



THE WOODPECKER

Snippets & Offcuts

- **Next Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 14th January 2023**

Volunteers needed as follows:

- 10am – 12 noon 1 person
- 12 noon – 2pm 4 helpers
- 2pm – 4 pm 5 volunteers

Note: person = helper = volunteer.

Till the Workshop reopens next Monday 9th January, call Dennis Conner on 5985 7788 to volunteer – after that, the roster will be up on the notice board in the Workshop reception area. Keep in mind how these BBQs are now helping greatly with Club finances.

- **Working Bee at the Workshop Monday 9th January 2023 (by Colin Dobson)**

Reminder that we start the 2023 year with a Working Bee at the Club Workshop – 9am to 12 noon. All members welcome – your help will be much appreciated. All the more the merrier.

- **Workshop opens Monday 9th January 2023**

The workshop opens after the Christmas break on Monday 9th January 2023. But check with your Session Leader to find out when a particular session resumes.

- **The WoSP Shop – update**

Dennis and his team report that they are happy with progress so far. Further (free) advertising and promotion are under way – all part of getting the message out there. Sales to date have been predominantly gifts with some sales of woodworking supplies to members. So, folks – keep the shop in mind when it comes to items you require for your woodworking – speak to Dennis first and remember you will be buying for the same price as at Pop's Shed without the cost of travel to/from Chirnside Park.

- **Christmas Lunch.**

The Rye Hotel was again the venue of the Christmas Lunch. Some 30 plus members and partners were treated to a great Christmas meal – plus relieved of as much money as Bert could for the raffles – great hampers. John Bayliss thanked all those who help around the Club – carrying out all the tasks needed to make a club the size of WoSP operate. This was a great opportunity to catch up with members for a good 'chin wag'.



Apologies to anyone I missed with the camera – I'll take photos before the meal next year....

- **The WoSP Clubman of the Year (2022).**

The 2022 Christmas Lunch was the venue for the announcement of our Clubman of the Year – Keith Jackson. Keith can be found at the Club on Tuesday afternoons – seated on the stool he claims for his own – turning bowls. For more on our 2022 Clubman, see his profile in the November 2022 Newsletter. Congratulations Keith.



- **Knox and District Woodworkers Club (Vic) Newsletter (by Colin Dobson)**

The latest edition of the "Ingrained" newsletter is now at:

<https://www.knoxwoodies.org.au/current>

Note that the Knox Woodies have ‘upped the anti’ of their toy making – they now rival our numbers.

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

Go to the WoSP web site for information about our free Monday afternoon sessions - [New Home Page](#) | [Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula \(wosp.com.au\)](http://Woodworkers of the Southern Peninsula (wosp.com.au))

Projects within the Club

- **Just in time for Christmas....**

Many will have seen Bevan Jones masterpiece around the workshop. Well, his saxophone (made entirely from wood) is finished and he had it on display at our Christmas lunch. The idea for this came from a conversation with a friend earlier this year. The base timber piece is of redgum – retrieved from a ‘fire fate’ at his son’s place. After much carving and black resin filler the basic unit took shape. Then for all those ‘decorations’ – the buttons, valves, stems, etc.



One fascinating element are the rods – the cream-coloured pieces that join the keys to the pads covering the tone holes. The cream colour was achieved with wood choice – Moonah (see [moonah wood - Bing images](#) for images of this local tree). But how to shape those thin, round rods. Not possible on a lathe so Bevan resorted to the small belt sander at the Workshop – job done.

The small round white keys were made from old piano keys donated by fellow Club member, Leigh Hitchcock. Leigh was discussing the project with Bevan earlier this year when the topic of the keys came up. Leigh just happened to have a couple of old piano keys in his pocket. How likely is it to happen to be talking to someone walking around with old piano keys in his pocket?

Bevan also expresses his thanks to Gaven Davis for his “help, guidance and advice” along the way.

So now Bevan can rightly bask in the glory of his ‘pride and joy’..... Just needs to complete the stand -then decide the ultimate fate of his masterpiece.

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

Personality this Month – Jeff Killeen (Club Stalwart)

Jeff is one of our very active clubmen joining WOSP in 2011 and taking on a variety of roles – Session Leader for Toys for 6 years, a committee man to Treasurer (for four years) – the organiser of the WOSP involvement in the Bunnings BBQs for some 5 years. Jeff continues to be active on the Committee. He also volunteers two days a week (behind the scenes) at the Rye Beach Op Shop where he repairs and restores various items that can then be sold by the shop. Jeff also acquires many items and timber that can be useful for our WOSP club.



When it comes to woodworking, Jeff subscribes to the philosophy of ‘Pass on the knowledge’. This applies to both his acquisition of new skills from research and interacting with other members and trade people. He then passes this knowledge on to others. Then there’s all the contacts Jeff has built while living in Rye. He is certainly well known in the area.

