any member has a 9kg bottle not being used the club would very much appreciate the donation.

Christmas Functions

A recent vote by members has confirmed the 2017 Christmas function will be held at the Rye RSL.

Equipment Introduction Sessions

It has been observed that a number of new & existing members do not know how to properly use the equipment creating both dangerous situations & possible equipment damage.

The committee is planning an induction course compulsory for all new members and to be held at a time outside the normal sessions.

Any member identified by session leader as being uncertain as to how to use any equipment will be asked to attend the induction before being allowed to use the equipment again.

These steps are being taken in the best interest of safety to all members.

Skill & Imagination

WOSP has a number of skilled craftsmen. David Palmer is one and his imagination assists him to create something a little different. He does not just make a cheese board he turns, then calves the mouse. The cheese knife handle has been turned off centre. Now the project becomes a talking point.



David's imagination has been passed to his 12 year old granddaughter who has become his greatest challenge. Initially he made her a trick jewellery box. She loved it but wanted a flower on it. So David collected a few calving chisels & set about designing & carving the flower.

The next project was to make a dolls house, one that could be collapsed & rebuilt. The furniture was made with offcuts out of the waste bag by the crosscut saw. The detail was excellent with the bathroom containing a bath, a sink with tap & toilet. Oops, the granddaughter noted the wall unit did not have a draw in it. Then where was the TV set, the remote and the PC. So David eventually finished the project by adding these items.



Currently David is waiting to hear what his next project will be.

Turning ~ a Burl

Turning a burl is a challenge. The timber is hard and the shape is anything but round so the aim is to retain the natural edge. But behind the rough exterior a burl contains excellent wood grain character and the challenge is to bring it out.

Gaven Davis has completed some excellent bowls and the picture displays the top & bottom of his latest burl project. Starting with the bottom of the piece David removed the nubs & created a tenon so the piece could be turned to finish the top.



Care was taken with the natural edge so as to not break it.

Finishing was also a challenge. The odd shape of the burl made the polishing of the extremities very difficult. Nevertheless Gaven needs to be congratulated on an excellent piece.

Club Merchandise

Club Merchandise can be ordered on the form on the club meeting room noticeboard. Polo Shirt \$28, Promotional Polo shirt \$16, Jacket \$60, cap \$15 & name tags \$10.

Neighbourhood Day ~ 19th March

Remember Neighbour Day aims to bring together people of all ages from the local community to celebrate together, enjoy each other's company, and have fun!

Football Sweep

Every year Ron & Lyn Higgins run the football sweep & this year is not going to be any different. Last year the first prize money was \$650. Entries have to be in before first AFL game is on 23rd March. Cost of entry is \$2 per game i.e. \$46 for the season. It is preferable for the money can be paid up front.

You can enter by putting your name on the entry form on the club room notice board. Money can put on an envelope with your name & place in the FEES letter box.

If you want to be in the sweep but do not get to the workshop very often then send your intentions to wosp3939@gmail.com so that your intentions can be followed up.

The Australian Woodturning Exhibition 16-18 June 2017

WOSP does not have a woodturning competition but some members might like to test their skills and enter their prize piece into a competition.

Entry forms and conditions of entry are now available for The Australian Woodturning Exhibition (AWTEX). Closing date is 19th May. You may consider this a bit too close but it will be on again next year. The competition is Australian wide with over \$15000 worth of prizes to be won.

New for this year is the Council of Woodwork Clubs Prizes. Open to novices that:

- have never entered
- entered but never been judged
- not entered in the past 2 years

When filling out the entry form participants need to show which club they belong to and tick they are eligible for the prize. The best eligible winner will win a cheque for \$1200 for your club as well as winning a training course with Brendan Stemp valued at \$650. The runner up will win a cheque for your club of \$800 plus receive a prize bag valued at around \$150.

A copy of the forms and brochures are available on the website www.awtex.com.au If you have difficulty finding or filling out the entry forms please advise Colin Dobson who may be able to assist.

If you would like to enter next year also advise Colin Dobson. It is possible to establish a group of enthusiasts who may be able to help each other encourage & improve their skills.

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