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DIARY 2024

Sept. 24th & 25th - First Aid Courses

October 1st - Committee Meeting

October 5th - Luncheon at Club

October 8th - Members' Meeting

November 4th - Committee Meeting

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

November 11th - Members' Meeting

December 2nd - Final 2024 Committee Meeting

December 5th - Christmas function

December?? - Christmas Shop

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 Michael Bladen 0428 270 850

Monday 5 pm to 8 pm - John DiStefano: 0482 173 799

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

TOY GROUP: Regular Sessions

Tuesday 9am to 4pm - Peter Myers 0413 122 103

PYROGRAPHY: Regular Sessions

Friday 1pm to 4 pm - Michael Bladen: 0428 270 850

SCROLL SAWING: Regular Sessions

Wednesday 9am to 12 noon - Lionel Wood: 0490 695 950

JOINERY: Regular Sessions

Thursday 9am to 12 noon - Syd Gordon 0434 614 573

JOINERY: On-demand Sessions

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

CARVING: Regular Sessions

Friday 9am to 12 noon - Harry Smith: 5674 8078

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello all, and welcome to the September newsletter. I hope you enjoy the high-quality content, and I would urge you all to take the time to read it thoroughly, it is well worth the read. This newsletter is one of the main forms of communication between the committee and members. It not only contains interesting articles but also relevant information

about club events and activities, so if you don't read it you might miss out on vital knowledge. Now it is time to have a little bit of a whinge! You are all aware that members have the responsibility to clean up after themselves and put tools and equipment away. But we are all human and are prone to forget from time to time, or are in too much of a hurry. I wish to ask that supervisors be more diligent with checking that this is always done well. Too many times tools have not been returned to their rightful place and equipment not cleaned properly or not cleaned at all! It is particularly important to check that bandsaws have been cleaned and vacuumed, paying attention to the bottom door where sawdust accumulates. On Thursday morning I started to replace the bearings on the large bandsaw only to find that the bottom cavity was choked with a large amount of sawdust which had risen so high inside that it blocked off the extractor port. Please, if everyone does their bit, it will make it easier for all. **Cont. P.2**

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Also, supervisors, would you please put the keys back in the filing cabinet and not leave them in the machines. OK, that's it, no more whinging for now.

Don't forget the two events coming up.

1. First aid courses – 24th and 25th September, are filling up quickly so check with Alan Hurst if you are interested.

2. Lunch at the club – 5th October, also filling up fast.

Check with Neil Lenne.

If you have any ideas for possible speakers at members' meetings we would love to hear from you. It doesn't have to be woodwork related, just 'accost' one of the committee members with your idea.

See you around the Club.

Cheers, *Syd Gordon*

CURRENT NEWS

Members' Meetings - The September meeting was attended by 21 members. The meeting began with a demonstration by Syd Gordon of a range of jigs made to support various woodcraft. Pictures later in this Newsletter. For October, the speaker will be John DiStefano demonstrating his new woodturning computer software. In November we have Grant, an Audiologist from ABC Hearing in Wonthaggi and Cowes.

First Aid Courses - Two courses will be conducted on 24th and 25th September for up to 20 Woodies members. Courses are level 1 certified and conducted by BCAL. Adaptations to the content will suit the Club's needs. Included will be CPR and Defibrillator training. Each course will cater for 10 participants and be a full day commitment. There will be no cost involved and lunch is included.

Membership News - We're still regularly welcoming new members. Our current membership stands at 104. There are also other potential new members who have visited or requested information.

Coughs, Colds, Flu and Covid - it's Winter - We have recently had a few members come down with Covid, flu and colds. 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.

Workshops/meeting room clean-up - As was flagged by email, we are having a clean-up of the workshop this coming Saturday 28th September starting at 9am. It will include general tidying and clearout of 'stuff', cleaning those areas that miss out in the general run of things (window ledges, etc.) with a special emphasis on the kitchen/meeting room ahead of the lunch on Oct 5th. The plan is to be finished before lunchtime.

CURRENT NEWS cont.

Club Luncheon 5th October - Some payments are still due. If you haven't paid, please do so to Neil Lenne asap. Cost \$20 per head.

