



THE WOODPECKER

2020-21 Committee

If you are standing for the 20-21 committee you need to understand the existing roles of the current team & how, if elected, you can further enrich the committee.

Each committee person has a specific role.

Firstly the roles in the executive are:

The **president** provides the drive & direction of the club. He needs to be able to liaise with the council, charity groups & support organisations like the Bendigo Bank & Lions. He uses the newsletter to communicate to members.

The **vice president** supports the president by representing him on occasions the president is unable to attend. The vice president needs to be a "jack of all skills".

The **secretary's** role is the busiest in any organisation. He must understand the legal responsibilities of the club & liaise with appropriate State government & council controlling groups. The meeting minute taker, work with the treasurer to provide financial reports to the state government. Be the focal point for all external communications.

The **treasurer** needs to be able to track club finances & present them in a manner that can be understood by all members.

There will not be a need to elect any executive positions as the existing executive is standing unopposed.

The other committee members have designated roles aimed at efficiently running the club and communicating to members.

The **Welfare Officer** is a huge role in that it is aimed at being aware of the health of all members. The role will require updating the committee, sending cards, flowers or arranging assistance as required.

The **communications officer** aims at delivering one newsletter per month. He regularly liaises with the president to ensure he is able convey the president's message to members. Additionally, he needs to manage & maintain the website.

The **social officer** is responsible organising the catering for club gatherings, e.g. Christmas Lunch, Christmas in July, lunch for Wednesday toy makers, open days, etc.

The **fund raising officer** needs to determine the organisations able to assist with financing the replacement or purchase of new club equipment. He needs to prepare all the paper workers in requesting financial assistance.

The **Bunnings BBQ** is the main source of income to the club. A person needs to organise the schedule, the volunteers & the supplies.

Maintenance. The club is continually growing & there is always maintenance to be done. Setting up the office, toy storage area & sale of unwanted tools all come in under the title of maintenance.

Toy Group Liaison. Managing the toy group is a huge responsibility that needs to determine the toys required, manage the volunteers available, seek paint & timber supplies as required.

Member management is a role that requires being able to provide potential or new members with all the information about the club.

2020-21 Committee Elections

In alphabetical sequence members standing for the committee are:

NOEL ARCHDALL, GAVEN DAVIS, COLIN DOBSON, DAVID FEATHER, SCOTT HANLEY, GREG KNOX, ANNE MILLER & JOHN PARRENT.

There will be an election for committee members as 6 members are required & 8 members are standing.

However it is surprising how many situations come up outside the designated responsibilities & the president is looking for someone to take on that extra task.

Remember, you do not have to be on the committee to contribute to the club.

- Session leaders provide a vital role within the club. Without them there would not be any growth within the club.
- Clean up after each session & leave the place as you wish you would find it. Always clean up more than just the area you used.
- Make yourself available for working bees as they become available.
- Assist as part of the Monday morning maintenance team. This is a truly important activity as the group has to ensure all machinery is working, chisels sharpened & rubbish disposed of.
- Become part of the Wednesday toy making group.
- Having empathy for members doing it tough.
- You may have special skills or contacts that will add value, eg. A person who can make videos, use social media to advertise the club or sell unwanted equipment

It will be your responsibility to elect someone to add value to the WoSP Committee.

From the Members

If nothing else the isolation period has allowed members finish projects. **Carrie Marrs** has completed her much needed shoebox. Carrie used 15ml laminated spotted gum flooring, piano hinged top, checker plate metal on floor

of box with metal trim on corners. Naturally it was put on castors as it weighed a ton.

Carrie acknowledged the help from Rob Oram and the other Thursday night attendees.

Gordon Waddingham advised the “Woodpecker” he has been making laminated bowls. The “Woodpecker” queried him. “But the workshop has been closed. Without the sander how do ensure each laminated layer is flat?” “That’s not hard” he said. “I just used the hand sander”. A truly skilled craftsman.

