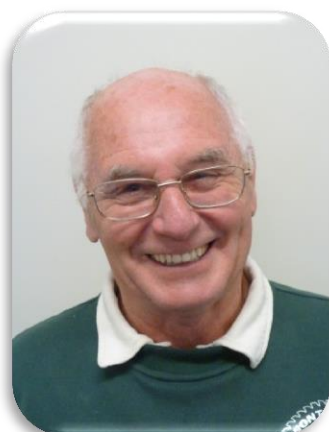


# THE WONTHAGGI WOODY

NEWSLETTER of the  
Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Inc.



★ 100<sup>th</sup> EDITION  
APRIL 2015



First up, I must thank Vice President Tony for filling in for me in last month's newsletter. The end of the month saw the toymakers go to the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi for the Sustainability Festival, a first for our club and a very enjoyable and successful day it turned out to be. Still in the limelight, the toy group hosted some children from the local YMCA School Holiday Program and then came the big one for the year, Churchill Island. As usual, a huge success with all toys being sold by day's end. Also on the Island the club had our regular sales event at the Cowes Culture Centre over 4 days. Our club continues to grow with another 4 people joining this month. Another interesting event coming up is the Vietnam Vets Museum Open Day (Free Entry) on the 24th May on Phillip Island and our toy group will be there with new toys which are modelled on military machines used during the Vietnam War.

At the May General Meeting we are expecting a visit from Chris Bennett from Pop's Shed, which should be quite entertaining.

*John*

\*\*\* VISIT OUR **WEBSITE** \*\*\*

[www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au](http://www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au)

*Check out the new Gallery section*

**NOW ALSO ON FACEBOOK**

## DIARY... 2015

April 26 <sup>th</sup> to May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Koondrook/Barham Trip
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Woodturning Ex. Entries close
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Vietnam Vets Museum Open Day
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Committee & General Meetings
June 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Aust. Woodturning Exhibition
June 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wonthaggi Plaza Sales event
July 17 – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Forest Edge Experience
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Committee Meeting
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup>	Working With Wood Show

## Your Committee

### **PRESIDENT:**

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### **VICE-PRESIDENT:**

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### **SECRETARY:**

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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## WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
		or Neil Bateman:	5672 3229
Monday	5 pm – 8 pm	Contact John DiStefano:	5678 3294
Friday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
		or Neil Bateman:	5672 3229

### WOODTURNING: On-demand Sessions

Friday (project based)	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
Saturday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Kaye Hatton:	5997 2473

### TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

Tuesday	9 am – 4 pm	Contact Ron Snooks:	5672 2113 or 0429 722 113
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### PYROGRAPHY: On-demand Sessions

Friday	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Michael Bladen:	0428 270 850
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### SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions

Wednesday	9 am – 12 noon	Contact Lionel Wood:	5672 2029
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### BANDSAW BOX MAKING: Regular Sessions\*\*

Monday	1 pm – 4 pm	Contact Hartley Tobin:	5997 6328
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### JOINERY & SMALL FURNITURE MAKING: Regular Sessions

Friday	9am to 12 noon	Contact Robert Millard:	0418 565 467
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**NOTE:** \*\* Box Making sessions are not conducted on the second Monday of each month (Club General Meetings).

**As a courtesy to workshop supervisors, please let them know in advance if you are unable to attend your regular session.**

## GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS & DEMONSTRATION DAYS 2015:



Special guest at the May General Meeting will be *Chris Bennett* from **Pop's Shed**. Chris runs the woodturning workshops and classes at Pop's Shed and is a quality woodturner in his own right. Come along to the meeting, get some woodcrafting tips and support one of our sponsors.

Anyone who has any other ideas for a General Meeting presentation, or a contact for a demo, please let John or Kaye know, so it can be followed up.

## BUNNINGS BARBEQUES:

Thanks to Lionel Wood, who has arranged five Bunnings BBQ dates for 2015, and the volunteer roster for May 9<sup>th</sup> will be on the noticeboard shortly. The dates are:

Saturday May 9

Saturday August 15

Sunday November 1

Sunday December 27

### \*\*\* ANNUAL FEES ARE DUE:

Just a reminder that Annual fees for 2015/16 were due on 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you have yet to renew your Membership, please do so as soon as possible by paying \$35 to Treasurer, Michael Bladen. If there are any issues, ring Michael on 0428 270 850. Unfinancial Members at the end of May 2015, may not receive the Club Newsletter or have access to Club facilities.

### ITEM MADE BY THE PYROGRAPHERS:



Following a request at the Christmas Shop from the Korumburra Car Club, our pyrographers agreed to create a cover for their Club photo album. The picture shown at left was done by Michael Bladen. It is approximately 20cm square. It was then prepared and attached to the album cover by Jim Kilpatrick. The Car Club were extremely happy with the work and the proceeds were generously donated by Michael and Jim to our Club.

