



THE WOODPECKER

Ed 2019-11

New Wood Working Sessions

The transfer to the Vern Wright Reserve has had two unplanned impacts.

- ◆ The noise from the dust extractor has prevented the club from conducting evening sessions.
- ◆ The move has sparked a lot of interest in the club and people new to wood turning are particularly drawn to the Tuesday sessions.

The council is working with Micro Air, the company that installed the dust extractor, to obtain a quote to minimize the noise. This is progressing but taking longer than expected.

As this impacts evening classes, the committee has agreed to commence a Saturday morning session commencing 23 November where the session leader will be Colin Dobson. Greg Knox will replace Colin as the session leader on Friday mornings. However this means there will only be three Saturday morning sessions in 2019 as the club will close on 13 December for Christmas. The best part is that the Saturday morning sessions will roll into 2020.

After the Christmas / New Year holidays, a Thursday morning session will commence where Rod Bew will be the session leader. These sessions will be aimed at teaching new members the skill of wood turning. New members will be encouraged to gain their proficiency at these sessions before attending other sessions during the week.

The website will be updated to reflect these changes.

Membership

David Martinucci, Gerry Skipper, Karl Takacs, Damian Knop, Howard Mortley, Graeme Vertigan and Tony Power are the newest members to join the club. As you come across these members make yourselves known to them and welcome them into the club.

Current membership stands at 92. While some members have not renewed for 2019-20 there have been 20 new members join the club since July.

Key Dates

◆ Saturday Morning Sessions Begin	23 November
◆ Committee Meeting	3 December
◆ Christmas Party	11 December
◆ Club Closure	13 December
◆ Toy Handover	14 December

Official Opening

It was a proud and emotional club president, John Bayliss, who started the proceedings in front of a large crowd on Open Day. He highlighted many people were involved in achieving this new workshop. In particular he directed special thanks to David Hampton, the architect, and Vince, the project manager, for their efforts in overcoming all the challenges that arose.

John stated. "We are proud of our new home built as a community asset by Mornington Peninsula Shire. We are now looking to increase our membership and our programs. We welcome people of all ages and abilities, providing access to a wide range of well maintained equipment in a supported, safe and friendly club environment".



Greg Millar, Cr. Antonella Celi, John Hanley and John Bayliss

After being introduced Cr Antonella Celi, paid her respects to the Bunarong and Bunurong peoples who have been custodians of the lands of the Mornington Peninsula and expressed her honour at being able to represent the council in this "year of harvest" where new clubrooms have been built for the wood workers and the radio club and the construction of the swimming pool has commenced.

Cr Celi also acknowledged the club's sponsors, Gary Sanderson from the Bendigo Bank, Lorraine Watt of the Ceildah dance group and other sponsors whose assistance enables the club meet its altruistic goals.

Cr Celi then unveiled a plaque of a "Woodpecker" made by John Hanley and then cut the symbolic ribbon officially opening the club on 12 October 2019.

Attendees were able to inspect the new workshop and a display of items which showcased the wide range of objects made by club members. They were able to watch demonstrations of wood turning and even enjoy a free sausage generously provided by Rye Lions club.



Cr. Antonella Celi cutting the ribbon

Presidents Reunion

At the opening there were 4 former club presidents as well as John Bayliss, the serving president of the last 11 years.

Mike Hiley, the first club president, had come down for the day from Dunolly. As a gift, he provided for the club archives a copy of the original woodpecker logo and a copy of the minutes of the very first meeting held at his home on 10 May 1996. At the meeting it was resolved the purpose of the club was "to further wood working of all kinds and exchange information and ideas" and be "open to all persons interested in all aspects of woodworking". Each of the attendees at that meeting donated \$5 to provide seeding finance to get things started. This amounted to \$40, consequently Mike was amazed at the present facilities and growth of the club over the past 23 years.

Graham Scott was also astounded at the development of the club. He too provided documentation from when he was president for club archives. Graham is now re-registering to be a member of the club. Welcome back Graham.

Bert Bartlett and Ted Young continue to present themselves within the club. Bert's passion continues to be making toys for children.



Mike Hiley, Graham Scott and John Bayliss

Persons of Interest

Greg Hunt was one of the dignitaries who dropped in to the Open Day to check out a success story in his electorate. Whilst he did not stay long, he was taken by the club's wood work display. In particular he loved Bob Wharton's carved horse and wombat and ordered a wombat from the somewhat reluctant Bob. At this stage the order has been accepted but there is no delivery date. Interestingly one of the publications Graham Scott provided was a 1977 Practical Wood



Greg Hunt with Bob Wharton and his carvings

Working magazine which contained an article on carving a cart horse which looked just like Bob's.

