



Toy Handover

On the 9th December the club, led by the president John Bayliss & the WOSP toy leader John Parrent, will present to a number of charities the wooden toys made by club members in 2017.

The charities including Food For All, Western Port Charities & the Salvation Army make the toys available to struggling families on the Mornington Peninsula.

Expected guests will include Gary Sanford, manager of the Bendigo Banks at Rosebud, Dromana & Rye, Greg Hunt, the Flinders Member of Parliament, councilor Antonella Celi & the Bunnings Liaison Manager, Alyce Fogarty.

Each Wednesday throughout the year members come together and volunteer their time to make these wooden toys. An additional byproduct of making the toys is the social side where the senior men & women are able chat while working.

If you have friends who would like to be involved, invite them to the club Open Day on the 3rd February where they can meet many of the members involved in the toy making.

Key Dates

Toy Handover	9 th December
Christmas Luncheon	13 th December
Club xmas Closure	15 th December
Bunnings BBQ	23 rd December
Open Day	3 rd February 18

WOSP Anecdote



Figure 1 Ferry Boat

Gerry Gilliland was hard at work making a toy ferry boat. David Jagger looked at the workpiece and asked Gerry "what are you making". On being told it was a ferry boat David replied apologetically "oh! I thought it was a toilet roll holder."

Naturally this caught the ears of the other toy makers who immediately found a toilet roll and place it on the ferry.

Needless to say there was much laughter among the toy team.

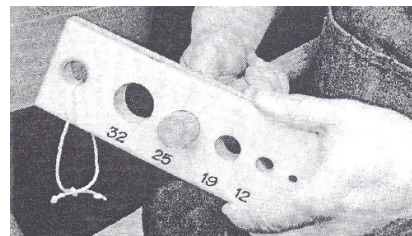


Figure 2 Gerry & his toilet roll holder

Tips, Jigs & Techniques

In collaboration with Gaven Davis, the Woodpecker will publish articles from the Woodsmith each month about different ideas or jigs that may be useful to members.

Dowel Gauge. John Cusimano found that the dowels at his local hardware store were often under or oversized. To get the exact size dowel for his projects, he made this dowel gauge block that he can take with him when he shops for dowels.



WOSP Christmas lunch is at midday on December 13th at the RYE RSL. If you & your partner are interested in going please write your name on the attendance sheet on the meeting room notice board. Senior meals are available. Pay when ordering your meal.

Weekend Sessions?

Sean Johnston would love to have the club available on a weekend. A plasterer by trade, he is renovating his house and does not have the availability of a table saw, a thicknesser or a dual drum sander. Fortunately Sean has been able to take 12 months off work to renovate his house. This enables Sean to visit the workshop during the week, Monday to Friday.

He has most of the hand power tools he needs for his work on the house. When at WOSP he utilises the powerful machinery to prepare his timber for the oncoming work.

Once it is time to go back to work Sean sees himself remaining a member of WOSP so that he can continue with smaller activities like making picture frames, shelving & furniture.

Since joining the club has found it easy to fit in with the other members who he finds are friendly and always prepared to lend a helping hand.

However Nicholas is not so fortunate. Recently he contacted the club through its website asking of its weekend availability. Unfortunately he is not able to take time off work to access the workshop. Nicholas advised he has a few friends in a similar position to him in that they would like to join a woodwork club with weekend availability.



New Members

Matthew & Dylan recently joined the club to get a feel for woodworking. The subject is not offered at school and just maybe they feel they might want to work in the building industry. With Rob Oram as their session leader, they could not be in better hands. Their first project has been to build a tool box. Once they have become a little accustomed to the available machinery they will set their own tasks. Matthew wants to build a chessboard so it is obvious he is not daunted by a challenge.



Council of Woodwork Clubs

The CWC provides a link for woodwork clubs throughout Australia and aims to promote woodwork in all its forms, encourage woodwork clubs to liaise for mutual benefit, encourage regular festivals between woodwork groups and to negotiate a group policy for public liability insurance at economic rates for all members clubs.

WOSP is a member of CWC. They are a focal point to receiving club newsletters and making them available to all clubs. In addition, they maintain an events calendar of all club's in Australia.

It is planned to use the CWC to advertise the clubs "Open Day" in February.

