



WOODWORKERS of the SOUTHERN PENINSULA Inc

Rosebud

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THE WOODPECKER

Relocation

WOW!

The new shed looks great from the outside and excellent from the inside. At the moment it looks like an empty factory with dust extraction and power cables draped from the roof.

The open plan makes one wonder how the workshop will be filled. It's surprising to think that the club already has the machinery to align with the draping ducts/power cables.

The meeting room seems a good size although the kitchen has not yet been installed. Access to the mezzanine is far easier than imagined. Wide stairs make the ladders of the past totally unnecessary.

Out the back is a huge dust extractor where wood chips and saw dust will be deposited directly into wheelie bins.

On the roof are 2 dust extraction fans and a fan to circulate the air. A place has been allocated for four x 2 way air conditioners throughout the factory and meeting room.

The apron outside the workshop has been raised to the level of the floor. Two roller doors provide outside access to a storeroom and a waste area with trailer.

Security alarms have been installed and extra carpark lighting is planned.

Shortly, all the club's equipment will be moved and installed at the new location. After everything is removed from our current home the container will also be relocated. The committee will seek your assistance with the move. Hopefully the club's session outages will be minimal.

All members will need to be oriented with the new environment. There will be an emphasis to appreciate where machinery and tools are located, eg, the woodturning chisels may not be located as close to the lathes as they are now. New procedures to login, clean up, start and shutdown equipment, open and close the workshop will have to be understood and adhered to.

This is a good time to be involved with the club. Please help where you can.



New workshop taking shape

Membership

Welcome to new members Colin Wood & Derek Ryan Their membership takes the clubs membership to 88. Of all members, 85% can now be reached by email. This makes it so much easier for the treasurer, Jeff Killeen, to send out the yearly membership renewals and for members to be notified of events in a timely manner. It's important to remember what great value your membership provides. Your committee has liaised tirelessly to have a new workshop and no additional expense to members. Your quick response to Jeff's email will make his large task so much easier and ensure funds are available to continually upgrade equipment for the club. At around this time last year, club membership was 82.

Elections

Nominations for the 2019-20 committee are currently being recorded on the noticeboard. It is an exciting time to be involved with the club and your skills could be a big help. Please review the nomination form. You may like to nominate yourself, someone else or second someone already nominated.

MISSING

A bench top drill press is missing from the club. It is **URGENTLY** required by the toy team to simplify one of their many tasks. If you have it or know where it is, please advise your session leader.

Key Dates

Relocation Date	Early June
General Meeting	12 June
AWTEX	14-16 June
AGM	14 August
Timber, Tools & Artisan Show	25-28 August
Live-in Camps	
- Forest Edge	19-21 July
- Down Under Turnaround	13-15 September

Birthdays

The Woodpecker has decided to highlight only the month of the member's birthday. If you would like to share in the celebration (and some birthday cake) you best follow up with your friend to clarify the specific date - or at least what session they intend bringing cake to.

Our best birthday wishes to the following members. Hope you have a top day and continue enjoying your turning.

Birthdays in June

Bill Gorissen
Nick Porter
Tim Fox
John Feeley
Ern Garro



Birthdays in July

Charles Layfield
Sean Johnston
Matthew Baker
Rodger Stebbing
Greg Knox
Donald Easdon
Eddie Hunter

Major Grant

Over the last 20 years the Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula have been making toys for children at Christmas. While members would do this willingly, the job is made so much easier with a supporter like Bendigo Bank. For many years now Bendigo Bank has provided grants to assist with the costs incurred with our toy production. This year the bank has also contributed to the rent of the new facility.

A huge **thank you Bendigo Bank**. The Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula genuinely appreciate your support.

Before Joining WoSP I did not have a Bendigo Bank account however as the bank supports the club I decided to do my banking through Bendigo Bank. My wife is changing her banking as well. I hope all WoSP members consider this too.



I generally don't like using the first person in the newsletter but in this case I think it's important for members to acknowledge their major supporter.

Again, Bendigo Bank, many, many thanks.



Timber, Tools & Artisan Show

25-28 August

Melbourne Showgrounds

Early Bird price \$16

Our History

In the beginning...

In 1996 a small group of men obtained Council permission to use an existing dilapidated 25m² gardeners shed which was behind the Rosebud Community House as a workshop. At the official opening in 1997, after repairs and an extension, the workshop had been extended to 48m².



1996 - 25m²

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After lobbying the council for funding and a lot of hard work by members, particularly behind the scenes by Betty Preston, another 106m² shed was added. The official opening was on 6 Feb 2002. A little known fact is that the radio club contributed \$1000 to the shed so that they could have access to the toilet facilities.

The council has always been supportive of the club as it has been a positive benefit to the community. Consequently undercover space has gradually grown over the years. Now

in relocating to the Vern Wright Reserve, the club will be moving into its largest workspace yet, at 360m². So while it is inconvenient to relocate, the club should be very appreciative of the council and the way they have accommodated our growing needs and especially appreciative of the committee members who have liaised tirelessly on behalf of the club.



