



THE WOODPECKER

Snippets & Offcuts

- **Christmas in July Social Wednesday 27th July 2022**

WoSP is not just a wood working club. It also aims at providing opportunities to bring people closer together. Consequently, the committee has organised a "Christmas in July" luncheon for the 27th July at 12.30pm. It will be held at the Rye RSL. For a RSL member, the cost of the dinner is \$25 or, for non RSL members \$27 (payable on the day). Limited gluten free and vegan options will be available. If you would like to attend, there is an attendance sheet on the noticeboard at the registration desk.

- **2022 AGM Wednesday 10th August 2022**

Covid permitting the 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th August. Shortly a form will be placed on the Notice Board inviting members to stand for the committee. This is your opportunity to contribute to the running of the club.

- **Bunnings BBQ Sunday 19th June 2022.**

Bunnings have once again given the club a fund-raising opportunity. If you can help, please contact Jeff Killeen on 0409 164 651 or place your name on the roster sheet on the noticeboard at the registration desk.

It should be noted that the cost of running the club without even opening the doors of the workshop is almost \$1000 per month. The cost is incurred by such items as insurance for contents & theft, public liability & members cover. Additionally, security, rent, utilities & waste disposal are large necessary expenses.

Consequently, your assistance is of enormous help. Thank you

- **WoSP Working Bee Saturday 2nd July 2022**

The working bee earlier in the year was a tremendous success. The committee invites as many members as possible to the next working bee on the 2nd July 2022 9am – 11.30am.

There are plants to be placed in the car park planter boxes replacing those plants that have died. A cage area is to be constructed in the south east corner of the workshop to house timber for sale.

Recently there has been a large donation of timber which needs to be cleaned up in readiness for sale. Then if you still have nothing to do, you can use the time to make something for the Club Shop.

- **June General Meeting Cancelled**

The general meeting in June has been cancelled mainly due to the fact that the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 10th August. Besides the committee are hoping for big

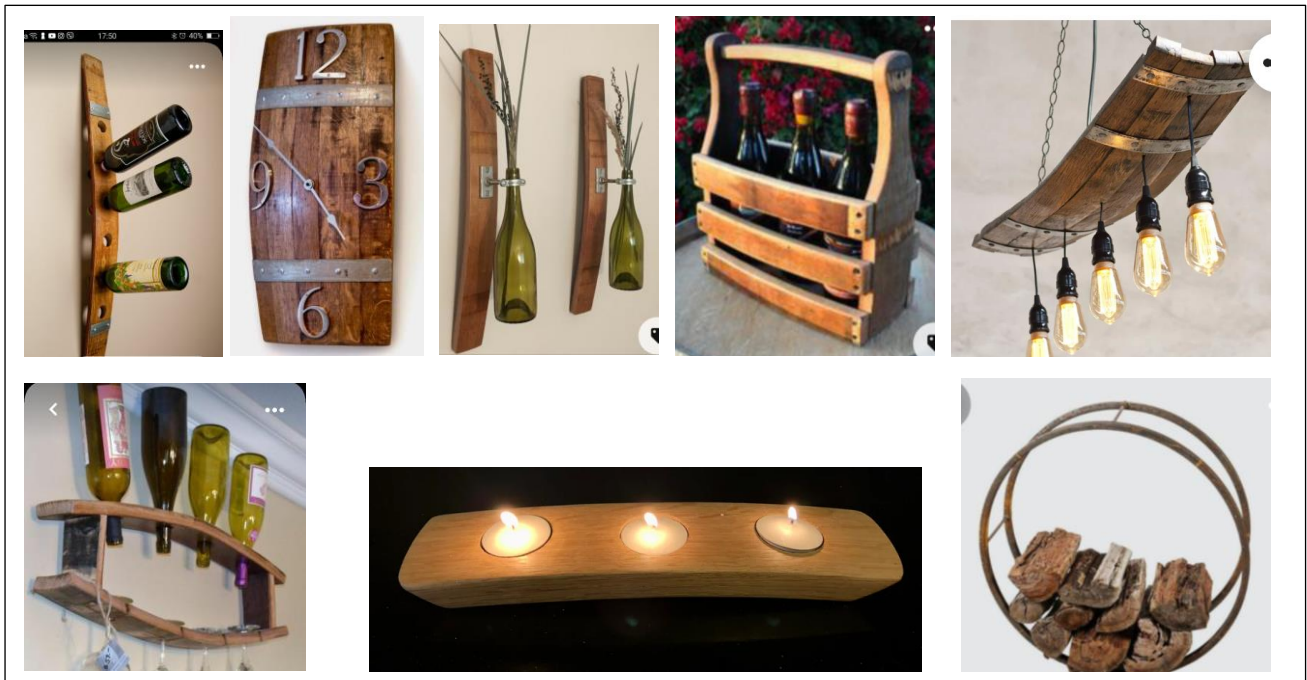
turnouts for the Bunnings BBQ & the working bee. This will also be a great opportunity together with the “Woodpecker” to catch up on the news going around.

- **Hillview Quarries**

Over the years Hillview Quarries have been a generous supporter of the club. Their most recent assistance has been the donation of plants to replace those that have died off in the car park planter boxes.

- **Half wine barrels**

The club has 2 half wine barrels for sale for the giveaway price of \$35. The half barrel can be broken up and any of the following projects can be undertaken.



Projects within the Club

1. Coffee Table

Syd Johnson has made an interesting coffee table. The top is a burl purchase at one of the club’s wood sale. The holes have been filled and top & bottom have been sanded flat.

