



### Club Elections

An election will be required at this year’s Annual General Meeting. With Dennis Connor retiring the vice president’s position, both Rod Bew & John Parrent have put up their hands for the position.

The 2016-17 year proved there were too many members on the committee. Consequently the size of the committee will be reduced by 3 and you have the privilege of deciding who



will represent you in 2017-18.

The nominated members in alphabetical order are Gaven Davis, Colin Dobson, John Feeley, Ernie Garro, Ron Higgins, Eddie Hunter, Jeff Killeen, Joe Raulli and Gordon Waddingham

Your role, should you be able to attend, is to select the member who will represent your ideas, take action as needed and volunteer when a volunteer is required.

### Key Dates

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| Committee Meeting     | 1 <sup>st</sup> August    |
| Picture Framing Night | 7 <sup>th</sup> August    |
| AGM                   | 9 <sup>th</sup> August    |
| Bunnings BBQ          | 18 <sup>th</sup> August   |
|                       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> December |
| Christmas Luncheon    | TBD                       |
| Open Day              | Jan 2018                  |

### Retiring Member ~ Dennis Connor



If they made a movie about Dennis’s involvement in the club they would call it “The Silent Achiever”. For over 15 years Dennis has worked for the betterment of the club and its members. I cannot recall the number of projects Dennis & his project team have completed for the club.

Born and educated a kiwi, Dennis undertook a carpentry apprenticeship after leaving school. This probably explains his skills at the project work undertaken for the club. Not liking working outside in the cold weather Dennis decided to do a butchery apprenticeship and subsequently transferring working outside in the cold to working inside in a refrigerator. Rising at 3am to start work at

4am was not for the faint hearted.

After meeting Margaret while she was on holidays in New Zealand they decided to go to Australia, make a fortune & then return to New Zealand.

Initially with his handyman skills Dennis worked for himself but soon decided to move into hotel management and started at the Savoy in Spencer St. Subsequently Dennis got involved in both the wholesale & the retail side of the wine industry where he worked in SA & Victoria.

Eventually he was offered a role to manage all the sporting facilities at Monash University in Clayton until he retired. After retiring Dennis & Margaret decided to move to the peninsula when he soon became involved with WOSP.

On behalf of all members the Woodpecker would like to thank Dennis for his service to the club.

### Pop’s Shed

The recent trip attended by only a few was rather interesting. The demonstrator showed how to use the basic chisels, provided a summary of the best finishing products and explained how to insert stone inlays into bowls & burls.