

Eltham and District Woodworkers Inc.



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Newsletter Editor:

The next newsletter will come out at the end of November. Please forward any articles or information that you would like to go into newsletter to Richard Smith at richardasmith1955@gmail.com by the 27 November.

Next General Meeting:

Wednesday 1 November 2023 at 7:30 PM.

At Clubhouse, War Memorial Park, our special guest will be Jim Connor from the Diamond Valley Historical Society. He will be talking about the Maroondah aqueduct.

448 Ironbark Road cnr. De Fredericks Road.

Yarrambat.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

As I mentioned in the Committee Report congratulations again to Alan West for providing the best entry in the competition. He has received his prize which was a \$50 Bunnings voucher. Thanks to all those who provided entries. The quality of the entries was unbelievably stupendous. All entries will be given to a local charity, which is yet to be decided.



Last weekend we sold raffle tickets at Eltham Village where we were able to have most of the prizes on display. Thanks to Brian Donnelly for organizing this event. We were able to sell just over \$800.00 worth of raffle tickets.



A painting Working Bee was held earlier this month, and we were able to touch up some of the plinths for the exhibition. Present were Adrian DesFontaines, Wes Weight, Richard Smith and me. I spoke to Peter Gannon earlier and to this stage (25/10) we have over 50 exhibits for the exhibition and I'm sure this number will increase as we get closer to the exhibition. Don't forget to enter your exhibits either online or by filling out the form next to the sign-in book. Those filling out the forms can place them in the box provided for the raffle returns, which is also next to the sign-in book. Adrian is organizing the exhibition and has sent out much information regarding the procedure for the event. He has arranged for the Nillumbik mayor and several other dignitaries to be present at the opening which is at 6pm on Friday the 10th of November. Catering is a problem this year and if you can help out please contact Adrian. A special thank you to Wes and his band of merry helpers, including Rod Gorfine and Tom Laber for preparing nesting boxes for Wes' Worksop: I'm sure the children will have a great time. The exhibition for the public is on November 11th and 12th and everybody should enjoy the display.

On a less convivial note, a number of people have reported that goods have gone missing or perhaps have been taken unwittingly. From time-to-time people forget about some of their goods and leave them on benches when they go home. Although we have said repeatedly that materials should have a person's name and date displayed prominently, such information is not always prominent on materials left behind. Such goods should be left where they are and are not the property of the finder.

I'm sure David Brooks will provide us with more information about the change to our financial year at the next general meeting. I was taken aback by the percentage of our fees which goes to paying our insurance. It shows that unfortunately the cost of living is getting at everything we do.

Colin Groves

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK....

Jane is presently travelling overseas, so there is no report for this newsletter.

Mentoring Monday

Mentoring sessions are never dull and there is always something new cropping up. It is most rewarding to be able to show attendees different techniques and methods of doing things or new tools and jigs with which to advance their skills. A recent request regarding a dovetail jig had me digging out our seldom used Gifkins Dovetail Jig. Whilst showing it off, Paul Rushton happened on the scene and took an immediate interest, so much so that he offered to study its method of use and train interested members. He has kept his word and later in the week he had Carol Fournaris doing some joints.



Here is a demo from the maker if interested.

<https://youtu.be/RaRGOiXdQxA?si=A4ufaR1CGXQWTzD5> and

above is a picture of Carol already mastering it. Paul will be happy to give instructions especially on Thursdays Open Workshop. In future we will also be up to speed at mentoring and can help anyone else wishing to use it.

There have been some quite impressive pieces completed by some of the newer members. this month and it is hoped that they appear in the exhibition. Carol has been making an exquisite stand for toiletries and in the picture below she is making miniature feet on the router table using a jig that we helped her make (see above). Natalia is making a couple of bedside

stands, well that is what I think she is doing because they are very unusual, and in doing so has mastered how to joint three sides. Everyone else has been beavering away and it is hoped many of the projects end up at the exhibition.



Charlie Camera.

Mentoring Monday - Skills Techniques and Safety

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

The specialist sessions on the second and fourth Mondays at 1-00 pm are progressing well with several members turning up specifically for the sessions, which is great to see. The

woodworking Joints shown were an assortment of tenons, see the images, which show some of them. Most recently Rado demonstrated Hand Saw sharpening and we discussed a varied assortment of Hand saws from large rip saws down to fine dovetail and Japanese saws.