Jeff’s story started some 72 years ago, on a farm near Finley, a town in the NSW Riverina region and some 140 Km west of Albury. Finley has produced many great AFL players such as Jack Hawkins, Shane Crawford and Tom Hawkins. Jeff’s Great Great Grandparents immigrated from Ireland in late 1800s and settled in Euroa. His Grandparents moved to the Finley area in the early 1920s. Jeff grew up on the farm where he acquired his passion for fixing things and manual skills, always pulling things apart to learn how they worked and then repairing them. Motor bikes and farm machinery were among his interests. At the age of 13 years, Jeff joined some 55 other boarders (mainly country boys like himself) at Ivanhoe Grammar. Due to the time needed to travel to/from Ivanhoe and Finley, Jeff’s visits home were restricted mainly to long weekends. This had its benefits such as it gave him time to catch The Beatles at the Southern Cross Hotel in June 1964 and attend Tiger Football matches at the MCG.

A Degree in Business Studies at Swinburne University followed – majoring in Information Technology. The business studies component of this course enabled Jeff to qualify as a Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA) – something that was to prove useful later.

Jeff’s first job was in the then Federal Department of Works – joining in 1968 at the Stores Branch in Port Melbourne. Two years later, Jeff was promoted to the federal Department of Supply transitioning to Defense sometime later. It was in here that Jeff acquired a substantial knowledge of manufacturing procedures and tools as one of his roles was visiting all the defense manufacturing factories and researching their machine cutting tools so as these could be subsequently identified in the Defense Cataloguing

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System. Another role was the evaluation of equipment for subsequent purchase by government departments. Progression in his studies led to a promotion to the computing and Systems branch as a Cobol programmer with involvement in personnel, manufacturing and finance systems. After some 18 years, Jeff had risen through the ranks to be the Assistant Director of Business and Finance Systems reporting directly to Canberra. He was now managing the implementation of computing financial systems supplied by MSA (this company was later acquired by D&B Software Services) into defense manufacturing supply factories. It was during this time (1987 to be precise), Jeff qualifies as a registered Tax Agent – something quite novel at the time for a Public Servant. Canberra beckoned but Jeff and his family were not interested in such a move. The solution – a move to MSA as Project Manager installing the MSA software at enterprises such as Honda, Kraft, Kodak, Vic Police, Monsanto and Telstra.

By 1990, Jeff moved to self-employment as a Consultant Project Manager – till the year 2000. This included 8 years at Telstra on HR systems and producing financial information for the Telstra Board Financial reports. A stint at Huntsman Corporation (chemical manufacturer) where he managed their Y2K (Year 2000) project and setup their GST reporting systems to interface with their in-house computer systems.

In addition to his other work, his Tax Agent work was rapidly expanding. In the year 2000, this practice had built to upward of a thousand clients – some 500 or so being Plumbers. One could say that he had a reputation among plumbers and other tradies and made it his business to familiarise himself with all their work requirements and tax deductions. By 2017, a break was needed so Jeff cut back on the Tax work and transitioned towards retirement.

In 1987, while living in Glen Waverley (close to Highvale High School), Jeff had purchased a holiday house in Rye. This house was built to lockup stage and Jeff completed the building of the house. This is now his permanent residence and with the requirement for more workspace Jeff has added a further garage which is his dedicated woodwork workshop. Under a cover in the garage and bearing Club Plates is a 1977 MG B – fully restored by Jeff - plus converted to right hand drive. There are many other projects that keep him busy.

Keep Smiling ... (or frowning in this case).

Bit short on funny stuff this month but the following arrived in my inbox. Something to think about.

“This is a CAT994A.

It burns approximately 1,000 litres of fuel in 12 hours, which moves approximately 250 tonnes of dirt to extract the materials needed to make ONE Tesla battery.



To make each battery, you need to treat:

- 12 tons of brine for lithium,
- 15 tons of ore for cobalt
- 3 tons of ore for nickel,
- 12 tons of ore for copper

and move 250 tons of the earth's crust for just one battery, which has about:

- 12 kg of lithium
- 30 kg of nickel
- 22 kg of manganese
- 15 kg of cobalt
- 100 kg of copper
- 200 kg of aluminium, steel and plastic

People still believe in "zero emissions" when they drive their electric cars.... , and we didn't mention "recycling "....."

Not sure whether to believe these figures, I did some research and found an item at the following link by a reliable source – Forbes.com. Click this link to read the article....

[The Dirty Secrets Of ‘Clean’ Electric Vehicles \(forbes.com\)](https://www.forbes.com)

This left me cold. What to believe?????

Then again, what about hydrogen as a power source for vehicles? This brief video provides a good summary of the current state of play.

[Why Hydrogen Cars Will Be Tesla’s Biggest Threat - Bing video](#)

So, there we have it – we are at the start of a transition phase away from petrol / diesel powered vehicles to something less polluting.....
