



WOODWORKERS of the SOUTHERN PENINSULA INC

Rosebud

THE WOODPECKER

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Christmas Lunch



The committee has booked Christmas lunch for 60 at the Rye RSL for Wednesday the 12th Dec at midday. Spouses are welcome. Register your interest on the club notice board. Come along and enjoy a successful 2018.

Relocation

The process of relocation has started. The trees are down, the construction of a car park for 350 cars has commenced, the lease for the new club rooms for 5x5 years has been signed and contracts to start our new club house have also been signed. John Bayliss & Greg Millar are involved in representing the club interests for the new building and the relocation planning.



Figure 1 The trees have gone.

The council have been very helpful in building a workshop to meet the club's requirements.

At the last committee meeting it was agreed the club will purchase a 40' container to assist with the relocation. The Rye Lions will assist the club with the purchase.

The SES has also offered the club the assistance of a number of fit young men to help with the move.

The credibility & goodwill of the club generated over many years through toy making & community projects has really born fruit, as now that the club has to relocate there a lot of people & groups coming to its aid.

This is a lot different to the club's early years.

22 years ago the club struggled to establish itself. In fact the original founders Mike Hiley, Jack Preston & Greg Raymond would be astounded and proud at how their idea of creating a wood work club has germinated and grown.

Mike Hiley, WOSP's first president, was the driving force behind founding the club.

In 1995 Jack Kane was a U3A teacher of wood turning. He conducted his lessons in his home garage where he had a couple of lathes. Jack was content teaching wood turning & being time poor had no intention of doing anything more.

However Mike Hiley seemed to have a vision of direction and wanted to establish something more permanent than working in someone's garage.

At the time the Men's Shed did not exist. The only interest in the area for a retired person was RSL & Senior Citizens Clubs plus other U3A classes. The earliest Men's Shed was the Lane Cove Community Men's Shed that opened on the 8th December 1998.

Talking with other attendees of the wood turning classes Mike was able to garner a lot of interest, in particular from Joe Raymond & Jack Preston.

They started with nothing. There was no venue for a workshop or meetings. They had no financial support. The only access to machinery was in Jack Kane's garage. However they did have a shared idea of direction and a lot of enthusiasm to promote their interest in wood turning.

Mike offered to have meetings at his home where they started to plan the establishment of a wood work club.

So in 1996 the club was officially started with Mike Hiley being the Foundation President. To provide the club with identification Mike Hiley created the logo, a "Woodpecker" and the club became known as the "Woodpeckers". The number of members gradually increased with the turning taking place in Jack Kane's garage & the meetings being held in the Hiley home.



Growth pressures caused the meetings to be moved to a room at the Rosebud Secondary School (RSS) and a search began for a club workshop. Being connected to the RSS the club attracted some teachers & students interested in woodworking.

A house on the corner of Besgrove & Boneo Road was taken over by the council and converted into a Community Centre / kindergarten. (The community centre has since move to Seawinds). At the back of the property was a rundown shed sometimes used by a council gardener to store & repair his mowers.

After it was found the shed was no longer in use the group approached the council and received approval to use the shed. While the shed was a pulldown, the location was excellent as there was plenty of parking, there was easy bus access and it was close to the council offices.

Key Dates

Committee Meeting	4 th December
Toy Handover	8 th December
Christmas Lunch	12 th December
Workshop Closes	14 th December

There was no funding available. However the early members were generous with time, effort, dedication & building materials and built the first workshop. Joe Raymond, Jack Preston & Mike Hiley, in particular, were instrumental in pulling the shed down and constructing a small but serviceable workshop.

Space continued to be a problem & finances restricted what could & could not be done. Eventually the group resourced Ray Young who donated a garage that he was not using and it was reconstructed next to the former council shed.

There was no water and members had to use the Community Centre toilet but now the "Woodpeckers" had a home.

Betty Preston, as part of a subcommittee worked at increasing membership & preparing a business case for a new shed. The presentation to council was well received and the club was awarded a \$26k grant. This was used to build the workshop that currently includes the lathe room, the meeting room, toilet & kitchen.

In 2002 the building was officially opened by the then mayor Bill Goodrem.

Since then the club has always had approx. 90 members. It has become well known for making toys to be distributed by Mornington Peninsula charities at Christmas and as a place for both men & women to socialise & be productive.

Colin Dobson is researching the club's history by talking to current members who were involved in the early years. If you have a story please contact him.