More information about CWC can be found on their website ~ <https://www.councilwoodworkclubs.org/>

Safety Work Sessions

A record of all members who have completed the club's work safety session is kept in the Worksafe booklet hanging on the wall in the club meeting rooms.

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.

Barry's Achievement

With great pride Barry Watson displays his laminated bowl. Gordon Waddingham encourages new turners to undertake this style of bowl in that you can create a sizeable bowl with a minimum of timber.

Well done Barry.



Frivolous?

Lumber lawsuit dismissed; retailer didn't lie about its 4x4s

A federal judge has slammed the door on the Illinois lumber shoppers who sued Menards claiming it deceived them about the size of its 4x4s.

The decision throws out a case in which Menards was accused of deception because it marketed and labelled its 4x4s without specifying that the boards' measure 3½ by 3 ½ inches.

So-called dimensional lumber — 2x4s, 4x4s, 2x6s and such — is commonly sold by names that do not specify the measurements of the pieces. The longstanding industry convention is recognized by the U.S. Department of Commerce, which distinguishes between the “nominal” designations for pieces of lumber and their actual size. The department says a 2x4, for example, can measure 1½ inches thick by 3½ inches wide.

The distinction between the name and the actual dimensions stems from the fact that lumber, when it is produced, typically is trimmed to smooth it after the initial rough cut, Chang said in his decision.

The government endorsement of the industry practice supports Menards' argument that it didn't falsely market its lumber, Chang said.

Further, he said, the labels on the lumber “are literally true,” because they do not show inch-mark symbols after the customary trade names of the lumber.

“Without a literally untrue statement, combined with the government-recognized distinction between nominal sizes and actual sizes, no reasonable consumer would think that the labels showed the exact dimensions of the lumber,” Chang said.

Beyond that, the judge said, Fuchs and Krasilnikov — who alleged they discovered they had been deceived when they got home and measured their lumber — easily could have used their tape measures in the store.

“We feel that it was a frivolous lawsuit at best and we're glad that common sense prevailed,” Menards spokesman Jeff Abbott said by email.

WOSP Training Videos

Additional YouTube clips have been included into the club's training videos. Additionally the directory has been updated to reflect the new clips. Check out the new ideas presented.

The Woodpecker is always interested in new ideas so let us hear if you have any other topics you would like covered.

WOSP Holiday Break

The club will be closing down on Friday 15th December and will reopen on Monday January 29th

While the club is closed the maintenance group will rearrange the lathes and make other minor improvements to the workshop.

Advertising WOSP ~ Open Day

The club is preparing an Open Day on Saturday 3rd February 2018. The purpose of the Open Day is to advertise the club's activities and attract new members.

It is proposed to display a gallery of member work pieces as such the committee requests all members to assess their achievements and make them available to the display. You may even consider putting a price on your articles and see if they will sell.

Wood turning demonstrations will be scheduled throughout the day. Volunteers are required to demonstrate the making of whistles, pens, spinning tops & perhaps a bowl or two.

In addition other displays will include picture framing, intarsia & pyrography. On the open day we will canvas the ideas of Saturday morning sessions and short courses for picture framing, pyrography & intarsia courses.

The wireless club will be invited to join us. Additional attractions will be a classic car display and perhaps some product suppliers.

Planned advertising is through radio (Classic Cars contact) and flyers to Seawinds, local men's sheds, banks, shops, villages for seniors, friends & family of members, the tourist bureau, etc. The council will be approached for permission to have sandwich boards around Rosebud.

Discuss the open day with others and see how you can help. Share your ideas.

Key Dates

The Christmas luncheon will be held at the Rye RSL on the 13th December. 3 course senior meals will be \$22. A booking for 60 has been made. With a Christmas spirit the club will buy you & your partners your first drinks.

The club will close for the holiday period on Friday 15th December

Bunnings BBQ

Bunnings has been good to WOSP in 2017 often providing additional days where other clubs have been unable to man the BBQ stall.

The next BBQ for the club is on the 23rd December where our Santa will present toys to young children attending Bunnings with their parents.

Be sure to come early to enjoy the excitement of children receiving presents from Santa & his elf.

*Between now and the
Christmas the Friday
session will be open between
9am & 1pm*

Here is a space saving idea for the workshop. The battery drills are kept in plastic tubing below a storage area for the drill bits.

With a bit of thought the battery charger could be incorporated in the design.

Is there anyone in the club interested in making this space saver for the workshop?



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