

ELTHAM AND DISTRICT WOODWORKERS CLUB

The Eltham Woodworker

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Presidents Report: Welcome to a New Year of woodwork. The resumption of our newsletter will add to club's Facebook page for a social chat especially as we still cannot hold monthly meetings in the CFA where outsiders are still not allowed in. We can now also meet up face to face and in the kitchen as we have the required dishwasher. As regards meeting up, a special thanks to the members who turned up at the request of John Brownrigg for a photo shoot for one of our sponsors, Bendigo Bank. This was held on Thursday 28th Jan. with a great number of members attending.

Volunteering is an important part of our club's way in supporting the community of Eltham and District. Whether it is as a key holder in opening up for different activities and making sure all the policies of Covid 19 are observed so we can keep operating, or with the Wattle Festival at Hurstbridge (in August) to our own exhibition in November. This brings me to an important volunteering position, which has been carried out by Paul Rushton; Paul is retiring from the role as coordinator of Healthability so we need someone to fill this role. If you are able to do this role please contact the committee.

We have some good news on the new dust extractor as after a couple of stalled starts we now have action happening of which we should see some movement by mid March or there about. Thanks to Charlie Camera for keeping on the case to get what we need and want.

And finally a special thanks to Frank Camera for taking on the newsletter revamp and editing, also Frank's work along with Peter Davey's input in bringing our web site up to date.

Martin Lawley.

EDWC President

Thanks to the support of the Nillumbik Council the clubhouse activities are now back to normal – with only a few restrictions and procedures to follow due to the current Government COVID regulations. Please adhere to all the procedures set out in the secretary's report on the re-opening and follow all the signage at the club.



Clubhouse upgrades:

Picture on the left shows the concrete work done ready for our new dust extraction system. Note the nicely repainted clubhouse, and the before and after pictures on the right, thanks to the Nillumbik Council.



New members

We welcome new members Andreas Sederoff and Eugene Kokachev who are the first of seven new applicants to complete the joining process. When all the applicants have joined we will have more than 120 members on our books. Several years ago the CWC commented that we are one of the few woodworking clubs that has had a steadily increasing membership as compared to the majority that have declined and some that have closed down. Many of our new members are adding to the many existing members that work during the week. Access to activities for them has become a problem and is a matter that the committee aims to address by increasing meetings at weekends and evenings.

From John Brownrigg, Vice President:

Change of group dates- Box making and instrument making sessions are being amalgamated into one group which will be held on the third Saturday of each month, beginning on Feb 20th at 9:30. All welcome. The instrument group will continue on the dates currently listed as well for the moment.

Newsletter- Frank Camera is now doing the newsletter. We all owe a debt of thanks to Beryl Watling for her long term commitment to getting the newsletter in good shape to all of our members, regardless of delivery method.

The Eltham Rotary Club have added the **Eltham Festival** to their calendar on the weekend of November 13th and 14th, so for us that means load ins on the Friday morning and load out Sunday night. We have applied for a booking for those days and will advise once confirmed, as there are still many things which could go awry and lead to the cancellation of the exhibition. We should all be beaver away to make sale items and display entries for November on the off-chance.

Adrian DesFontaines is taking over the **exhibition committee**, effective now. Geoff Olivers' info brief was terrific and will help us to continue with organisation of successful shows.

BBQ – we are planning to hold a **BBQ lunch** for members on Saturday, March 5th, at around noon. The committee will provide sausages, burgers, breads and salads at no charge to members. You would need to **BYO drinks**, perhaps a **folding chair**. We are looking for indication on who would be interested in coming to a purely social gathering like that. If you'd like to come along, let Charlie know and we'll firm it up.

The BBQ will be followed by a **general meeting** of the club, to be held the Club rooms. All are welcome, wear your badge perhaps for the newer members to get to know you.

