



THE WOODPECKER

Snippets & Offcuts

- **Bunnings BBQ – AFL Grand Final Day September 24th 2022**

Great result – thanks to all involved (see separate email). A couple of corrections to that email:

- Ron Higgins was inadvertently omitted from the list of volunteers – sorry Ron. And sorry to any other volunteers we missed.
- the profit was \$400 more than reported – sales via the EFPOS machine came in late.

While the afternoon was quiet, the morning sessions more than made up for it. Profit on the day -was over \$1,500. The new pricing from Bunnings is making a big difference – more profitable plus it did not seem to deter the buyers. Our next Bunnings BBQ date is 24th December 2022 (Christmas Eve) – please note this in your diary ready for volunteering when the time comes.

- **The WoSP Shop – an update.**

Preparations continue.... A manager (Dennis Conner) has been lined up but arrangements have had to be put on hold for the moment. Notice boards are being prepared and other advertising planned. Arrangements have been made with Pop's Shed for the resale of their product through the shop (same price) and for Pop's Shed staff to present information sessions at our workshop.

It is important to note that toys made by the toy makers will not be sold through the shop nor will they be given away other than to the nominated charitable organisations. This is in recognition of the undertaking we have given our sponsors (mainly Bendigo Bank) to make and donate toys for children in need on the Peninsula.

- **Steve Johnson and Movember – reminder – 'it's not too late...'**

Steve Johnson is raising much-needed funds for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. Men die on average 6 years earlier than women. But together we can change that. Donate via myMo Space, here:

<https://movember.com/m/sydjohnson?mc=20>

for all the dads, brothers, sons and mates in your life. Stop men dying too young.

- **Events on the Mornington Peninsula**

As mentioned last month,... For a comprehensive list of Peninsula events, click the following link:

[Events & Activities - Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/events-activities)

Also check out what's on for Seniors on the Mornington Peninsula - click on the following link:

[Seniors Festival - Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival)

- **Ritchies Community Benefits by Colin Dobson**

Up until 2010 WoSP has received \$2101.46 from the Community Benefits program however you have not received a payment since 2010.

However, to qualify for a donation \$2000 must be spent in a month between all customers who nominate your organisation, (excluding tobacco, gift cards, and phone recharges), to receive the minimum \$10 donation. There is no maximum.

WoSP has been promoting the program for the last 12 months but has only 7 members who have selected the club as their beneficiary. The committee recognises there may be other stores closer but encourages all members to have a Ritchies card and use it particularly for the specials.

Personally, I have found the Dromana store excellent for the range of products available.

- **WoSP Web Site Videos (by Alan Smith).**

The videos page on the WoSP web site has a lot of helpful videos about various things that some of you might find interesting. No doubt many members do a lot of searching the internet (YouTube especially) trying to find helpful videos about how to do this, that, or the other thing. But what you want could well be right here on our web site, for example:

7 Things You Need to Know about GLUE!

Glue makes the woodworking world go around. Find out the 7 things you'll really need to know about using wood glue and CA glue in your woodworking projects!! Check out the video on our club website at:

<https://wosp.com.au/videos/>

- **Ballarat Wood Show (by Colin Dobson)**

The weather forecast was not great but it turned out to be an enjoyable visit to the Ballarat Wood Show. Like most shows there were lots of timber articles for sale. However, I thought the best display feature was a tractor & semi-trailer built to 4 times the scale of the model plans. The current project is a laminated urn for his dog.

There were plenty of slabs and smaller pieces timber pieces for sale with the best deals done just before closing. Some well-known outlets were present including Pop's Shed, Ubeaut Polishes, Screw-it, etc.



Projects within the Club

1. Trolleys for the Toy Makers

Sam Sanfilippo has built 3 trolleys for the toy makers to aid the process of storing and bringing out the work in progress items – saving toy makers heaps in walk and carrying 20-30 items of work in progress. The trolleys are really well made and will be around for many moons to come. Thanks Sam – much appreciated.



2. to 5. from Colin Dobson (thanks Colin)...

Wine Barrel Chairs



Martin has made these attractive chairs out of the wine barrel staves. He was encouraged to make them after seeing one for sale at a market for \$495.

Coffee Table



Syd Johnson has finally finished a unique coffee table. The top is a burl filled with a gold resin. The legs are also a feature as the 3 legs are joined using the guidelines a Japanese puzzle.

Wine Barrel Cheese Board

Noel Archdall has also been using wine barrel staves to make a number of cheese boards for the family. You can see the curve of the wine barrels can be used for many projects not just planter boxes.



Syd's Vase

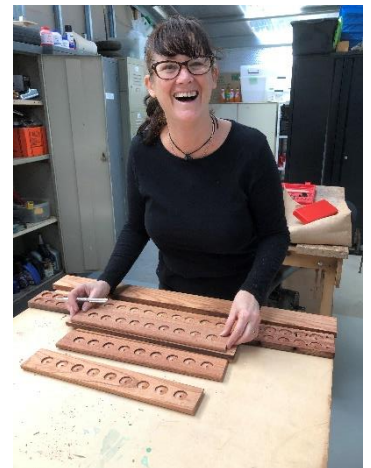
Initially the log was green when Syd started to round it. After he put it aside for a while, he found the log with an annoying split. Still liking the character of the piece, he took out the split by cutting the log in half. After cleaning up the internal edges he joined the 2 halves with some red gum.

