



## Woodies Newsletter October 2020

How the months roll by, and here we are with another newsletter telling you of what has been happening and what is planned for this month. Exciting times!

Our Father's Day stall at the shopping centre at the end of August worked so well that we're hoping to do it again later in the year; **John Troller** subsequently discovered new talents when he rose to the challenge of making name puzzles for a young mother who visited our stall – in spite of the accolades John insists that this was a one off, 'never to be repeated' challenge!



Don't they look wonderful? well, well done John.

Another, slightly younger wood worker was keen to make a gift for his dad – **Garth** tells his story;

"Eight-year-old James wanted to make a bottle drying rack for his dad for Father's Day. His Mum approached the Woodies and over the course of three Sundays with a little help and a lot of supervision he achieved his goal.

James watched the timber being sawn to size then watched Paddy router an edge.

Then it was on to the drill press where he drilled the holes needed.

The sanding, gluing and screwing together James handled very well, doing most of it himself; with the result, a rack of which he is immensely proud."



Although we haven't seen **Dick Smith** at the Woodies in recent months, he has not been idle with his wood working projects and reports as follows:

“The picture to the right is of a bookshelf made for our grandson’s wedding. It is made from recycled maple for the frame and shop bought maple shelves and panels.

It shows the difference in colour between maple from 60 years ago and the present. I did some mortices at the club and used the thicknesser in the early stages and finished with home tools.

It is a copy of an American Stickley design.”

Another Woodie, **Ron le Broque** has been mentioned in Bathurst Uniting Church’s Newsletter of 13 September, reproduced as follows:



#### WE GIVE THANKS

I wish to send a thankyou to Ron le Broque from the Woodies for making the pastoral Care team several hand crosses for use when visiting the age care homes and our congregation. The crosses are used for prayer and are beautifully shaped and polished. Even though Ron knew that our Church would pay for them, he said that because they are being put to good use he would not accept payment.

If anyone would like a cross please call me and I will show you the beautiful work that Ron has done for us and you can choose one or more for yourself.

Wendy Sowter

Ron has also been providing the All Saints Cathedral Shop with holding (or hand) crosses for a number of years, again without charge. From personal experience I know what comfort they can provide - thank you Ron.

In case you missed our General Meeting in October, some of the key points are as follows:

- In house training workshops in box making and use of the scroll saw have begun and been very well received, with training in the use of lathes due to start soon. Thank you to Ian Jackson, Alan Rintoul and John McMahon for taking the time to share your expertise with others.
- Ian Jackson is organising for all members joining since January 2020 to be taken through an induction program including a power point presentation on WHS at the Woodies.
- Recent flooding in the workshop is being investigated. Council’s initial response has been to send in plumbers to clear out the gutters. Further work is expected to be required.
- Tidying and reorganising the layout of some of the workshop has taken place in readiness for our Open Day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

The weekend of 24-25 October is a busy one with the Bathurst Gardeners’ **Plant and Garden Expo on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October** followed by the **Woodies Open Day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October** We have booked a stall at the Plant and Garden Expo in Berry Park on the Saturday when we will be promoting our Open Day the following day as well as selling garden related as well as our normal range of wooden items. Here is a sneak peak of some ornaments Garth has been making:



Our Open Day on the Sunday will run from 10am to 3pm, and will include the formal naming of the Bill Rigney Memorial Workshop at 11am. We are delighted that Bill’s widow Grace will be in attendance. The Open Day will also enable us to showcase our wonderful workshop facilities as well as demonstrate the various and extensive skills of our members. It is also a chance for us to catch up with friends past and present, so please invite your family and friends to come along. Refreshments will be available as well as the opportunity for purchasing items made by the

Woodies. Please come and join us. If you can, please also come to our **October General Meeting the Sunday before (18<sup>th</sup>)** when we will be finalising arrangements and needing volunteers!

Woodie of the Month; our September Woodie of the month (regrettably not mentioned in our last Newsletter), was **Graham Moon**, who was thanked at our September meeting for taking on a number of difficult projects, including a problematic antique chair, as well as generously giving of his time and electrical expertise in ensuring that our machinery is safe and in working order.

Our Woodie of the month for October is **Bill Garvin** who, without prompting, took it upon himself to get down on his hands and knees to clear out the cupboard under the sink in our kitchen/tea room – brave man indeed! Bill tells me that the wood in the cupboard is rotten and needs replacing...any offers? Thank you Bill – your patience is a fine example to us all.

And to finish off, some jokes from Garth:



### FUNNIES

<p>What was the name of the Jolly Swagman in Waltzing Matilda? Andy.</p>  <p>Andy laughed,</p>  <p>Andy sang,</p>  <p>Andy camped down by the billabong.</p> <p>Did you know Old McDonald was dyslexic?</p>  <p>Old McDonald had a farm,</p>  <p>EIOIE.</p>	<p>These Photos are by Unknown Authors is licensed under CC BY</p>  
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Enjoy the warmer weather – and see you at our Open Day.

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