The table legs have been designed from a Japanese wood puzzle. As a full-time employee Syd has utilised the workshop being open on Saturday mornings to complete the project.



Coffee Table

The Timber Cutouts

Close up of the Join

2. Little Helper Tower

Most of the members have grandchildren of varying ages. It just so happens 2 of Colin's grandchildren are 3 in August & 12 months. A couple of years ago Colin built a Little Helper Tower for Holly so she could stand in it and watch with her mum work at the kitchen bench.

In the past Colin's other 2 grandchildren have shared the Little Helper Tower. However, Holly does not see the need to share so he has had to build another Little Helper Tower for grandson Jack.



3. Woodcarving – a Saxophone

Not many members carve within the club but this has not stopped Bevan Jones.

He has been patiently carving & sanding a saxophone. It looks good now but with the precision being applied it will look fantastic by the time it is completed.



4. Cheese Board with a difference

Another person showing both precision & patience is David Taylor.

There is certainly an optical challenge when looking at his cheese board. The zig zag angle is 30° . Previously, Gavin Davis built the jig to cut the angle accurately. Now the jig is available for any member to use and make a similar cheese board.

Well done David.



Advanced Mobile Location

On 25 August 2021, the Australian Government announced the completion of the rollout of Advanced Mobile Location (AML) technology for the Triple Zero Emergency Call Service.

AML is a technology built into the operating system of Apple and Android telephones which provides greater location accuracy to Triple Zero during an emergency call from a mobile telephone.

This means the committee will need to reassess its Emergency Procedure to utilise AML.



Mobile phone in reception.

How AML works

- An AML-enabled smartphone recognizes when an emergency call is made to Triple Zero (000 and 112), and if not already activated, activates the telephone's location service functions.
- The smartphone assesses the location information available, using device-based hybrid methods, which combine GPS, Wi-Fi, mobile network information, and other sensor inputs to calculate the caller's location.
- Once the device's location is calculated, the smartphone automatically sends an SMS with the estimated location to the Triple Zero Emergency Call Service. This SMS is sent in the background while the caller speaks with the Emergency Service Organisation, and the caller is not required to do anything to enable the location information to be sent.
- It typically takes 25 seconds or less for the caller's location to be calculated and sent to Triple Zero.
- AML is not an App - rather it is a technology built into the operating system.

FIGURE 1 WoSP MOBILE SITTING IN AN AMPLIFIER

Wood Donation.

Richard is one of the people John Bayliss has met dancing around many of the venues on the peninsula. Unfortunately, John recently received the news his friend had terminal cancer. John was sad to hear the news but brightened up when Richard said he had a bit of timber he would like to donate to the club.

After taking a couple of the younger members with him to visit the club John was astounded by just how much timber was being donated. The burls are big, thick & heavy. The timber has been drying for a couple of years. So far John and his team have visited twice with the trailer and plan to go again. At the working bee the timber will be cleaned up and made available for sale to members and the outside public.

Shop News

Another stage in the development of the proposed shop has been achieved. John Bayliss & Dennis Connor have been to the Rotary Opportunity Warehouse in Rosebud West and acquired some very attractive furniture which will be used to display club products (see photos below). Many thanks to Libby Wilson, warehouse manager, who was an enormous help in selecting & discounting the furniture.

Earlier stages achieved have been the erection of a wall to the shop. This was done by Steve Johnson who generously donated his time & experience. The walls were painted by Syd Jonson at the last working bee. More recently Dennis Connor painted the floor. An outside storage area was prepared to house the club trailer. This was done by John & Sean Hanley together with Dennis Connor. Hillview Quarries donated the crushed rock to level the area.

Before the club can start advertising the shop, it needs to start accumulating member made product & wood worker consumables. At the last Annual General Meeting a number of members volunteered to make product for the store. Now is the time to start making & donating product.

The photo shows attractive tea candle holders that have been easy to make with a minimum of complexity.



Welcome to our new members

Martin Kellett, Michael Ross

We look forward to enjoying our time with you.

Personality this Month – Greg Millar

Greg's working career started as an apprentice Radio Technician at 4LG at Longreach, Queensland. This lasted 18 months before company management issues forced a change of work – to Namco doing seismic surveys across the outback of central western Queensland. Then the armed services beckoned.

In the RAAF, Greg worked as an Affiliated Maintenance Engineer then moved onto a project in the USA for the purchase of the Black Hawk helicopter. Prior to this, Greg spent time in Malaysia at the Butterworth base – just after the Malayan Emergency. Following this, Greg spent some 5 years in Electrical Engineering back in Melbourne. He then took a redundancy but continued to work for the RAAF as a defense contractor for the next five years – in Melbourne, Newcastle, Adelaide and Sale.



Greg next worked for Boeing at Avalon till they decided to move to Brisbane. His family opted to stay put in Melbourne so Greg's next job was on the Jindalee Over-the-Horizon radar network. This led to him joining Tenix Defence as a Project Manager for work on RAAF aircraft. Then it was time for a career change....

Greg joined Thales, a French Company making air traffic control systems. This took him to places like Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Taiwan. Without visiting these places, Greg managed installations in Mexico, South Korea and China. The Philippines proved a challenge – the GFC took its toll.... Redundant again – but this time, retirement beckoned – and so did the Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula where Greg has been Secretary for the last 10 or so years. Greg hails from Capel Sound, is married with two children.

Wow – now that is one great working career....

Keep smiling.....

