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## DIARY 2024

August 5th - Committee Meeting

August 12th - **Annual General Meeting**

August 12th - Members' Meeting

August 17th - "Swap, Sell or Donate"

September 2nd - Committee Meeting

September 9th - Members' Meeting

October 1st - Committee Meeting

October 8th - Members' Meeting

November 4th - Committee Meeting

Nov. 2nd - 5th - Cup weekend Sales Event

November 11th - Members' Meeting

## WOODIES WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### WOODTURNING: Regular Sessions

Monday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	0400 359 976
	Neil Lenne:	0417 343 112
	Neil Bateman:	5672 3229
Monday 1pm to 4pm	John DiStefano:	0482 173 799
Monday 5 pm to 8 pm	- Michael Bladen:	0428 270 850
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Lionel Wood:	0409 695 950
Friday 9 am to 12 noon	- Hartley Tobin:	0400 359 976
	Neil Lenne:	0417 343 112
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### SEGMENTED TURNING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Grant Crocker	0418 121 592
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### WOODTURNING: On-demand Sessions

Friday 1pm to 4pm	Hartley Tobin:	0400 359 976
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### TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

Tuesday 9am to 4pm	- Peter Myers	0413 122 103
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### PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions

Friday 1pm to 4 pm	- Michael Bladen:	0428 270 850
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### SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions

Wednesday 9 m to 12 noon	- Lionel Wood:	0490 695 950
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### JOINERY: Regular Sessions

Thursday 9am to 12 noon	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
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### JOINERY: On-demand Sessions

Thursday 1pm to 4pm	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573
Wednesday 1pm to 4pm	- Syd Gordon	0434 614 573

### CARVING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon	- Harry Smith:	5674 8078
	Lionel Wood:	0490 695 950

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As both our President and Vice President are away, I have been asked to present the President's Message on their behalf.

Neil is on a very well-deserved holiday, especially since he has been patiently waiting for his new caravan to arrive before he could head up north and enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather, as I am sure a number of our other members are also currently doing.

As you are aware Neil will be standing down from the role of President which he has held for the last 5 years. He will be sadly missed for his leadership, energy, and can-do attitude, with his unrelenting drive for all the projects, events and other functions the club has been involved in.

Now it is time and an opportunity for others to take on the various roles on the committee as there are a number of vacancies to be filled. I would recommend to all members to consider becoming part of our vibrant committee group to help guide the club to its next stage of development. I would encourage you to have a look at the notice board for details on the nominations for the committee.

Although we are all experiencing a cold and wet winter, it has been pleasing to see that most woodwork sessions are being well attended with a myriad of different projects being undertaken, and exciting new ones like the Japanese wood art called Kumiko. **Cont. P.2**

We purchased our latest new Laguna lathe in June via the BCSC grant and supplemented by club funds. We now have a very good range of fully electronic lathes as well as a new Saw Stop table saw, and we will continue to assess what other equipment we need to support the variety of projects that members are involved in.

We had a very interesting presentation by Grace Couchman (a member of the Woodies) on Landcare and how the group she is involved in is working towards ensuring that the landscape and the surrounding bird life is protected. She also brought along a number of bird boxes that have been made to provide nesting places for a variety of birds. Please try to join us for the next Members Meeting, which will also include the AGM. It's important for members to be there and learn what is happening in the club and take the opportunity to ask questions as well.

*Frank Kisvarda*  
*Woodies Treasurer.*

## CURRENT NEWS

**Members' Meetings** - July's meeting was attended by 20 members. Our guest speaker was Grace Couchman, speaking about Landcare and various styles of nest boxes. Next month, there will be no speaker as it's the AGM. However all other aspects of these meetings will go ahead including lunch and Show & Tell. In September, two Woodies members Syd Gordon and David Carlos will be talking about and demonstrating various jigs to be used with machines.

**Current Grant Successes** - We have purchased and installed our new Laguna Lathe thanks to a successful Bass Coast Shire Council Community Grant request.

**First Aid Courses** - As a result of another Grant allocation, 2 courses will be conducted at dates to be announced within the next couple of months. This will enable 20 Woodies members to do a specially planned Level 1 First Aid Course, to suit the Club's needs. It will include CPR and Defibrillator training. Each course will each cater for 10 participants and be a full day commitment. There will be no cost involved and lunch is included. For obvious reasons, Supervisors will be given precedence, however there should be ample opportunity for other members who regularly attend workshop sessions to be involved.

