



THE WOODPECKER

Snippets & Offcuts

- **Next Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 25th February 2023**

Call for volunteers – the roster is on the notice board in the workshop reception area. We have been allocated this day at short notice thus the call for volunteers is somewhat urgent.

Following that, we have been allocated Sunday 16th April 2023. Please pencil in this date at this stage. The roster sheet is yet to be organized – more details as they come to hand.

- **Items of Note from the Committee Meeting**

1. It is planned to purchase:

- Makita 305mm mitre saw with 2 blades to suit - \$1,350
- 3 Ryobi 18v battery powered drills & 2 18v batteries 4A - with discount \$688.75

This will be paid for out of the money being made at Bunnings BBQ's.

2. The club will have a table at the Rye Community Market on 4th Feb 2023 with the aim of promoting the club shop.
3. The committee is planning to have an Open Day on 25th March 2023 with the aim of attracting the new members & promoting the shop.
4. Members are reminded that the workshop has both internal & external security cameras. Consequently, members are discouraged from removing any items from the club that does not belong to them.

- **New Equipment (from Colin Dobson)**

The committee is looking to provide sharp & accurate equipment that is safe.

Consequently, it has introduced a Purchasing Form that requires a description of any new equipment with an appropriate justification of purchase with costing & installation impacts.

Included is a section for the signatures of the proposer, seconder & the president. Then it goes to the committee for final approval.

At the last meeting this process was followed and the committee approved the following:

- Makita 305mm mitre saw with 2 blades to suit.

After many years of service, the current miter saw is not as accurate as many members require.

- 3 Ryobi 18v battery powered drills & 2 18v batteries 4A.

Although there are lots of drills on the market the club will be standardizing on Ryobi. There are a large number of attachments for the Ryobi battery which can make any

project easier. As Bunnings often donate equipment to the club, we can be in the position to suggest appropriate items that work with the Ryobi battery.

- **Equipment Maintenance (from Colin Dobson)**

WoSP has a Maintenance Book. If a lathe does not work or a saw blade needs sharpening, the session leader (SL) should write up the requirement in the maintenance book. More often than not the session leader will be advised by the members. So, if a member sees a need, discuss it at coffee time to get the view of a few more members and then get the SL to update the Maintenance book. Items noted in the Maintenance Book will be checked and, if possible actioned, the next Monday morning maintenance session.

This is as per the WoSP Handbook – Workshop Practices (Page 8).

- **For your diary...**

Click on the link following the event title to see further details.

- **Australian Wooden Boat Festival** - in Hobart 10th-11th February 2023
[Home - Australian Wooden Boat Festival](#)
- **Heyfield Timber Festival** – in Heyfield, Victoria 18th February 2023.
[Home | Heyfield Timber Festival](#)
- **Lost Trades Fair** - in Bendigo 11th -12th March 2023
[HOME | Lost Trades Bendigo \(losttradesfair.com.au\)](#)
- **Kiama Woodcraft Expo** – in Kiama NSW – 11th–12th March 2023
[Kiama Woodcraft Group Annual Expo - Destination Kiama](#)
- **Blue Mountains Woodturners Mini Symposium** – in Emu Plains, NSW - 19th March 2023
[Mini Symposium | BlueMtns Woodturners](#)
- **Turnfest 2023** - 24th-26th March 2023. At the SeaWorld Resort, Gold Coast, Queensland.
[Turnfest \(woodworkingsuppliesqld.com.au\)](#)
- **Maleny Wood Expo** – 29th April – 1st May 2023, At Maleny Showgrounds, Sunshine Coast Hinterlands.
[Home - Maleny Wood Expo](#)
- **Wood Dust Melbourne** – 18th-21st May 2023. (A Timbecon Event). At Melbourne’s iconic Meat Market in North Melbourne.
[Wood Dust 23 Melbourne Woodworking Show | Wood Dust Australia](#)
- **Wood Turning Cruise** - 19th June-1st July 2023 - Scandinavia
[Woodturning Cruise](#)

- **Timber, Tools and Artisan show** - 11-13th August 2023. At the Melbourne Show Grounds, Ascot Vale.

[Melbourne Timber, Tools & Artisan Show | Timber & Working with Wood Show \(timbertoolsartisan.com.au\)](http://timbertoolsartisan.com.au)

- **Locally Made Woodwork Hand Tools**

Here's something that may be of interest – a local (Melbourne based) company making woodwork hand tools. These tools are available from Timbecon – check out this web site:

[Melbourne Tool Company \(timbecon.com.au\)](http://timbecon.com.au)

- **Something different - USA chairmaker David Douyard to teach workshops in Red Hill.**

David Douyard is an award-winning chairmaker who specialises in building Windsor and ladder-back chairs, and also teaches chairmaking in his workshop in Northwest Connecticut, USA. He has been building chairs for more than 20 years having studied under some of the great Windsor and ladderback makers.

In March 2023, to coincide with the Bendigo Lost Trades Fair, David will travel to Australia, and along with Nick Found, teach two classes at Nick's workshop in Red Hill on the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria.

Nick Found is an industrial designer (and goat farmer) who amongst design work and university lecturing has spent the last seven years studying Windsor chairmaking both locally and in America. This year marks a transition as he plans to develop his personal chairmaking practice with a strong focus on moving toward teaching in the following years.

In one class students will make a Jennie Alexander style ladderback chair, while the other will focus on making a Jennie Alexander style rocker. The five students in each class will walk away having learnt to make a chair from a tree as well as weave a seat too. Nearby accommodation is also available.

The chair class runs from March 1–5, and the rocker class from March 22–27.

Contact Nick Found via Instagram @nickfound_chairmaker

- **The WoSP Shop – update**

The Shop moves to the Rye Market this Saturday 4th February 2023. For this Saturday only, the Shop at the club rooms will be closed – open Saturdays as normal thereafter. If you happen to be in the area of the Rye Market this Saturday, drop by the WoSP Shop stall to see the giftware for sale – plus gift vouchers will also be on sale.

- **Sessions at the Club Rooms resume.**

All sessions have now resumed after the Christmas break. Hope all members had an enjoyable break and ready to go with woodworking for the rest of the year. The restart includes Toy Makers; so, if anyone is contemplating joining toymakers on a Wednesday, now is a good

time to join this bunch of volunteers who are 'making a difference' for so many families on the Peninsula.

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

See the new video about using the tape measure...

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

and browse the second topic titled:

'A Wonderful Measuring Tip from Tommy Byers – Out of the Woodwork'

Projects within the Club

- **With the workshop closed for Christmas...**

Here's something simple I made for someone who spends a great deal of time using an iPad to score at cricket. The two pieces pull apart so they can be stored flat. It could also be used as a stand for a Kindle, smart phone, etc. Ideal when used on a flat, hard surface such as a table. If anyone would like the plans, I'll get them drawn up for you.



New member this month:

Angus McCure

Welcome Angus

Personality this Month

Sorry folks – Christmas break time..... Back again next Newsletter.

Keep Smiling....


