



WOODWORKERS of the SOUTHERN PENINSULA Inc Rosebud

THE WOODPECKER

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COVID 19 Impacts

The workshop was open barely a month before the State Government re-introduced the lock down.

It is frustrating considering most people are doing the right thing but a few do not see the need and ignore the recommendations.

Recently the club was advised by the council that the Dust Extractor looked like being fixed in August. This was exciting news; however the news was received before the latest COVID shutdown so the club is uncertain of when it will be fixed. So far the club's wait time is coming up to a year. However the club is fortunate to have enough smaller dust extractors to allow the club to operate.



Working from home, but missing the train trips.



So now we have to work out how we are going to fill in our time over the next 6 weeks. Personally, I have only just finished the project I started at the start of the previous lockdown. I built the table & benches when I first joined the club in 2011. As people complained about not having back support, I was fortunate to have access to the timber & a Kreg plan for the bench seats.

The seats have proved very popular particularly considering the social distancing requirement under the lock down.

From a turning point of view I have completed 4 old style telephones based on Bert Bartlett's phone. The cable has yet to be added. I did not have to make 4 but it is said the second is the better than the first. So in making 4 I had to think & plan the best way to do them. There are 11 different pieces and each one has to be done differently. It is a good project for anyone wanting to further develop their skills. The project has made me appreciate Bert's experience & skills.



Figure 1 L-R Sheoak & Huon Pine, Myrtle, Cyprus, Red Gum. All with Huon Pine Dial Face

Please let me know what you have been doing or plan to do as 6 weeks is a long time to do nothing.



Personally I would like to thank Josie Mare for her assistance in improving the presentation of the Woodpecker. Her skills improved the layout & readability of the Woodpecker. Unfortunately Josie is not able to continue with this role. Her participation will be missed.

If any other member would like to help with the production of the newsletter please contact Colin Dobson 0417 364 802

Membership ~ 67



Maximum membership rose to 105 in the FY 19-20. As fees are due 30th June the membership count starts all over again and it is not surprising the number has dropped to 67. It is expected this number will increase as more members pay their membership fees; however it does not help not being allowed to make the workshop available.

Welcome to the recent new members *Dennis Cowan, Sean Hanley, Neville McPherson & Katrina Young*. Everyone looks forward to appreciating your contribution to the club & the interesting projects you undertake.

The Woodpecker will be emailed to the members recognised at the end of June 2020 until member registrations stabilise.

Maintenance Monday

Monday morning is reserved for workshop maintenance. The club is indebted to the few volunteers who arrive each week to clean up & undertake projects to improve the usability of the club.

Some of the significant projects have been:

- Retrieval of donated timbers. This timber has been passed onto club members at a very reasonable price.
- An additional door has been added to the container to provide access to a paint room.
- The landscaping of the car park & “graveyard” section has improved the beautification of the area.
- A car park gate has been added enclosing the car park. This provides additional security to the workshop.

The Monday prior to the close of the workshop the following was completed:

- Racks were assembled on the mezzanine for storage of toys & saleable timber
- The logs of wood near the drill presses were cut up & the timber moved to the mezzanine.
- Timbers in the racks at the SE corner of the workshop were moved to the mezzanine.
- Firewood container was moved to the front gate.
- Waste timber was moved to the firewood container.
- General clean-up of the workshop

These activities were heavy lifting & time consuming. On behalf of all members the Woodpecker would like to thank Scott Hanley, Gaven Davis, Dennis Conner, Barry Watson, John Bayliss, Brian Young, Rob Oram, Noel Archdall & David Spring

All members can assist with maintaining the club by ensuring that at the end of each session:

- Waste wood and offcuts are placed in the firewood container near the car park gate.
- Mop the bathroom floors
- Empty rubbish bins at end of each session.
- Return any tools used in a session to where they were retrieved.
- Return any borrowed tools otherwise the policy will change & lending of tools will be not allowed.

This will allow the Monday Maintenance Team (MMT) focus on completing some of the larger improvements required within the workshop.

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.](#)

Toys

The toy team have been severely impacted by the lockdowns. However they have been making progress due to the team taking home various items to build. If you would like to help the toy team make toys for distribution to children at Christmas contact **Gaven Davis 0418 388 152**

Election 20-21

The planned AGM on the 12th August falls within the 6 week lockdown period. So at this stage the AGM has been postponed to a date to be determined.

Snippets & Offcuts

- ❖ *The best bitter sweet news is that the council contractors have spent three days last week modifying the dust extractor to make minimal noise.* While they have finished their work it still remains to have the dust extractor tested and that date is still unknown.
- ❖ Unfortunately the Turnaround Down Under has been cancelled for 2020. Last year over 100 wood turners gathered for a weekend to share & learn new skills. Colin Dobson considers this is a “must do” week end for any wood turner. Hopefully 2021 will not be impacted by COVID19
- ❖ The committee approved the purchase of a new set of metric Forstner Bits, drill bits & 3 folding tables. These purchases will help toy makers & wood turners.

What will we do away from the workshop?

Some suggestions are:

Look at YouTube for wood work / wood turning ideas. Some topics to watch could be laminated boxes / bowls, toys to make, etc. If there is anything you like use the Woodpecker to inform others.

Zoom was an interesting experiment last time. If ZOOM sessions are planned during the next 6 weeks they will be strictly for 30 minutes. It might be best if each session has a different topic. If members want to focus on a particular topic then they can arrange it themselves.

Possible Zoom topics could be:

- Which suppliers provide discounts
- Where to obtain exotic wood suppliers
- Tools / equipment that should be on the club's purchasing wish list.
- Book reviews
- YouTube reviews

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



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Key Dates

Annual General Meeting	12 th August (Post Phoned)
Toy Handover	28 th November
Christmas Lunch	9 th December