

Waverley Woodworkers Inc.

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Our Mission : To create wood craft items in a supporting, diverse, friendly, sharing environment.

From the President—Ray Ffrench

\$50,000 Grant for the Driveway Development

I was delighted to host a visit on July 11th by **The Hon Lizzie Blandthorn, Minister for Disability, Aging and Caring, Mr John Mullahy, Member for Glen Waverley** and some of their support staff. The purpose of the visit was to announce the grant of \$50,000 that was promised should the Daniel Andrews Labor government win the November 2022 State Election. John has been a long term supporter of our club, visiting our old Jordanville location a number of times and it was during this visit to Central Reserve in May 2022 that we discussed the possibility of a grant to Secure and Develop the driveway. My task was to work with Monash Council to get the Driveway on our Lease and his task was to try to secure the funds. Mission accomplished, now the real work can begin.

We expect to share our preliminary plans with all the members very shortly once they have been approved by the committee.



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Waverley Woodworkers wish to thank for your ongoing support for our projects.

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Annual General Meeting - Sunday August 13th

Our 2023 AGM for the year July 2022 to June 2023 will be held on Sunday 13th of August. The meeting will go from 11am to mid-day and be followed by a shared lunch.

The club will provide chicken pieces and have tea and coffee making facilities. We request that you bring a plate of food to share. Salad, Savoury or Sweet, your choice.

Can you also bring along a your own plate, cutlery and refreshments. In the next week every member will receive an AGM Information pack by email.

***** Reminder - Annual Fees *****

As usual there are still a few members that have not got around to paying their Annual Fees. Please do so.

The Annual Fee is our biggest income item and is used to pay for all the expenses associated with running the club. Rent, Insurance, Cleaning, machine replacement, etc.

The Annual Fee for most members is \$125 plus \$100 for a gold Pass Should you choose to take this option.

For some members it is \$50. They are Social members and no longer allowed to use the workshop machines.

Remember only paid up members are allowed to vote at the AGM.



Waverley Woodworkers wish to thank **Bunnings** for ongoing support for support of our Community Projects of Toys for Kids.

The President steps down

I was going to say the President is retiring but as we know Ray is not the retiring type!!

Seriously though, as you would be aware, after 10 years in the role Ray has decided it's time someone else stepped into his shoes.

What a ride it has been. Highlights include upgrading of equipment, providing a stable leadership to our ever changing committee, always having members and the club at the forefront of his thinking.

Ray has been pivotal (I say dogged) in getting our club into a permanent and state of the art facility.

His ability to engage with Monash Council, Victorian parliamentary members, Bendigo Pinewood Branch and other community groups has allowed us to receive significant financial support due to recognition of how the club and in particular our Toy Group (led by Brian Downie) support the wider community and also carry on the "Men's Shed" philosophy.

On a personal note I have been proud to consider Ray a friend, supporter and sounding board as we have developed the club.

I'm glad he will be staying as an active member into the future but I'm also sure Halina will welcome him having all that free time now.

Tony Lowry

Review of some Club Documentation / Procedures

Currently we are reviewing several documents in order to ensure we have good procedures, etc. These include the New Member Application form and process; The Member Information Booklet (which includes our machine safety operation procedures); New Member Induction procedures and 240 volt electrical safety testing policy.

Two projects to improve equipment use

- Upgrade to the "Darlec" mobile shop Vacuum to make it easier to move around.
- Build a mobile trolley to hold the Festool dust collector and cyclone device.

These should be completed this month.

Improving dust collection at the Mitre saw bench

Some work has been done to date to test ideas and this will continue this month – we cannot eliminate dust but act to minimise it during use.



Waverley Woodworkers wish to thank **Senator Raff Ciccone** for his ongoing support especially with the printing of club documents.

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240 Volt electrical Testing and Tagging

The committee has agreed a testing schedule based on review of the Standard requirements applicable to our low risk environment. We hope to initiate the test and tag process this month.

Drum Sander – the saga continues.....

It is evident that some users of this machine are not following the guidelines for use. The picture below shows the condition of the abrasive soon after it was replaced (due to the same condition). This results in the machine being not fit for use AND another belt replacement which is expensive and time consuming.

The dark lines are a build up of either glue or timber resin and may be due to any of the following :

- attempting to sand off excessive amounts of wood. Following the guideline of maximum 1/12th segment table height adjustment and running your workpiece through twice (rotate the piece for the second pass) will ensure this does not occur;

- Having the table belt operating too slowly. Generally running at the mid speed indicator is best;

- sanding a recently glued up project, including not properly cleaning off excess glue OR not allowing proper drying time which could be several days;

- Not checking the abrasive condition prior to and following member use. Cleaning of the abrasive is essential to maintain condition and this is achieved by using the yellow rubber cleaning sticks – light pressure and ONLY from left to right across the roller. See the Duty Member for assistance.



Table Saw Recent Incidents

Two recent incidents where the **Sawstop** safety cartridge has engaged the blade should serve as reminders to all members that :

- hands on or in very close proximity to the blade is a serious safety issue with the potential for injury. **Using push sticks** and ensuring the blade has come to rest will maximise safety;

- using timber that may contain moisture (including drying glue) will also trigger the cartridge. If there is ANY doubt use the **moisture meter** that is on the table to check and confirm it is ok to proceed.

