



## Woodies Newsletter December 2020



It's countdown to Christmas, exactly a month away as I write this final newsletter for 2020. What a year! It's been hard to keep up with changing regulations regarding Covid, and then we had to contend with the 'hard to ignore' wet weather for our Open Day last month – but we got through it all, and hopefully are moving into clearer and calmer waters in 2021.

Here's a round-up of what's happening at the Woodies for the rest of the year

We are determined to have some form of Christmas celebration at the Woodies this year and have opted to have a members' only buffet lunch starting at 10.30am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, in lieu of our usual monthly meeting. Because this is being catered ('Your Place or Mine' from Kelso Centrepont) and because of Covid, it is essential that members pre-register by letting Diane (0400 403 907) know before Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December) if they wish to join us – please don't turn up unannounced! Since Covid had imposed restrictions on numbers for social gatherings it was also decided to limit the lunch to members only and not to extend the invitation to partners or family members. I hope you understand, particularly as CTW is footing the bill!

'Christmas in July' 2021 is looking promising!

We have another opportunity to promote the Woodies, and to sell our items, at the Bathurst City Shopping Centre on Friday and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December. We are yet to confirm details with the Centre management, but it does mean that we'll need to fill a roster for both days, and have items made that we can sell. Please let Jim (0417 495 400) know ASAP if you can help.

The CTW will be closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 only.

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During the year a number of Woodies were acknowledged (as 'Woodie of the Month') for helping make life a little easier for us all – Garth, Michael Hayes, Graham Moon, Bill Garvin, Bob Cassidy, Jim Hallahan, Peter Brennan, Peter Sparks -thank you again.

Thanks too to Ian Jackson, John McMahon, Garth Innes and Allan Rintoul for sharing their time and expertise in box making, use of the lathe and scroll saw with members; these workshops were greatly appreciated by those members who were able to attend, and we hope to repeat/extend these workshop sessions next year. Congratulations to Margaret Struthers, Neil Musgrove and Dave Tonkin who were identified as showing particular promise.

It is my intention that, at our final committee meeting for 2020, Diane, John McM, Garth, Ian J, John T, Mike Hardie, Doug, Jim, Bob C, Peter B, Graham, Steve, Ian S, Dave T and I will review the Club's activities and take on board many of the (as yet unfulfilled) suggestions made to us. I am particularly pleased how the enforced closure enabled us to re-think a lot of our modus operandi – our Open Day in lieu of Craft on Show, for example – but there's still much we can do!

One ongoing issue (to me anyway) is to find a dedicated area for storage of Work in Progress (particularly bulky items) when the member concerned is unable to return the next time the Woodies is open – which can be frustrating for others to have to clear workbenches before they can start work on their projects.

Please keep your suggestions, no matter how small, coming in as to how we can make the Woodies an even better place for us all.

Finally thank you everyone, for keeping the Woodies going, through thick and thin, this year and let's hope 2021 is a less challenging one for us all.

But ..before I sign off, one last joke (or two) from Garth



**Happy Christmas!**

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