1997 - 48m²

Toys

The Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula can be proud that newspaper articles show the club has been making toys for Christmas since 1999. At that time members worked in a very limited space, nevertheless toy making has always been a focus of the club since its inception. A surprise finding is that in 2000, members were producing toys to send to Uganda. It is unknown how they were distributed at that time. Someone may know and inform the "Woodpecker"



2002 - 154m²

Newsletters

History shows WoSP has always tried to keep its members informed. Back in the 90's not everyone had a PC or email address so the task was much more difficult to get the news out. Recent findings show the newsletter was one page and generally covered a 2 month period. The "Woodpecker" was amused to see there was always an apology for spelling mistakes. Members always seem to report the negative rather than encourage continued delivery of news items. It was not until after 2005 when Jean Field became the editor that the newsletter was named "WoodPecker".

Membership

It's been interesting reviewing past records and noting what was kept that perhaps is not kept now. Membership records show total members for the period 1996-2005 are 858. This is amazing in that it is interpreted that the club has influenced and supported 858 men and women over 9 years providing an exceptional community service. To extend this logic further almost 2000 people have been members since inception.

The chart below shows the recorded membership from previous years compared to today.

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2019
Members	41	58	49	61	118	86	105	90	90	80	88

Snippets and Offcuts

Australian Woodturning Exhibition

Club members are invited to the 2019 Australian Woodturning Exhibition, which will be held 14-16 June, 2019 at Kingston City Hall, 985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin, VIC 3189 (Corner of Nepean Highway and South Road) (Melway Ref: 77 D5)

- On display will be an outstanding array of amazing turned pieces of wood art. As usual, many of the exhibits will be for sale.
- There will be live turning demonstrations and attendance is free of charge.
- The schedule is as follows:
14 June
11.00am Andy McCardle Turning a 3 winged bowl
1.30pm Tracey Maladey Finials
15th June
11.00am Simon Begg German Ring Turning
1.30pm Michael Bell Whistles
16th June
11.00am Chris Bennett Science Behind Woodturning
- The International Wood Collectors Society will be on hand to talk about different woods from around the world.
- Entry fee remains the same as last year at \$8 and all under 18s are welcome free of charge.
- Refreshments will be available at the show in the foyer outside the exhibition hall of the 2nd level.

Eltham & District Woodworkers Annual Exhibition

will be held on 9 - 10 November 2019 9.00am - 5.00pm. The venue is Eltham Community Centre, Main Rd Eltham. Exhibition features an extensive range of Woodwork (most items are for sale) and demonstrations. Entry is free.

Woodturning Camps

If you are interested in attending the coming live-in wood turning camps you need to be as independent as possible. You will need a lathe and a stand for the lathe plus your chisels. It is suggested you can use a Gorilla ladder as a stand for your mini lathe. Sharpen your chisels before you go although the organisers advise some attendees take their grinder with them.

So if you want to improve your wood turning consider one of the 3 day camps which will be attended by novices and experts alike, all with the aim of sharing their love of the art of wood turning.

Two camps are being held in Victoria, one in July and the other in September

- ▶ July 19 - 21 "Forest Edge" - Forest Edge CYC camp, Neerim East. Contact: Mary Reynolds. lakeviewmary@gmail.com
- ▶ September 13 - 15 "Phillip Island Down Under Turnaround"- The island CYC camp, Cowes. Contact: Caroline Talbot (03) 5956 7300 or bc.talbot@bigpond.com. At a cost of \$210, this educational session is great value.

Brain Storming

There are many very experienced members within the club with skills in furniture making, wood turning or just general woodwork. So where else can you go and discuss your problem over a cup of coffee.

Recently a problem was raised as to how to square off the uneven ends of flooring laid. A router will do the job if it has a straight guide however the concern was how to hold the straight guide in place without damaging the flooring. After considering how the magnetic feather board works on the bench saw, the discussion then considered suction caps. By using the internet, Google & the Bunnings website it was found the suction caps can be obtained for approx. \$12. As you can see in the photo the solution worked successfully.



There could be other successful solutions; nevertheless the club is an excellent resource for exchanging ideas and determining a solution to your problem.

For Sale

David Rich from the Peninsula Woodturners Guild now needs to sell his equipment. He has plenty of wood turning chisels some of which are very small for miniature turning. There is a working compressor and a flexible vice system which has not been used and retailed in the past for \$399. There are a couple of small clocks and a number of pen inserts, etc. He is happy to discuss price, looking for a win-win outcome. David lives in Mt Martha and can be contacted on 0437 175 495



Toy Team News

Toys are going well considering the year we're having with the move. We have completed the construction of ten groups of toys which are ready for painting. This will be done after the move to the new shed. We would like to thank our dedicated team for all their help so far this year.

If any members are thinking of joining the Toy Team, they would be very welcome as we have a few members on the sick list or away enjoying the sunshine up north. For \$2 you get a top quality meal cooked by our very experienced chefs and you couldn't find better company to dine with.

All members have completed the required safety requirement including two new members this week.

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.