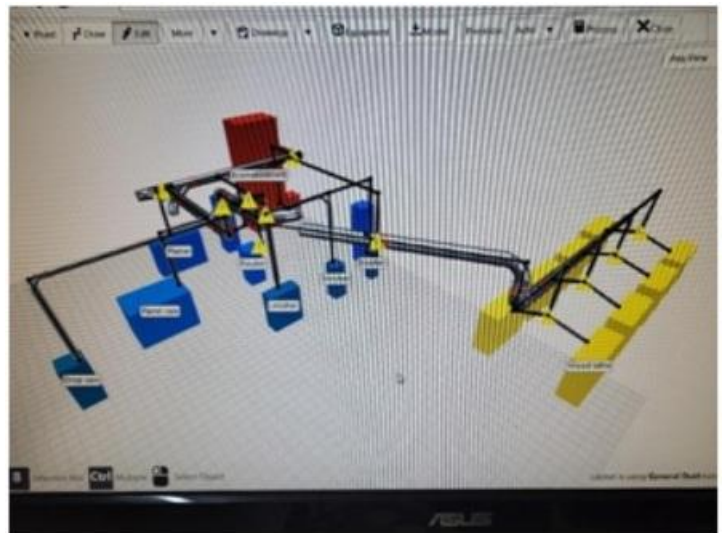
Charlie and I recently visited the **Eltham Men's Shed**, to check out what they do. The member and community outlook are much broader than ours, encompassing a whole lot of things which are not woodwork. That said their camaraderie seems strong. They meet every Monday morning, which we probably won't ever do!!! They seem to be fulfilling their brief of supporting men in the community. Annual fees are \$250.00 plus mandatory clothing. We may eventually find ways in which we can assist each other as groups, but we'll wait and see for now.

The committee has launched a **new sub-committee** to look at various items to ensure maximum benefit for our members and also the best long term direction of the club. Most of the work for this will be with the input of you the members, so we may ask your opinions from time to time. We welcome suggestions at anytime of course, but we are in a good position at the moment to both maintain existing equipment and to acquire new equipment. Your input on both topics would assist the committee greatly, as we seek to provide the best possible facilities to members.

Help wanted: We have quite a few new members who are still in the workforce, with availability to access the club limited to evenings and weekends. We're looking to have more members to assist with **opening times** for safety courses, mentoring and group management. Are you able to assist?

Around the Workshop

The order for our new dust extraction system has now been placed and is expected to be erected within the next 6 weeks. The process of seeking bids, evaluating proposals and selecting a supplier has been a big and complex job that has involved the committee assisted by Steve Hood and Barry Lay in a great deal of work. During the quote process our preferred supplier EziDuct Pty Ltd had significant staff problems causing a great deal of confusion and delays. With their senior management's assistance matters now seem to be ironed out. The installation will entail the standard overhead ducting which will impact the look of the machine room. However the overall gain will be a quieter, far more efficient system servicing all existing machinery including small units and able to be used with the lathes (though not at the same time as the machine room). Provision has been made for a future double drum sander in the bandsaw room. One of the best feature/ benefits will be a very easy to empty wheelie bin on the collector. NOTE _ The drawing opposite is indicative of placement – the outlets for the lathes are actually in line.



A number of complaints have been made regarding tidiness which seems to have gone missing around the workshop. The tool store is especially in need of a good clean and tidy up and many partly completed works have been left in the way for an excessive period of time. Of particular note is the tendency for drill bits and small accessories to be thrown into a haphazard heap on the tool store shelves instead of being replaced into holders. Members are reminded that all shavings and dust must be cleared up at the end of a session, all tools and accessories stored in their PROPER PLACE and glue ups must be left in an out of the way place and dismantled as soon as possible. A tidy up day will be organised soon.

Charles Camera, Secretary

Market place

Sandpaper

There is a box with some rolls of sandpaper in the assembly room donated by the Victorian Men's Shed association (VMSA). Please feel free to cut off some lengths to take home but please be considerate and only take what you can genuinely use in a reasonable period as we do expect to get more in future.



Free crackle Finish

We have been given a box of Crackle Finish by the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA). This may not be up to everyone's taste but if so there are two parts to the technique- one is a base coat of clear water based lacquer and the other is a special crackle coat. I have tested the clear lacquer (large can) and it looks like an excellent water based finish material and may be used as such.