### HISTORY OF THE CLUB NEWSLETTER:

*Newsletter history article for the 100th edition:*

#### WAS N°1 FIRST?

The earliest club communication I have come across so far is a rewritten, handwriting copy of 7<sup>th</sup> April 1993 meeting minutes, when George Hill was Secretary and the club was meeting in the Uniting Church Meeting Rooms, Wonthaggi. Typewritten copies first appeared for 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1994 meeting at the same venue, with Bob Bristow as Secretary.

Both formats were under the title “Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Incorporated”.

*Hartley Tobin introduced the first club newsletter titled “Wonthaggi Woodies” in April 1995 after 5<sup>th</sup> April 1995 meeting now being held in the Pigeon Club Rooms, still with Bob Bristow as Secretary. The newsletter was two pages on one sheet of A4 paper with three cartoon style characters and a modern layout. This publication was a major departure from anything we had before and a wonderful new asset to the club.*

The “*Woodies*” newsletter continued until 7<sup>th</sup> May 1997 with Hartley at the helm, when the tiller was handed on to Joe Bowland who altered the style for the June 1997 newsletter. Someone changed the style again for the next (July 1997) newsletter, which then continued until 4<sup>th</sup> May 1998, where the title changed back to ‘Wonthaggi Woodcrafters’ with Joe Bowland as Editor.

This edition introduced the club saw blade logo with the lathe and hand tools. The club relocated into the Community Development Learning Centre, (CDLC, Classroom N° 3 with our own cupboard) for meetings not long after on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1998. The CDLC name had changed to Bass Coast Adult Education Centre (BCAEC) for our 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1999 meeting and remained so until the recent change to the Jean Meltzer Centre.

After another makeover and name change to “The Wonthaggi Woodcrafter” in November 1998, this style and title continued until February 2000, then to be replaced by a mixture of meeting minute’s style and periodic editions of the “*The Wonthaggi Woodie*”, again by Hartley. This mixture continued until the end of 2006.

*Hartley’s club welcome to 2007 was a single A4 sheet newsletter (January 2007), printed on both sides and folded into three giving 6 pages of news under the new title, “The Wonthaggi Woody”. Although not numbered, the third edition was N°3. I think it is fair to say, this can be considered the first edition!*

Hartley brought the newsletter back to single page A4 format for Edition 5, May 2007 and introduced colour in Edition 9, September 2007.

Well done Hartley, the club is a lot better off for your pioneering literary skills amongst a lot of other things.

**Spelling tells us that N°1 was first with *Woody*; pronunciation takes us back 20 years to give the April 1995, *Woodie* first, which record do you claim, the *y* or *ie*?**

**Acknowledgement:** Roy Fischmann for most of the club documents referred to above and to our librarian, Kaye Hatton, for sorting out and filing club records making research a lot easier.

*Tony Hughes*

**The Wonthaggi Woody – Newsletter #1 is printed on the following pages.  
Sorry for the side-on orientation, but the Newsletter was in tri-fold format.**

## **XMAS SHOP -**

### **ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS**

Despite what seemed to be almost insurmountable problems, brilliant work by our treasurer, Ray and president, John made sure our Xmas Shop was the great success that it was. By now, all members are well aware of this and thanks go to all members who contributed, helped set up and man/woman the venue.



### *Wonthaggi Show*

*and the*

### *Labyrinth Festival (Rescue Station Arts)*

Again, we presented a good image to the public, and it's good to see that other members show an interest, even if they cannot help out. Once again, many thanks to the members who helped run these events. As usual, it would be appreciated if more members would 'put up their hands' and ask if they could help out.

## **WORTH**

### **READING**

*The Australian*

*Woodworker* editorial for Jan/Feb 2007 looks

at the world wide trend of woodworking becoming the hobby of people 45-60 and more interest from the 15-30 year olds rather than just retirees. This does not appear to be the case with our Club.

*"Woodworking is becoming less of a solo pursuit. ... for those who want a social aspect to their hobby, it's worth joining one of the many Clubs available."*

With reference to the efforts of newcomers: *"One senior Club member told us, he has had to learn to keep his mouth shut rather than nitpick their every effort."*

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## **2007 is 'Up & Running'**

P.2. Our Diary includes events of interest to woodworkers, many of which are of particular interest to our Club members.

The **AGM** comes up in March. We will need members to 'step forward' for positions of responsibility on the executive and committee.

The month at **The Red Lion** gives members the chance to do some 'public' woodturning each weekend in March.

**Easter** requires helpers for the Cowes Arts Centre and Churchill Island.

## **Happenings**

Moving to be closer to family are intarsia experts Gordon & Evie Hayes and Dennis (The Menace) Tyler. Monday workshops won't be the same.