**Membership News** - We're still regularly welcoming new members. Our current membership stands at 98. There are also a few potential new members who have visited or requested information.

**Swap, Sell, Donate Day** - Lex Van Saane is organising this day on Saturday 17th August from 9 to 12pm. The "Meet" will allow members who have items (woodcraft related) to either give away, sell or swap,

## CURRENT NEWS cont.

to bring them along. Members are asked to clearly designate which of these categories the items fall into and if it's for sale - a price, or "offer" needs to be attached. Of course all members are encouraged to come along and check out what's available. If you wish to buy something, cash would be preferred.

The one stipulation is that any items brought along that don't change hands one way or the other, must be taken away again at the end of the session. There will be more information provided closer to the date. In the meantime, have a look through your 'stash' and see what you would like to pass on to someone else as a generous donation or to make a few bucks!

The question has been asked about larger items. If not transportable, bring along photos, manuals or the like to discuss with potential purchasers.

**Cleaning up the workshops** - This is getting better, but we ALL need to keep on top of it please. Don't forget sanders, chisel grinders, etc., if you use them.

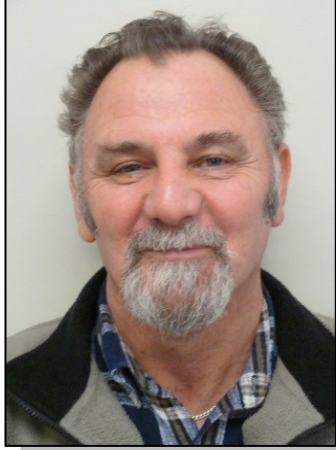
**Use of the Club's woodturning chisel sets** - The Club provides 4 sets of chisels (6 tools in each set) for those beginning woodturning, who do not have their own tools. Each type of chisel is ground in such a way as to be ideal to learn the basic skills with. Unfortunately, it has been noticed that some of these tools have been ground to non-standard and inappropriate shapes. These sets are being used by a number of mostly new members and the set grinds MUST NOT be changed. If a member feels that they are at a stage that they wish to try a more sophisticated or 'trendy' profile, then they need to acquire and use their own chisels. If you are unsure about the acceptable profiles or sharpening in general, please speak to your Supervisor.

**Bunnings Fathers' Day evening event** - This will be conducted on Thursday 29th August from 6pm to 8pm. We aim to have items for sale - Club toys and items that members would like to contribute, with the usual provisions. However, as it's just 2 days before Fathers Day on Sunday 1st, we suggest anything you submit should be appropriate as a Fathers' Day gift. We would also like 3 or 4 members to supervise the stand. Further details to follow.

**Coughs, Colds, Flu and Covid - it's Winter** - We have already had a few members come down with Covid, the flu and colds. Winter is here. We all know the symptoms now, so if you're feeling unwell, have a cough, sneeze or whatever, look after yourself, test, medicate and stay at home until you are completely well again.

## .. A BLAST FROM THE PAST .. MEMBER PROFILE AUGUST 2012

*In the absence of any new member profiles being offered, this is one of the very first from back in 2012. I thought that it was appropriate, considering Neil is stepping down this year after 5 years as President.*



### NEIL LENNE

I grew up in Reservoir with my mother, father and adopted brother. I was born without a hip on my right side and spent a lot of my childhood at either the Children's Hospital in Melbourne or at Mt Martha's Children's Hospital. There they tried to stretch my right leg and stop my left leg from growing (I would have been a lot taller under normal circumstances). When I was home, I was in plaster for lengthy periods. My father never got to see me walk unaided. He passed away of a heart attack in front of me at a scout meeting when I was 10 years old. I meet Lynn when she was 16 and I was 19, and we've been together ever since - married for 33 years. We have 2 adult children, our son Heath is 27 and has 2 children, Emily 3 and Jack 18mths. He and his partner are expecting their 3rd in September. Our daughter Elise also has 2 children, Declan 3 and Liam 18mth (I think they got together and planned it to send us broke). So by Christmas we will have 5 grandchildren!

I left school when I was 14, I missed so much schooling I just couldn't catch up and was actually asked to leave. The first job I had was electro plating and metal polishing, I was there for around 2 years. Next, I worked for a glass company in Collingwood where I learnt glazing. I was there for around 5 years. My next and last job for 20 years was for the S.E.C as a plant operator. I was finally forced to retire at 43 due to ill health. The specialist actually told me that if I didn't retire I would be in a wheel chair in 10 years. It's been 13 years now and I'm still walking, so it was obviously the right decision. It was a hard time as the kids were still in high school but we pulled together and got through.