Membership Value

WoSP membership provides excellent value. Firstly as a member you have availability to over \$100k worth of machinery. You also have access to members with their many years of experience. Recently Tony Haigh was showing some of his recently made ebony finials. Only Tony advised the finial was not made from ebony but ordinary hard wood. He blackens the timber with Feast Watson Black Proofint.



In the discussion it was stated the black stain is dull.

However for something small and difficult to polish on the lathe Tony advised he uses a lacquer spray BC Coating.

Each spray does not take long to dry and after a few coats you have a glossy item.

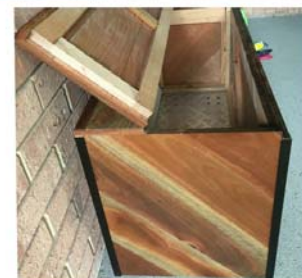


Figure 1 Carrie Marrs Shoebox

From the Members (continued)

Tony Collins has suggested that a "For Sale" section be included in the newsletter. So if there is anything you wish to sell please let Colin Dobson know & he will include it in the newsletter.

Note: The club has been very successful using Facebook Market Place in selling unwanted equipment so remember you have 2 options for selling items.

John Parrent must be running out of things to do during the isolation period.



At home he has a new 8 weeks old Cavoodle called "Millie".

Good luck with the training John. Hope she does not keep you up at night.

Luke Vecchiet shared his amusement with a recent Australian automotive article. The article read, "can Renault make a worse car than the Trabant, commonly known as a spark plug with a roof. Trabant jokes from East Berlin: why has the new Trabant been launched with 2 tail pipes? So you can use it as a wheelbarrow. What's the best feature of the Trabant? There is a heater at the back to keep your hands warm when pushing it.



Not knowing about the Trabant the "Woodpecker" did some research.

The Trabant was an vehicle produced from 1957 to 1990 by former East German state government Car Company. By comparison the West Germans produced the Volkswagen Beetle.

The Trabant is often seen as symbolic of the former East Germany and the collapse of the Eastern Bloc in general. The 1980s model had no tachometer, no indicator for either the headlights or turn signals, no fuel gauge, no rear seat belts, no external fuel door, and drivers had to pour a mix of gasoline and oil directly under the bonnet/hood.

Being that the manufacturer was a state monopoly, it took ten years to acquire a Trabant. East German buyers were placed on a waiting-list of up to thirteen years.

The Trabant had a steel unibody frame, with the roof, trunk lid, hood, fenders and doors made of, a hard plastic made from recycled cotton waste from the Soviet Union and phenol resins from the East German dye industry. Because the Trabant had no fuel pump, its fuel tank was above the motor so fuel could reach the carburetor by gravity; this increased the risk of fire in front-end accidents. Earlier models had no fuel gauge, and a dipstick was inserted into the tank to determine how much fuel remained. The engine produced a very smoky exhaust and was a significant source of air pollution: nine times the hydrocarbons and five times the carbon-monoxide emissions of the average 2007 European car.

The Trabant's build quality was poor; reliability was terrible, closer inspection revealed "patchy assembly quality", with an atrocious maintenance record. According to automotive journalist Doug DeMuro, the Trabant was loud, slow, poorly designed, and badly built.

Tip Tickets

Rate notices have been distributed recently. If you do not see yourself using them please consider donating them to the club

Some Humour



The Kiwi Coffin Club

Recently an article was published that could be an opportunity for WoSP.

The Kiwi Coffin Club is a community group like no other – they build their own customised coffins!



And here's proof that everyone's approach to end of life is different.

Every coffin is decorated to reflect the life of its maker, and is a much cheaper option than commercial coffins which typically start at \$2,000.

The Kiwi Coffin Club even created a mini-documentary, filmed in the style of a musical, to showcase their work. You're going to love it. Turn up the volume.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsmWV3vzni4>

There is another option if you do not want to use wood but am happy with a cardboard flat pack. Both approaches allow you use your artistic skills.

