



# THE WOODPECKER

## Missing Tools & Equipment

It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that some tools have gone missing. While the most likely case is a member taking something home to complete a project and forgetting to bring it back. So the committee is asking all members to check their workshop at home to see if they have any club tools & if found return them.

It is the small tools that are missing, e.g. ring & threaded faceplates, a chuck, etc. **To replace these lost or stolen club tools, costs the club money.**

When you look at the cost of being a member to other clubs, WoSP is extremely inexpensive considering the amount of equipment available. The committee needs to decide how to cover the cost of replacing the items & how to prevent things going missing again.

The committee prefers the existing honesty system but some considerations are

- Increase membership and or attendance fees.
- Have all items locked up and signed out before use & signed in after use.
- Have regular turners/box makers provide their own faceplates, chucks, etc.

The club's main source of income, Bunnings BBQ's, has become infrequent. Masterfoods no longer providing the sauces for BBQ's & now becomes another expense. The cost of running the dust extractor appears to be more than expected. The club's expenses are increasing.

You can influence the committee's decision by ensuring tools are returned and/or do not go missing.

## It Looks Like An Old Rotten Tree Trunk...

### But Looking Closer Reveals Something Mind Blowing!

It looks like it's all old and rotting with all that funny texture going on.



Come closer, you say?

Sure... wait... HOLY COW. So apparently this isn't just a gigantic tree trunk lying around in a gallery. Artist Zheng Chunhui has created a piece called "Along the River during the Quinming Festival" and it seems as though he was on a mission to blow everyone's mind. Take a look at the photos below and try to imagine the incredible skill and dedication required to create something like this...



Um... WHAT!?

Okay, so it turns out this is a wooded carved sculpture. Made with a single tree trunk,

it has been recognized as the world's longest wood carving by the Guinness Book of World Records.



The sculpture contains over 550 individually carved people. Not to mention all the buildings and foliage.

It's is a replica of the famous Chinese painting "Along The River During The Quinming Festival" created by artist Zhang Zeduan during the Song Dynasty.

This mind-blowing artwork was created by Zheng Chunhui and took four years to complete. Kudos to you, sir.

Now THAT'S a masterpiece!!!!





## Snippets & Offcuts

### Member Handbook

Over a period of time the committee has been working on a Member Handbook to provide a comprehensive overview of the club. Finally it has been accepted by the committee. Each new member will be given a copy of the handbook as part of the safety induction. Hard copies will be available to all members in the near future once the committee finds a sponsor to offset the cost of printing. However a softcopy of the handbook can be downloaded from the website. The handbook has been formatted to an A5 size. If you wish to print your own copy your printer needs to print double sided & flip pages on the short edge.

Many thanks to John Dunn, David Feather, Noel Archdall & Greg Knox who have contributed to the development of the handbook.

### More Timber

Many thanks to Scott & John Hanley & Dennis Conner for their recent pick up & delivery of another trailer load of timber. New shelves have been built at the back of the club to store this new timber. The timber has not been priced but it is suggested you make a small donation to the club for the timber.

### Drill a Square Hole

Our workshop has some powerful equipment but it also has some interesting tools that members may not be aware of. Recently the "Woodpecker" featured the "bowl saver". That was a very interesting & under utilised piece of equipment.

Pictured this month is a drill plus attachment that drills square holes. The attachment is a very sharp 4 sided blade that tightly surrounds the drill bit. If you need to make a square hole ask your session leader for the drill bit.



### Footy Sweep

Many thanks to Lynne Higgins for all the years she has run the football sweep. The prizes are enticing but unfortunately at round 7 it is a bit late to start now. Hopefully next year members will get earlier notification.

### Member Videos

A suggestion has been made that the club organise videos be taken of members working on the lathes or other machinery. The video would become that person's legacy and something that they could show their grand children.

- Do you think there would be a requirement for this service?
- Are you prepared to pay a fee for the service?
- Do you have any suggestion who could take the videos?

### Membership 104

Welcome to the recent new members to WoSP. Ian Hawksby, Michael Leedham, Sam Sanfilippo, Kathy Walsh & Kevin Walsh.

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's License to verify my age.

I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair.

She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability too.'

And then the fight started...