



THE WOODPECKER

Membership Reaches 100

Congratulations to all WoSP members as the club has grown to 100 members. There have been a number of newsletter articles telling of the clubs humble beginnings so reaching this milestone is a great achievement. To the founders of the club we need to say "thank you". To the committees over the last 24 years, we need to say "thank you". Finally to the Mornington Shire Council for wanting a swimming centre and thus providing us with an excellent new building for our workshop, we need to say "thank you".

A very big welcome to the new members of 2020, Paul Dobbs, Tony Haigh, Margaret Leong, Brandon Poulter, Chris Halak and Adam Capper.

Interestingly the Knox Woodies provided a breakdown of member age groups. Unfortunately WoSP records show the birth day of only 70 of the 100 members hence the email request for birth dates. Each club has members above and below the analysis period. The Woodpecker will examine more of the clubs statistics in future editions.

Club	Age Bracket		
	45-65	65-85	<45 or > 85
Knox	29%	43%	28%
WoSP	19%	70%	11%

Donations

Hillview Quarries have made a donation to the club to be spent of lathe tools and chisels. The committee is considering removing the existing chisel racks and replacing them with box sets. The box sets would be stored in a cupboard and have to be signed out and then back in.

This approach would prevent chisels falling out of the racks and ensure they are sharp when you get them so no member would need to sharpen the chisels.

The committee of the Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula would like to thank Hillview Quarries for their continued support of the club over a number of years. Their generosity has enabled the club to continue growing, improve membership and support the toy making for underprivileged local children.

Thank you again Hillview Quarries.

There is a preference in the club to use battery power tools. So recently Bunnings was asked for a donation of some battery power tools. Bunnings provided some and the club purchased additional Ozito batteries, drill and impact driver. WoSP would like to thank Bunnings for their donation.

Improved Processes

The committee is always considering member safety.

- * High on the priority list is to install a brake on the large band saw.
- * After a recent accident on the table saw the committee instigated a "buddy system" and want to see 2 people using the table saw in partnership. One person to push the timber into the cut and the other to pull the timber away from the blade. The table saw must be turned off after each cut of timber. Each person must be a lookout for each other's safety. Session leaders will encourage this approach at each session.

Snippets and Offcuts

- * The external dust extractor has been housed. Now the club is awaiting a suitable day for council to test the effectiveness of the housing.
- * Recently the council have had contractors dig up sections of the car park to determine the reason for the surface subsiding. Surprisingly the sinking has been caused by a number of car bodies previously buried up to 30 years ago. The cars have been extracted and the area filled.
- * Thanks to Dennis Conner and Scott Hanley for installing a gate to the car park. This gate will be locked to avoid some members of the public using the car park as a race track. Members of WoSP and the radio club will have the ability to unlock the gate.
- * Scott Hanley has used Facebook to sell a lot of equipment not required by the club. Scott has also retrieved a large amount of timber from a deceased estate. There is a range of wood species available to members. Please respect the prices marked and give the money to the session leader.
- * WoSP is making updates to Facebook and the club website showing the type of work carried out at the club. This action has attracted new members. If you are on Facebook please share these posts to broaden the exposure of the club.
- * The new sessions on Thursday and Saturday mornings have proved a success. It is expected attendance at these sessions will grow as more members become aware of the time slots.
- * Members are asked to pay the correct fee when signing in and not use NZ coins. Thank you.

Show & Tell

The next general meeting is on the 11 March. The normal agenda for the day is:

Toy Making	9:00am – midday
Lunch	midday to 1:00pm
General Meeting	1:00pm – 1:30pm
Toy making	1:45pm till close



Members are asked to bring items for display in the morning and place them on a table for viewing between midday and 1:00pm. Members can chat amongst themselves or ask questions of the originator during the lunch break. In particular Kate Martin has some very interesting and impressive creations.

Many members have very remarkable skills and Tim Fox has been asked to introduce the work he has done with resin. From knowing very little about resin Tim gradually built up his knowledge and has completed some fascinating projects. Tim will address the meeting to explain how to go about achieving these results.

Some of his work will also be on display over the luncheon period.

Intarsia ~ Cathy Wise

Not many members use or know much about the scroll saw so it was refreshing to have Cathy Wise, International Intarsia artist, demonstrate her skills with Intarsia and the scroll saw.

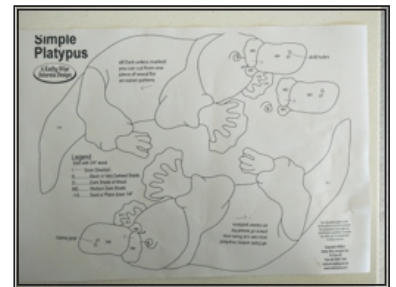
Cathy designs the patterns and publishes them in a number of very descriptive books. The books provide tips to shape, glue, finish and how to attach small spot inlays. Each project is designed to be 3 dimensional using different timbers for colour, and effect. These timbers are often 50mm thick.