I have been coming to Phillip Island since I was a child. My uncle had a holiday house at the Cape. We started coming down as a family over 20 years ago. We always stayed at the foreshore caravan park in San Remo. Starting with a pop-top then moving on to an on-site van. We decided many years ago that San Remo was the place we wanted to be and always told the kids that as soon as they both had a full time job and could support themselves, we were off. That is exactly what we did 7 years ago. We lived in the caravan for 12 months while the house was being built just up the road in, what we believe, is the best spot in Sany. Lynn's mum

moved with us, as she was on her own, and has a granny flat under the house. We love the peace and quiet, everything is at a much slower pace and we live a pretty quiet life, which suits us.

My father in-law had a big influence on my life. When I met Lynn, I was immediately welcomed into the family. We found out later that my mum actually worked with Lynn's dad at the carpet mill and Lynn's mum went to school with my dad – it's a small world. Dad treated me like the son he never had, taught me a lot about gardening and working out problems and he was always there for me. He passed away 16 years ago and I lost another father.

I have always loved working with wood, the feel and smell, the different types, the way it can be changed. When I retired, I did a French polishing course and have both made or repaired a lot of furniture in our house. Lynn often brings home tatty or broken pieces of furniture from the op shop and garage sales and says, "Neil can you fix it?" She thinks I can fix anything.

I love pottering around the garden and I'm a life member at the Preston Garden Club. In 2011 I received a gold medallion from the Horticultural Society for service to horticulture. I used to do a lot of lead lighting and I also love playing golf, but have not done either for some time. Unfortunately I have had to cut back a lot due to my health. It's a bugger getting old.

I enjoy the Woodies because I meet people. Lynn works and I need company. I would go mad if I didn't do anything. Woodwork is something I can do when I'm able and I have a break when I'm not.

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### ... SUCH IS LIFE ...

1. Whenever I see a man with a beard, moustache, and glasses, I think, There's a man who has taken every precaution to avoid people doodling on photographs of him.
2. Why bother keeping up with the Joneses when you could drag them down to your level. It's less expensive that way.
3. If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?
4. Housework probably won't kill you, but why take the risk?
5. There are two kinds of people who don't say much: those who are quiet and those who talk a lot.
6. You never truly understand something until you try to explain it to a toddler.
7. Dear life, when I said, "Can this day get any worse?" it was a rhetorical question, not a challenge.
8. Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be conducted on Monday 12th August at 1.00 pm, followed by the regular monthly Members' Meeting.

The main items on the AGM agenda will be confirming previous minutes, reports from President, Treasurer & Auditor, followed by election of Office Bearers and Committee.

At this stage, it is known that there will be Committee positions up for election, including the roles of President and Secretary.

If you are interested in these roles, or finding out more about what they entail, have a chat to those who have performed them in recent years - Neil, Alan, Lex, or another member of our current Committee.

The Woodies has always been known for it's strong ethos and positive culture. But when it comes down to it, we are all volunteers, therefore for fairness and efficiency, roles and responsibilities should be shared. As a legally bound not-for-profit, the Club cannot continue to operate effectively without a committed leadership group.

There is a possibility of splitting the Secretary role to reduce the workload. For example someone to look after meeting agendas and minutes and another to be the Membership Officer.

***PLEASE, SERIOUSLY  
CONSIDER HOW YOU  
CAN CONTRIBUTE.***

## SAVINGS ON EXPENDABLES

**NEW STOCK HAS NOW ARRIVED IN BULK, SO PRICES ARE MINIMISED:** Shellawax, Glow, EEE, super glue and sandpaper. All items are on-sold at cost price. We also have basic earmuffs, safety glasses and Covid-safe masks if you'd like to wear one. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, see your session supervisor for prices and availability. ***If you have any thoughts about other items the Club could purchase in bulk for resale, speak to a Supervisor or to Woodies purchasing officer - Neil Bateman.***



Another flight delay at the airport .... caused by bad weather, a strike, an IT software glitch, or ..... well, you name it!!



**I really think it's time to take the warning labels off of everything and let stupidity work itself out of the gene pool.**

## ... GUEST SPEAKER ...



The guest speaker at our recent July Members' Meeting was Woodies member Grace Couchman. Grace is the President of the Kongwak Hills Landcare Group. "Kongwak Hills" is one of ten Landcare groups that form the Bass Coast Landcare Network.