Shaping the outside of the vase was easy compared to hollowing it out. Nevertheless, the end result was excellent.



6. Katrina Young – Display Racks for Essential Oil Products

Seen around the Workshop – some fascinating workpieces being created by Katrina Young. Turns out she is making these display racks to use on a market stall. Amazing how something which seems so simple can be so valuable to those who need them.



Our new members this month: Batoul Barbar, Arie DeWitt,
Leigh Hitchcock, Eddie Rattauch

Welcome Batoul, Arie, Leigh and Eddie.

Personality this Month – Romina (Romy) Cesaro (Architect and Interior Designer)

Romina (Romy) Cesaro (Architect and Interior Designer)

Romy joined WoSP earlier this year (2022) and is now a valued member of the Toy Makers – making miniature furniture for the doll’s houses. This takes patience and a keen eye / steady hand. Plus, Romy is one mean cook as we all found out recently when she prepared a pasta lunch for the Toy Makers. Romy comes to WoSP with significant woodworking skills covering many of the machines in our workshop.



Romy lives with her husband in Sorrento – close to the border with Blairgowrie. Theirs is a very interesting house clad in shingles – something you don’t see every day. The house sits atop a ridge with a great view from the balcony east to south-east along the peninsula. The neighbour’s house to the east sits very much lower than Romy’s but they are planning to replace the existing traditional one-story house with a multi-story dwelling that will block the view from Romy’s. This now becomes a challenge for Romy to prevent the multi-story development. In the meantime, Romy has had an external workshop built and is busy renovating the interior. Good work Romy.

Romy grew up with fabrics and designs – grandfather had a fabric factory – mother designed clothes and had a shop. Working intermittently both in Australia and overseas has been a “double edge sword”. On one side Romy developed a wide range of experience with renowned Projects and award-winning Architectural companies, on the other side, moving from country to country has hindered her from getting registered as an architect in Australia. To simplify the administrative paperwork Romy will likely register as a draftsman, to be able to establish her own architectural and interior design company in Sorrento in the near future. She has a passion for materials and house interiors – likes working at the detail level.

Romy was born in northern Italy – in The Dolomites Region in the town of Bressanone; close to the border with Austria and some 250 Kms north-west of Venice – and above the snow line. Her father was Italian – her mother grew up in Italy speaking German. After WW1, the area where they lived changed from Austrian to Italian hence the mix of cultures and languages. Romy is proficient in both Italian and German languages – as well as English of course. Romy moved to Milan at 19 years old; to the university to study architecture and graduating 6 years later.

One year later (2006), Romy first arrived in Australia with her future husband - and working under the holiday visa agreement. Arriving in Perth in December, jobs were hard to find – Romy became a waiter and her future husband (a qualified IT Network Engineer) as a kitchen hand. Within three months, Romy found a job with Craig Steere Architects – a great experience. However, the Visa required no more than 6 months working with any one employer. Romy and Mat (Mattia) had saved enough money to spend the rest of the 4.5 months exploring the Australian Continent, travelling clockwise from Perth to Melbourne. An aim of this trip was also to reconnoitre somewhere to live permanently to the future – Sydney or Melbourne – Melbourne won hands down. Then back to Italy to organise Visas. Within 6 months, her husband was back in Australia – Romy came 3 months later. Things were tough for Romy as the timing of her arrival coincided with the outbreak of the Global Financial Crisis (GFC), and the job market dried up. Nevertheless, after working for free (to show good will) Romy landed a job that allowed the couple to stay in Melbourne and keep them financially afloat. Four years later, they were in the process of applying for permanent residency when the effects of Global Financial Crisis hit both their jobs as the funds that allowed them to work had dried up and they both lost their jobs on the same day - husband working as a researcher at Swinburne University and Romy for Daryl Jackson Architecture and now (three months before their wedding) was given just one week to leave Australia.

So back to Europe ending up working in Switzerland, their Permanent Residency came through. Some 4.5 years later, they are back in Melbourne. After a further three years in Richmond, they moved to their home on the Peninsula. Romy's husband is now working in cyber security from home – say no more.

Romy landed a job as project lead with Ab Rodgers Design, representing the client's side (Scape) by coordinating the design for student accommodation in the eastern states in collaboration with the Architects of Hassell and DCM, as well as doing the interior design work for the projects as well. Guess I learned a lot from Romy's discussion of what students in Melbourne want in this day and age (I'd recommend a chat with Romy on this subject). Another project was the Eastern Plaza at the Melbourne Tennis Centre which contains Romy's influences.

Bressanone was a 20-minute bus ride from ski resorts so skiing was a regular activity. Romy has had varying other interests in sports – swimming, tennis (Australian Open), Formula One, ski racing, Aussie Rules (Freo Dockers), etc.

So, if you need interior design work done, Romy is ready to help. The following is a selection of some of Romy's work.



Coffee Table



Desk and Rug



Pottery



Wall Unit, Pottery and Woodcraft

CORONA BEER CHANGES THEIR NAME TO AVOID ASSOCIATION WITH THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK



Husband: "Why do you keep buying plants when you just end up killing them?"

Wife: "Just to remind you what I'm capable of. "