New Bank Account details - We are changing our banking details to take advantage of a fee free offer. As from October 1st our new account details are:

BENDIGO BANK

BSB 633 000

AC No 221 237 910

Please remember to update your address book. The old account will remain active until the end of October.

Wearing of Club badges - The Committee is asking all members to wear their badges when at the Club if possible. This applies especially to Members' Meeting and other functions. However as we are getting increasing numbers of new members, it's important make yourself known at other times as well.

Table Saw - The Hafco table saw that was replaced by our second SawStop is still available. It's in excellent condition, with spare blades. However it is 3 phase. Speak to Syd Gordon if you would like to make an offer on this machine.

Woodturners please note - Several things concerning lathes - please do not overtighten tailstocks, ensure speed dials are set to ZERO when you have finished your session and if you use a spindle indexing lock, ALWAYS release it before leaving the lathe. Major issues (and costs) can be avoided if these three issues are adhered to.

Table for CUC - Following a request from Country Universities Centre Bass Coast (a local not-for-profit), our Committee has agreed to build an outdoor picnic table for them. Michael and Syd are negotiating the finer details, but would welcome assistance when the time comes for the build. To find out more about this organisation go to <http://www.cucbasscoast.edu.au/>

Gippsland Men's Sheds - A new website has been created especially for the sheds in this area. Still some work to be done, but have a look at what is now up and running - <https://gms.gsld.com.au/sheds>

South Coast FM - are conducting a MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday 12 October 2024 at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club. Drop into the Workmen's Club or phone them on 5672 1083 to get your tickets.

Defibrillator - We have been notified by Ambulance Victoria, that the pads on our defib. have expired. Syd has purchased and installed new ones.

MEMBER PROFILE



Grace Couchman

I grew up in a 1 acre wild garden with geese, goats, chooks and the animals that I randomly brought home as a kid. My brother, sister and I would set off on day-long adventures with lunch in a ruck sack, walking

through the bush of the Dandenongs. My father was a surveyor, and my mother was a journalist and a teacher, and both believed it was important to be fiercely community-minded which I try to do but don't always succeed.

Although I first briefly studied Cartography, I started my working life as a general nurse to earn my keep (and also sat on the picket lines during the nurses strike), and then studied Psychology as soon as I could. I've been lucky with the influences in my life. While working at the Bouverie Centre early in my career, I met creative and talented family systems therapists and that set my own course as a psychologist and, later, as an academic. I also admire environmentalists and agents of change on human rights issues because it takes such courage to stand up for the parts of our world that don't have a voice.

I have always loved Gippsland because it is the entry to such beautiful wild places and I camped with my family in far east Gippsland throughout my adult life. When the chance came to buy 3 acres in the district, while googling late one night, I jumped at it. I love the sense of space, seeing horizons and sunsets, and watching the stars at night. I also love having animals and have alpacas, sheep, some friendly ravens, chooks, bees, and resident wombats, possums and birds. My kids love it too.

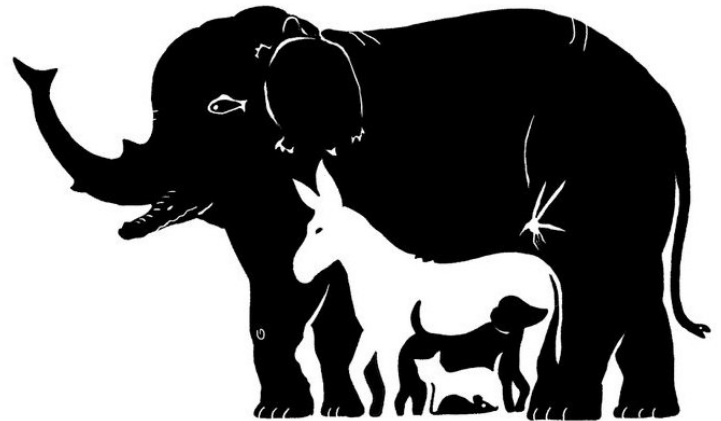
My farmlet has been like a living sculpture that I've nurtured over 12 years - restoring biodiverse habitat and growing food. I use permaculture principles, preserve my produce (canned fruits, cider, mead) and knit my alpaca wool. I was the handy member of my family from a young age; cutting trees, painting, and fixing, so I felt comfortable with general tools and that's not an experience that all women get. I built the post and rail fences and garden structures on the farm and the purchase of a drop saw changed my life for the better. I took up finer woodworking about 7 years ago at the Guild of Fine Woodworking in Blackburn where I learned traditional joinery, making stools. I also learned Kumiko but I think I like functional joinery the best.

