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Newsletter

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

Jan's Sawdust

Hi everyone at our club,

Here we are in December and 2023 draws to a close as we prepare for upcoming festivities with family and friends. I hope that we will all enjoy what this time of the year brings.



Reflecting on the last month's activities around the club:

- November was a busy month for many of us at the club with some great initiatives completed.
- Welcome to three **new members** – **Michael Moisi, Jason Clarke and Marc Hillman**. We hope you will enjoy our club
- Thank you to all volunteers who assisted with the fantastic **Family Fun Day at Batesford Reserve** - our stand had early "sell out" due to overwhelming interest from the local community!
- Another successful community project delivered with the installation of a **street library** at the entrance of the Mount Waverley Bowling Club.

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Special General Meeting

7pm Wednesday 13 December 2023

Vote for Special Resolution to maintain

Not for Profit status.

This is our final club night and celebration of another successful year of our club's operation.

Light catering and refreshments will be provided.

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Waverley Woodworkers wish to thank **Community Bank - Pinewood** for their ongoing support for our community projects.

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- **Thank you to Andrew Newnham** for a most interesting **club night presentation**. Andrew held our audience so well when he covered the complex subject of **energy economics** with a focus on solar contribution to Australia's energy mix. The audience questions and engagement were testimony to the quality of Andrew's presentation.
- **A Life membership award to Ray Ffrench**. With Ray's award we now have five life members – **Ray, Tony McLachlan, Helene Longton, Wolfgang Becker and Tom Phillips**.
- **On the Safety front** – in November we had an incident when a member's finger touched the **Sawstop blade** resulting in minor cut to member's index finger– the Sawstop brake was activated thus preventing a more serious injury. A real concern is that there have now been two similar incidents within 5 months – we have put out a safety alert to all members and it is also included in this newsletter- **PLEASE** Take the time to read it and take on board the advice – do not assume that it cannot happen to you.
- **We are on Facebook**. Click on Facebook and help us spread our message by following our page and sharing your woodworking experiences.

LIFE MEMBER

- On behalf of our committee, I would like to **thank all our members who contribute either as duty members, toy makers, Maintenance, fund raising, communications** – you are truly the Lifters in our club and our club could not operate without your commitment.



- **Special General Meeting** 7pm Wednesday 13 December 2023. This is our final function for this year and we encourage your presence to participate in voting for the Special resolution to maintain our Not For Profit status. If you unable to attend in person please send through your **proxy vote forms** either to myself or deposit them in the ballot box located in the club's office.

Annual Shut Down

12.30pm Friday 22 Dec 2023

Re-open 9am Tuesday 2 Jan 2024

During this period there will be no scheduled activity at the club.

No Club night in January 2024

Next club night Wednesday 7pm

14 February 2024

Welcome new club members



Marc Hillman, Michael Moisi Jason Clarke

have attended the Safety Induction over the past month.

Our new members need encouraging advice and support with how to do their projects in a safe way.



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

SAFETY ALERT

“Sawstop” Table Saw Incidents

INCIDENT

In the last 5 months, we have had 2 incidents involving the “Sawstop” table saw.

In both instances, the Member’s fingers came into contact with the blade while in power down mode activating the safety mechanism with the blade hitting into the safety brake.

In the first event, the timber was being ripped vertically. The second event involved cutting timber in the crosscut sled. In both events the top safety guard was removed.

Both injuries sustained very minor finger injuries requiring only a Band aid.



Lessons

- **Table saw**
 - Only remove the top safety guard to use the riving knife when absolutely necessary (i.e. when trenching where the blade does not cut the whole depth of the timber, using the sled or the thin strip cutting jig);
 - Return the machine to its default setting when finished;
 - Turn the machine totally OFF when changing the guard / riving knife
 - Do not place hands closer than 300 mm from the blade (any direction) unless using a push block or jig;
 - Never place hands between an unguarded blade and fence;
- **All equipment**
 - Use push pads / sticks;
 - Turn the machine completely OFF to remove waste & use a push stick;
 - Timber is not consistent and may jump forward;
 - Think through the risks and what will keep you safe;
 - Always wear certified safety glasses or goggles. Standard prescription spectacles are not sufficient. Members are responsible for ensuring they wear approved safety glasses while operating machinery at the club.
 - Never rush. Haste in any activity can lead to a safety incident.

Other equipment with similar risks is the Drop saw, Bandsaws, Jointer, Router, Lathes where the cutting or rotating surfaces are exposed while in use.

Subject to safety incident reviews conducted by committee representatives, members may be invoiced for damage, will be re-inducted and retrained or not be permitted to use certain machines.



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

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[Life Membership Award to Ray Ffrench](#)

Wednesday 8 November 2023

Ray Ffrench was awarded a life membership for his commitment and achievements over many years that have contributed to our successful growth as a club. Congratulations Ray!



[Grand opening of Street Library at Mount Waverley Bowls Club](#)

A mild Spring afternoon on Friday 17 November 2023 saw a turnout for the opening of the community street library at the Mount Waverley Bowling Club.

A big shout out to **Joe Sullivan** who volunteered to construct the library and what a great effort it has been. Thank you Joe!!!! Representatives from the bowling club, City of Monash Councillor, Mount Waverley MLA all commented on the quality of the work you have delivered.

Also recognition to **Ray Ffrench** for co-ordinating stakeholder interfaces and **Tony McLachlan** for “technical support” These were the back room guys who helped out.

A couple of happy snaps of a job well done!!



L to R: Matt Fregon State Member for Ashwood, Rebecca Patterson Councillor City of Monash, David Beard Secretary Mount Waverley Bowling Club, Barrie Epstein – President Mount Waverley Bowling Club.



L to R: Ray Ffrench, Joe Sullivan, David Beard, Tony McLachlan.