It is a volunteer group that works with various organisations and the community, to coordinate activities on private and public land that protect native vegetation, restore waterways and rehabilitate the land.

One project the group is working with is providing and placing nest boxes, a few of which Grace brought along to explain the construction of.

If any members are interested in making nestboxes or learning more about the broad range of birds and other animals that can be supported, here are two websites to check out -

<https://nestboxtales.com/bushfire-zone-nest-box-design-and-species-list-booklets/>

<https://egln.org.au/resources/fact-sheets-booklets-and-brochures>

Or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nestboxtales/>

## UNFORTUNATELY - A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The Australian Woodcrafter magazine, which the Woodies have subscribed to for a long time, will cease publication after almost 40 years.

**Issue 235, August 2024, will be the last one.** Other options, including digital versions, are not seen as viable. The new website will remain active. Editor Steven Burrows has indicated that previous issues of the magazine will be available in bulk on USB (up to issue 200) and more recent issues as back copies. Email: [admin@skillspublish.com.au](mailto:admin@skillspublish.com.au) or phone 0419 404 539.

**Another blow** - major retailer of woodworking machinery (which the Woodies has dealt with in the past), **Gregory Machinery, has gone into liquidation.** Based in Brisbane, they introduced into Australia brands like Laguna, Kreg and JET.

**You only need two tools  
in life... WD-40 and duct  
tape. If it doesn't move  
and should, use WD-40...  
If it moves and shouldn't,  
use duct tape.**

**I'm giving up eating  
chocolate for a month.  
Sorry, bad punctuation.  
I'm giving up. Eating  
chocolate for a month.**

## WOODIES @ WORK

### FOR SALE - best offer

Woodies member, Amanda Robbins has the following for sale -

1. Mitre saw - Ryobi model RMS254DB compound sliding saw in exc. condition with 10" blade. Production date - 09/22
2. Scroll saw - Older style solid arm machine in good working order. With spare blades.

Phone 0423 054 756 to discuss or arrange a time to view the machines. Located in Wonthaggi. It is not possible to deliver, so buyer would need to collect at an agreed time.

The mitre saw is screwed to a timber table top.



## FUNNIES

**"Your call is important to us. Please stay on the line until your call is no longer important to you."**

**Why must I prove that I am me to pay my bills over the phone? Do strangers call to pay my bills? And if they do, why don't you let them?**



**MEMBER PROFILES:** For those who like to read the regular *Member Profiles* in the Newsletter, you'll notice there isn't one this month. I've not got around to asking some of our new members if they would be willing to contribute. I would love to hear from newer members who would be happy to tell their story, or perhaps some who may have done a Profile 'many moons' ago and would like to revise, as life has moved on. Please let me know as the Member Profile in each newsletter allows everyone to get to know each other better and is eagerly anticipated by many members.

# SHOW AND TELL

**Below:** 'Angry Owl' scroll sawn from pine with pyrography detail by Amanda Robbins.

LED lighthouse made from Huon Pine on a Redgum burl base by Alan Hurst. In the background is a Huon Pine table lamp featuring natural bark inclusions also by Alan Hurst.

**Bottom:** Large natural edge bowl burl bowl with a substantial amount of spalting by Alan Hurst

**Top right:** Bird in a nest - framed by scroll sawn surround using pyrography to add leaf effects. The bird is purchased and the nest is a genuine discarded small nest.

**Right middle:** A beautiful lidded container from an unknown highly featured timber. Hard to see, but the finial features a captive ball.

**Right bottom:** These three pieces have been made by Sandra Pietrolungo from Redgum. There is a cutting board and a very sharp (hence covering) Mezzaluna Knife for chopping herbs and vegies. Also pictured is a carving mallet

# SHOW AND TELL



## THAT'LL DO



## SHOW & TELL

**Below:** A natural edge bowl of Sheoak made by John DiStefano with a lacquer finish.

**Middle:** This mirror surrounded by random pyrography tiles and some emoji-style faces was made by Marion Kerry.

**Bottom:** These stump embroidery tools were made by Michael Bladen. They are only about 10cm long and embroidery is done over the top of the smaller spindle to create 3 dimensional effects.



