

Eltham & District Woodworkers Inc Annual Exhibition Newsletter No.3 September 2023

Welcome to the September Annual Exhibition Newsletter

Progress Updates

- Friday 22nd September Eltham Community and Reception Centre **plinth working bee** attended by Wes Weight, Colin Groves, Richard Smith & myself
- The plinths have all been cleaned & where necessary touched up with some white gloss paint. Wes has numbered all the 3-piece modular plinths so that there will be no confusion on the Thursday morning set up.
- The 3-piece plinths have been placed together under the hall to aid with their reassembly. Please make sure that if you're helping with the plinths on Thursday morning the 9th November that you bring these as up as sets. Richard Smith will be available to answer any questions



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Exhibition Raffle:

- Hopefully will have all received your allocated book of raffle tickets which are one of the main sources of fundraising for the club each year.

ELTHAM & DISTRICT WOODWORKERS 2023		ELTHAM & DISTRICT WOODWORKERS RAFFLE 2023	
Name:		1st PRIZE "Amana" bench seat in messmate	value \$1,950
Address:		2nd PRIZE Xylophone	value \$900
Tel:		3rd PRIZE Turned bowl with lid	value \$400
		4th PRIZE Jewellery box	value \$375
		5th PRIZE Giant Connect 4 game	value \$350
		6th PRIZE Serving board	value \$325
		All prizes have been handcrafted by club members	
0821		To be drawn at Eltham Community Centre at 4.30pm on Sunday 12th November 2023. All winners notified. Results will be published on: www.elthamwoodworkers.org.au	
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- The Raffle table will be located on the immediate LHS upon entering the community centre. This year's outstanding prizes include a garden seat (Peter Davey & Co), jewellery box (Geoff Oliver), turned bowl (Joe Van Koeverden), xylophone (Frank Camera), giant connect 4 game (Colin Groves) and an end-grain chopping board (Sylvester Konieczny)
 - Raffle drum has been modified with two steel bolts with wing nuts on the inside for easy removal. The drum has been emptied of 2022 entries (they are in a black bin bag next to barrel and need to be stored in the container) .
- Sales table managed by Martin Ganter (in main window atrium opposite workshops and visible from community centre entrance as per 2022) **Sales table set up is Saturday 11th November from 8.00 am ready for the general public admission from**
- Exhibition table: Managed by Peter Davey: Volunteers required from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon to facilitate sales of exhibition items. Training on EFTPOS/Square and recording of purchases to be provided in October & on the day. Items purchased during the exhibition are to be collected from the exhibition table **from 3pm on the Sunday. N.B. For newer members, items for the exhibition do not have to be for sale.**

- **Promotion of the Exhibition:**
- To coin a phrase “if a tree falls in the forest, does anybody hear it?” The promotion of the exhibition **is up to all of you.**
- Care of Vicki Wards Office we now have a huge resource of coloured flyers (1000 A5, 50 A3 and 80 A4) ***which need to be distributed*** by members to their friends and families (I’ve also attached a PDF that you can send via email). The A5 flyers will also be distributed at the **forthcoming raffle ticket sales during Eltham Village Shopping Centre Friday the 27th till Sunday 29th October**
- A roster for these three days will be sent out shortly, please make yourself available as its not only a great way to raise funds but also raise the profile of both our exhibition and our club itself.
- I have placed, with permission, A4 flyers in the entrance of the Eltham Community and Reception Centre “what’s coming up”. (see below)
- The Eltham & Diamond Valley Libraries will also be promoting our exhibition with some of the larger A3 flyers.
- If you can think of any suitable places that these A3 flyers can be put up with permission I will leave them with the other flyers in the club kitchen



- **Temporary road signage** confirmed with Nillumbik Council: Manager Colin Groves requires 1-2 volunteers to erect 4 temporary signs located in storage container on **Tuesday the 31st October** and removed by Friday the 17th November. The signs will be located at the same places as 2022 see below
 - Northeast corner of Main Street and Collins Street, Diamond Creek
 - Southern corner of Main Road and Park West Road, Eltham
 - Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough nature strip on the northwest corner at Civic Drive
 - Northeast corner of Ironbark and Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat

Thursday Morning 9th November Set Up 9 am

We need up to **4-5 volunteers** to meet members with articles for the exhibition from **9.00am** (when the community centre opens to the public **Sales table set up is Saturday from 8.00 am**). Please bring larger items to the rear of the community centre. **Jane Hammett will oversee the plinth arrangement and the placement of exhibits.**

For those of us working or for some other reason can't make this slot, please reach out to fellow members who can deliver your exhibits. The same applies for the removal of exhibits Sunday 12th after 5pm or Monday morning the 13th November.

