



THE WOODPECKER

Let us acknowledge the work of the Toy Team



Figure 1 Gerry Gilliland, Bert Bartlett, Gaven Davis, Noel Archdall, David Taylor, John Feeley, David Spring, David Palmer, Anne Miller, Janice Rickard, Tim Rickard

As you are aware 2020 has been a tough year in many aspects. Yet the toy team has made over 600 toys for children in poorer families.

Due to Covid an official handover of the toys could not be arranged; however John Bayliss arranged to have an article in the local paper & Scott Hanley posted on Facebook.

Scott posted on the club's Facebook page & on the page for Southern Mornington Peninsula Noticeboard (SMPN). The impact has been astounding. On the SMPN there have been over 1000 "likes" or "loves". There have been almost 200 complementary comments that include Antonella Celi, local councilor, Chris Brayne, local State MP & Damian Flenley who works for RPPFM, the voice of the peninsula. In fact the post seems to be the most acknowledged post on the site all year.

Another plus Damian Flenley is prepared to promote the club's toy making on radio.

Jane Flynn is another who as a result of the posting visited the club last Wednesday to obtain information for an article.

The WoSP page has now grown to 121. This is up 40 since the posting of the article on toys. Chris Brayne, local State MP, is one of the members who have just joined.

Additionally, you should all look out for the article in the local paper this week.

It is through the work of the Toy Team that more people are becoming aware of WoSP. So many thanks to the TOY TEAM for the work they do & many thanks to Scott Hanley for the work he does in promoting WoSP on Facebook.

A great result really and probably the best PR the club has ever had.

External Dust Extractor

The club moved into the new work shop in August 2018. This was followed by a huge open day celebration in October 2018. Unfortunately the dust extractor made too much noise for the neighbours & the club has been forced to use individual dust extractors with each piece of machinery.

Recent work involved a contractor putting a roof on the external dust extractor & to build a sound proof wall on the inside on the inside of the workshop.

The council has paid for the dust extraction unit & all the work to sound proof it. The club is extremely grateful to the council for everything they have done for the club. The sound proofing on the inside of the workshop was paid with club funds.

Finally on December 9th 2020 the council has tested and given approval for the club to use its external dust extractor.

John Bayliss has been the key liaison person with the council always trying to progress work on the external dust extractor. The "Woodpecker" thanks & congratulates John on his enormous effort in in making it operational.

Remember

Christmas Social ~ Thursday 17th December. The club will provide the food & salads. To assist with catering members are asked to put their name on the relevant sheet on the noticed board. If you want to come but will not be in the club before the 17th please ring Colin Dobson or John Bayliss.

Members should bring their own drinks, chairs & umbrellas if required.

Workshop Shutdown

The club closes on Wednesday 23rd December & re-opens on Monday 4th January.

Bunnings BBQ's

Last week ends Bunnings BBQ's was a big success & well worth doing. Even though there were changes to the way things were done there was nothing too difficult apart from the 4 hour session.

Thank You

Thank you to the All Saints who recently donated 2 bags of cleaning rags.

Thank you to the Hastings Rotary who donated \$200 to the club in appreciation for the work done by the Toy Team.