



THE WOODPECKER

25th Year Celebration Luncheon

A luncheon will be held on Sunday April 11th At the Rye Hotel to celebrate WoSP's 25th birthday.

A 2 course meal with tea/coffee & a drink voucher will cost \$25. Great value when you consider bar prices are for wine glass \$9, beer \$6.10 & soft drink \$5.50.

The menu will be either fish & chips, chicken parma or calamari followed by pavlova, panacota or a mouse. Other dietary needs are available from the hotel.

Back in 1996 a group of men gathered around a table to form the club. This was prior to the establishment of "Men's Sheds". From a home garage to an unused council gardeners shed to the fully equipped workshop the club has today is every reason why all members should celebrate the club's birthday.

The club prides itself on the number of toys it has made for disadvantaged children & in doing so for the opportunity of seniors to socialise & make new friends.

The club has always welcomed men & women through its doors. While it is easy for a retired person to attend sessions the club has tried to make it easier for the 9-5 worker to join the club by opening Saturday mornings.



TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

1. Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice
 2. In Style are the clothes that still fit.
 3. You don't need anger management. You need peo ple to stop making you mad.
 4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work
 5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
 6. On time is when you get there,
 7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
 8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
 9. Lately, You've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
 10. Growing old should have taken longer.
 11. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
 12. You still haven't leamed to act your age, and hope you never will
- And one more: "One for the road" means going to the bathroom before you leave the house.

Invite from Toys Team

The Toy Team invites all members to join them each Wednesday in making toys for Christmas 2021. In a convivial & social atmosphere members can either make toys of their own design or be allocated toys or tasks to undertake.

If you would prefer to make your toys at home, discuss your ideas with Gaven Davis so that he can advise against duplication. Your assistance will be most welcome.

Note:

Workshop to reopen	18 th Feb
Session Leaders Meeting	27 th Feb
General Meeting	10 th Mar
25 th Birthday Luncheon	11 th Apr

Workshop Closed.

By now everyone should be aware of Dan Andrews 5 day "Circuit Breaker". Consequently the workshop will be closed until midnight Wednesday. It will reopen Thursday 18th February.

Member Projects

Members have made all types of interesting projects. Chris Christoffsen has made a Viking Cradle & a Harley motor bike. Many members have made a rocking horse, a zebra or a porpoise. Just recently the Woodpecker received a photo of double bunks that would be a feature in any boy's bedroom.

It looks as though blanket boxes are a popular project at the moment. Below are 3 boxes by Ernie Garro, Carrie Marrs & Colin Dobson. Each have their own design. Carrie has added an angular look to her box while Colin went to Bunnings &



Figure 1 Tractor Bunks

obtained some wall paneling for the lid.



Ernie Garro

Carrie Marrs

Colin Dobson

Session Leaders Meeting

There will be an informal meeting of the session leaders at 4pm on Thursday 25th February.

The meeting will enable the session leaders to raise any concerns, discuss ideas as well as be introduced to how to operate the new thicknesser & the existing dual drum sander.

General Meeting ~ March 10

A highlight at the General Meeting on the 10th March will be a demonstration on how to safely use the new thicknesser & the existing dual drum sander (DDS).

Many members use the dual drum sander as though it is a thicknesser & try to take off too much timber at a single go. Consequently the sandpaper on the first drum is immediately shredded. Each roll of sand paper costs \$75 so members are encouraged to seek session leader assistance when using the DDS.

Session leaders are encouraged to take the attitude "not on my watch"

My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed.

I turned to her and said, *'Do you want to have Sex?'*

'No,' she answered. I then said, *Is that your final answer?'*

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, **'Yes.'**

So I said, *"Then I'd like to phone a friend."*

And that's when the fight started...

New Workshop MOBILE Number

Remember the new workshop Mobile number is **0492 952 052**

Just bought a log cabin
from Ikea



Snippets & Offcuts

Wood turning Cruise 2023

It is not a good time to travel at the moment but in 2023 a group is organising an 11 day wood turning cruise. It will visit ports along the Norwegian & Swedish coastline including Stavanger, Sandane, Geiranger, Molde, Namsos, Bodø, Tromsø, Honningsvåg, Sortland, Svolvær, Mosjøen, Trondheim, Ålesund, Bergen, Stavanger. At each of the ports there will be unique shopping available plus some excursions to take in the spectacular scenery.

Vuplex is a plastic blind cleaner and is great for cleaning facemasks. Just use a cloth not paper as it scratches. Available from Bunnings.



The world's best wood turners will conduct formal demonstrations. There will be an opportunity to participate in group classes &/or private lessons.

For most, rubbing shoulders with the world's best during the cruise, then sitting down and sharing meals, is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

For more information refer to <https://www.woodturningcruise.com/en>

Record Power IRD

Each week Record Power sponsor interactive wood turning demonstrations. These sessions have proved enormously successful with over 1000 enthusiasts watching from all over the world.



Last week's topic was a Stetson hat & next week is a seal balancing a ball. Recent demonstrations include a handle & ball, a yo-yo, sphere, pendant, Volkswagen car, a scoop & an 8 pointed star.



Currently they are Wednesday morning & repeated Thursday evenings. If you would like an invite send an email to miked@recordpower.co.uk with RSVP in the subject line

Small World

After last month's Woodpecker article on the PS Hygeia this photo was received of a sugar bowl made from the timbers of the PS Hygeia.



Workshop Sessions

Sessions scheduled in 2021 are laid out below. Apart from a Wednesday you are able to wood turn at all sessions. However beginners to woodturning are encouraged to attend Rod Bew's Thursday morning session. More experienced turners are encouraged to attend Tony Haigh's Friday afternoon session to share ideas & experiences.

Monday	1.00pm – 4.00pm	Ron Higgins	0407 857 252
Tuesday	9.00am – 12.00pm	Dennis Conner	03 5985 7788
Tuesday	1.00pm – 4.00pm	Gaven Davis	0418 388 152
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Thursday	9.00am – 12.00pm	Rod Bew	0467 095 104
Thursday	1.00pm – 4.00pm	Rob Oram	03 5931 3797
Friday	9.00am – 12.00pm	Greg Knox	0412 281 225
Friday	1.00pm – 4.00pm	Tony Haigh	0416 204 791
Saturday	9.00am – 12.00pm	Colin Dobson	0417 364 802

