



THE WOODPECKER

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Your Committee

Congratulations to the elected committee officials from the recent AGM. In alphabetical surname order they are with their portfolio:

- Gaven Davis Safety/Induction
- Colin Dobson Newsletter / Historian
- John Dunn Promotion
- David Feather Fund Raising
- Scott Hanley Membership
- Anne Miller Social

Together with the executive of John Bayliss, president, Dennis Conner, vice-president, Jeff Killeen, treasurer, & Greg Millar, secretary your committee will manage the club for 2019-20.

After the election when John Bayliss resumed the chair he thanked Ron Higgins, John Feeley & Brian Young for their committee service in recent years. He also thanked all nominees saying "the positive interest in the committee ensures a strong committee is elected so many thanks to John Feeley, David Taylor & Barry Watson for putting their names forward. It is a shame someone had to miss out but there will be other ways they can contribute."

Remember, you do not have to be on the committee to provide a valuable contribution to the club. With that thought in mind the club is looking for newsletter sponsors & new members. What can you do to help?

The New Workshop

As each week goes by the workshop is becoming more settled. Currently Gordon Waddingham is building a store room in the SW corner to house the merchandise, club security cameras & documentation. Planter boxes have been built by Dennis Conner, Scott Hanley, John Hanley & Hillview Quarries have donated the plants in each box. These have been placed to keep parking away from all roller doors. A paint room is still required. Unfortunately its delay is impacting the painting of toys by the toy team.



The old tennis court area is to be used as parking for both the radio club & WoSP. The Council recognises the car park to be a private car park and will construct a surrounding fence to ensure it is not available for public parking. WoSP & the radio club will improve the carpark & share expenses. Improvements will include:

- Planter boxes to be placed over the sunken areas of the tennis court.
- Gravel will be spread the intersection of the entry loop & the car park
- A tandem truck of soil from the swimming pool will be spread at the top end of the tennis court.



Figure 1 the view from the Fire Station

Meanwhile, our old workshop has gone. The whole area is surrounded by builders fencing. Despite the difficulties & the delays we experienced, sessions are now operational and WoSP has a wonderful purpose built workshop.

It is appropriate at this time all members reflect on how to look after the workshop.

- ❖ Leave the workshop as you would want to find it. Be prepared to clean up areas that you have not used.
- ❖ If you find something is blunt, broken or not available advise the your session leader & write it in the maintenance book.
- ❖ Existing services can only be maintained if the club is financial & there are sufficient volunteers for maintenance. Members are invited to assist with fund raising &/or club promotion
- ❖ It is recommended members have their own eye protection, dust mask & ear muffs.
- ❖ MDF dust must not to be placed directly into rubbish bins or the trailer. It must be bagged.

Membership Welcome to Meesha Docherty, the latest member to be inducted into the club. The club's new workshop is a huge attraction for potential members. At the moment there are 6 people considering membership. Along with the members away & who are expected to renew on return, club membership is expected to increase to 84 by the end of the month. This is an excellent position surpassing similar periods over past years.

It was advised at the AGM David Jagger, Rob Oram & Eddie Rattauch had become 10 year members. Congratulations guys. While you were not at the AGM it is hoped you have received you 10 year badges by now.

Dust Extractor Noise

The council expert visited recently to assess the noise issue. While he has yet to write his report the general feeling was that a wall would have to be built to surround the outside dust extractor. This would both muffle & re-direct the noise.

So while there is a solution he has to write & provide his report to council. It needs to be accepted & passed onto the finance department where the project will be tendered and built after the tenders are assessed.

Unfortunately the committee have no idea how long this process will take. The committee is aware of the impact of no evening classes for its members and is looking at other options. As an interim, the Monday & Thursday sessions now have a new start / end time of 1pm-4pm.

Open Day Oct 12

The official opening of the workshop will take place on Saturday October 12th. The committee is planning a big celebration on the day where council, state & federal dignitaries and former members will be invited. The committee encourage you to promote the open day and invite your family & friends to inspect the workshop.

Past members will be invited to see how the club has grown since the original concept back in 1996.

Attractions on the day will be:

- The Classic Car club will display their vehicles,
- various wood turning demonstrations will be conducted
- Some machinery will be for sale.
- members will have the opportunity to display & sell their woodwork pieces
- A photo board & TV will display projects & the club's history
- Rye Lions will provide their food truck in the area in front of the workshop & sausages will be available free of charge.
- The radio club will be open to visitors
- Membership application forms will be available.
- John Hanley has provided an intarsia piece to be used as a plaque commemorating the opening.



Key Dates

<u>Live in Camps</u>	
Down Under Turnaround	13-15 Sept
Open Day	12 October
Eitham Woodworkers Exhibition	9-10 Nov

The day will commence at 11.00am

Scott Hanley will be looking for volunteers to manage the car parking on the day. Please help him out.

Be sure to put the date in your diary and invite your friends. When you are next at the club, pick up some brochures advertising the day and distribute them.



The Australian Woodturning Exhibition (AWTEX) is a prestigious yearly exhibition that has been running for over 30 years. It is currently run by The Whitehorse Woodturners - an incorporated club formed and run entirely by 8 volunteers - for the purpose of running this exhibition. It is currently held at The Kingston City Hall in Moorabin. This event draws a large number of exhibits from across Australia and New Zealand over 4 sections, students, novice, intermediate and open where turners submit items over 17 categories. Once 6 judges review & rank all items they are presented at a 3-day exhibition, which is attended by turners and art-lovers. During the event live turning demonstrations are held for visitors to enjoy.

