



THE WOODPECKER

Snippets & Offcuts

- **Next Bunnings BBQ – Saturday December 24th 2022**

This is forecast to be a very busy BBQ Day thus an extra volunteer per two-hour shift is needed. Please put your name on the schedule in the workshop reception or contact Dennis Conner on 5985 7788. As mentioned last month, the increase in prices at the BBQs is proving very beneficial and will help keep other charges down as well as provide extra funds for new and replacement equipment, etc. So, hop in early to get the shift you would like.

- **The WoSP Shop is open for business.**

The shop opened Saturday 3rd December 2022. Lots of gifts for something special for Christmas, birthdays, etc. and supplies for woodworkers like us. If it's not on the shelf, talk to Dennis. The following is a sample of what is available.





Pen Holder



Clock



Wine bottle & Glass Holder

- **Inventory and Accounting for the WoSP Shop.**

May Arcilla has very kindly offered her time, free of charge, to set up the inventory and accounting system for our shop. May brings many years of experience working as a Systems Engineer at IBM on systems such as:

- ANZ Bank - Night and Day
- NAB - Flexiteller
- EFTPOS at Target in 1987 (included a visit to the USA to study EFTPOS systems)

May is currently working with Greg and Dennis helping to setup the systems for the Shop. The aim is to establish a simple, cash only system to track Inventory and purchases and produce the normal accounting reports on a regular basis.

May plans to do the accounting work for the first 3 months to iron out any problems that arise and ensure the system is operating correctly. After that, the plan is to hand over to a WoSP member for ongoing operation.

May is retired thus has some time on her hands to provide this assistance.

- **WoSP Web Site – What’s New by Alan Smith.**

Go to the WoSP web site for information about our shop - [WoSP Shop | Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula](#)

- **Equipment Loans – a reminder**

A gentle reminder. While you are welcome to borrow equipment from the Workshop, it is incumbent on all members to:

- Log your borrowing in the Loan Register in the Workshop foyer
- Keep the borrowed equipment only for as long as necessary. The prime reason for the Club having the equipment is for the use of all members, not just an individual member or two.

- When returning the borrowed equipment, make sure the Loan Register is updated with the return of the equipment and is signed off by the Session Leader.

Please note that it is not acceptable for equipment to be borrowed without that borrowing being recorded in the Loan Register. Do not leave yourself open to an accusation of theft by borrowing without recording that you have the equipment in the Loan Register.

There are many entries in the Loan Register that have been open for a long time. Please check that Register for any entries against your name. If you have borrowed equipment and not noted this in the Loan Register, please either return the equipment ASAP or have the loan noted in the Loan Register.

In particular, right now, it is noticeable that face plates & clamps have reduced in number. Time to act if this is you.

- **From the Committee**

- The Committee re-affirmed the need to review/update your medical form that the Club holds (for use by Paramedics in case of need).
- Monday afternoons are being made available for people wanting to make items for the shop. Attendees will not be charged the normal session fee.
- The committee is looking for members who are interested in serving the club as "Session Leaders on Call". That is on the odd occasion when a session leader is sick or unable to make a session the member is prepared to stand in for the day to open the gate, open & close the workshop & assist the members with their project work. (NB: the member needs to be experienced and approved by the committee).
- Bunnings BBQs are on Sat 24th Dec, Fri 14th Jan & 16th April. Please assist by volunteering when you can.
- The club appreciates recent donations from Bendigo Bank & the All Saints OP Shop. Thank you

- **Remembrance Day Poppy**

Did anyone notice the lone Remembrance Day poppy growing beside the Antonella Celi Commemorative Garden. Where is that garden? It's the fenced-off area in front of the shipping container.



- **While on the subject of the shipping container....**

One may have noticed how difficult it has been to access stuff in the shipping container. Well – Sam Sanfilippo has started on the problem. He has already sorted out and tidied up the contents – see photo. Next step, Sam is drawing up plans for more workable shelving a la what he had done for his own workshop:

- shallower shelves on the left-hand side to provide better access to the shorter pieces of timber stored there.
- racks for storage of the MDF, ply, etc. sheets on the right-hand side. This racking will allow easier access.



Projects within the Club

Time to consider the work of the Toy Makers...

That's the Wednesday group who quietly beaver away making toys for the disadvantaged kids on the Peninsula. As editor of this Newsletter, I prefer not to write in the first person. But for this, I have to admit my interest – I'm one of the toy makers. So here goes....

I missed the toy handover last year – did not realize what I missed. This year's handover was on a Wednesday (30th November) to better enable the toy makers to attend. And what an event this turned out to be. The front of the workshop area became a sea of toys as the 'loot' was split into 3 groups – one for each of the recipient charities:

- Food For All
- Salvation Army
- Mornington Community



This event got me to thinking of it's significance – not just to the peninsula community but to the WoSP itself. For the kids who will eventually receive these toys, not just for Christmas but also birthdays and times when the kids just need a pick-me-up, the feelings are best expressed by the Charities and our local Councilor – click this link:

[ToyHandover 2022 | Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula \(wosp.com.au\)](#)

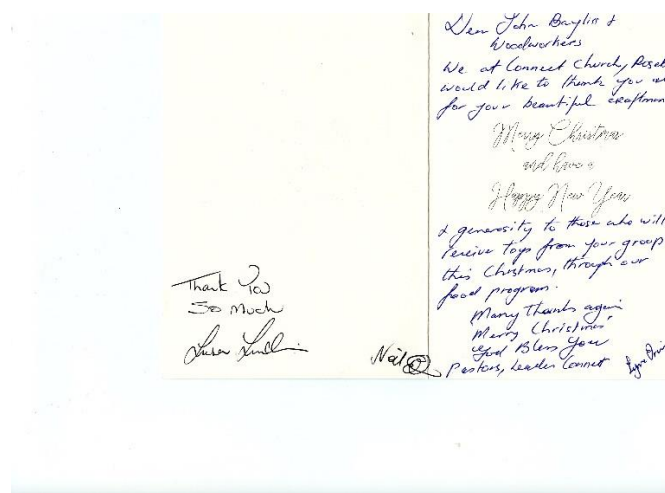
to view their expressions of gratitude. You may also like to check out what Councilor Antonella Celi posted on FaceBook – go to:

[Cr Antonella Celi | Melbourne VIC | Facebook](#)

and scroll down to 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!'

For our club, the WoSP, it is hugely important in maintaining our image in the peninsula community and with the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council – it is the Council that own both the workshop and the land on which it is built. That we do this 'social work' – and be seen to be doing this work – is very important to maintaining our image in the community.

What is interesting is just how wide the message spreads. Out of the blue, WoSP received the following Christmas/Thank You card.



Who is Connect Church and how do they link to the charities we donated to?

Our sponsors / supporters were also represented – Bunnings, Dulux, Bendigo Bank. Also, a big thank you from the toy makers to the ladies who do all the sewing and wrapping of the presents – thank you Margaret Davis and friends.

No new members this month:
More members needed....
So no new members to Welcome.

So, who are the Toy Makers? See below for most of them.



L to R – Peter Day, Gerry Gilliland, John Feeley, Gaven Davis, Allan Brookes, Bert Bartlett, David Spring, Con Keegan, Noel Archdall.

Missing: Romy Cesaro, Martin Kellett, Sam Sanfilippo plus all those who make toys at home.

Here is the group photo of all who attended the Hand Over.



Sorry – no member profile this month – back again next issue of the Newsletter.

Instead, here are some pics of the toys handed over this year. Note that the focus among the toymakers is ‘quality’ rather than quantity. And the Charities affirmed that we had met our quality target.