Mike Hiley, who is now 80, is still actively running a workshop in Dunolly based on the same ideals WoSP began with in 1996. Mike recalls that after the first meeting, subsequent meetings were held in the Rosebud Secondary College. At the time the college had just been formed as an amalgamation of two schools. Metal work and wood work had been dropped from the curriculum and the college found it convenient to have teachers and interested students attend WoSP's classes held within the college workshop.

From there the club was granted access to the old garden shed behind the then existing community house on the corner of Besgrove Street and Boneo Road.

Mike said, "Its been well worthwhile coming down from Dunolly today and a great opportunity to chat and reminisce with the other pioneers of the club". Those members were Gordon Waddingham, Betty Preston, Ernie Garro, Graham Scott, Ted Young and Bert Bartlett.



The location of the original garden shed

Snippets & Offcuts

Recently Rattray & Walker donated a sizeable quantity of stains and varnishes to the club. One of the biggest expenses in making the toys is the finishing with paint, stains and varnishes. So the gift is very much appreciated.



The Knox & District Woodworkers recently congratulated WoSP on the opening of our new work shop. There is much we could learn from the KDW which is why the link to their newsletter is made available to members. Their website is extensive and contains a wealth of information. Consequently this gives us food for thought as to areas of growth and interest for WoSP.

The gravel track into the workshop was full of pot holes and in need of repair. The council asked that WoSP manage the repair of the track.

So WoSP, through Dennis Conner, Scott and John Hanley organised gravel from Hillview Quarries and levelled the track. Thanks guys, the council and club members are most appreciative.



Dennis Conner and Scott Hanley have done a great job building planter boxes and planting the plants from Hillview Quarries over any potential unsafe parts of the carpark. Yellow lines have been painted for car parking and red posts have been erected as a guide to prevent drivers backing into the planter boxes.



Celebrate the end of a very successful year with other club members at the **Christmas** luncheon at **Rye Pub, Blue Room, at midday on 11 December 2019.**

Birthdays

The best of birthday greetings to the following members. Be sure to ask them what day it is so they can bring in a cake.

November Birthdays

John Hanley
John Parrent
Ross Ewison

December Birthdays

James Menzies
David Feather
Peter Ostojic
Scott Hanley



The Smithwick Bucket

At the last General Meeting John Wood Bradley talked about how he made a bucket with George Smithwick, a sixth generation cooper who makes traditional wooden buckets and barrels.

Apart from the metal hoops being provided, no modern day tools were used in the making of the bucket.

Initially a jig is used to cut 18 staves, 50mm at the top and 30mm at the bottom with a blade angle of 5°.

The outside edges at the bottom of each stave are cut to fit firmly into the bottom metal hoop.

Then using the inverted position each stave is clamped to the bottom hoop. A larger hoop is placed over the bottom hoop and driven down to hold all the staves tightly in place.

Once both hoops are holding the staves as tightly as possible, a routing type tool is used to rout a groove about an inch from the bottom hoop. Inserted into the groove is a linseed meal which will prevent leakage.

Then the circumference of the head (Bottom) is measured. The bottom is then cut and tapered.

Then it's time to remove the bottom hoop and tap the head into the bucket from the top. Once the head "pops" into the groove, the bottom hoop is driven on again.

George Smithwick demonstrates the making of the bucket on YouTube if you would like further information.



Executive Committee

President	John Bayliss	0449 768 005
Vice President	Dennis Connor	5985 7788
Secretary	Greg Millar	0410 280 695
Treasurer	Jeff Killeen	0409 164 651

Committee Members 2019

Membership	Scott Hanley	0423 027 429
Social	Anne Miller	0404 317 705
Induction/Safety	Gaven Davis	0418 388 152
Promotion	John Dunn	0405 300 047
Newsletter	Colin Dobson	0417 364 802
Fund Raising	David Feather	0422 117 115

Working Groups

Newsletter	Colin Dobson	Josie Maré
Maintenance	Noel Archdall Dennis Connor John Feeley Jeff Killeen	John Bayliss Gaven Davis Brian Jones Greg Millar
Toy Advisory Group	Noel Archdall Gaven Davis Jeff Killeen David Palmer	Bert Bartlett John Feeley Anne Miller
Website	Colin Dobson	
BBQ	Jeff Killeen	
Facebook	Scott Hanley	
Merchandising	Rod Bew	

Your Community Bank®



Bendigo Bank

Rye Dromana Rosebud



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

Club Information

Phone	0456 758 508
Website	www.wosp.com.au
eMail	wosp3939@gmail.com
Workshop	Vern Wright Reserve, Elizabeth Avenue Capel Sound
Postal Address	PO Box 2145, Rosebud, Vic 3939

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.