Get Well, Roy (Jordan). Jan 31, Roy has a meeting with the surgeon's knife.

Condolences - Amid all the hassles of ensuring that the Xmas Shop ran smoothly, Ray Dobbie lost his 'mum'. All our sympathy goes to Ray, Ailsa & family.

Also sympathy to Roy & Pat Jordan on the loss of Roy's sister recently.

## **For Your Comment**

Are you happy to receive the General Meeting minutes as you have in the past, or would you prefer a Newsletter, similar to this, with mention of any important decisions made, items of interest, etc.?

Make your comments at the February meeting.

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**Eric Hornsby has finished with TV and now shares his time between woodturning and canoeing.**

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# **THE WONTHAGGI WOODY**

## **January, 2007**



**NEWSLETTER of  
The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters**

**Welcome to 2007**

### **Your Committee**



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**Eric Thorpe - (03) 5672 1931**

**Drew Tillema - (03) 5674 1180**

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> February Start Friday Woodturning.
- 5<sup>th</sup> February Start Monday Woodturning.
- 7<sup>th</sup> February General Meeting –
- 7<sup>th</sup> March **AGM – SUBS DUE at AGM**  
General Meeting –
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March Wagga Wagga Turn About
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April -(Easter)
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April -(Easter)  
Coves Cultural Centre.
- 4<sup>th</sup> April Churchhill Island.  
General Meeting –

Other events to remember  
 (Some dates to be confirmed)

- \* **COBB & CO WOODTURNING** -  
TOORADIN (ROBBO) - 24 Feb
- \* **RED LION** - March
- \* **PENINSULA MAJOR EXHIBITION**  
5-10 June
- \* **TURN-FEST Kooralbyn, Qld.**  
30 March - 1 April
- \* **LANG LANG (Small Farms)**  
4-5 May
- \* **DOWN UNDER TURN AROUND**  
7-9 September
- \* **AUSTRALIAN WOODTURNING EXHIBITION**  
15-17 June

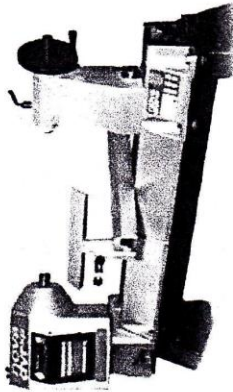
- \* **COWES ARTS/ PATCHWORKERS**  
(Cup W.E.) 3-6 November
- \* **WOODWORKING WAREHOUSE Open Day** - 11 Citrus Street, Braeside.

**WOODTURNING WORK!** Page 2

If you have not been contacted, check with Hartley - 5997 6328 or Roy -5956 9541 as to which session suits you.

Charges for 2007 –  
 The first four sessions will cost \$30 (the same as for 2006). By then the Committee will have decided the reduced fee structure for the year.

**NEW LATHE**



**DVR 3000XP** The lathe has full variable electronic speed control from 100 - 3500 rpm. and a completely integrated headstock/motor. This leading edge, patented technology is not available from any other woodlathe manufacturer in the world.

Thanks to the good work of our president, John, the Club has received a grant to purchase the above lathe for use in our workshop. Hopefully, the lathe will arrive in the next few weeks. A new Vicmarc 120 chuck is to be purchased with the lathe.

**Wood For Sale –**

Contact Kevin 5674 4842



**AN INTERESTING LOOK AT LIFE**

Words of wisdom from the world's richest man, Bill Gates. From a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school.

**Rule 1:** Life is not fair - get used to it!

**Rule 2:** The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

**Rule 3:** You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

**Rule 4:** If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

**Rule 5:** Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: They called it opportunity.

**Rule 6:** If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

**Rule 7:** Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

**Rule 8:** Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

**Rule 9:** Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

**Rule 10:** Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

**Rule 11:** Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

## **SHORT HISTORY OF THE CLUB – OKKE HUITEMA:**

*A Special Interview by Tony Hughes for newsletter Edition 100*

To help celebrate this special edition, we asked our first President, a Life Member and active club participant, Okke Huitema and his wife, Betty, to share their thoughts on where the club has come from, how it's faring and where to from here?

The following are highlights from a longer record which will be included in the club history.

When doctors advised Okke his crook back wasn't getting better and he should give up work, early retirement was really not on his radar or what he wanted to hear. As is the character of the man, he accepted their sound advice and set about making constructive use of his now ample free time.

After learning woodworking at the local school and making furniture for home, his strong interest in wood took him to learn woodturning at Leongatha. After two years of this, Okke got together with Harry Oates and George Hill to find out if a woodcrafting club could be started in Wonthaggi. Fourteen men and one woman met in the Wonthaggi South Recreation Reserve Cricket Club Rooms on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1989 and enthusiastically agreed it could.

