



Club Activities

At the end of 2017 the club is seeking your support in celebrating the Toy Handover & the Christmas lunch.

WOSP Christmas lunch is at midday on December 13th at the RYE RSL.

Then 2018 will start with an Open Day to advertise the club and seek new members. You can help by supporting the gallery that will be on display during the day. Update the sheet on the notice board with any item you would like to have on display. If you would like to sell the item then include a sale price.

Additionally, invite your friends to the club Open Day which will be on Saturday 3rd February.

Key Dates

Toy Handover	9 th December
Christmas Luncheon	13 th December
Club Xmas Closure	15 th December
Bunnings BBQ	23 rd December
Bunnings BBQ	1 st January 18
Club Re-opens	29 th January 18
Open Day	3 rd February 18

Membership

Currently the club has 80 members, 65 of which are on email, that is 84%. The benefits of being on email is that it is easier for the club to communicate with its members. Additionally the committee is experimenting with using Facebook to both communicate with its members and promote the club.

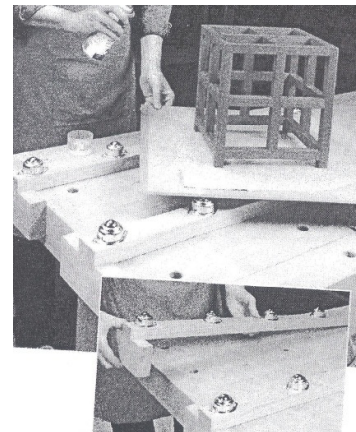
Tips, Jigs & Techniques ~ Roller Bars

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.

“When I work on bulky items like large drawers and cabinets, I like to be able to rotate the workpiece for easier access to all sides of the project. My solution was to build several of these "roller bars" using 360° roller bearings.

These bars are easy to make by attaching the roller bearings to a piece of framing stock. A cleat fastened to one end of the bar butts against the edge of the workbench and helps to keep the bars aligned.

For smaller projects, a piece of plywood or MDF can be laid across a few roller bars and used as a platform, as shown above. sized properly; the roller bars can also serve as table saw outfeed rollers.”



Steve French

Chisel Sharpening

The committee is concerned with the number of damaged chisels as a result of members sharpening their own tools.

Always ask the session leader to sharpen the chisels. If they are busy, please be patient.

Treated Pine ~ Banned

The committee have made a decision to ban the use & cutting of treated pine in the club workshop. The decision was made after considering the possible impact to members' health.

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

Novice Wood Turners

The committee is concerned that some members are trying to turn projects that are too advanced for their experience. While the committee discusses which is the best way to manage this situation the Woodpecker would like to provide some guidelines as to how you can assess your skills.

Initially the requirement is to round a blank using a roughing gouge and then a skew chisel to smooth the finish.

Once the blank is round you can cut beads & coves of various sizes using the spindle gouge & skew chisel.

It is recommended this be done as many times as required to feel comfortable using the chisels and setting the height of the tool rest. Do not rush this stage.

The initial projects for the novice are aimed at the development of using the chisels. At this stage it is not necessary to use a chuck.

Particularly at this time of the year start by turning Christmas trees. There can be a variety of shapes & sizes. Additionally, icicles can be turned. Follow up projects can be a garden dibbler, a honey dipper, a Scot's porridge spurtle, a shawl pin & a spinning top. Then there are a variety of whistles that can be interesting.



With the introduction of the chuck it can be thought provoking as to how to scoop out the inside of an egg cup. Then there are many types of bowls to try however it is better to start with the simplest.

The club's video library contains short clips on all the above suggested projects. It is recommended to view them before commencement of each project to ensure you will use the correct techniques.

The library also contains videos of how to use each of the chisels.

Movember Fight Prostate Cancer

Certainly Movember has passed but you are still able to support the fight against prostate cancer by contributing to Syd Johnson fund raising effort. Syd is a survivor of prostate cancer and since 2003 Syd has raised \$2,840.

There are two ways you can contribute to his fundraising:

- Donate online at <https://mobro.co/SydJohnson>
- Or, write a cheque to 'Movember' referencing my registration ID (486723) and mail it to: Movember, PO Box 60, East Melbourne, VIC 8002, Australia



BBQ's in 2018

Bunnings have allocated the following dates to WOSP in the coming year:

Mon 1 Jan 18	Fri 2 Mar 18	Fri 11 May 18
Fri 9 Feb 18	Sun 1 Apr 18	Sat 9 Jun 18

The committee is very appreciative to both Bunnings & the WOSP members who volunteer their time in helping the club raise funds.

Women, Wood and Wonders Josie Mare, member since 2013

Back in the dark ages when I was at school, working with wood was not something that women were encouraged to do. In fact, at my school, it was quite actively discouraged.

Eventually though, long after school, university and too many years of working, I was finally looking at joining my partner in retirement. We considered our interests, both joint and individual but I was never going to play golf (anagram of *flog*) and he was never going to put a scrapbook together (too many *flowers*).

We did however find common ground with both of us wanting to work with wood. Our next step then was finding a suitable venue where we could learn any form of woodworking for beginners. It didn't take us long to find Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula (WoSP) and it was a bonus that their club room/workshop was just a 15 minute drive from home.

