



THE WOODPECKER

Snippets & Offcuts

1. Next Bunnings BBQ – ???

WoSP has no further BBQ dates for 2023. We are now on ‘standby’ awaiting a call from Bunnings.

2. Membership fees for 2023/24 due 30th June 2023

Invoices went out 7th June 2023 for WoSP membership for the financial year 2023/23. See your invoice for payment method – either transfer direct to the Club’s bank account or leave payment in the ‘Fees’ box in the Workshop reception area.

3. President’s Report (a new newsletter item)

Dennis Conner has introduced a new item for the newsletter – a report from the President (or acting President in this case).

“Being my first report, I will keep it short and simple.....

I would like to remind all members that it is club policy that only team leaders can sharpen turning chisels on the grinders, unless the member has brought their own to the club.

Also, keep in mind the Monday afternoon session is open to anyone although there is a small group who make items for the shop. And they do not have to pay session fees.

That is all for now, except to those of you who are not feeling too well at the moment - just look after yourself and we wish a speedy return to make some more sawdust soon.

Regards

DENNIS CONNER, ACT/ PRESIDENT”

4. General Meeting of WoSP – Wednesday 25TH May 2023

The above meeting was held in our workshop – very well attended. For minutes of this meeting, see the separate attached to this email.



5. Wood Dust Melbourne – 18th – 21st May 2023. (A Timbecon Event).

If you attended this event, please let me know what you thought of it – email me at wallanbrookes@bigfpond.com. Their newsletter claims it was quite a success. If so, it could be worth promoting more in future years.

6. For your diary...

As mentioned previously, just the next 2 months events listed.

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

- **Wood Turning Cruise** - 19th June-1st July 2023 - Scandinavia

[Woodturning Cruise](#)

Plus....

A special note from Colin Dobson about the Wood Turning Cruise - 19th June-1st July 2023 – Scandinavia (repeating Colin’s note from last month’s newsletter).

“After some doubt, the Woodturning Cruise will go ahead as planned. A few cabins are still available and it is planned to fill these as soon as possible. The organisers will offer these at a lower price to new passengers, as this is necessary to make sure we hopefully will not lose money on this project. It’s 80 days or so until the ship sails out of Stavanger harbour on the 19th June 2023 to start the journey. Should you be interested in going, check out the website woodturningcruise.com.au or speak to Colin Dobson on 0417 364 802 who is planning to go.”

- **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)

Note from the Ed - I’m searching for future events beyond the above. If anyone has information on upcoming events not shown above, please email me whatever details you have at wallanbrookes@bigfpond.com.

7. The WoSP Shop

Don’t forget to check with Dennis if you need anything in the way of woodworking supplies – all sorts of stuff from timber to pen kits to gifts. Make sure to factor in the cost of getting stuff from somewhere else (travel, mailing, etc) when considering the price in our shop.

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

When approved by the Committee, we will need a backup web master for our web site. This will involve some training on the use of the software as well as web site design. Let Dennis Conner know if you are interested in helping out.

9. British Woodworking Federation (BWF) Guide re. MDF

The BWF has published their Guide No 7 which debunks rumours, etc about the ill effects when working with MDF. Also clarifies what is happening in the USA re. MDF. Click on the following link for further information.

https://www.bwf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/assets/07_mdf.pdf

(Thanks for the ‘heads up’ Gerry).

10. Keep it clean...

A reminder to all members using the workshop. Some clean-ups have been a bit of a ‘lick and a promise’ of late. We all like to start with a clean and tidy set-up. Let’s all leave it that way when we finish.

11. Dulux (paints and coatings)

The Dulux group consists of multiple companies including:

- Selleys (sealants, adhesives and fillers)
- Yates (garden care)
- Parchem (construction chemicals and products)
- B&D (garage doors and openers)
- Lincoln Sentry (cabinet and Architectural hardware)
- DGL International (based in the UK and selling paints into the EU)

with sales totaling the better part of \$2bAUD.

Dulux continue to be solid supporters of WoSP with donations of paints for toys. In their April 2023 issue of Connections (an internal newsletter for all employees in the DuluxGroup), an article featuring our Toy Handover appears on the ‘DuluxGroup in the Community’ page. See the copy of Connections on the kitchen table in our workshop.

12. Rodent Report

Mice have been seen in the workshop. This will only be a problem if there is reason for them to stay – like food. So, the plea is to take care and not leave any sustenance around for them.

Around the Workshop...

1. Report from the WOSP Maintenance / Machinery Sub Committee

Since the General Meeting two weeks ago, we have:

- replaced the second router & Lifter Mechanism
- completed re configuring the Shop SKU system
- had the Dust Collector system serviced
- purchased the Emergency Stop for fitting on the table saw
- shifted the Carbatec Routers into a better dust collector operation position
- obtained current quotations from CARBATEC for DVR Saturn electronic wood lathes

2. Did you know the Club has....

A set of alpha/numeric stamps (punches). They can be found in the Special Tools cabinet. (you might want to sort them before use.... 😊)



No new members this month:
So no new members to welcome...

Bits and Pieces...

- **Bunnings Garden Corner**

This may be of interest to all those with a ‘green thumb’ or would like to have a ‘green thumb’. See the brochure on the notice board in the workshop reception. *Thanks, Gerry, for bringing this to our attention.*

- **Something from ‘left field’ – the Timberbits Book List**

This might be useful – their book list includes an extensive range of books that may be of interest.

[Woodworking Books - Shop Books for Woodworking Online \(timberbits.com\)](http://timberbits.com)

Personality this Month

Sorry – no profile this month. But watch this space next month.

Keep Smiling.... (thanks to Alan R Smith)


