



WOODWORKERS of the SOUTHERN PENINSULA Inc

THE WOODPECKER

Communications Team

Recently Colin Dobson was able to put together a number of members interested in gathering interesting information & making it accessible to all members via the “Woodpecker”, the website and Facebook. **The team aims to promote the WoSP, encourage communication amongst members and assist in showing what can be done with wood.**

The team consists of Allan Brookes, Tony Haigh, Scott Hanley & Alan R Smith. While initial efforts have gone into bringing the website wosp.com.au up to date, it is planned to keep a watchful eye of the projects being completed by members. Anything of interest will be displayed in a segment called “Around the Workshop”.

With over 100 members there are many with interesting histories & experiences that should be acknowledged. Consequently the team would like to interview members as a thank you for their contribution to the club, the community & family life. So we would love to hear your story.

Each Wednesday it is planned to display some completed projects on Facebook as the club is slowly gathering the interest of more members of the community who may eventually join the club. If you use Facebook, look at the WOSP Facebook page each week & LIKE the photos.

Life is short. Do something satisfying & creative. Let’s promote the club together.

AGM Elections

On the 4th August the annual election of committee members will take place. There are retirements so it is hoped some new blood will enter their name & add value to improving & promoting the club.

If you would like to contribute to the club enter your name on the Nomination Form on the Notice Board.

One of the agenda items to be discussed at the AGM will be the increase in fees. Your opinion will be sought as to whether the Joining Fees, The Annual Fees or the Attendance Fees should be increased.

If you cannot attend the meeting but like to express your views, get a proxy form from the Secretary or the website & give your proxy to someone with similar views.



Or is it “Measure twice. Cut once.

The club merchandise looks great when worn. It can be obtained from Rod Bew or by putting you order on the order form on the notice board

Merchandise	
Club Caps	\$15
Beanies	\$17.50
Polo Shirts	\$40
Windcheater	\$60
Jacket	\$80

Around the Workshop



This year, 20 different toys are 'under construction' to be given to charities in time for Christmas. Toys are being made in varying numbers and will total in excess of 600 presents for children in need.

The Group Leader, Gavin Davis, feels we are well advanced for this time of year (in spite of Covid interruptions), and states that this progress is due to the work of a very dedicated team – a great group of 15 or so to work with. However, more Toy Makers are always welcome so consider coming along to help the effort – and have some fun along the way.

If you would like to help make toys for children, come to the workshop Wednesday's.

Snippets & Offcuts

QR Code

Remember to take a photo of the QR Code on entry to the workshop. If you have any difficulties ask your grandkids as they all seem to be a whiz at technology these days.

Annual Fees

Currently your annual fees are due. Once you have paid your receipt & 2021/22 membership card will be available at the registration desk below the notice board.

Membership 109 -70

One month there are 109 new members & the next there are 70. That's the effect of sending out the annual fees. Gradually that will increase when members get back from holidays and it is expected membership will increase to 120 this year.

Despite the drop in numbers there were 2 new members last month, Jo Harrow & Wally Capaldo. Please welcome them into the club when you meet them.

Brighten Your Day

This is to remind us we are not old.

An elderly couple went to church one Sunday. Halfway through the service, the husband whispered to the wife, "I've just let out a silent fart. What should I do?"

The wife replied, "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."



THANK YOU

Some members of the club contribute a lot of time, effort & expertise. This segment of the newsletter is saying thank you a few of the members.

BARRY IRVING

The following article is extracted from the Mornington Peninsula News after the Queen's Birthday Awards.



What the following article does not say is that Barry is a supporter of WoSP. Every time we need a photo taken for the promotion of the club Barry is always available to help us.

From the Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula, CONGRATULATIONS Barry.

“THE recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the Mornington Peninsula in 2017, Barry Leonard Irving, of Rye, was honoured for his service to the community of Rosebud-Rye.

The Rosebud-Rye Rotarian was president 2001-02, 2003-04, 2009-10 and secretary and organiser, Rotary Ride to Conference, since 2000. He has been a director of Bendigo Community Bank since 2003.

Mr Irving has been a First Division bowler, coach and greenkeeper at Rye Bowls Club since the 1980s. He won the Peninsula Novices Championship, and is a former chairman, greens committee, national accredited coach, umpire, greenkeeper and player at Sorrento Bowls Club.

