



WOODCRAFT MATTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Warrandyte Festival

Saturday 20 April (one day only) . We will continue to make bird boxes with the kids and will be selling woodwork items, as well as demonstrating wood turning, carving and box making. If you can make a few items eg. bowls, carvings, boxes, toys that can be sold, that would be great too. Sign up to help on the day, on the roster sheet above the sign-in book.

This is a great chance to be involved with PR for the club. Events like this show our club to the community and there have been many new members for the club as a result.

I recently had a visit to the Friday afternoon box makers. I talked with David & Karl, as well as seeing the new Dewalt bench saw in use.

Coming up: Bacchus Marsh Wood carving weekend 5 – 7 May

Calling the ambulance in an emergency. This is what is written on the information sheet on the notice board:

Woodcraft Manningham Woodwork Club
Old School Building
Manningham – Templestowe Leisure Centre
Car park opposite 8 Anderson Street, Templestowe
Melway reference 33 E5
Nearest cross street is Parker St.

The important thing to tell the responders, is that the clubroom is in the carpark opposite 8 Anderson Street.



John Paine



Allan Way

Seven bowls and a
platter

Woodcraft Manningham

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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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NERINGA MOCKUS

Neringa began carving with the Thursday afternoon carvers before Covid. She came to carving because she wanted to learn the skills to repair family religious items. She concentrated on scroll sawing because many of the repairs required the replacement of small parts which had broken off the objects. David Cretney took her under his wing, inspiring her to the extent that she now has her own scroll saw. He also encouraged her to develop her carving skills. With her repairs finished and lock downs out of the way, she turned to carving. This is her first finished piece, her daughter is the recipient. She is a perfectionist in carving and it has taken a lot of encouragement from each of the Thursday afternoon carvers to convince Neringa that she has finished the piece, but the result is an outstanding piece of work.



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)

Making Dowel Hinges – Austin Polley

After being inspired by the article called 'Making Dowel Hinges' by David Hall in one of last year's Australian Wood Review magazines I thought I would have a go – but in my own way.

As the name suggests wooden dowel is the basis for these hinges. A dowel hinge works on short pieces of dowel, either attached to the lid of the box or the main body. These pivot on a sized wire or rod (I use $\frac{1}{8}$ th diameter brass rod for my hinges).

As we all know dowel can vary in diameter, so the first task is to size it. While there are various companies who make special tools for this operation, I decided to make my own

Photo 1 shows my home-made jig. It was based on a YouTube video clip and works well.



Photo 2 shows the steel guide I made on my lathe for cutting the ends of the dowel for the pivot pins.



Photo 3 is of the inside of the box with the dowel hinges in place.



The final photo is of the finished completed box.



I really like the concept and also other wooden hinge designs, as it means I make the entire box myself.

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

THURSDAY MORNING CARVERS (Images by Mark Heland, Bob Edwards)



John Paine's T shirt makes it explicit



John's sculpted wood shirt nears completion



Doorknobs by Bryan



Mark's toybox for his grandson, lettering inspired by Bob Edwards



More letter carving by Bob Edwards



Rick's galahs

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

THURSDAY AM CARVERS (continued)

This is a wonderful example of a Grinling Gibbons-inspired three-layered sculpture by Rick . He is experimenting with some colour on particular flowers to obtain a slightly different perspective. This sculpture has been a labour of love and patience as each level evolved. A classic example by another club member can be seen on display just inside the front door at the club.



Carvings by Thanh Duong

Far left: Gum leaves, linden, 15x38cm, finished with Wipe-on Poly

Left: Tudor Rose, Jelutong, diameter 24cm, finished with Wipe-on Poly

FRIDAY PM BOXMAKERS



INFORMAL CARVING SUNDAY

An informal day of carving was held at the clubrooms on February 21, just for fun.



Pizza lunch after a morning of hard work



Show-n-tell time

What's on Around the Traps

April 20	Warrandyte Festival	Signup sheet on notice board at entrance
May 5-7	Bacchus Marsh Wood carving weekend	Bob Edwards wm.carve.in@gmail.com
October	Wood carving weekend @ club rooms	TBD

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