I met Tina Kalivas at a choir event and was pleased that there were other women at the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters and so decided to join. I've been using the lathe and increasing my woodturning skills and, later on, hope to make some furniture and replace the roof of an old Top Bar bee hive. Wish me luck.



BRAINTEASER - Can you find 13 different animals in this picture?

Answer is on page 9 of this newsletter



VALE - GLEN RICHARDS.

Glen was a highly respected member of the Woodies for a number of years from around 2011. Ill-health and other commitments restricted him from continuing with woodworking endeavours, but his community mindedness saw him as a board member of Rose Lodge Aged Care for 14 years and recently as Chairperson.

.. FOOD FOR THOUGHT ..

EVERYONE SHOULD READ THIS - IT MAY SAVE YOU SOME HARD-EARNED MONEY

Just copy and paste into your browser.

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WOODIES @ WORK

At our September Members' Meeting, Syd Gordon conducted a demonstration of a range of woodworking jigs he has bought or made to support a number of machines and/or to make aspects of our hobby safer, simpler or just easier. *Keep in mind, safety is extra important if you are creating your own jigs. Note* that Club policy is that only jigs owned by the Club or approved by the Safety Officer can be used at the Woodies workshops. If you have created a new jig or feel there is a need for something, have a chat to Syd.



Below: Woodturning Supervisor Neil Bateman is seen settled into his new 'armchair' as he sorts through the chisels purchased to supplement the Club's loan sets.



WOODIES @ WORK

The Friday carving group continues to create a diverse range of items. Below are two group participants working on animal relief carvings. Ron Snooks' piece is an eagle on a tree bough. Eric Hornsby's horse is beginning to take shape. Also go to Page 8 to see the range of kitchen utensils Mike Tesch has been working on.



SHOW & TELL

Right: The gavel has been created from Blackwood by Steve Edge using new software.

Below: The Monday evening group has been working on a project of creating an egg in an egg cup, which incorporates many different woodturning techniques and skills. The two below have been created by John DiStefano. One is made from Spotted Gum and the other from Apricot.

Bottom: The two boxes have been made by Hartley Tobin from Banksia. He also showed some extra skills by doing the pyrography work as well. Not seen here, but the insides have been nicely finished with powdered flocking. Hartley explained the process.



SHOW & TELL



The lidded container **below** has been made by Linda Lorenzen from Redgum.



SHOW AND TELL

The segmented bowl below was created by John DiStefano from Tassie Oak and English Oak with the top edge made from Feijoa tree. An interesting 3D shape features on the bottom.



"I have been gradually replacing all my purchased wooden kitchen implements with hand carved ones made on Friday mornings.

They include, below left to right:

Western Red Cedar serving spoon, White Poplar spoon, Musk spatula, Casuarina "love" stirrer, Huon Pine spatula, Musk spoon, King Billy Pine fork and a Casuarina spatula.

All displayed in a carved King Billy Pine container".

Mike Tesch



SHOW AND TELL

Below: A new model from the Toy Group. Designed and made by Bob King, Amanda Robbins and Stephen Rosendale.

Bottom: A memento, scroll-sawn by Alan Hurst for his daughter's 20th wedding anniversary. Made from Huon Pine and with some pyrography that probably wouldn't pass muster with the Friday group.



I finally did it!

**I bought a new pair of shoes
with memory foam insoles.**

**No more forgetting why I
walked into the kitchen.**

FUNNIES

Facebook

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

FUNNIES

Today's 3 year olds can switch on laptops play with IPads...



Me? When I was 3 I ate mud. Yes that's what I did...



Try This...

Submitted by Myrna Bianco, a Faithful Our Town Reader

How smart is your right foot?

This is hysterical. You have to try this.



It is absolutely true. I guess there are some things that the brain cannot handle.

1. While sitting in a chair, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
- 2 Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so! And there is absolutely nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so.

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.*

MEMBER PROFILES: For those who like to read the regular *Member Profiles* in the Newsletter, I've not got around to approaching members to see 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.

