

# WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS INC.

## Guidelines for:

### The Harry Oates Encouragement Award

**Overview:** This perpetual award is to recognise and encourage in a meaningful way, the best woodcraft item made by a novice, current financial member of the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters Inc. each year.

Its purpose is to encourage novices new to woodcrafting or a new woodcraft to explore all the possibilities and joys their chosen craft can bring.

**History:** The club was founded by Harry together with Okke Huitema and George Hill in 1989. Harry was elected onto the first club executive.

*This award is an acknowledgement of his support and contribution to the creation of the club.*

**Values:** The award will be judged on the following criteria out of a total of 100%:

- 1 Craftsmanship, 60%
- 2 Innovation / degree of difficulty, 10%
- 3 Artistic endeavour, 10%
- 4 Achievement / challenge, 20%

**Award:** The item with the highest combined % of the values above will be the winner. If more than one item achieves the same highest score, each will receive the award for that year. The winner(s) will receive a framed certificate and engraved, simple, woodcrafted trophy.

**Award frequency:** Once a year with the presentation at the clubs Christmas breakup. A register of all winners will be maintained by the club for its records.

**Judges:** A panel of three judges will be appointed by the committee to adjudicate on above criteria to determine the winner. Judges must be either be a: Life member or current financial members of the club and if put to the vote, considered the most appropriate people to be judging this special award. To get it underway, I would propose Hartley Tobin, John DiStefano and Ron Snooks as judges.

#### Scoring:

Each of the four values will be assigned a score between 0 and 100. The better the work, the higher the score.

An example might be:

1 Craftsmanship. Item achieves 80 out of 100.	60% is 48
2 Innovation / degree of difficulty. Item achieves 40 out of 100.	10% is 4
3 Artistic endeavour. Item achieves 70 out of 100.	10% is 7
4 Achievement / challenge. Item achieves 20 out of 100.	20% is <u>2</u>

**Total score** 61

**Rules:**

- 1 Only current Life / financial club member can submit items.
- 2 Only up to three items can be submitted for judgement by each member each year.
- 3 Items submitted must have been made completely by the member submitting in the last 12 months (1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September). Verification of this may be requested from the judges.
- 4 Items must be made from wood apart from fastenings, catches, hinges, etc. Inclusion of any other material, part or item may exclude the work from judgement unless it forms an integral part of what the work is trying to represent.
- 5 All items for judging must be received by the President by 5PM, 30<sup>th</sup> September each year. Any entry after this time will not be judged in that year. There is no charge for item entry.
- 6 The winner agrees to allow the club to display, promote and otherwise use the award from time to time if it is available to further the interests of the club.
- 7 If no item is submitted or meets the values, the award will be held over for the next year.
- 8 Judges cannot submit items.

**Definitions:**

*Craftsmanship*; This is an objective, competent demonstration, that the novice is starting to master the tools and techniques used in the physical crafting of the item.

*Innovation / degree of difficulty*; This is objective demonstration of the novice starting to explore what they can do with their relevant craft/crafts used.

*Artistic endeavour*; This is a subjective demonstration of its beauty through things such as size, shape, colour, balance, symmetry etc. achieved.

*Achievement / challenge*; This is a subjective demonstration by the novice of their willingness to try and learn all they can and how they have brought it all together.

*Novice*; A novice is a Life / financial member new to their craft in the current financial year (1st July to 30<sup>th</sup> June). This can be a member new to the club or an existing member taking on a new craft. As the term "novice" can be interpreted in many ways, it will be left to the judges to determine for themselves and the club in general, that the items submitted have been made by someone genuinely new to their craft in the last 12 months. To be eligible, all entrants must satisfy beyond reasonable doubt that they are novices within the intent of this award.