



WOODCRAFT MATTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM

SEPTEMBER 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After travelling for 3 months it is great to come back and see and hear how well the club is going. We have such a great group of members working together.

AGM is coming up on the 2 October at 1.00pm at the club. Come and join in to see what is happening. We would really love to have some new people join the committee.

You may think that I have been around as President for a while, well it was in July 2016 that I was elected, and you might consider whether you could take over. Another long-serving office bearer is Bill Wood our Treasurer. Bill has been such a great worker for the club. We continue to serve the club but not for ever, so others will have to step up to keep the club going. Others on the committee have been long serving also. There is room to join the committee, with all positions available—if you are interested, just ask. The strength of the club comes from members getting involved.

Some of us will be gathering at the club at 12.00 for lunch before the AGM at Harry's café nearby. All are welcome.

Show & Tell is always a highlight and will include a lucky draw for those who bring something.

I have included a list of the sort of things that the committee does as a group. It gives you an idea of the interesting things that the committee is involved in.

John Paine

Responsibilities of the committee

- Feedback from members & groups
- Health & Safety
- Liaise with assigned group leaders on health & safety,
- PR, advertising the club
- Enquiries by telephone from public about the club
- Uniforms, name badges
- Outside events (Warrandyte festival, bird box making)
- Christmas lunch
- Maintenance of building
- Maintenance of equipment
- Organize club meetings

Secretary (Including committee membership)

- Calling committee meetings & reporting
- Calling yearly general meeting & reporting

Treasurer (Including committee membership)

- New members; receiving payment, adding to database
- Sign-in sheets for groups
- Yearly subscriptions & receipts to members
- Yearly reporting of finance to AGM
- Reporting to government
- Dealing with bank & investments
- Paying for services to club
- Dealing with service providers

President (Including committee membership)

- Reporting needs of the club to committee
- Dealing with council
- Chairing club meetings
- Report club news to members via newsletter

Woodcraft Manningham

www.woodcraft-manningham.org.au

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Our clubhouse was once Templestowe Primary School, originally built in 1874. It is situated on the lands of the Wurundjeri people and we wish to acknowledge them as traditional owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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WORKSHOP ITEMS FOR SALE

Bryan Thompson, 9459 4176



Triton Router Table RTA 300 together with Triton 2400w Plunge Router and Dust Collection bucket: **\$200.**



Record Dust Extractor
800i 1.3 HP **\$120**



Triton Multi Stand
\$25 ONO



Gravity roller on stand
\$25 ONO

CLUB ROOM EMERGENCY RESPONSE

IF AN AMBULANCE IS CALLED TO THE CLUB ROOMS, QUOTE THIS LOCATION:

OPPOSITE 8 ANDERSON ST, TEMPLESTOWE, BEHIND THE MANNINGHAM/TEMPLESTOWE LEISURE CENTRE.

MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS WAITING AT THE STREET TO GUIDE THE AMBULANCE IN, AS THEY MAY MISS THE ENTRANCE. (These directions are also posted above the phone in the foyer of the club rooms)



HANK TYLER

Hank has been busy in recently months, crafting a variety of sculptures and artifacts in Osage Orange

IT'S ONLY THREE WEEKS FROM NOW!

ANNUAL CARVE-IN, SEPT 23/24

At the Clubroom and adjacent Leisure Centre — Only \$30, lunches and teas included
Places still available, but you must register now
email johnpaine137@gmail.com — Phone 0411 451234

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

TO BE HELD ON Monday 2nd October 2023 AT 1.00pm

Nominations of Candidates should be made in writing (on the forms provided as attachments to the email carrying this Newsletter) to the Secretary. They must be signed by the nominee, and a seconder. Nomination forms are to be completed and emailed to the Secretary at raedwards1942@gmail.com

We would like to see all members attend this special event to show your appreciation of the work done by the current Committee and to welcome and encourage the new Committee. But if you can't attend, please send in a proxy using the form provided

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

MONDAY NIGHT CARVERS

The Monday night carvers welcome any other members to join us on the odd occasion if they can't make their normal day group. If you intend on dropping in please send me a message or call to make sure we will be there. Ernie 0401 924 205

Cathleen is carving a netsuke-style baby platypus using a self-formed plasticine model. Gino has been busy whittling a couple of rabbits dressed in overalls, Wendy has been carving relief flowers and Ernie has been carving a sculpture piece in Huon pine.