Apart from something to help fill in his time, Okke wanted a club:

*Where everyone could socialise, help each other, learn new skills, gain more knowledge and extend their abilities in a safe environment.*

Okke and Betty believe this has happened, are really pleased with what the club has achieved and how it operates. New members come and go, a good percentage put a lot of effort in for the benefit of all.

People enjoy getting together and the club tries to help the local community.

As Wonthaggi and the club continue to grow with both members and the range of activities, they can see more workshops and facilities will be needed, possibly on another, bigger site, to meet our needs.

The club has a bright future if we continue to help, share our knowledge and support each other.

Thanks Okke and Betty, your vision appears to be in safe hands.

## **ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE:**

- Moving of bandsaw and installation of lights and 15amp power points have been completed.
- The Club's bank account will be moved to the Bendigo Community Bank.
- Club jumpers (full front zip) are now being ordered – see Neil Lenne if you would like one.
- Four new members have been nominated and approved. We welcome Debbie VanPelt, Vic Piasente, Jannice Aucote and John Wilson to our Club.
- A new 3m x 3m gazebo will be purchased to replace one that failed at Churchill Island and was not viably repairable.
- From April on, to save unnecessary costs, Newsletters that were previously posted, will only be available for pick up at the clubrooms.

## **VISIT BY OUR NEW LOCAL STATE MP:**

Newly elected State Member for Bass, Brian Painter, will be visiting the Club on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> to have a look at the Club and facilities and will be staying for morning tea. You may recall we had Brian's predecessor, Ken Smith, visit us last year and join us for our 25<sup>th</sup> celebrations. We developed a valuable relationship with he and his staff. This will be an ideal opportunity to discuss our Club's needs and to forge an on-going relationship with Brian and his new office staff. If any Committee Members can make themselves available on that morning, it would be appreciated.

## **LIBRARIAN'S CHALLENGES:**

**May 2015** – Inside/Outside turned Vase or Candlestick

Various methods of joining timber for the inside turn – paper, hot melt glue, double sided tape

Example in Australian Woodworker Magazine – Issue 149 February 2010

**June 2015** – Scroll sawn trivet

**July 2015** – Something for the kitchen

**August 2015** - Square or rectangular bowl

**September 2015** – Wooden toy

**October 2015** – A wooden item to donate to the Club Xmas Shop

**November 2015** – Cheese Platter with knife or a Christmas ornament

## MORE ON SEGMENTED TURNING SOFTWARE – JOHN DiSTEFANO:

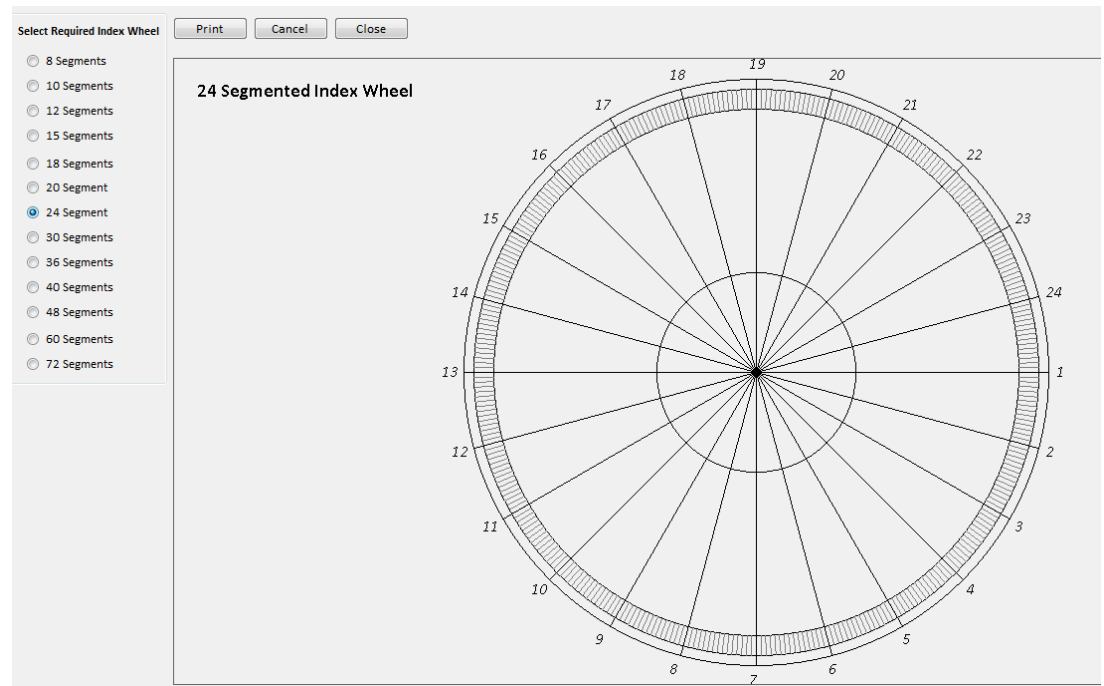
### Segmented Turning Helper Software- Update

In the January 2015 issue of the Woodies Newsletter, I introduced the Segmented Turning Helper Software, a Windows programme I have developed over the last few months to assist members doing segmented turning projects with the calculations of segment lengths.

