

THE WONTHAGGI WOODY

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NEWSLETTER of The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters

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DIARY.....2007

3rd - 6th November Cowes Arts Centre
Hall (P.I. Patchworkers).

7th November General Meeting –

17th November Moe - Latrobe Valley
Clubs Day".

17th & 18th November. Leongatha "L

26th November – 31st December. Xmas

5th December Xmas – Break-up.

12th January (2008) Wonthaggi Show –

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO

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One of
Hartley's early
newsletters

☞ General Meeting 7.30pm, Wednesday, 7th November, BCAEC - U3A Room ...

- **Welcome to new member**....Len Cuttriss from Inverloch.
- **Thanks Eric.** On behalf of the Club, Eric Thorpe organized the construction of two park seats on Churchill Island. Next time your on The Island, check out the seats. Eric's work is a credit to himself and the Club.
- **Thanks Jim.** Jim Kilpatrick has responded to a statement from the Bass Coast Shire wishing to show off art work from the various community groups. Jim has donated one of his pyrography works. It will be on show at the November meeting and will be donated to the Bass Coast Shire at a later date.
- **Help with Cup Weekend.** Remember Cup Weekend falls before our next General Meeting and help is needed for both the Cowes Arts Centre and Newhaven Hall. Thanks to all those who have volunteered and remember we need items for sale at both venues.
- **Rosters** - 17 November (Moe), 17 & 18 November (Leongatha), 26 November – 31 December (Xmas Shop) and 12 January, 2008 (Wonthaggi Show). These will be at this meeting. Be prepared to put your name down to help.
- **Treasurer/Committee Vacancies** Ray Dobbie resigned as Treasurer, and earlier, Drew Tillema resigned from the Committee so we now have two vacancies on our Committee.



Xmas Break-up

NOTE ...Change of contact.

This year's 'Break-up' will be held on Wednesday, 5th December, 6 pm at the

Workman's Club (Graham Street), \$20 p.p.
Numbers are required so contact (and pay)
Hartley a.s.a.p..



Cup Weekend Reminders.

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SET UP -Friday, 2nd November.

Cowes Arts Centre ... 3.30pm

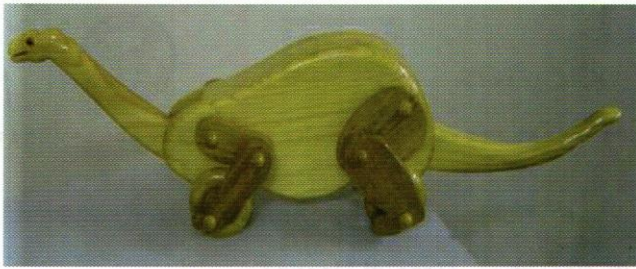
Newhaven Hall.....6.00pm

Newsletter by email

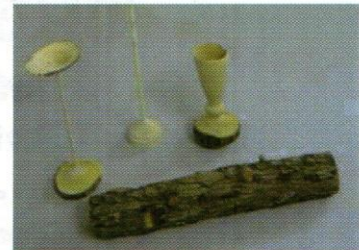
We have had a trial run with sending the Club Newsletter to a number of people via email. It seems to have worked out OK. If you would like to receive future newsletters that way instead of 'snail mail', please register your email address with Hartley a.s.a.p. ... Email ...h.mtobin@bigpond.com .



October Show & Tell

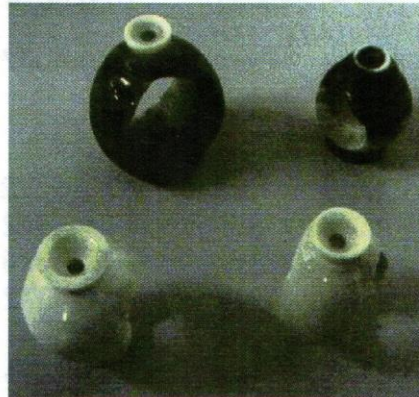


Hartley's goblet and thin-stemmed ornament turned from green Hawthorn (included in the picture). Also the bottom portion of Okke's thin-stemmed goblet (too long to fit in the picture).



↑ Roy Fischmann's dinosaur was a great example of some of the toys that will be on sale at our shows over the next few months.

Turned bone ornaments by Okke and John DiStefano. ⇨⇨⇨
Okke showed the special mandrel he used and explained the process in preparing the bone through to the polishing.



"Yoseki" Handicraft

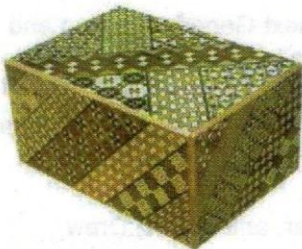
The following Was taken from an article on Page 4 of

World of Wood Vol 60 No. 5. The article is by Chuck Holder

Recently a friend showed me a "magic box" that he had obtained a few years ago when he was living and working in Japan. It was a small box in the "Yoseki" or "Yosegi" design and style—it appeared impossible to open—with hidden sliding panels imperceptibly "blended" into the overall finish of the six various surfaces. The one my friend has involves 14 separate moves to be discovered before the box can be opened.

Yoseki box-making magic has been taken to extreme levels with some of the more intricate boxes requiring many more moves before opening can be achieved. The makers exhibit and preserve a "Secret Box" which requires 125 separate actions to open it.

As a box maker, I am fascinated by the intricate craftwork involved and the delicate and colourful inlay work on the finished surfaces of these boxes. I did a little research work on this craft form for my own education and would like to share it with our readers in the following overview.



What is Yoseki

"Yoseki" is the sort of elaborate wood mosaic work treasured in Japan since the old days. The art form is reported to have been increasingly well received in other countries over the years.

The mosaic work is made by making best use of natural fine grains, textures and colours of the mostly native Japanese woods. "Yoseki" or Yosegi is the Japanese traditional handicraft of gluing rods of wood together into intricate patterns and shaving or sawing off cross sections. The name is

derived from 'yoseru', meaning, 'to bundle', and 'ki' meaning, 'wood'.

If you would like to read more, smile at Hartley and he might lend you the magazine. Or you can find out much more on the World Wide Web by going to - <http://www.hakonemaruyama.co.jp/index-e.htm>

OIL CRISIS A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in our country.



Well, there's a very simple answer Nobody bothered to check the oil We just didn't know we were getting low..... The reason for that is purely geographical. Our OIL is located in....Bass Strait East Queensland Shale Fields Canning Basin Perth Basin and North-West Continental Shelf. Our DIPSTICKS Are located in ...Canberra!!! Any Questions ??? NO? I didn't Think So.

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