Whilst John had minimal trade experience, I had none. I had never even seen a lathe so had absolutely no idea how it worked. The guys at WoSP were extremely welcoming and patient and stepped us through all the basic functions and techniques to get started on making square bits of timber into round bits of timber and then into useful things. I'm convinced that our team leader Ron and the more senior members of our Monday evening group had many sleepless nights thinking of my poor technique but I was just happy to produce simple turned pieces and finally "live the dream" of working with wood.

From such humble beginnings, both John and I have progressed to making a small business from our wood turning. It's a hobby we are both passionate about, we do together and enjoy discussing with anyone who will listen. It's given us a gratifying joint venture in our retirement, a reason to get out of bed each day and the finished product is something delightful to look forward to.

Amongst the many benefits of joining a group, any group, is the camaraderie such groups provide. Seeing this in action makes it easy to understand why Men's Sheds are so popular. It's just unfortunate that not all of them admit women yet.

Another major benefit of a woodworking group, especially for women who have not previously had the opportunity to learn any of the less traditional trades, is how empowering learning a practical skill can be. For many women these days, and for a myriad of reasons, there is a need to be self-reliant. Around the home, we need to be able to undertake maintenance or may want to try our hand at renovating. Even minor maintenance can be quite expensive if trades have to be employed all the time so it's wonderful to gain some experience and confidence with power tools and have the ability to genuinely DIY. We can then save our money for anything requiring a licence such as electrical and plumbing. In my experience (which is all I have to use as a 'yard-stick'), it's vitally important that we as women have the ability, skills and confidence to fend for ourselves. We never know what's around the corner or when we will need to undertake any of those 'little jobs' we once relied on others for. There is the added benefit of being able to produce many practical items that cannot fail to impress your friends and family when they know you made it yourself, framed it yourself or turned it yourself. It's immensely gratifying and the sense of achievement cannot be underestimated.

Another very beneficial outcome of joining WoSP is the outstanding job members do each year in producing countless wooden toys to be distributed to several charities at Christmas time for those less fortunate. Every child deserves to be able to celebrate Christmas with a gift from Santa and Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula have made this possible for many, many years. The toy making group meets every Wednesday, rain, hail or shine, throughout the year and the toys are distributed to local charities in early December. There is a genuine and well deserved feeling of satisfaction and pride when the toys are distributed, knowing that a child somewhere will be enjoying Christmas with a beautiful, hand-made toy from Santa.

There are many untapped skills hidden amongst the members of WoSP and another benefit of being a member is that a wealth of information and support may be available to anyone needing assistance. Often, what seems overwhelming to one person, is quite a simple task to another and by chatting over a cuppa at the club room, many problems are resolved, assistance offered and in some instances, practical tuition provided which is a 'win-win' situation for all concerned.

If you've ever wanted to try woodworking, if you've never seen a woodworking club in action, even if you're just curious about some of the items that can be produced in wood, feel free to call into the club rooms and have a chat to the team leader at the time. Session times are listed on our website wosp.com.au and visitors and new members are always welcome.

In conclusion, and in particular to any women reading this article, all I can say is that if you've ever dreamed of doing something enormously practical but didn't know where to start, come along and have a chat to any of the members of the Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula. You never know where that first step could take you!!!



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.

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, colour chisel handles, clean the toy shed & the spray booth.

Purchasing Sub-committee

The committee have recently appointed a purchasing sub-committee with the role of investigating & advising the committee on the replacement of machinery.

Gaven Davis is the chair of the sub-committee of 3. Bert Bartlett & Greg Millar are also members of the sub-committee.

Currently the sub-committee is looking at options for replacing the 2 Tough wood lathes.

Promoting Toy Handover



An Interesting Project

John Dunn has imagination. He does not want to make the everyday bowl. He wants to be able to turn his granddaughter's silhouette into the stem of his bowl.

The woodpecker is very interested in seeing the end product.

Consider these Suppliers.

Pop's Shed ~ 10% to club members
Onsite Power Tools & Dandy Blade Sharpening Service
Gary Pye Woodturning Supplies
garypye.com/GPW-Turning-Tools-c44/
Penn State Industries pennstateind.com
McJing Tools mcjing.com.au
Laser Engraving & Handmade Gifts
www.customengrave.com.au
0425 809 170
Abronet / sandpaper www.freemanindustries.com.au
(08) 9303 9199
Robot Building Supplies for steel rod
www.robotbuildingsupplies.com.au
Dromana (03) 5987 1166
Exotic timbers **Mathews Timber**
www.mathewstimber.com.au
Knoxfield (03) 8756 6333
The Woodsmith Pty Ltd
www.thewoodsmith.com.au
Lusher Road, Croydon
Djarilmari Timber Products
Speciality Craftwoods
08 98482020 Neale & Carla France
www.djarilmari.com

The club has been fortunate to have Lucy Callander of the Mornington Peninsula Leader promote the Toy Handover this year before it has taken place. Look for the article in the Leader as it is quite extensive.

Naturally John Bayliss featured as Santa along with many of the toy team.