In this update I describe two new features that have been added to the software.

#### Index Wheels

The software will accurately draw and print commonly used index wheels as shown in the screen shot below. The printed index wheel may be pasted on an appropriate piece of MDF board 4-6mm and the desired index holes drilled with accuracy.

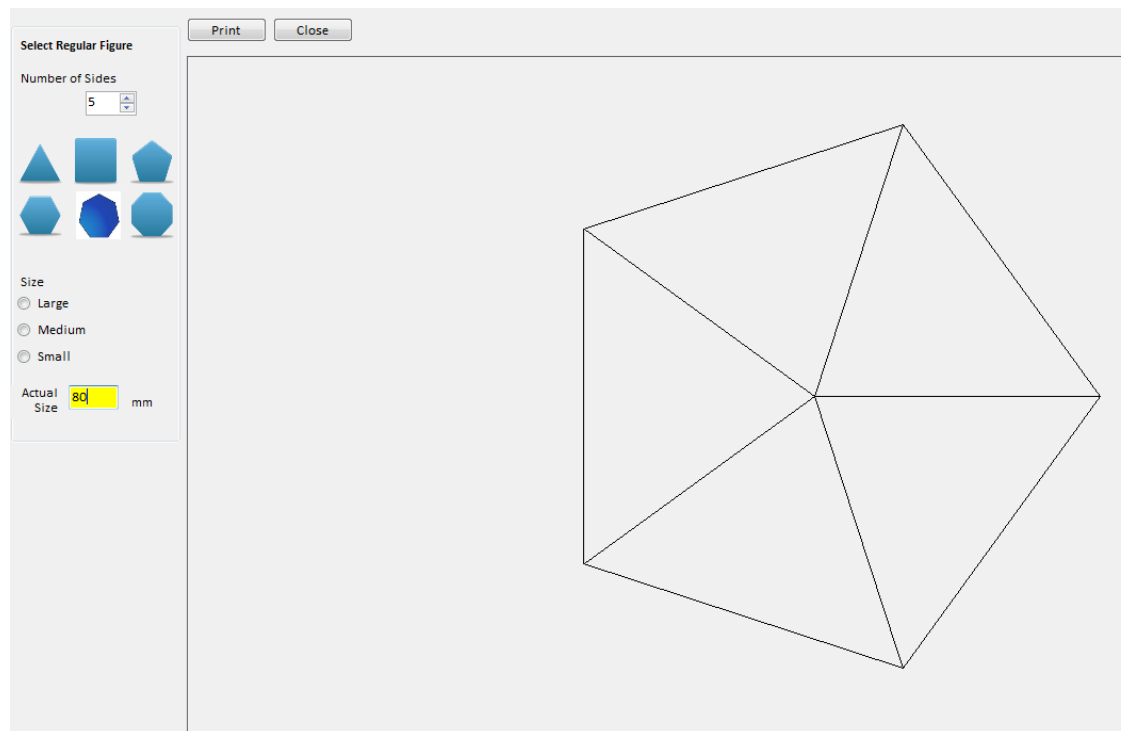


#### Regular

#### Geometric Figures

Ever needed an accurate image of a triangle, square, pentagon, hexagon, etc?

Not easy to draw accurately by hand. The Segmented Turning Helper Software will draw the required geometric figure accurately all the time. Specify the figure you want and the required side length and the programme will draw it for you. A sample screenshot of a pentagon is shown above.



If any member wishes to use the software, contact John Di Stefano on 56783294.

## FOREST EDGE EXPERIENCE:

This is being conducted again this year from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th July. Registration is required prior to 19th June.

Contact: Bob Kirkland

Phone: 03 5623 1821 Mobile: 0407 329551 Email: [robertkirkland786@gmail.com](mailto:robertkirkland786@gmail.com)

If you would like to know more about the “Experience” speak to regular ‘Edgers’ Kaye and John Hatton.

## Vale, Gerald Williams, Club member N° 14 (2001-2003)

Gerald (Gerry), an ex Woody passed away recently after a long battle with emphysema. He enjoyed a colourful life in the district including farming, football, school bus driving and lots more.