This November on Monday the 13th we will be looking at Chisels, their renewal/repair and sharpening and on the 27th we will revisit joints with a look at fingers, dovetails and different lap and bridle joints as well as using some machines to simplify things. As usual all members are welcome, and it would be good to get some of you along with your own ideas or methods to discuss or demonstrate.

Pyrography Group Sunday Sunday 22/10/2023

With apologies from Maike and Kirsten we still managed to field four participants today for the session. Chris Boylen joined this group with a view to using Pyrography to enhance his Carving and Scrollsaw pieces to the next level. So we introduced him to the basics and set him to work developing his skills on a piece of ply prepared with a segment of a Celtic pattern on it.

Beryl struggled to get a clear pattern transferred onto some hardwood coasters. But undeterred Beryl stayed and joined in the “social aspect” of Pyrography without actually doing any real work. (I might try that next time!)

Kevin was working on two Geese in a pond from a Sue Walters pattern onto a piece of ply. I was burning a random pattern on a plywood box 170 x 170 x 100 high. The pattern will be painted up later and give the surface of the box a visually layered appearance. Well, it looks pretty effective in my head, I just got to get the same look on the box in the real world.
Steve Mitchener.

Scrollsaw Group Sunday 8/10/2023

One of our regulars, Kevin, couldn't make it today. Family commitments take precedence as usual. But we had a new member come along and fill the gap, but a bit more of that later. Another of our regulars, Chris Hand, brought in three Escher Models she had been working on. These were shown at the Club earlier this year by David Green. Chris has tightened up the spacing, and two of them are fully assembled and looking good. The third is partly assembled, as it is "slightly flawed" and in-line for some 'remedial action' if a solution can be formulated. Chris spent some time cutting three plywood circles which assemble into a 3D ball. A 'catchy' little project if you'll pardon the pun.

Kirsten was working on her 'finger jointed box'. Spent some time cutting fingers, in the wood that is, and is well on the way. Tony was carefully cutting a 'Watchful Gargoyle' puzzle as it's a bit intricate in some of the turns. Tony also brought along his finished and painted Macaw on a new style stand he created. Very colourful and eye-catching piece it is too. Well done, Tony!

Chris Boylen, a new member, is with us today to learn the basics of Scrollsawing. After the induction and basic tuition into this fascinating field of woodwork, Chris spent some time cutting training pieces and then tackled a jigsaw puzzle of a dog. Between training Chris and encouraging the others in their efforts, I managed to get some time on my own little finger jointed box.

Now there won't be a Scrollsaw Group at the Club in November. It falls on the weekend of our Annual Exhibition, so that's where we will all be. I will be cutting my "magic animals" that appear out of the wood, and the others will be helping wherever they can. But there will be a Scrollsaw Group at the Club on Sunday 10th December 2023, and again on Sunday 7th January 2024.

Steve Mitchener.

Carving Group Report Friday 20/10/2023

In the absence of Rod who is having a brief break, I am along today as key holder and supervisor of this group as well. Maike and Hank were also absent for various reasons, but there were enough people here to make it interesting.

Kevin was working on another floral low relief piece in soft Pine. Chris Boylen was here, converting a tree branch off cut into an artistic piece of a cat sitting on a small stump. The stump was easily created, but the cat is proving a little more difficult.

And we had Peter working on a spoon. (I don't know his last name as I've missed a few sessions.) And David Green was grinding and sharpening some carving tools that had been gifted to him. While most were brand new and never been used, a couple had been abused and needed to be 'brought back' from useless and resurrected as carving tools. David spent a little time with his 'standing man' before making an exit.

Bernie was using his new 'mitre shooting board' to clean up the mitres on his ornately carved jewellery box. Then he cut the slots to accommodate the base and lining he wants to insert at assembly. This box is really coming along very nicely. I believe Bernie also got some advice on hinge fitment from our renowned box maker Geoff Oliver recently. Leaving nothing to chance!

After overseeing the others in their work, I managed to spend some time carving the Celtic pattern I had routed into what will be the side of a box with a full wrap-around Celtic pattern. Now I know that it can be done, I will rout the three other pieces for this box. I think this will take more time than I estimated.

Steve Mitchell

FOR SALE

Balladonia Dovetail Jig

Balladonia Dovetail Jig includes aluminium comb half blind Template and Router Bit.

Like brand new. Used once.

With three Box Joint Templates all Brand New still in their packages.

Quarter inch and three eights inch.