Maintaining the Thicknesser

We have scheduled time at the next maintenance event to index the carbide cutters to a new edge. This will fix the minor blemish occurring from damaged cutters in the centre area of the table. It is worth noting that this is complex and time consuming event and we remind all members to use the **metal detector** to be sure that there is no metal in any workpiece.

2024 name badges (for those who have paid) are now in the name badge box in the office. Please take yours and wear it when in the workshop. Many Thanks.

Ian Holt

A Flash of Sheer Madness_ Peter Clunas

Friday 26th may seemed like any other Friday. I spent an hour in the morning at the Gym, had lunch and decided to fix an outside water tap.

That completed successfully, I turned around and spotted possum poo everywhere.

Oh! They'r back. Thought I had got rid of them. The tree is their sanctuary again. I have plastic around access points. They must be using rooftop access. What have I got to persuade them access?

Ah! Fruit Tree netting. Just fasten it around the upper trunks.

How to access? No problem. Oh, just get the ladder! In the back of my mind I thought of the danger that I was exposing myself to. Perhaps over confidence and determination played a part. My luck held , three out of four trucks netted. This last trunk was the most difficult to reach. Check that the ladder is secure and begin to ascend. My centre of balance had to alter to avoid another trunk. This flipped the ladder from its secure position and to my worst fears, I was on my way to doom, on the pavers below. The pain in my pelvis was excruciating and I knew that I was in big trouble with the wife. I could not move or be heard. Eventually my wife came out and discovered my predicament. What about our trip o/s to see our son? Just get an ambulance now? By evening I was in The Alfred emergency and a scan revealed a broken pelvis. The surgeon gave me the bad news that I would need pain management and be on my back with rehabilitation for two and half months. After 10 days I was home again with home physiotherapy.

My pain has decreased slowly and I am now able to get about on crutches. The trip has been delayed and I have subjected my wife to being my slave. My wife now has the key to the ladder.

THE PUBLIC MESSAGE IS CLEAR! DON'T GO UP LADDERS IF OVER 55 YEARS OF AGE. I AM SURE THAT MY FLASH OF MADNESSS WILL DETER YOU.

I'm a member of a cycling group called **SWAGIS (Senior Wheelmen of Ashburton and Glen Iris)** and last Friday I led the group to the workshop.

Duty member Jan was very generous with his time and knowledge and welcomed the group as he showed them around.

The response was very positive, with many commenting on the cleanliness and discipline obviously shown by members to have such a well-kept work-room.

Who knows... more members on the way perhaps. If only we still made wooden bikes!

Mike Larsen-Pope



Karen MacFarlane - Timber Food Platters

- 1) Main part Blackwood and silver ash with sides in black heart sassafras's
- 2) Main part Vic ash with myrtle strips and sides in US maple
- 3) Main part Vic ash with myrtle strips and sides in plain sassafras's
- 4) Main in leatherwood with myrtle strips

All have vic ash dowels and have been finished with either food safe mineral oil or cold pressed walnut oil.

Two for daughters of a friend and one for another friend.



Karen MacFarlane - Slide Lid Box

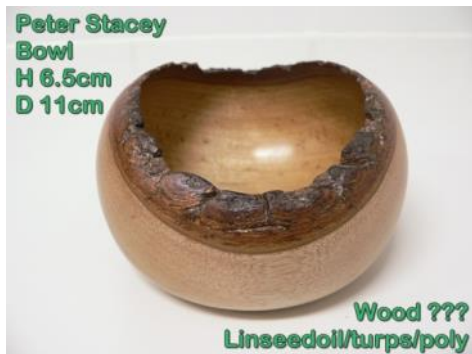
The first box I made. This is for my husband to keep his hair clippers in.

Made of Vic ash on sides and Blackwood on top and bottom. Lid slides in.



Special Interest Group Turning

SHOW & TELL – July 2023



COMMITTEE 2022- 2023	
Executive	Position
Ray Ffrench	President - Sponsor / Fundraising
Jan Lacki	Vice President
John Watson	Secretary, Public Officer
David Keynton	Treasurer
Committee	
Tony Lowry	Workshop Operations Co-ordinator
Trevor Brooks	Box Kits Co-ordinator—Workshop Environment
Felix Karmel	Duty Member Co-ordinator
Ian Holt	Membership, Workshop Video's
Ian Bell	Web co-ordinator
Others	
Norman Bye	Machine Maintenance
	Toy Group Co-ordinator
Alex Chin	Technology Support
Thanh Duong	Monthly newsletter
Tom Phillips	Council of Woodworking Clubs Delegate
Peter Clunas	Hand Tool Sharpening
Geoff Allen	Wood Turning Classes
Frank Duyker	Wood Carving Classes

For all enquiry, please send email to Waverleywoodworkersinfo@gmail.com

Other Sponsors

Waverley Woodworkers would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who provide the extra support needed to ensure our club remains successful.



Matt Fregon
MP Ashwood



John Mullahy
MP Glen Waverley