Gerry loved the Woodies until he was asked to get up and speak at a meeting about the finer arts of box making. As public speaking was not his thing, he left us to prevent a repeat, a real pity.

Glenn (Club member N° 94), Gerald & Irene's son, has since joined the club and is trying to balance life between the Woodies, family, work and Antarctica.

Gerald's funeral was very well attended and a lovely celebration of a colourful life. He was laid to rest to the chorus of the Wonthaggi Blues and Wonthaggi Power theme songs.

"Sadly missed, forever remembered"!

*Tony Hughes.*



**LIGHTING:** When working with any woodworking machines, use good lighting so that the work piece, cutting blades, and machine controls can be seen clearly. Position or shade lighting sources so they do not shine in the operator's eyes or cause any glare and reflections. Lights on flexible arms are best, especially when working in confined space or with a hollow workpiece.

However, whatever lighting layout you use, consider LED globes and tubes. Yes, they cost substantially more, but use a fraction of the power, are extremely long lasting and are very safe as, unlike all the other forms of lighting, they generate little heat. A large 20W LED flood light (equivalent to approx. 140w incandescent, 100w Halogen or 30w CFL) will cost \$30 to \$40 if purchased online from an Australian seller with an Aussie warranty.

## MEETING ROOM CLEANING ROSTER:

**Fri May 15th** – Alan Hurst and Hartley Tobin

**Mon June 15th** – Ron Snooks and Phillip Wardle

**Fri July 10th** – Alan Jones and Tony Hughes

**Mon August 10th** – Marion Kerry and Norm Court

**Fri September 11th** – Eric Thorpe and Geoff Tinkler

**Mon October 12th** – Brian Johnson and Kaye Hatton

**Fri November 13th** – Lionel Wood and Bernie Bambling

**Reminder** ... If you can't attend on the day listed below, please organise a change of date with your cleaning day partner, organise a replacement, or contact Kaye Hatton.



## TOY GROUP REPORT FROM TONY HUGHES:

### EASTER FESTIVAL, Churchill Island, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April



We awoke to a beautiful morning and it didn't let us down, a South Gippsland autumn day at its best.

Maisy, the island farm cow was pleased to see us again; together with a flock of very noisy ducks, we had no idea what they were on about but it certainly sounded important to them. After setting up, we enjoyed a quiet time taking in the setting and having a chance to relax together before things started to pick up around 10:30 am, from then until 4:30 pm there was no break, just queues of varying lengths.

Neil Bateman, Hartley Tobin, Ken Urquhart and Lionel Wood demonstrated the craft of woodturning, making paper pot moulds which we sell at the Sustainability Festival to fascinated onlookers and they had a good day

Our spruiker for the day, Tony Stephens certainly had his hands

full managing all enquiries and sales while trying to keep track of all the detail, although Tony is a seasoned operator, it is always a challenging task.

Pyrographers, Michael Bladen, Marion Kerry and Jim Kilpatrick again had a busy but rewarding day much to the delight of the kids and parents alike, their skilled craft adding another dimension to finish off a long process of bringing pieces of wood to life. Kids' Corner would be diminished without their unselfish support.





Once the crowd kicked in, toy assembly was on for both young and old, we were flat out like a lizard drinking, everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves and having fun despite the usual sore backs and hammer injuries. Thanks to help from Robert Millard and Ray Oram, everyone had the chance to have a break from the tables and just enjoy what was going on. The toy group team of Gavin Averay, Mike Barnes, Tony Hughes, Neil Lenne, Arthur Phillips, Ron Snooks, Eric Thorpe and Len Witherden worked through the entire range of toy kits we had taken, it was a massive day, there were none left!! This group together with Fred Demenech (he was crook!) created all the kits from pieces of wood gathered or sourced

from the tip, friends, finds or gifts much to the enjoyment of our customers, ourselves and the club. As with last year, the group now has to decide what seasonal toys to continue with and /or develop for 2015/2016. It is a nice place to be. The military toys we are making for the National Vietnam Veterans Museum Open Day on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May will finish our season. Apart from sore, tired and aching bodies, I am sure everyone enjoyed being involved; the smiles on the kids and parents faces said it all. A big thank you to all the members who gave up their valuable time to help, without your support these club activities would not and could not happen. Special mention must go to Ron Snooks for organising and managing the day so well, Michael Bladen, Jim Kilpatrick, Ray Oram, Tony Stephens, Eric Thorpe and Hartley Tobin for their unselfish longstanding support of the day. To the rest, thank you and well done!

