



WOODWORKERS of the SOUTHERN PENINSULA Inc Rosebud

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THE WOODPECKER

Relocation

Key Handover !

On 21 June 2019 Greg Millar, Jeff Killeen, Gaven Davis and John Bayliss received keys to the new WoSP home from Christine Harrington and Kimily Clark, Property Manager, from Mornington Council.

The new shed looks great from the outside and excellent from the inside.

At the front there are 3 roller doors that can only be opened from inside. Entrance is by either of 2 standard doors.

On the wall to the right there is a digital code entrance pad where the session leader will turn the security alarm off upon entry and on when exiting.

The dust extractor is controlled by the power board at the back of the "factory" located alongside the door which exits to the extractor.

Other features are an eye wash basin, unisex toilets, and windows in the meeting room which overlook the workshop.

External power points are available on the "container" side of the building plus there are 18 solar panels on the roof providing power to the building and machinery. At this stage excess power is not utilised.

At the entrance apron there is a bike rack and a disabled parking spot is available; all other parking will be on the old tennis court.

Last Sessions

Sessions at the Besgrove Street workshop wound up on 28 June. On the right are attendees from the final Friday session. Bert Bartlett, Colin Dobson, John Hanley, Alan Smith, Scott Hanley and Gordon Waddingham. Absent regulars are Greg Knox, Ernie Garro & Mike Simpson.

The toy makers who attended on the Wednesday last session are: Gerry Gilliland, Dereck Lowden, David Taylor, Ron Higgins, John Parrent, Bert Bartlett, Kevin Cross, Tim Rickard, David Feather, David Palmer, Jeff Killeen.



Receiving the keys from Council

Good bye to Besgrove Street

WoSP must be out of Besgrove Street by Tuesday 16 July so the swimming pool contractors can start on Wednesday 17 July. Removalists are scheduled to move all machinery and the container on the 15-16 July.

It is exciting to move to new premises but it is also a little sad moving away from a site where there is so much history.

So on Saturday 13 July at midday WoSP is having a farewell BBQ. You could call it either a wake or a celebration but either way, it is an opportunity to talk old times, take photos and then pay a visit to the new workshop at the Vern Wright Reserve.

It would be nice to see past pioneers at the BBQ like Bill Gorrison, John Johnson, Betty Preston and others who are available to attend.



Farewell Besgrove Street



Attendees at the final Besgrove Street session

Christmas in July

This year the club is organising a "Christmas in July" function to be held at 6.00pm so that all members will have the opportunity to attend. The details are Wednesday 10 July, 6.00pm at the Rye RSL. The Seniors Christmas dinner is \$22 per head. It's a bit hard writing your name on the clubroom notice board when everything is being packed for the relocation so please ring Jeff Killeen asap on 0409 164 651. He can then finalise the numbers.



Elections

Elections will take place at the August AGM. The 2019-20 year will be a big one for the committee as it establishes the club in the new venue. There will be an election as 9 members are standing for 6 positions. To all members, not only those that are not elected, you do not have to be on the committee to contribute to the progress and well-being of the club.

Some of the roles each of the committee members are expected to undertake are:

- ▶ As the club location is not as visible now, it will be necessary to have someone look into promoting the club to attract new members.
- ▶ The club has only been allocated 2 BBQ's in the next 6 months so its main source of income is drying up. As a result a person is needed to research and apply for funding.
- ▶ When Bunnings do allocate the club a BBQ a lead person is required to organise the onions to be cut, sausages, bread and drinks be ordered and picked up at 7am on the day of the BBQ. Then at 4pm the cleanup takes place where everything is brought back to the club rooms and washed up.
- ▶ The club is available for personal and community projects but it also exists as a place where people of similar interests can socialise. Someone on the committee needs to take on this role.
- ▶ New members need to be welcomed with a full enrolment package that details the session timetable, tutor skills, club goals, history, etc. In turn they should be encouraged to stay on as an associate member to continue the friendships formed at the club.
- ▶ If you wish to undertake the role of producing the newsletter you need to provide one newsletter per month. The challenge is to gather information of interest whether it is profiles, projects, social events, dates of external activities or committee directions, decisions and policy.
- ▶ The club has been established for 20+ years. An historian is required to document the life of the club and occasionally summarise it so that it can go to press to promote the club.
- ▶ Maintenance is performed around the club each Monday morning. A person is needed to co-ordinate volunteers to ensure relevant repairs are carried out, new stock is purchased and machinery is checked and cleaned.

- ▶ The machinery within the club is both powerful and in the wrong hands, dangerous. A lead is required to ensure all new members know how to use the equipment prior to their first session. Additionally there is a need to ensure the equipment is always safe to use.
- ▶ The club is interested in its member's welfare. Consequently a person is required to keep an ear to the ground listening for members who are not well. It may be they are sent a card on behalf of the club or some practical assistance is organised if required.
- ▶ Technology and social media are continually developing. There is a need for the club to be aware of what is happening and how it can be used to assist the club's goals and directions.

Remember, you do not have to be on the committee to provide a valuable contribution to the club by undertaking one or more of the roles above.

When voting for your committee you are encouraged to vote for the nominees who you think will add value to your club. Please vote for those you think can contribute to the club in a meaningful manner.

So note below the positions open for election and make an educated vote in the best interests of the club.