In outlining her qualifications, Cathy showed pictures of some amazing murals, some of which have taken up to 10 months to complete.

In preparation for her Australia tour Cathy designed patterns for a variety of Australian animals.

In demonstrating making a platypus she explained her techniques some of which follow:

- * Glue pattern to sticky paper then the paper to the selected timbers.
- * Uses a highlighter where different timbers will join to identify more areas requiring more careful cutting.
- * There are 2 layouts on the pattern. One is for the project work and the other for the base plate.
- * The use of an accelerator and CA glue to join pieces
- * The use of a dowel to position overlays
- * The No 5 blade is best used in the scroll saw
- * Explained some of the scroll saw blades and their uses, eg. the reverse blade is used to ensure there is no tear at the bottom of the cut.
- * Explained the difference between fret saw art and intarsia
- * Besides the scroll saw, the bobbin sander seems essential.



Cathy made the platypus with such speed the audience was blown away. It is exciting watching a skilled expert. Whether members take up the art or not she had lots of useful tips that could be used in other areas.

If members are interested in learning more about Intarsia contact John Hanley or Anne Miller as the Woodpecker is sure they would help set up an Intarsia group.



Puzzler

The Woodpecker question this month is "What is the best resin for clear projects"?

Send your response to wosp3939@gmail.com and the results will be published in next months newsletter.

Answer to last months puzzler

Djarilmari in Denmark WA.

Djarilmari was established in 1983 and take pride in collecting timber in ways that conserve the environment. Timber is salvaged from farm clearance, road construction sites and sourced under license from government regulated forest areas. Long term sustainability of the resource is a priority.

Key Dates

General Meeting	11 March Midday
Committee Meeting	7 April 4:00pm

2020 Calendar

Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula

Committee Meetings - Tuesdays

7 April	4 August
5 May	1 September
2 June	6 October
7 July	10 November
	1 December

Session Leaders Meeting ~ Thursdays @ 4pm

28 May
30 July

General Meetings ~ Wednesdays

11 March
10 June
12 August

Toy Handover

28 November

Special Events

11 ~13 September Down Under Turnaround
9 December Christmas Lunch

Public Holidays

Friday 10 ~ Mon 13 April Easter
Saturday 25 April Anzac Day
Monday 8 June Queen's Birthday
Tuesday 3 November Melbourne Cup
Friday 25 September Grand Final Parade

Date	Activity	Speaker
March 11	General Meeting Show & Tell	TBA
April 7	Committee Meeting	
10~13	Easter	
25	Anzac Day	
May 5	Committee Meeting	
28	Session Leaders Meeting	
June 2	Committee Meeting	
8	Queen's Birthday	
10	General Meeting Show & Tell	TBA
July 7	Committee Meeting	
30	Session Leaders Meeting	
August 4	Committee Meeting	
12	General Meeting Show & Tell	Colin Dobson Promoting Down Under Turnaround
September 1	Committee Meeting	
25	Grand Final Parade	
11~13	Down Under Turnaround	Guilio Marcolongo
October 6	Committee Meeting	
November 3	Melbourne Cup	
10	Committee Meeting	
28	Toy Handover	
December 1	Committee Meeting	
9	Christmas Lunch	

Birthdays

Congratulations to all WoSP members celebrating birthdays soon.

March 24 Colin Dobson
April 14 Josie Maré



Merchandise

Club Caps	\$15
Beanies	\$17.50
Polo Shirts	\$40
Windcheater	\$60
Jacket	\$80

Session Timetable

Day	Start	Finish	Program	Team Leader
Monday	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Maintenance	Gaven Davis
	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Wood Turning	John Feeley
Tuesday	9:00 am	12:30 pm	Wood Work / Turning	Brian Jones
	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Wood Work / Turning	Gaven Davis
Wednesday	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Toy Making	Jeff Killeen & Gaven Davis
Thursday	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Wood Work	Rob Oram
Friday	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Wood Turning	Greg Knox
Saturday	9:00 am	12:00 pm	General Wood Work	Colin Dobson

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The newsletter cut-off date will be the Friday **BEFORE** each committee meeting.

To broaden the "Woodpecker's" scope, Gaven Davis has volunteered to provide future articles on safety and Jeff Killeen will contribute articles of interest on "toys".

All members are encouraged to submit articles of interest for publication at the editors discretion.