Selling for \$220.00 The lot.

Andrew Borg





ITEMS FOR SALE BY EX-MEMBER

Please contact Bob via email or SMS so that requests are time stamped

WORKSHOP CLEAROUT SALE

The items listed are offered for sale at the indicated prices on a first come basis.

Enquiries by email or SMS only please. Please do not phone.

Email to bobm@bigpond.net.au; SMS to 0408 336096

1. Complete (Workshop-built) Shooting Board, comprising
 - a. Large waxed MDF base.
 - b. Veritas Right-Hand shooting plane (model 05P54-71) with plane sock
 - c. Veritas 609mm Shooting Board Track (model 05P54-82)
 - d. Veritas Shooting Board Fence Assembly (model 05P54-85)
 - e. Extra Veritas 406mm Shooting Board Track (model 05P54-80) unused in original packaging.

All in excellent condition. Photo available. \$550.
2. Veritas Large Scraping Plane (model 05P29). As-new condition. \$200.
3. Veritas Small Scraping Plane (model 05P29-50). As-new condition. \$150.
4. Veritas Bevel-up Jointer Plane, PM-V11 blade (model 05P37-71. As-new condition. Veritas plane sock. \$350
5. Veritas Large Router Plane (model 05P38-01). As-new condition. \$200
6. Veritas Concave Spokeshave, PM-V11 blade (model 05P33-76).
Unused, in all original packaging. \$150
7. Veritas Flat Spokeshave, PM-V11 blade (model 05P33-73).
Unused, in all original packaging. \$150
8. Veritas Cabinetmaker's Trimming Plane (model 05P74-01). As-new condition. \$150
9. Veritas Low-Angle Jack Plane, PM-V11 blade (model 05P34-71). As-new condition. \$250
10. Veritas Scraper & Accessories:
 - a. Scraper Holder (model 05K33-01)
 - b. Variable Burnisher with scraper blade (model 05K37-01)
 - c. Jointer/Edger (model 05M07-01)
 - d. Replacement Cabinet Scraper Blade (model 05P32-06)

All in excellent condition. \$80
11. Narex Woodline Plus Bevel-edged Chisel Set. 6mm, 10mm, 12mm 20mm and 26mm.
In wooden presentation case. Unused. In original cardboard protective sleeve.
Plus additional matching 3mm chisel.
\$150
12. Makita Router Kit. Model RT0700CX2
RT0700C ¼" 710W variable speed router with plunge, tilt and offset bases, side handle, dust nozzle, trimmer guide, all in sturdy carry bag. Extra 8mm and 3/8" collet cones.
Used once to try it out.
Photo available. \$300.
13. Workshop-built Router Table
 - a. Triton TRA001 Router (with manual)
 - b. Kreg Router Plate, with Kreg Router Plate Levelers, Set of Kreg Twist-Loc Insert Rings
 - c. Contactor-type mounted power switch
 - d. Custom stand on lockable castors, with grab handles to manoeuvre, large storage drawer.
 - e. Rockler Small Piece Router Work Holder (with instructions)

Photo available. \$200

14. HAFCO T-13S Thicknesser.
Used only with pine. All original cutters which have never been rotated, still working fine on original edge.
Mounted on custom stand with lockable castors.
Photo available. \$400
15. Workzone (Aldi) 150mm disc/belt sander, model BTS800.
(Appears to be a rebadged Scheppach product)
Make an offer.
16. Ozito 12" bandsaw. In excellent clean condition with spare blades in unopened packaging
Not the greatest bandsaw ever, but capable of light duty basic work on small pieces.
Make an offer.
17. Ozito 150mm bench grinder, model OZBG150WA
In good, clean condition, with instruction manual.
Make an offer.
18. Incra iBox box/finger joint jig in custom storage case. Straight "finger" joints only, not capable of dovetails. Can use with table router or table saw. Adjustable every which way for perfect results. With owner's manual and instruction DVD.
\$250
19. Milescraft Sign-Pro router lettering stencil kit. Complete 206 piece kit (1½" and 2½" letter and number templates, guide rails, router bushing, clamps etc) In as-new condition in original packaging.
\$75
20. Worksharp WS3000 benchtop tool sharpener. Uses rotating abrasive disks on true flat glass wheels. Built-in tool rest settable to 20, 25, 30 or 35 degrees.
2 glass wheels with a selection of abrasive disks of different grits.
As-new condition in original packaging, with documentation.
\$300.
21. Veritas 4-way Speed Frame Clamp (model 05F01-20). Fast picture frame clamping system, up to 1650mm x 580mm capacity.
\$40.
22. Box of assorted medium/small/very small toggle clamps. (78 clamps total by my count)
Some still new sealed in plastic bags.
\$50.
23. Box of 2½" plastic dust collection fittings. Includes 2 large blast gates, 4 small blast gates, Y's, T's, couplers.
\$40.
24. HAFCO Jig Hardware kit, ¼". About 80% complete \$40.
25. HAFCO Jig Hardware kit 5/16". About 80% complete. \$40.
26. Bundle of Pocket-hole Clamps and Screws:
Kreg Face Clamp, 3" reach; 2 of, Kreg 90 degree Corner Clamps, manual adjustment type;
Kreg Right Angle clamp, manual adjustment type; 2 of, Rockler #1425 Quick Release Pocket-hole Clamps. All clamps are in excellent condition.
Large box (over 750) Kreg SML-C125 Pocket-hole screws (1¼", coarse thread for softwood)
\$100
27. Milescraft JointPro dowelling jig. Good condition. Any offer?