### **South Gippsland Sustainability Festival at the State Coal Mine, Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

We set up early with plenty of helpers but not many customers. The children were busy with circus tricks and patting chooks. At day's end, seventeen children went away happy with toys they "built themselves". Activity was quite different for the seed planter moulds. All the planters we took were sold together with all the ones produced during the day by our hard working woodturning demonstrators. The \$170 earned selling the planters (38) was donated to the "Friends of the Mine" for which they were very excited and grateful.

Thanks to Ron Snooks and the team including Pat Smith for putting on a good day for the club, it is great being part of our local community.

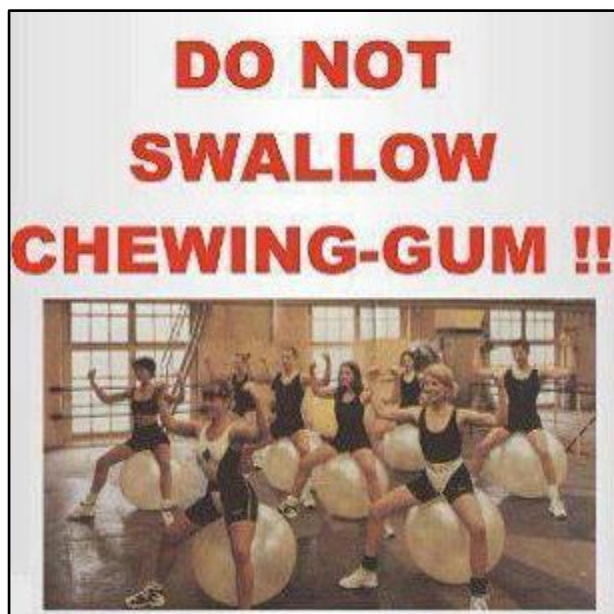
### **YMCA Holiday Program at the Club Rooms, Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

Fifteen local children of varying abilities, aged seven to twelve, arrived with their leaders to assemble toys and see woodturning demonstrated. Each child took home a toy they built together with a donated top made by Hartley Tobin. The group had walked from the Wonthaggi Pool, joined us for morning tea, made their toys and watched Hartley, then had lunch in the picnic area beside the clubrooms before walking home.

They were a delightful group who loved the visit. Again, thanks to Ron Snooks and the team with special mention to Eric Thorpe for making a special effort to help a delightful hearing challenged boy. If the club only helped local kids like these, we are sure everyone would be happy.



My wife found this on one of her knitting websites (of all places!) and got a good laugh out of it. Trust you will too. *Alan.*



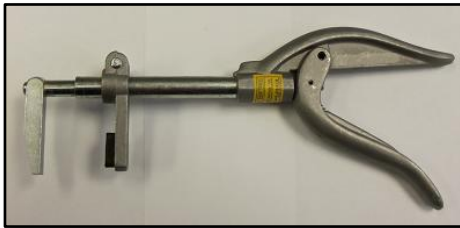
## KOONDROOK/BARHAM TRIP:



The annual trip to Koondrook and Barham is on from Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. The main weekend is May 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, but Members may choose to stay anytime from the 26<sup>th</sup>.

There are 20 members and partners attending this year which is a little down on 2014. However it is good to see a couple of our newer members joining the group and we trust they have an enjoyable time. Tony has sent out all the itinerary details, but if you have any further queries, call Tony Stephens on 5662 2957 or Kaye and John on 5997 2473.

## WHAT WOULD I USE THIS TOOL FOR?



**MARCH'S MYSTERY OBJECT ...** This tool is a brad setter for safely making picture frames without the use of a hammer.

**APRIL'S MYSTERY TOOL ...**



## A QUICKIE:

### TODAY'S STOCK MARKET REPORT

Helium was up, feathers were down. Paper was stationery. Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading. Knives were up sharply. Cows steered into a bull market. Pencils lost a few points. Hiking equipment was trailing, but elevators rose, while escalators continued their slow decline. Weights were up in heavy trading. Light switches were off for the day. Mining equipment hit rock bottom. Nappies remain unchanged. Shipping lines stayed on an even keel. The market for raisins dried up. Coca Cola fizzled. Caterpillar stock inched up a bit. The Sun peaked at midday. Balloon prices were inflated and batteries exploded in an attempt to recharge the market... just another normal day in an abnormal society!

## MEMBER PROFILE:

*I've resorted to doing the Member Profile myself this Month. Not for any reason other than I forgot to ask someone else to write one! Alan.*



**ALAN  
HURST**

As an only child, I was born in Altona and lived in Newport until I was 21. I attended Williamstown High School and then went on to Melbourne Teacher's College. Carol and I married in 1972 and we lived for some years in

West Footscray before building our first house in Gisborne where we remained for 15 years. From there we shifted to Bendigo for 17 years and we have now been in Inverloch for 9 years. We have two daughters, one residing in Melbourne and the other in Brisbane. They each have two beautiful little girls. Boys are hard to come by in our family as Carol is also one of two girls. We've even got a female dog! Thankfully, I have two great son-in-laws to do the "boys' stuff" with when we all get together.