[Family Fun Day at Batesford Reserve – Sunday 19 November 2023](#)

A lovely mild day on Sunday and a great occasion to engage with the local community. Lots of children and parents enjoyed our stand and the opportunity to chat about things wood. Such was the demand that we were pretty much “out of stock” by mid-afternoon. What an effort by all involved!!

A big shout out and recognition to all our volunteers who pitched in on the day from 9am to well after 4pm- these sorts of days involve a lot of time from those contributing. Our club is a better place through these volunteering efforts. Thank you to all who volunteered.

Wolfgang Becker, Thanh Duong, Trevor Brooks, Tony Lowry, Bill Fletcher, Joe Sullivan, Geoff Spink, Richard Pullin, John Watson, Bev Dihadjo, Jan Lacki, David Keynton, Ian McMaster, Kevin Seaman. Apologies if I have missed anyone out.



Bunnings Notting Hill Christmas event

Thursday 7th December 2023, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm

We will be giving away woodcraft items to children, who will have the opportunity to finish and decorate them.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist on the night and these always prove to be enjoyable events to attend.

Please contact Jan waverleywoodworkers.president@gmail.com or John waverleywoodworkers.secretary@gmail.com if you are able to assist, or put your name down on the sheet in the office.

Christmas Shutdown – As Jan has written above we will close the workshop over the Christmas / new year holiday period. We would like to undertake a general clean and tidy exercise on Friday 22/12 so if you can spare an hour or two please let Tony know – 0419696022



New hand tool added to our kit – We have purchased a Luban Nr2 shoulder plane to assist in smoothing rebates, etc. Located in the hand tools cabinet.



Reminder to check out the club's Facebook page and our web page.

<https://www.waverleywoodworkers.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/waverley.woodworkers>

Toy Group activities – as we wind down for the year we have a **second smaller give away on 28 Nov**. This further reduces our stock in hand and provides some more space for the 2024 year. This group has worked tirelessly this year and the range and quality of toys provided to community groups has been received with much enthusiasm. A great team effort.





Alex Chin (1,2)

Finely crafted tool box with hinged lid featuring Anton Gerner hinges and inserts in American Oak, with Scandinavian Oil finish.

Richard Pullen (3,4)

Small lidded box in Red Gum, with shadow line detail to lid.

Jan Lacki (5,6)

Boxes in progress. Traditional Kumiko cutting jigs



Judy Yeo

Library Chair which converts to step ladder. Judy's previous "Create from a Crate" entry.

Members Input

Bruce Dobbie

Adirondack chair made from scrap material in the WW workshop.



Thanh Duong

Veneer brooches leaf and bird. Wood turned Kokeshi Dolls



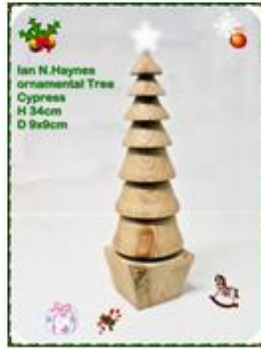
Andrew Newman constructing a fine work bench for his home workshop



Special Interest Group - Turners

SHOW & TELL - November 2023

Tim Chen
Tool (Chisel) Handle
Oak, oiled
L 29cm
D 3cm



Ian N.Haynes
ornamental Tree
Cypress
H 34cm
D 9.8cm

Russell Painter
Jewellery, Ring Dish
D 10cm
H 6cm



Claret Ash
Shellawax

Russell Painter
Small nat. edge Nut Bowls
D 18cm
H 6cm



(Brass Fitting)

Claret Ash
Shellawax

Tim Chen 6 Christmastree Decorations



She - Oak H 11 - 16cm

Hans Kopp
Novelty Snowman



H 16cm / 18cm

Rob Ray
Slimline Pencil



Blackwood
Carnauba Wax

Ian N.Haynes
Broach
D 6cm
H 0.3cm



Mulga

Peter Kerr
Polaris Pens



Cocobolo
Spray Laquer

Helene Longton
Lidded Container
D 23cm
H 14cm



Camphor Laurel

Wolfgang Becker
Tribal Elder Fork
D 2cm
L 14cm



Rob Ray
Small Bowl
D 10cm
H 9cm



Callitris Native Pine
Wipe - on Poly

Russell Painter
Scoop
D 3cm
L 12cm



Cypress
Shellawax

Russel Painter
Potpourri Bowl
D 95 cm
H 4cm



Gidgee
Abrasive Paste

Russel Painter
Nat. edge Bowl
D 11cm
H 7cm



Blackwood
Shellawax

Peter Kerr
Lidded Container
D 15cm
H 8cm



Red Gum / Blackwood / Ebony
Livios Oil

Russell Painter
Potpourri Bowl
D 11cm
H 4cm



Wych Elm
Abrasive Paste

Hans Kopp
Novelty
H 14 cm
D 4cm



Cootamundra Wattle
Livios Oil

Peter Kerr
Laminated Urn
D 13cm
H 12cm



London Plane / Fig / Surian
Fiji Mahogany / Red Cedar
Spray Laquer

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COMMITTEE 2023- 2024	
Executive	Position
Jan Lacki	President - Sponsor / Fundraising
	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
Ian Bell	Web co-ordinator
Others	
Norman Bye	Machine Maintenance
Bill Fletcher	Toy Group Co-ordinator
Alex Chin	Technology Support
Thanh Duong	Monthly newsletter
Peter Clunas	Hand Tool Sharpening
Geoff Allen	Wood Turning Classes
Frank Duyker	Wood Carving Classes

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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
Victorian State Member of
Parliament for Ashwood



John Mullahy
Victorian State Member of
Parliament for Glen Waverley



Dr. Carina Garland
Federal Member of
Parliament for Chisholm