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## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The speaker for November 7th is Bryan Thompson, who will be talking about coopering. Bryan has done a lot of research on this topic and it promises to be a fascinating talk covering all aspects of coopering.

And please don't forget to bring along some show and tell. Hope to see you all there.

**START TIME IS: 7PM**

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

Happy 20 years to the club. What memories do you have??

Christmas lunch is on Saturday November 25th at Boxhill Golf club. More info in this newsletter. Being a new member still 3 ½ years I have found this a great day to get to meet other club members & partners. Also the showing of members & partners work is great to see. Tables will also be assigned to groups.

Pops shed in Chirnside Park have are now offering a 10% discount on most stock  
[www.popsshed.com.au](http://www.popsshed.com.au)

Eltham District Woodworkers are having an exhibition at Eltham community centre on 11 & 12 November.

First Aid cabinet has been relocated to the right side wall next to the sign in book. Thanks to Ron Bentley & Bill Paul for construction & installation.

We are always looking for more members for most groups. At the back of the newsletter you will find a flyer that is suitable to pin up at the Supermarket, local info board, anywhere that we can get the message. (THIS IS AN UPDATED VERSION) It can be in suburb of Melbourne. As you know our members come from far & wide.

We are always on the lookout for new members. There are a number of free times on the weekly groups calendar. If you have an idea of a group you think could be run let me know, a group could start with as little as 3 members.

Australia day in January will be bird box making again. We always need more members, this you may have a friend or family to invite. This is a great day to be involved in that other would also like to be involved. Sign up sheet we be available in November.

Happy woodworking John Paine

# Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd

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The Secretary  
Woodcraft Manningham  
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

## Steam Tug Wattle – Assistance with Brightwork.

I write to you with a request for assistance from your association and members towards the completion of a notable and worthy project – the refurbishment of S.T. Wattle. Specifically, we require assistance with the completion of brightwork (joinery and cabinetwork) to ensure that Wattle is restored in a fitting manner to her former condition.

S.T. Wattle is a 1933 Australian-built steam tug, unique and special because of her age and her history. She was constructed at Cockatoo Island Dockyard as a skills- and job-preserving exercise for tradesmen and apprentices during the Great Depression. She served up until 1969 with the Royal Australian Navy and was saved from scrapping by steam enthusiasts, to operate for 10 years on Sydney Harbour. In 1979 she came to Melbourne and, after an extensive re-fit, operated as a tourist and charter vessel in the River Yarra and on Port Phillip. The current re-fit started at 19 South Wharf Docklands in 2009 and is nearing completion. The ship was relaunched on 30 September 2016 and we anticipate returning to Survey and operation on the Yarra and the Bay in early 2018.

S.T. Wattle is being re-fitted and will be operated by Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd. (BSMM). We are a community based, not-for-profit organisation entirely staffed by volunteers, relying on goodwill and support from those who share our passion and care for Australian maritime heritage. We have about 20 active volunteers who are in the main from a (marine) engineering background. Woodworking skills are limited to two members, only one of whom could be described as a craftsman. They are struggling to cope with the work required and would welcome help from skilled people.

The work which remains includes re-lining the wheelhouse with T & G Vee jointed KDHW, the construction of joinery fittings for the wheelhouse (Chart Table, Navigation Aids Console & Binnacle Bench, Instrument Holders – perhaps of a more exotic timber), cabinet joinery for the Galley (approx. 4.5 sq.m face area), bulwark capping shaping and fixing, restoration of glazed timber screens, construction of slatted passenger seating, battery box and more. We have a wide range of up-to-date woodworking equipment available on site.

We will of course provide all materials and repay out-of-pocket expenses connected with the project should your club choose to help us. In addition, assistance will be acknowledged in several ways: we plan a Donors and Benefactors board to be displayed on board Wattle whenever she steams and the name of your club would appear there in recognition of your contribution; a volunteers board would also display the names of all who contribute and all of those would be offered a two hour cruise on board Wattle, along the River Yarra, through the Port of Melbourne, downstream to Williamstown and into Hobsons Bay, with complimentary drinks and finger food.

All volunteers are covered by insurance once they sign up. Until we steam again, we are not charging membership fees. Volunteers generally work on Saturdays and are provide with a lunch and convivial company. We are located at No. 2 Shed, North Wharf, Docklands, near the former Port Control Tower. You will be welcomed any Saturday, should you wish to see the Wattle and meet our members.

We respectfully request that you consider the above opportunity to contribute to this important project and make it known to your members. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the project with me, please phone me on 9846 1819 or 041 047 1819, or email <ailston@iprimus.com.au>. Or call around to chat with me at 54 Porter Street Templestowe.

Yours Faithfully,

Tony Lewis,  
Chairman,

Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd

See photos on page 3.

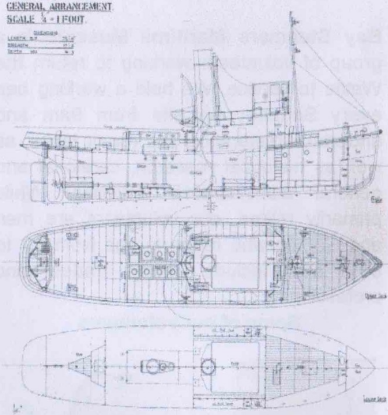
### Want to be involved?

Bay Steamers Maritime Museum welcomes anyone who would like to spend some time helping in the restoration and operation of the Wattle. We meet every Saturday from 9am at Shed 2 North Wharf, Docklands (access from Collins Street). Visitors and the curious are also welcome.

Shed 2, North Wharf, Docklands, Vic.



