



THE WOODPECKER

Ed 2019

Christmas Edition

WoSP Share in the Season of Giving

For 21 years the Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula (WoSP) have contributed toys to charities to distribute them to families and children in need at Christmas.

On Saturday 14 December the WoSP president John Bayliss began handover proceedings by thanking the council for the club's new rooms. John was quite emotional as he spoke from the heart saying "the club is here for the kids & they are always our focus".

Gaven Davis thanked the ladies for their contribution for without their assistance the quality of the toys would not show up nearly as well:

- ★ May Simpson who painted faces on the trikes
- ★ Margaret Davis sewed bedding for the dolls cots
- ★ Eileen Taylor for crocheting quilts
- ★ Val Rowe from Boomerang Bags made teddy bears for the cots
- ★ Nancy Taylor made bags for the dolls furniture
- ★ Helen Bartlett sewed seats for the pushers.

Jeff Killeen noted that despite the shutdown of the workshop for 6 – 10 weeks to transfer to the new premises, 750 toys were made this year. Unfortunately with the passing of Euan the number was down but really it was a nice way to recall his memory.

Cr. Antonella Celi thanked all the sponsors for another year saying "thanks for your contribution to the community. We can imagine the wonder from the kids and the heartfelt thanks from the families".

Ken Northwood from Food for All said they were doubly grateful for the clubs flexibility in providing their toys a week earlier so they could manage the packaging. He highlighted "it is good to have toys without batteries".

Major Lynne Jones of the Salvation Army Rosebud Corps highlighted that with last week's 550 motor bike toy run and today's WoSP toy handover, said "the Peninsula is blessed with the sense of community which shines through in this time of advent." She complimented the club on its gift of time in providing toys with love, care, dedication & creativity.

Paddy Fincham representing the Western Port Christmas

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said "saying thanks and receiving praise each year is not enough. You should be there each year to experience the joy from the children".

Consequently Paddy is organising a video of the gift presentation for the toy makers to see. On the day he was ably assisted by Derryck Rees, Peter Gamble and Alan Young

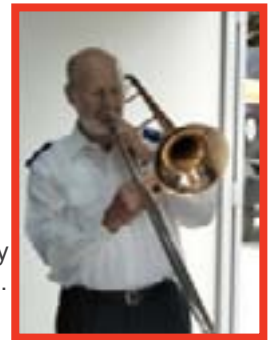
Representing the sponsors and Bendigo Bank in particular Vin Cheers said "giving is what WoSP does and they do it well. Bendigo Bank was proud to be involved and will continue to be involved in the future". It was a real bonus when Vin donated \$500 from his company Vins Bins to help with next year's expenses.

David Palmer helped with the Christmas mood by playing a variety of Christmas tunes. Thanks David.

Finally, Tim Rickard told of the enjoyment the toymakers had each week in making the toys and thanked Anne Miller for always putting on a great lunch.



Speakers, Cr A Celi, G Davis, V Cheers, P Fincham, B Northwood, Major L Jones, J Bayliss and J Killeen



David Palmer



Some of the 750 toys



Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch was enjoyed this year in the privacy of the Blue Waters Room at the Rye Pub.

Lots of fun and laughter was heard as those attending got into the mood.

At the luncheon John Hanley was awarded the Club person for the Year 2019. John Bayliss pointed out that he has been a tireless worker in assisting with the workshop transfer.

No job was too large or too menial. In addition his skills with Intarsia prompted John Bayliss to ask him to make the Official Workshop Opening plaque.



John Hanley - 2019 Club Person of the Year

Tim Rickard is a regular member at the Wednesday toy making and enjoys the community and mateship it provides. However it's been a tough year for Tim as he has endured the treatment required to keep cancer at bay. So it was great to see Tim win the major Christmas raffle prize this year.



Janice and Tim Rickard

The door prize this year was won by Ruth Benson.

Dennis Connor thanked John Bayliss for his tireless efforts liaising with council and managing the willing volunteers from the club with the transfer of the workshop from Besgrove Street to the Vern Wright Reserve. He highlighted John first became president in 2009 and recognised his passion and love of the club has kept him working for the club into his 11th year.

A very pleasant day was held by all. Thanks to Anne Miller for organising the event.

Snippets & Offcuts

Timber

Eyal Miller is selling slabs of timber at a very fair price. Some photos have been placed on the notice board showing the type of wood and the price. For example, Purple Heart for \$99. It will not be long before that specie of timber is unobtainable. Eyal can be contacted on 0425 790 612

Gerry Springer mentioned a variety of timber species can also be obtained at Shiverme Timbers in Clayton

There is a Working Bee on Monday 6 January at the



Intarsia Demo at WoSP

Kathy Wise is a wood artist and sculptor based in Michigan USA. She has been designing intarsia patterns and murals for almost 20 years, and has published four books on intarsia.

Intarsia is a woodworking technique that uses varied shapes, sizes, species and colour of wood fitted together to create a mosaic-like picture with an illusion of depth. After selecting the specific woods to be used within the pattern, each piece is then individually cut, shaped, and finished.

Carbatec has partnered with Kathy Wise to offer an Intarsia demonstration at

WoSp on Friday 28 February 2020 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. It is a FREE EVENT and the activity will be advertised amongst other clubs and Men's Sheds so it is necessary to register by calling Greg Millar 0410 280 695.



Key Dates

Bunnings BBQ	1 January
Working Bee	6 January
Committee Meeting	14 January
Workshop Opening	20 January



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