

Wonthaggi Woodcrafters

Guidelines for:

The Okke Huitema Excellence Award

Overview: This award is to recognize the best woodcraft item made by a current financial member of the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters, each year.

It is the highest and most prestigious honour the club can confer on any work submitted.

History: The club was conceived by Okke Huitema and founded by him together with two others, Harry Oats and George Hill in 1989. Okke was our first President.

This award is an acknowledgement of his foresight and significant contribution to the club.

Values: To reflect the man and what he brought to our club, the award will be judged as follows.

Using the judging sheet provided, each item will be rated on a scale of 1 to 10 for each of the following criteria. For this purpose, 1 is low and 10 high.

- Overall attractiveness and appeal.
- Degree of skill.
- Application of variety of techniques related to the discipline or a combination of disciplines.
- Design, scale, proportion, balance.
- Quality of finish.

Award: The item with the highest combined value 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 certificate reflecting their winning entry.

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

Judges: A panel of two judges will be appointed by the committee to judge on the above criteria to determine the winner. Judges must either be a: Honorary Member, Life Member or current financial member of the club and if put to the vote, considered the most appropriate people to be judging this award.

In addition to the judges, a third person (the presiding officer) will chair the panel. This person will be chosen by the committee each year from either within the club, an honorary member or an eminent expert in woodcrafting whose contribution to woodworking is beyond doubt and worthy of managing this award.

Scoring: Each of the categories are of equal value. The highest score resulting from the sum of all criteria scores will be deemed the winner.



Rules:

- 1 Only current life or financial club member can enter.
- 2 Only one item can be submitted for judgement by each member each year.
- 3 Items submitted must have been made completely by the member submitting it in the last year. This provision is to keep the award relevant to what can be achieved with current crafting.
- 4 Items must be made from wood apart from fastenings, catches, hinges, etc. Inclusion of any other material 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 at a date and time advertised to all club members. There is no charge for entry.
- 6 The winner agrees to allow the club to display, promote and otherwise use the award from time to time to further the interests of the club.
- 7 The presiding officer or judge cannot submit an item for the award.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS INC.

Guidelines for:

The Harry Oates Encouragement Award

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

Its purpose is to encourage novices new to woodcrafting or a new woodcraft to explore all the possibilities 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.

Novice A novice is a member new to their craft. 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 that the items submitted have been made by someone genuinely new to their craft. To be eligible, all entrants must satisfy beyond reasonable doubt that they are novices within the intent of this award.

Using the judging sheet provided, each item will be rated on a scale of 1 to 10 for each of the following criteria. For this purpose, 1 is low and 10 high.

- *Overall attractiveness and appeal.*
- *Degree of skill.*
- *Application of variety of techniques related to the discipline or a combination of disciplines.*
- *Design, scale, proportion, balance.*
- *Quality of finish.*

Award: The item with the highest combined value 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 certificate reflecting their winning entry.

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

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Scoring: Each of the categories are of equal value. The highest score resulting from the sum of all criteria scores will be deemed the winner.

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- 12 All items for judging must be received by the President at a date and time advertised to all club members. There is no charge for entry.
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