We are having a short break, with Cathleen riding her bike from Perth, across the Nullarbor to Port Augusta in South Australia. I'm heading for a short trip to Bali for a week and Gino is busy with some local leave. We should be back at the club on the 11th of September.

Ernie Gmehling

THURSDAY MORNING CARVERS

Thursday Morning Carvers have had a number of travellers and movers this winter.

John has finally returned from his amazing road and sea trip over in the West. He is still enjoying telling the tales of their adventure. Mel is also back from a second trip to Queensland, the second trip being one for pleasure and some sightseeing in some warmer northern weather. Bob has also just returned from Cairns where he was seeking some warmer weather. They all seem to be happy to return in time for spring and the smell of blossoms. Bryan has been feverishly cleaning up and clearing out at home as they are selling and looking forward to downsizing to a more manageable unit.

Charles and Pauline are also selling their house to move into a unit so they have been busy clearing out and preparing their house for sale. A daunting job at the best of times. Pauline continues to recover from her shoulder surgery and she has been missed on Thursday mornings. While it is wonderful to see Charles it always seems strange if Pauline is not with him.

Hank has discovered hand held abstract objects inside the many scraps of his favourite woods around his workshop. Rick is working on a relief carving of a couple of Galahs, one is hanging upside down as they do sometimes which creates an interesting perspective. Peter is working on some bears with the odd comfort bird appearing from time to time.

While the regular winter attendees have been enjoying themselves it will be good to welcome back the escapees to the warmer north. We also wish Charles and Pauline, Bryan and Bev all the best selling, moving and settling into their new homes. We all know that it is a huge undertaking and best when it is all over. On a personal note I became a Grandfather and joined the many Grandfathers that carve on a Thursday Morning, definitely a new phase of life and one with a lot of joy.

Mark Heland

A SELECTION OF WOOD PORN

[Grandpa Anu never stops creating things](#)

[Watch a Japanese master create a ladle](#)

MARK HELAND



A flock of Comfort Birds that Mark Heland made, and recently donated to Vasey RSL Care

THANH DUONG



Thanh has mastered many crafts over the years. Here is her first venture into marquetry

PRIZEWINNER—ROBERT MURPHY

Robert Murphy is known for his highly complex and intricate scrollsaw work. At the recent Scrollsaw Network Competition he not only won prizes for two of his artworks, but was also awarded Best in Show.



WARRANTYTE FESTIVAL 2024

It is time to prepare items for sale at the Warrandyte Festival. The exact date is yet to be decided but it will be late March or early April, 2024.

The festival is now the only club activity we have for all groups and the only one where we are able to sell items to raise money for the club. This year we made about \$700 in one day (the first day was cancelled due to fire precautions).

The festival is also important as a source of new members.

There are 3 ways we can make money.

1. Sale of items made by groups or donated to the club by members. We keep 100% of these sales.
2. Sale of items made by members. The club takes 10% with the balance paid to the individual. I have sold some jewellery boxes and end grain cutting boards and Hank Tyler has sold a lot of carved spoons for example.
3. Bird Box Making – This was done at the Australia Day Function which no longer happens. We are now able to set up to have kids make their own box for a small fee.

Would all groups please consider what they could make to sell. It is difficult to sell items priced over \$20 - \$5 or \$10 is preferred.

I have set the ball rolling by making the 16 small boxes pictured using timber donated to the club by past president, Kevin McCarthy.

Please try to set aside at least one day to come and help out at the festival which normally runs on both Saturday and Sunday. Parking will be available in my driveway for those who need it.

Bill Wood



What's on Around the Traps

Sept 23-24	"October" Carve-In	John Paine 0411 451234
October 2	AGM at the Clubroom, 1PM	
March or early April 2024	Warrandyte Festival	Stay tuned for details

SCULPTURES BY TANIA HUNGERFORD-GERTH