After graduating from Teacher's College, I spent the next 35 years as a primary school teacher. Carol was also a primary teacher. I was appointed Vice Principal of St Albans North Primary School in 1988 and thus began an initiation into administering schools in tough areas. I became Principal of Bendigo Violet Street Primary School at a relatively early age and after 4 tough years was looking for a change. I resigned and Carol and I started a Computer Education Centre in Bendigo. After several years of sampling a life away from teaching, we got out of the business and I returned to teaching until retirement. Or should I say semi-retirement, as I took on the role as an ICC International Cricket Match Referee.

Time to backtrack a little. Cricket was my passion from a very early age and in my mid-teens I was invited to Footscray Cricket Club. I worked my way from the thirds to the firsts over the next few years with some supportive coaching. In 1970, I was selected in the State practice squad and played my first State Sheffield Shield game against Western Australia at the MCG in 1972. In 1974, I was selected in the Australian Test Team to play New Zealand in Adelaide. In 1977 I had to choose between an offer to play for Kerry Packer or to stay with the 'hierarchy'. I chose the latter, as I really wanted to play for Australia. Consequently, I played a full Ashes series in 1978 and my first-class cricket career spanned 9 seasons until a severe back injury brought it to a sudden end whilst on a tour of India with the Australian team and after just 12 Tests. I went from being named one of Wisden's World Cricketers of the Year in 1979 to being totally out of the game two years later. However, over the following years I kept involved, including roles as a commentator for ABC radio cricket for 10 seasons and ABC television for 5 seasons. I also wrote feature articles on cricket for the Bendigo Advertiser. In 2004, I received an offer from Cricket Australia to be nominated for four available International Match Referee positions. There were 17 applicants interviewed from 8 countries, but I was lucky enough to be offered one of the roles. Being one of just 7 Referees supervising all International cricket was quite a challenging role, but I loved it, although at times stresses were extreme. Being overseas for up to 7 months of the year was demanding and I decided to retire fully in 2011.

Since then I've enjoyed life to the full. Carol and I are both heavily involved in community activities. Carol's choirs, church, Probus and knitting groups commitments keep her pretty busy and as President of Inverloch Probus this year, I've also got plenty on my plate. Besides looking after my 96 year old mother and seeing our kids and grandkids when I can, the Woodies has become a big part of my life. I love the Club and the great lot of people involved. With a growing membership, the Club can only get better and I look forward to being an active Member into the future. I get out into my own workshop whenever I can and really enjoy the solace and all the pleasures of working with wood.

### SHOW & TELL:



A beautifully constructed long case skeleton clock made by Lionel Wood. Pendulum operated, this clock is mostly scroll-sawn from marine plywood for durability and took several months to complete. A set of veerry large pepper and salt grinders made by John Hatton from Tulip Wood. These would not be out of place over the shoulder of a waiter in a very fancy restaurant.



*Left:* Two entries in the Monthly Challenge of making a bowl from a board. The one at left is made from Sassafras by Kaye Hatton, the other from plywood by John Hatton. *Right:* A mirrored dish made from Redwood and a small dish from Huon both made by Marion Kerry.



*Left:* The back of a small dish found in a local Op Shop. This dish has historical significance, as it was made in 1988 by esteemed Life Member Okke Huitema. *Centre:* Another bowl from a board entry with the upper part supported by pillars, made by Brian Johnson. *Right:* Two small vases with glass tube inserts, made on the bandsaw by Alan Hurst from Huon Pine.

### **WOODCRAFTING TIPS AND TRICKS:**

***Increasing the flexibility of a Vicmarc Vacuum Chuck:*** I have sometimes had a need to use my 100mm Vicmarc vacuum chuck on larger natural edge bowls, but have found the depth of the bowl restricts the vacuum cleaner insert, so the chuck is inoperable. Since a vacuum plate is also not suitable, I have produced a modification which not only adds length to the cylinder, but width to the face. Both of these dimensions considerably increase the size of the piece that can be turned effectively. It cost nothing to make and it works extremely well. I used very dry, stable hardwood so there would be no warping and the rubber seals are cut from a thin mouse pad, which is both flexible and durable. See pictures below.

*Alan Hurst*



Do you have any interesting stories, articles, Tips & Tricks, items to sell or buy, or interesting websites?? Send them to - [woodiesnews@gmail.com](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com)  
**The deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup>**, to be included in the next Newsletter.

*A special thank you this month to Tony Hughes for his special contributions for our 100<sup>th</sup> Newsletter. He has spent a lot of time searching records, collecting information, interviewing people and it is much appreciated.*

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