DISCOUNTS

The following organisations will offer us a discount of the amount indicated to Club members.

- Britton Timbers 10%
- Mathews Timber 10% only on large quantities
- Oz Timber 10%
- Urban Salvage 5%-10%
- D.V. Mitre 10

To get a discount you will have to show that you are a member of EDWI, either by wearing your name badge or club clothing or both.

- Timbecon A discount is offered but you will need a note on Club letterhead from Colin.

If you know of somewhere else where we can get a discount tell a committee member.

Potential Suppliers for Members

Listed below are some suggested timber suppliers within Melbourne metropolitan area. If you have other good sources let Richard Smith know so that they can be added to the list

Britton Timbers, Dandenong

<https://brittontimbers.com.au>

Contact: Brendon O'Brian

Mathews Timber, Kilsyth.....

<https://www.mathewstimber.com.au>

W R Timbers, Kilsyth.....

<https://wrtimbers.com.au>

Steve's Woodenstuff

<https://Woodenstuff.com.au>

0412 585 906

Shiver Me Timbers, Clayton.....

(Sells new and Recycled Timbers)

<https://shivermetimbers.com.au>

Melbourne Timber Supplies, Deer Park.....

<https://www.melbournetimber.com.au>

Oz Timber, Thomastown.....

<https://oztimbers.com.au>

Australian Sustainable Hardwoods, Hayfield.....

<https://ash.com.au>

Cabinet Timbers, Braeside.....

<https://www.cabinettimbers.com.au>

Urban Salvage

<https://www.urbansalvage.com.au>

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DATES FOR THE CALENDAR:

1 November	General Meeting
15 November	Committee Meeting
9-12 November	Exhibition (Thursday set-up)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Second Sunday Scrollsaw 9.00 – 4.00pm Steve Mitchener 0409 003 487	Every Monday Mentoring 9.30am-11.30pm Charlie Camera 0413481699 Hamish Hill 0428 577 878	Every Tuesday Open Workshop 9.00am-12.30pm Colin Groves 0417 563 699 Second & Fourth Tuesday Instrument Group 1.00pm – 4.00pm Frank Camera 0427 964 245 Every Tuesday Open Workshop 6.30pm-8.00pm Peter Davey NOTE: you must text or ring Peter by midday the previous day on 0421544115 if you want to attend this session	Every Wednesday Wes' Exhibition Toy Workshop 9.30-12.30 Wes Weight 0478 021 269 First Wednesday General Meeting 7.30pm @ the club rooms Third Wednesday Committee Meeting 7.30pm @ the club rooms	Every Thursday Open Workshop 9.00am-1.00pm Paul Ruston 0417 017 347 Sylvester Konieczny 0407 009 951 Every Thursday Turning 1.00pm – 4.00pm Rod Gorfine 0418 108 551	First and Third Carving 9.00am-3.00pm Rod Gorfine 0418 108 551	First Saturday Open Workshop 8.30am-12.00pm Aurora Messina 0401 866 859 Second & Fourth Saturdays Open Workshop 9.00-12.00 Toby Grant 0488 994 741 Colin Groves 0417 563 699 Fifth Saturday Open Workshop 9.00-12.00 Colin Groves 0417 563 699