Free tools

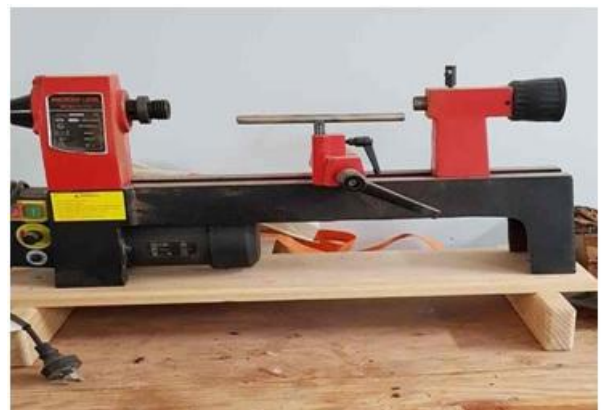
There are some fairly nondescript tools in the assembly room which were donated to the club. If you do not have many tools at home you might like to take whatever will be useful. All have been checked by Rado Starec for safety.



Mini Lathe

A former member is hanging up his wood turning chisels and has a mini lathe for sale. This is identical to the mini lathes in our club and includes a full set of accessories including a very good 90 mm scroll chuck. This lathe is ideal for small work and very good for turning pens – (a pen mandrel is not included but only costs about \$25).

He also has a 100 mm scroll chuck with standard thread (30mm x 3.5) to sell separately.



FREE – There is a pile of donated wood turning blanks, some tiles and some magazines in the assembly room to take. Mostly of interest for wood turners but anyone is welcome.

These need to be moved ASAP so please be quick.

Instrument Group:

The instrument group will continue again this year, combined with the box making group, giving us an extra day each month (3rd Saturday). The club has experience in the building of guitars, ukuleles and three and four string box guitars. If



some of the group members are willing we could try to work together to make a traditional ukulele at first, your choice of model, using a more suitable timber for quality and ease of assembly. I have ready made moulds but you may make your own to

use at home as well as at the club.



If any other members are interested in making an instrument that would also be of interest to a grandchild a mini marimba of xylophone as shown here is also a fun and very nice sounding instrument to make.



Any questions or comments please call me (Frank) on 0427 964 254 or frankc01@tpg.com.au

2020 Lock down Gallery:

Many club members were able to produce some lovely items at home during the rather long shut down during most of 2020. Here are just a few of the many items that were posted on the club's Facebook group page.



More will be posted over the next couple of months.

Joe Van Koeverden

Paul Rushton





Maike Pritchard



Martin Lawley



David Brooks



Charles Camera



Steve Hood



Martin Ganter



Frank Camera



Raman Rao

Some serious woodworking by our member Raman Rao. I guess it is not something that he will be bringing to our exhibition! Raman made the spiral staircase rails by laminating thin sections in a forming jig. All the wood sections are his creation from raw timber (red gum).

Club Calendar:

The club's calendar is still a work in progress as we have some issues with keyholder availability and some planned changes to assist with access especially for those members who cannot attend daytime during the week. The CFA hall is at this point still unavailable to use due to covid restrictions. A resumption of general meetings will be advised as soon as possible.

EDWC CLUB Workshop / Meeting Calendar			
Box Making (Combined with Inst making).	3 rd Saturday 2nd Wednesday with Inst making). 4th Tuesday with Inst making).	9:30 AM 1:00 PM 6:30 PM	John Brownrigg Frank Camera
Carving Group	1st & 3rd Friday	9.00 am	Alwyn Wainwright / Sandra Dean
Instrument Making (Combined with Box making).	2nd Wednesday 4th Tuesday 3 rd Saturday (with box making)	1.00pm 6.00 pm	Frank Camera
Open Workshop	Tuesday 2nd & 4th Saturday Thursday	9.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am	Mark Thompson Key Holder
Mentoring	Monday Evenings and Weekends to be advised.	9.30 am 12.30pm	Charlie Camera
Pyrography Group	4th Sunday	9.30 am	Steve Mitchener
Scroll Saw Group	1st Saturday	9.00 am	Steve Mitchener
Woodturning	1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday	7.30 pm 1.00pm	Brian Blethyn
	Thursday	9.00 am	Tony Orbe
	2nd & 4th Friday		David Cowan
Committee Meeting	3rd Wednesday	7.30 pm	Committee
Exhibition Committee	4th Wednesday	1.00 pm	Adrian DesFontaines
General Meeting	T.B.A	8.00 pm	T. B. A
Wes' Workshop	Wednesday	9.00 am	Wes Weight

Group leaders (and interested members) may submit articles to the newsletter. Please keep them brief and include pictures if relevant. Send them to the editor or the secretary for possible inclusion in the next newsletter.

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