Unfortunately a number of the members of Whitehorse Woodturners are no longer able to serve on the committee for the forthcoming event.

We, therefore, find ourselves in a position that with too few people left we are no longer able to continue to run the show in its existing state without the assistance of new members.

Consequently AWTEX is seeking other organisations and/or clubs to step in to take over the show in its entirety or to join forces to form a collaborative to run the show for the forthcoming years.

THE NEWSLETTER CUT-OFF DATE WILL BE THE FRIDAY BEFORE EACH COMMITTEE MEETING.

If you would like further information or would like to lodge your interest in ensuring that this event continues, please contact either Soren Grejsen on 0412 265 552 orsgrejsen@optusnet.com.au or Rachelle Leaver on 0416 556 786 orrachelle.leaver56@gmail.com or contact@awtex.com.au.

Bowls

Brian Young loves to experiment with design, timbers & the final finish. Recently he has finished 4 items of which anyone would be proud to claim. As Brian segments his bowls he is able to experiment with & include acrylic pen blanks some of which include a wooden dowel.

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Segmented Bowl

The first bowl is Tassie Oak with thick red gum band at top. 5 layers have 12 segments and the red gum layer has only 6 segments. The excellent finish is provided by using 4-5 coats of water based polyurethane, finely sanding between each coat.

Segmented Jug

The timber used in the jug is South Asian keruing highlighted with a layer acrylic pen blanks each with a pine dowel insert. This time Brian painted on 4 coats of Danish oil & after last coat buffed the jug on lathe.

Segment Octagon Bowl

American red oak is used for the octagon bowl which has an octagon top and base. Aluminium tubes are used to highlight small holes which could assist the display of flower arrangements. Once again Brian has used 4-5 coats of water based polyurethane & finished it off with U-Beaut EEE Ultra Shine.

Segmented Bowl

The final bowl is tallow wood from NSW. It has 7 layers of 12 segments. Some segments have been dropped from the 6th layer. An acrylic dowel has been inserted into the segments included in the 6th layer.



September Birthdays

Timothy Rickard

Anne Miller

Noel Archdall

Colin Wood

David Taylor

Bevan Jones

Birthdays in October

Cecilia Egan

John Dunn



Note the birthdays in the month of September & October . So the very best of birthday wishes to the above members. Hope you have a top day and continue to enjoy working with wood.

Be sure to give them a birthday greeting & you may receive a cake or donut for your thoughtfulness.

Down under Turnaround

A reminder that the "Down under Turnaround" is almost upon us. There are still vacancies if you are interested in having access to some extremely talented wood turners. \$210 is very cheap to have access to some excellent wood turners over 2 & half days. I understand some turners start at 6am in the morning & finish at lights out at 11pm. This is a great way to improve your turning skills.



Access to the venue is after 2pm on the 13th Sept. Accommodation will be in 4 bed dormitories with toilet & shower facility attached. While bedding is provided you may want to bring your own sheets. Any dietary requirements must be advised beforehand.

You do need to bring your own lathe, chisels & timber. Don't forget your toiletries and payment is due to secure a place in the workshop.

Colin Dobson is attending so you will know someone there.

Free to a New Home

Bernie Tonks is making available free to a new home a wood lathe & a jointer. Both items are in working order although they do look like antiques. In the past the lathe has been used for making table legs and has the appropriate guides attached. The lathe also comes with some face plates & chisels. If you are interested in either or both items Bernie lives in Rye & can be contacted on 03 5985 2355.



Items for Sale

Bill Gorrissen has been a member of the club for 19 years. Joining in 2000 Bill has been heavily involved & in 2011 was awarded a Life Membership. You would not think so but Bill turned 90 this year and has decided to sell some of his tools.

He has always taken pride in looking after his tools so if you are interested he has decided to sell most of his tools.

Additionally, some of his tools would be considered antiques and are to be valued by the right person.

A sample of what is available:

- Any number of clamps
- Band saw with band saw blade saw kit & miniature blow torch
- Dust extractor
- Heat gun
- Dremel with appropriate sanding barrels
- Biscuit jointer
- Spray gun
- Variety of hand planes



If you are interested contact Bill on 0422 836 995 / 03 5974 1538 and arrange a time to visit



The first is a slab of trunk of a tree, possibly Cypress Pine. It is seasoned and stable, with no shakes, no twisting or distortion. Approximate overall dimensions: 2770mm x 550mm. It has a uniform thickness of 45mm, and there is still bark along both long sides. Weight is approx 23kg.

The second is an outstanding piece, probably of Redgum, already smoothed and polished on its upper side, with natural edges either side, possibly from the bole of the tree, or perhaps even part of a root. It is very dense, and has fascinating figuring in the grain.

Approximate largest dimensions: 1m x 70cm. It has a uniform thickness of 57mm. Weight is approx 24kg.

Both pieces \$175 tel: Peter on (03)98762149



Some events & Dates

- The Council of Woodwork Clubs is having its AGM on Saturday 21st September 2019 at the Eastern Woodturners, Mont de Lancey, 71 Wellington Road, Wandin North.
- If you are still travelling to avoid the cold weather the final Lost Trades Fair for 2019 will be held at Hawkesbury, 5 - 6 October 2019. More details can be found on the internet.