The executive will remain the same this year as no one is standing against them. The executive are John Bayliss, president, Dennis Conner, vice president, Jeff Killeen, treasurer and Greg Millar, secretary.

Members standing to be officers of the committee are in alphabetical surname order, Gaven Davis, Colin Dobson, John Dunn, David Feather, John Feeley, Scott Hanley, Anne Millar, David Taylor, Barry Watson

Many thanks to retiring 2018-19 committee members, Brian Young and Ron Higgins. During the year Brian was responsible for locating and purchasing the container for the club. He has always been useful around the club and has helped install the kitchen in the new club rooms. Colin Dobson has appreciated his assistance during a number of Friday sessions and hopes this will continue.

Ron has been a hard worker for the club over many years. He almost ran the BBQ's single handed ensuring the financial stability of the club improved. Ron will continue to help out with the BBQ's and around the club as the Monday night session leader.



Due to inherit a furniture factory when his sickly, widower father died, Clyde decided he needed a woman to enjoy his impending wealth with. Going to a singles' bar, he spotted a woman whose beauty took his breath away. "I'm only an ordinary man," he said, walking up to her, "But in just a week or two, my father will die and I'll inherit a 20 million dollar business." The woman went home with Clyde, and the next day she became his stepmother.

Key Dates

Christmas in July	10 July
Farewell BBQ	13 July
AGM	14 August
Timber, Tools & Artisan Show	25-28 August
Live-in Camp	
- Down Under Turnaround	13-15 September

Timber, Tools & Artisan Show

25-28 August

Melbourne Showgrounds

Early Bird price \$16

We Must Thank

Toy Makers

Since the club was formed in 1996 there have been many, many members who have contributed in making toys for the kids at Christmas. These members should be congratulated and feel especially proud of the joy they have been able to create for disadvantaged children.

Over last 20 years the club and the toy makers have created an enormous amount of goodwill in a variety of areas in the community.

With the decision to construct a swimming pool alongside the Council offices, WoSP was to lose their workshop. However council appreciated the club's standing in the community and has endeavored to relocate the club with minimal impact. In constructing a new workshop, council has followed the OH&S guidelines by adding unisex toilets and a number of other essential features. In addition, the workshop footprint is at least 25% bigger than the existing workshop and the dust extraction system is something to be envied by similar clubs.

Bendigo Bank, Others

Bendigo Bank has always supported the toy makers and has stepped up to pay the rent for the new workshop. The club must also remember the Ceildah Dance group and Bunnings who have, each in their own way, also helped the club relocate.



Bunnings BBQ Volunteers

The fact that the club can afford to move is due to the efforts of the Bunnings BBQ volunteers. In recent years the BBQ's have provided the club with the opportunity to become financial. Consequently members do not have to move the heavy machinery as contractors can be paid to do it. Even though the council has provided the "factory" there are still incidentals that have to be paid for. The following 2 BBQ dates are an example of the work involved, who pulled it together and who participated.

BBQ Saturday 15th June 2019

After a cancellation, Bunnings gave the club 3 day's notice to be prepared for this BBQ. So a tremendous effort was required from a lot of people to get this up and running. Many thanks to Ron Higgins, who within an hour organised 12 volunteers to staff the BBQ. Great effort Ron.

Also, thanks to the core team of onion slicers John Bayliss, Bert Bartlett, John and Scott Hanley and the purchasing pair of John Parrent (onions) and Dennis Connor (sausages, bread and ice from Woolworths at 7.00am).

The volunteers were John Bayliss, John Parrent, Ron Higgins, Eddie Hunter, Bert Bartlett, Rod Bew, Scott Hanley, Chris Christenson, Dennis Conner, Gerry Gilliland, Tim Rickard, Janice Rickard, Jeff Killeen, Anne Miller, Kate Martin and Derek Lowden. Gaven Davis helped clean up and towed the trailer back to the clubhouse and washed out all the utensils.

Thank you to all for a prosperous day.

Sunday 23rd June 2019

The scheduled BBQ came 8 days after the last one. Once again thanks to the core team (as above) and the volunteers John Bayliss, John Parrent, Ron Higgins, Greg Millar, Bert Bartlett, David Taylor, David Fraser, Con Keegan, Dennis Conner, Gerry Gilliland, Scott Hanley, John Hanley, Jeff Killeen, Gavin Davis, Anne Miller and Brian Jones.



Woodturning Camp

If you would like to go to the woodturning camp on Phillip Island but think you will not know anyone there, then the "Woodpecker" can tell you Colin Dobson has booked in and is committed to attend.

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 Down Under Turnaround. It will be attended by novices and experts alike, all with the aim of sharing their love of the art of wood turning.

- ▶ 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.

Membership

The financial year ended with 86 paid up members and started with only 53. To those of you who have yet to pay, your earliest payment would be appreciated. The annual fee of \$60 is very cheap and provides fellowship plus a well-equipped workshop along with support for you to complete your projects.

If for some reason, you are no longer able to continue wood working but want to continue as a member of the club, an alternative possibility is that for \$10 you can be an associate member. Then come for coffee to stay in touch with your friends and receive the newsletter.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the members below. May you have a joyful and memorable day.

Birthdays in July

Rodger Stebbing
Greg Knox
Donald Easdon
Eddie Hunter

Birthdays in August

John Dunn
Cecilia Egan



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.