The committee see it is important to understand where it has come from as an aid to direct its future. So at the Toy Handover, the committee seek to get photos of the 2018 Toy Team, the committee, the session leaders and as many members as possible. Please make an effort to be at the Toy handover for a sausage at midday and the official distribution at 1pm.

Membership

Club membership stands at 82 with the recent joining of Kathleen Martin & Rodney McGrath.

Some interesting facts about the WOSP membership:

- Bert Bartlett has been a member for 20 years followed by Ted Young & John Johnson with 19 years of membership.
- 22 members have been a member for 10 years or more (27%).
- The club has had 13 members join in 2018.
- 68 members have email (83%)
- 9 members are also members of the WOSP Facebook Group

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Bunnings Spring Launch



WOSP participated in the recent Bunnings Spring Launch. Anne Miller, Gaven Davis, Bert Bartlett & John Bayliss spent the day at the Launch representing & promoting the club.



The giveaways, made by a number of members, of spinning tops, mini surf boards, dibblers, whistles & pyramid puzzles were well received by the young children. In fact some families were so impressed with the club thoughtfulness they made small donations to the club.

Many thanks to Anne, Gaven, Bert & John for donating their time at the launch.

Toy Handover

The WOSP Toy Handover is on the 8th December this year so that it does not clash with the motor bike enthusiast toy handover which takes place on the first Saturday in December.

Once again the club toy makers led by John Parrent have done a wonderful job this year to ensure there are sufficient toys for "Food for All", "Rosebud Salvation Army" & "Westernport Charities" to distribute to children at Christmas. **If you have some spare time and want to help them avoid the frantic rush at the end please come along and give a hand.**

NB: Photos are planned to be taken of members, toy makers, session leaders & committee

Snippets & Offcuts



The club recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Disabled Surfers Association for the small surfboards the club has made for them.

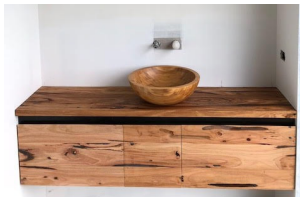
The treasurer of the Ceildah Dance Group had a garage sale on the Saturday of the Melbourne Cup weekend. All proceeds were donated to WOSP. Thanks again to the Ceildah Dance Group who earlier in the year donated \$500 to assist with the cost of relocation.

Paint is a very large expense in the process of toy making. Consequently Dulux was approached for a donation and responded by donating \$600 worth of acrylic paint.



Thanks to the volunteers who responded to the late notice from Bunnings for the BBQ on October 13th.

Member Projects



Club members are doing some interesting projects that we do not always get to see. As people are aware Rob Oram's Thursday night session is the place to be if you want to make furniture, jewellery boxes etc. Syd Johnson has just finished a vanity for his home & it looks great. The reclaimed timber came out of a Cheltenham factory (joists) built in the 1950's. The bowl is not wood but blends well with the vanity.



Colin Dobson has finished a couple of Christmas presents, a rocking horse for his



grand children who will be visiting from the US shortly & a blanket box for his daughter.

Greg Knox has been experimenting making bowls with resin in them. Certainly it's a YouTube idea but Greg is doing an excellent job pulling them all together.



Nick Porter is making a desk for home. He is doing it in stages and taking each stage home where he is gradually assembling it. With the effort Nick is putting into the project, the Woodpecker is looking forward to seeing a photo of the end product.



Have you ever wanted to create a male & female thread? After John Reck brought to the club a toy tractor needing repair Bert was challenged how to make the threaded toy. Greg Millar provided the means so Bert created the nut & bolt. It will be interesting to see how this develops next year.

Some things look so complicated yet are so simple. When the Woodpecker first saw this pen, the first thought was "Wow ! impossible". However it was explained you first glue 2 tiles, then 2 more & 2 more etc. Then glue all the 2 tile pieces together so that you have a pen blank. The rest is just following the normal pen making procedure.



The Woodpecker would love to show your master pieces / projects. You can contact Colin Dobson directly or send him an email on the club's email address wosp3939@gmail.com



Support Movember

It's that time again where you have the opportunity to support the fight against prostate cancer. It is amazing how many men get prostate cancer. A number of members have had their prostate removed over the years and more recently.

Research into the disease is why having the cancer is not a death sentence.

Syd Johnson is another club member who has been impacted and wants to do something about it by raising money through the Movember appeal. PLEASE SUPPORT HIM by using the links below or by putting your donation into an envelope and leaving it in the letter box of the club's office.

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