SOME WORTHWHILE HACKS



A rubber chair leg cap instantly converts a hammer into a rubber mallet. And if you want to drive a nail without denting the surrounding wood, cut a hole in the rubber cap. Pound until the rubber strikes wood, then finish driving the nail with a nail set. A 3 cm. rubber cap generally fits tightly over most hammers and costs just a couple of dollars at hardware or discount stores.



Magnetize the end of a screwdriver to drive screws with just one hand. This hint is especially useful for working in tight spaces where there isn't room for you to hold a screw with one hand while you turn the screwdriver with the other.



A few bits of poly pipe can be easily turned into useful containers for pens/pencils/brushes, screwdrivers and other small tools, etc. Cut at an angle and just screw on to a board or the wall - an easy and cheap fix.

THE WRECK OF THE AMAZON

During recent extreme storms our area experienced, the wreck of the Amazon ship, which has been mostly under sand at Inverloch since it was re-discovered a number of years ago, was almost totally uncovered. In fact, so powerful was the storm that the wreck was lifted and moved a substantial distance higher up the beach. During this event, over 1 metre depth of sand was lost.

The AMAZON was a barque of 362 tons built at St Helier's, Jersey, by ship-builder Fredrick Charles Clarke.

It was originally reported that the Amazon was lost near Cape Paterson in late December 1863. The barque left Melbourne on Dec 12 bound for Mauritius with a cargo of salted meats. On the morning of the 15 December the vessel came ashore on a sandy beach, close to some cliffs, one mile south west of Andersons Inlet.

The remains of this historic shipwreck have been buried near the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club ever since.

The picture below shows the small section of the wreck that has often been visible on the beach. The bottom picture shows how it was after the storm a few weeks ago, with the section circled indicating the small portion sometimes previously visible above the sand.

For more details go to: <https://inverlochhistory.com/the-amazon-shipwreck>

NOTE: Under the Heritage Act 2017 (Vic) and the Commonwealth Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976, all shipwrecks are protected, whether they are located on land or underwater.



LINKS & WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

WOOD BENDING

<https://woodworkly.com/how-to-bend-wood-without-steam/>

SIX FINISHES FOR WOODTURNERS - by Nick Cook

<https://www.woodcraft.com/blogs/sanding-finishing/six-finishes-for-woodturners-match-the-products-with-the-projects?>

LEARN TO LOVE YOUR SKEW

<https://www.woodmagazine.com/woodworking-how-to/woodworking-scrolling-carving/learn-to-love-your-skew-chisel>



A very *happy birthday* to the following Members –

- Syd Gordon**
- Brian Johnson**
- Walter Kruger**
- Neil Lenne**
- Geoff Rippingale**

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

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Wonthaggi Woodies would like to warmly welcome the following new members.

- 239 - Leo Konnix**
- 240 - Paul Wells**
- 241 - Geoff Rippingale**
- 242 - Leanne Eames**
- 243 - Robert Jackson**
- 244 - Danny VanEck**
- 245 - Jillian Verhardt**

We hope you enjoy being part of the Club.



You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred. *~Woody Allen*

I don't do alcohol anymore. I can get the same effect just by standing up fast. *~Author Unknown*

***** 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 -

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WHAT TOOL IS THIS?

This Month's Mystery Tool

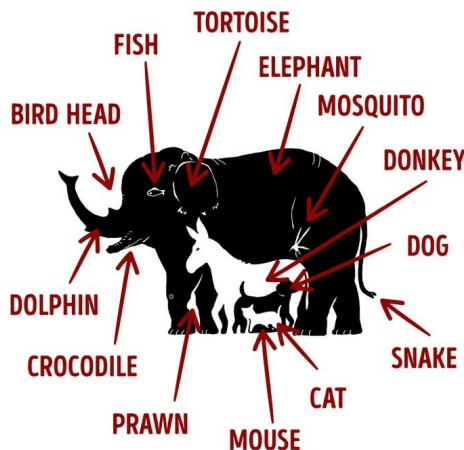


Clue: Made by RECORD, but it's not a plane.

Last Month's Mystery Tool -



This is a wire twister. If you are wanting to securely join a number of wires together for a connection. Used manually or with a power drill.



13 ANIMALS

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
Articles must be received no later than the 16th 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 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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