<https://www.facebook.com/abchobart/videos/126424838725492>

REVIEW OF GRINDING STATIONS

I have found the week isolation period has been a lot harder than the initial lockdown period. So my main focus on what is required to sharpen a woodturning chisel at home. Fortunately I do have a bench grinder and a primitive platform to the grinder but not much else.

Normally I would go down to the club and use the sharpening tools available on site.



Commercially there seem to be at least 4 systems that make sharpening a chisel quick & easy.

- Robert Sorby ProEdge Deluxe Sharpening System
- Oneway Sharpening Solution
- Tormek Sharpening Solution
- Vicmarc Solution

Robert Sorby ProEdge Deluxe Sharpening System \$997

There is not much this system cannot do. The belt mechanism is adjustable to any angle required so that you do not require a protractor or a grinder.

Oneway Sharpening Solution

Oneway is a US company that manufactures a variety of wood turning tools, e.g. live centres, chucks, etc.



The company also provides a number of Wolverine sharpening solutions. Various packages are available to be added to your existing grinder depending on your requirements.

An alternative to the protractor is the Raptor set up tools that provide for 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 & 60 degree settings. This tool is designed to set the angle for the V-arm support & the platform bases. At US\$10 each, the set would cost US\$50

Wolverine Sharpening Essentials 6 Piece set US\$153



The Wolverine™ Sharpening System consists of two bases, V-arm support and the platform. The two bases allow a base to be installed at each wheel on your grinder, so the accessories can be used at either wheel.

The V-arm Support supports the handle end of the woodturning or carving tool while the cutting edge

is in contact with the grinding wheel. The cutting bevel is determined by moving the V-arm towards or away from the grinding wheel, then holding the V-arm in position by tightening the cam lock. The platform is a 3" x 5" x 1/4" thick steel plate and is used when sharpening skew chisels, wood chisels, scrapers or gouges. The platform is fully adjustable so you can set it to the required angle.



Grinder not included. *Instructions included. Includes: Basic Wolverine™ System (2 bases, 1 V-arm support, 1 platform) Vari-Grind™ Jig Apprentice™ Diamond Wheel Dresser

Oneway Wolverine Ultimate Sharpening 9 Piece Package US\$175

This package varies to the one above in that it include 3 Raptor seet up tools.

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Tormek Sharpening solution A\$563

The Tormek Sharpening solution recommended by CWS assumes you have a grinder with the appropriate grinding wheel. It requires a protractor & 3 jigs, the base (A\$200), the gouge turning jig (A\$206) & the multi jig (A\$144). The gouge turning jig is required for all the gouges & the multi jig is used for the various skews & scrapers.



Figure 4 Gouge turning Jig



Figure 3 Multi Jig



Figure 5 Base

Vicmarc Solution

The Vicmarc Solution is the Australian version of the Oneway Solution. Basically there is a grinding jig & a grinding station.

The grinding jig caters for bowl & spindle gouges allowing the following grinds.

- Standard 45° rolled bevel
- 45° finger nail
- 40°/40°
- 55° swept back
- Micro bevel

The grinding station caters for the various skews & scrapers.

The cost of the Grinding Jig & Grinding Station is \$169.30 \$166.20 respectively.

Angle Measurement

Apart from the Robert Sorby ProEdge Deluxe Sharpening System the other systems would require an access to a protractor. There are different ways to manage the bevel angles, eg. Display on paper or timber close to the grinding station or a protractor.



After reviewing a number of YouTube videos I found they demonstrated that the protractor proved to be essential tool. I found the specific protractor was available from Carroll's Woodcraft Supplies for \$12.95

Conclusion

For my personal use I would purchase the Vicmarc Solution at a cost of approx. \$350 including postage.

After considering the above review & relevant Youtube videos I would recommend WoSP to purchase 2 8" CBN wheels plus the Vicmarc Solution for an approx. cost of \$850.