He is a volunteer at Gunnamatta Surf Lifesaving Club, former swim teacher at Tocumwal, manager and a coach at Belgrave Swimming Club.

The former secretary and volunteer crewman at Southern Peninsula Rescue Squad has been part of the Australia Day Celebrations in Rye since 2003.

He was a senior laboratory craftsman at the CSIRO for 17 years and head of the Laboratory Craftsmen Association.

The keen photographer is a volunteer on the Rye Cemetery Trust and committee member of Rye Football Club and Netball Club. He is a member of Bike Safe and Rye Historical Society, a former leader, Salvation Army Boys Legion, volunteer and supporter of Rye and Dromana fire brigades, and the Rye Sports and Social Club.

His awards include a Paul Harris Fellowship, 2003, Shire of Mornington Peninsula Mayoral Commendation, 2016, and Triple Sapphire Pin, 2013.”

MOBILE CHAIR RACK



The chairs used for meetings have been stored under the stairs and are always sliding away from their allocated area. The solution has been simple to someone with a bit of imagination and the ability to weld. Enter Greg Knox. What a great job Greg has done. Generally we think of club members as wood workers & not having metal working skills. However Greg designed what was needed, obtained the appropriate metal then cut & welded the chair rack. Well done Greg & thanks.



FOOD FOR ALL



Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from Food For All. The certificate was the result of Gaven Davis & Dennis Conner building much needed shelving in one of their storage containers.



Food for All is an all-volunteer non-profit organization which was formed in 1991 to meet the need for emergency food relief which emerged from Poverty Forums conducted by the former Shire of Flinders.

Each year Food For All is one of the charities that the toy team distribute their toys at the end of the year.

Up to the end of the financial year 2019 Food For All has packed and distributed 70,868 food parcels. Over the past fifteen years Food For All has packed and distributed 9,887 Christmas hampers and also given toys each year to (on average) 500 children of the families receiving hampers.

The certificate received is a positive proof of one of the ways where WoSP contributes to the community welfare.

Many thanks to Gaven & Dennis for their efforts.

Fractal Burning



It is amazing the things people do with wood. Besides general woodworking there is intarsia, pyrography, general wood turning, wood turning with a router, etc. Now the Woodpecker has come across a picture of the remarkable effect created by fractal burning on timber.

The **fractal burning** process typically uses a high-voltage transformer, often repurposed from a microwave oven, to flow current across wood items that have been soaked with a chemical solution.

However the process is considered extremely dangerous. In 2018 at the Portland US symposium it was announced that 21 woodturners had died using fractal burning. The NZ National Association of Woodworkers won't allow any clubs to do fractal burning as recently a woman killed herself attempting to use the process.

While the effect can be admired it best to be safe and leave it to the experts.

Yawa Opening July 9th

Finally the Yawa Aquatic Centre has opened. The opening attended by John Bayliss, our president, is of particular interest to WoSP members as it has been built on the site of our club's previous club house.



A click on the link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpw9YEOMSyU>, will provide you a 30 second look at the inside of the centre.

Cr Antonella Celi wrote of the achievement on her Facebook page, "I acknowledge the ground swell of community support over the many years that empowered the longstanding efforts of Betty Preston, a local to Capel Sound aka Rosebud West, who for over 20 years rounded up tremendous support from the community and fought hard to lobby local, state & federal government and kept the vision for the aquatic centre alive for the community. Thank you Betty for your sustained effort."

Betty's husband was one of the founding members of Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula in 1996. She was secretary of club for a while and was a key driver in the club's 2002 expansion. WoSP would like to echo Cr. Celi comments & add its thanks.



FIGURE 1 THE WoSP CLUBHOUSE ON DEPARTURE IN 2019

In June 2019 the Council handed over the keys to the new workshop & sessions began on August 2019.

The official opening day was held on the 12th October 2019 and finally on 9th December 2020 the council gave approval to use its external dust extractor.

There were many expansions from a garden shed in 1996 to the workshop in 2019.

In 2018 the club was advised it would have to move. Initially it was not known to where. Finally it was decided on the Vern Wright Reserve.

The club knew the Council would provide a new workshop but it would have to have sufficient funds to support the move.

Fortunately the club was able to build up its reserves by attending to all the Bunnings BBQ's allocated.



FIGURE 2 THE VERN WRIGHT RESERVE WORKSHOP