In addition to the volunteers receiving exhibits, we will also need 3-4 volunteers bring up the plinths from the storage room beneath the reception centre and a similar number to return them on Sunday after the close of the exhibit.

Please be prepared to be available beyond the initial delivery slot i.e., 10.30am as they will be plenty of assistance required for the numerous jobs required to bring the exhibition together. Again, speak to Jane or other managers in the other sections of the exhibition.

Friday 10th November Exhibition Opening from 6.00pm (for members, partners and invited guests)

Mayor Ben Ramcharan, fellow Nillumbik councillors and Vicki Ward have been invited to the Friday opening. Ben will address the attendees following our president, Colin Groves words. More people will be invited in September based on previous years invitation lists

To feed our invited guests and ourselves can I ask that people with surnames from **A-R bring a savoury plate** and those from **S-Z bring a sweet**. Please also consider that there may be some people with dietary requirements, including vegetarians and gluten-free etc. Alcoholic and other beverages will be provided on the evening.

During the Friday evening, voting for and the announcements of the winners of the Max Jensen (most improved woodworker as voted by their mentor/session leader) and Barry Lay (most popular exhibit as voted by peers) awards will take place. Voting forms and boxes will be part of the Thursday set up.

- As a learning from 2022 you and your partner will be encouraged **to vote before or whilst you're enjoying your beverage** which will **avoid any last-minute voting** just prior to the speeches 😊.

Saturday Morning 11th November 8.00am-9.00am (Pre-opening to general public)

For people selling items on the sales table can you please be at the community centre early to help with the set up below.

Sales table: Managed by Martin Ganter (6 trestle tables, tablecloth and Eftpos/Square /money tin with float, entry form stickers etc) set up near large glass foyer and immediately visible from the entrance

- The Sales table entry form (not to be mistaken with Exhibition entry form) is currently being developed
- **Demonstration/workshop area** (large room with stage on LHS of sales table area) Demonstrators and volunteers required to tape the tarpaulins down & put up required safety barriers etc. (All completed by the Thursday)
- Please note that people who volunteer to help with Wes's Workshop (Insect Hotels) are required to **bring their current working with children card**
- A checklist of workshop equipment to be provided in final newsletter

From 9.00am -5.00pm Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November the Exhibition is open to the public.

- At all times over the weekend, we would expect between 20-30 club members to be available to multitask, so people are ***not left alone with a single responsibility e.g., the sales table, raffle ticket sales and returning the plinths to storage etc.***

To make yourself visible and instantly recognisable to the public for sales assistance, to answer questions about the exhibition and club membership etc **please wear your club's name badge**. Given Jane Hammett's excellent initiative on providing club members with a choice of club clothing the wearing of such would be highly encouraged.

- To capture how we could better promote/execute the annual exhibition a **straightforward short survey** is being developed and we will be asking volunteers to approach the public during the exhibition. It's a great way to strike up conversation & find out what the public think and want from our future exhibitions. (It's not designed to be a Spanish inquisition 😊)
- In combination with the survey, we will also have some **roving photographers** to capture the interaction of the public (you will need to ask permission) with the exhibition, workshops, and sales table.
- Club Information including membership details will be available at the raffle, exhibition and sales table on the day as well as during external events such as the Wattle Festival and Eltham Village ticket sales weekend (Information sheet to be updated)

- The raffle will be drawn at 4.30pm on the Sunday afternoon (please make sure to return your sold ticket stubs and monies before the exhibition [Raffle manager TBC] and don't be shy to ask for additional raffle ticket books as we have outstanding prizes again this year.
- The exhibition closes at 5pm on Sunday and once most tasks including the returning of plinths to storage have occurred there will some celebratory post-exhibition drinks [pizza & beverages 2022).
- Any exhibits or materials which can't be removed on Sunday evening can be picked up first thing on Monday morning.
- Based on the new Nillumbik temporary signage regulations we need to remove the road signs by Friday 17th November.
- Any questions or glaring omissions please let me know (phone or email) & I'll include in the Final October Exhibition Newsletter.