## SHOW & TELL

The two pictures below show the components of the toy car that Peter and Alex Myers are making, to be made available at their daughter's physio practice for kids attending treatment or with parents. Most of the timber has been recycled from old Vic. Ash kitchen doors. Still to be assembled, the top pic. shows the wheels, steering wheel, gauges and other components.

**Bottom:** The two matching segmented containers were made by John DiStefano from a number of timbers including Chestnut, Red Cedar and Sheoak.





# SHOW AND TELL

**Below:** The large segmented vase with lid was made by Steve Edge. He has used a range of timbers including Blackwood, Douglas Fir, Sheoak, Rosewood & Purpleheart.

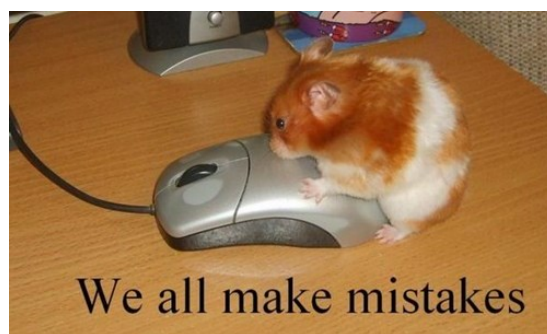
**Bottom:** This dish turned by Syd Gordon and with decorative added pyrography, has a handle to pick it up. Unknown timber came from "the back of Michael's car."



# SHOW AND TELL

**Below:** Another bowl made by Syd Gordon. Also unknown timber and with interesting pyrographic design.

**Bottom:** A carving mallet turned from very hard and featured Desert Oak by Tina Kalivas.



We all make mistakes

## MACHINE DAMAGE



Unfortunately damage has occurred to one of our machines - the Festool Kapex compound mitre saw. The left rear alloy stop has been cut through when someone carelessly cut at an angle. Thankfully, it does not seem that the blade has been damaged, however, the replacement cost of this rear stop is \$156 from Festool.

Accidental damage can occur from time to time, however when damage occurs because of carelessness or inappropriate operation of a machine AND is not reported, that is unacceptable.

## WHAT TOOL IS THIS?

### Last Month's Mystery Tool -



Rare J.C. HAWES Patent  
Double Swivel Head Wrench -  
sold recently for \$800.

### July's Mystery Tool



Made in 1955, this would be more often used in an office rather than a workshop. Currently for sale at \$1000.



A very *happy birthday* to the following Members –

**Colin Goodwin**

**Alan Hurst**

**Zil Jach**

**Ron Snooks**

**Debbie Van Pelt**

*There are still a few birthdays not on our records. If we've missed you, please let Alan Hurst know or email - [woodiesnews@gmail.com](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com)*

## LINKS & WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

Never seen before woodturning footage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=82iOnbKLVLM>

Improve Your Bowl Feet: A Simple Guide

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLd2bM4oBZg>

How to make an elegant paper towel holder

<https://www.woodworkersjournal.com/project-elegant-paper-towel-holder/>

It's not that we have little time, but more that we waste a good deal of it."

You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.

Lost time is never found again.

Always remember that if your day didn't quite go as you wanted, tomorrow is another day - a fresh start.

True success is overcoming the fear of being unsuccessful.

Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.

**\*\*\* CAN YOU HELP \*\*\***

**Please send any relevant articles, photos of interest or your latest project, items to buy or sell, woodworking tips, tricks and jigs, or just any general suggestions for the Newsletter to -**

**[woodiesnews@gmail.com](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com)**

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER SEGMENTS?

If you have any funny stories, articles, *Tips, Tricks & Jigs*, favourite gadgets, items to sell or buy, interesting websites, pictures of things you've created or work in progress, send them to - [woodiesnews@gmail.com](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com)  
**Articles must be received no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month please**, to be included in the next Newsletter.

## WOODIES CLASSIFIEDS

There are two categories; 'For Sale' if you have any tools or equipment you want to liquidate, and "Wanted" for those of you who are looking for preloved tools or equipment that other members may be willing to part with. There is no cost.

All you need to do to get an advert in, is write a short description (including contact details) of the item that you are selling, or wish to buy and send it to [woodiesnews@gmail.com](mailto:woodiesnews@gmail.com) along with any photographs where appropriate.

**Entries must be received by 16th of the month to be included in the next newsletter. Items will appear in two consecutive newsletters unless sold or otherwise requested.**

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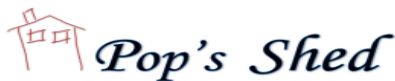
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