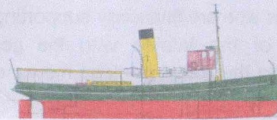
STEAM TUG "WATTLE"  
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT  
SCALE 3/4" = 1' 0"



### Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd

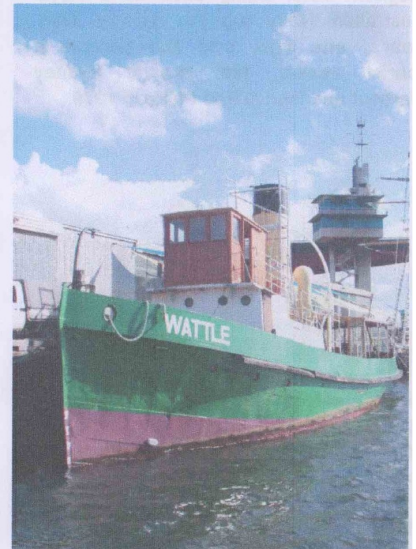
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## Steam Tug "Wattle"

Bay Steamers Maritime Museum Ltd



Keeping steam alive on Port Phillip



**WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM**

**ANNUAL CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

We are pleased to announce that this year's Christmas lunch will be held on:

**25<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 from 11.45am**

**Box Hill Golf Club  
202 Station Road  
Box Hill, VIC 3128**

**The charge will be \$50 per person, plus drinks**

*Make this a great day and come and support the clubs family outing.*

We would like all members to attend.

**REMEMBER TO BRING ALONG SHOW 'N TELL. WE ALSO INVITE YOUR PARTNERS TO BRING ANY OF THEIR CRAFTWORK ALONG FOR DISPLAY**

If you require transport or any further information, please call John Paine 0411 451 234

Please make cheques payable to Woodcraft Manningham and sent to  
Bill Wood

9 Stiggant Street, Warrandyte 3113

**OR** by bank transfer BSB 633000 ACC 130774896

please mark payment as being for Christmas lunch and your surname

**PLEASE ACT QUICKLY AS WE NEED TO CONFIRM NUMBERS TO THE VENUE**

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I/we would like to attend Woodcraft Manningham's Christmas lunch

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Members Group \_\_\_\_\_

Nos. Attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 per head. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

## Vale Graeme Lovell

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Graeme Lovell who died on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, just a few days short of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Graeme joined the club in 2015 and quickly became a part of various activities, first at the Monday turning group and then Friday box making. Graeme was always enthusiastic and very generous in donating wood from his large collection and in a relatively short period, became a very competent box maker, especially using recycled timbers.

He was always a willing helper around the club, and regularly asked Bruce when he was president, if he could be of any assistance. Earlier in his life he had suffered cancer and with the help of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre was able to overcome the disease, which he outlined at a monthly general meeting. Unfortunately, a few months ago, he was diagnosed with malignant mesothelioma which was unrelated to his earlier illness; as a retired builder, he probably contracted this on building sites.

The club meant a lot to Graeme and he will be missed. For myself, I will miss the smile, the gravelly voice and the brown overalls.

Richard Fyffe

## Successful October Carving Weekend

The 2017 October Carving Weekend was held a few weeks ago, and was as usual a great success. We had many carvers from our Club, and were joined by carvers from Clubs in Mt Waverley, Eltham and Albury/Wodonga. Members brought their own projects along, as well as show-and-tell to share with all.

A measure of how much everyone enjoyed themselves was the high level of background chatter on the Saturday, although this had dropped to an almost-eerie low level on Sunday. Maybe that's because people actually wanted to have some carving to show for an entire weekend of work? Or could they have had too good a time on Saturday night when we all met for dinner at the local Cherry Hill Tavern?

The undoubted highlight of the weekend was the piping in of the pizza by Club kilt-wearer David Cretney on the Sunday. This has been declared a new Carving-Weekend tradition.

Weekends like this are a great way to meet and learn from carvers from other groups and Clubs in a relaxing and stimulating atmosphere. Come along next year, and see for yourself!

Mel Forbes

(photos below and on page 6)





### **Friday morning Carvers**

As per the above there is currently room available if anyone would like to join the Friday morning Carvers headed by Bruce Hensell

Contact Bruce on 0419 519 191

Ernie Gmehling's carving of an Alpine Village horn player carved at the Elbigenalp wood-carving school in Austria. Finished in traditional tree bark stain.



### Monday night Carvers

There is currently room available if anyone would like to join the Monday night Carvers headed by Ernie Gmehling.

## **CLUB ROOM CLEANING ROSTER**

**Note: Each group cleans once in 18 months with the exception of those that meet weekly, they clean twice as they create more dust etc.**

<b>September</b>	<b>Day turners Wednesday pm</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday box makers</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Thursday AM carvers</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday turners</b>

**GROUP LEADERS PLEASE CHECK THE SIGN IN BOOK AS THE CLEANING RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH MONTH IS NOTED IN RED.**

**Any enquiries to Allan Way. 9459 9049.**

### Our Woodwork Calendar

**Club Night** First Tuesday of each month except January.

**Committee Meeting** Third Wednesday in the month.

NOVEMBER: Scroll Saw /Pyrography Weekend Traralgon. November 9

NOVEMBER: Christmas Lunch Saturday 25th November. More details to come closer to date.

JANUARY: Australia Day 26th January Bird box making

# Woodwork club

Wood turning

Boxing making

Wood carving

Scrollsaw/Pyrography



Day & Evening groups ages 18 +

Meets in Templestowe  
Ring John 0411 45 1234