



DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

-CHRISTMAS EDITION-

December 2024

24th – Christmas Eve
25th – Christmas Day
26th – Boxing Day

January 2025

1st – New Years Day
26th – Australia Day
** PMACC closed until 15 Jan'25.
Minimum 2 persons can use workshop
on Fridays by arrangements with Friday
co-ordinator Greg

CHEERS AND POSITIVE THOUGHTS, FROM ALL WOODIES TO,

- ***FRANK, FOR GREAT SUCCESS WITH HIS UPCOMING TREATMENT, AND***
- ***SHARADA, FOR RELIEF THAT SHE WILL SOON DITCH HER WHEELS AND BE MOBILE AGAIN ON HER PINS.***

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES, FROM ALL WOODIES TO,

- ***JOHN AND SHEILA OCKERS CELEBRATING 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, AND***
- ***ROGER AND ROD, ANOTHER MILESTONE WITH THEIR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.***



Community Spirit is alive in the guild.

You hear people talk about Community Spirit and the idea of helping those around them, but nothing eventuates. Well, have a look below; a case where something did eventuate.

Recently Will and Steve, two spirited woodies, undertook a challenge to complete a "Community involvement initiative". They discovered that Wauchope Hospital had a wealth of DVDs for patients to use. There were that many DVDs the staff had to stack some of them and hope they wouldn't topple over. A bit of a dilemma.

Then along came Will and Steve.

With some initiative, cleverly crafted corkwood timber a storage cabinet was created. The hospital staff & patients were thrilled with the new arrangements for the DVDs.

From the efforts of a pair of woodies with a sense of Community Spirit, there are some very happy people in Wauchope Hospital. Well done fellas.





The Christmas Party

Friday 6 December rolled around; it was time to meet and have our annual Christmas Lunch at Wauchope RSL club. Brightly coloured tops were the norm, with plenty of happy jovial chatter.

Seats were soon occupied as everyone eagerly waited for their meal.

Soon the meals were delivered to each table. Minimal noise followed as people enjoyed every delicious mouthful.

ATTENDEES



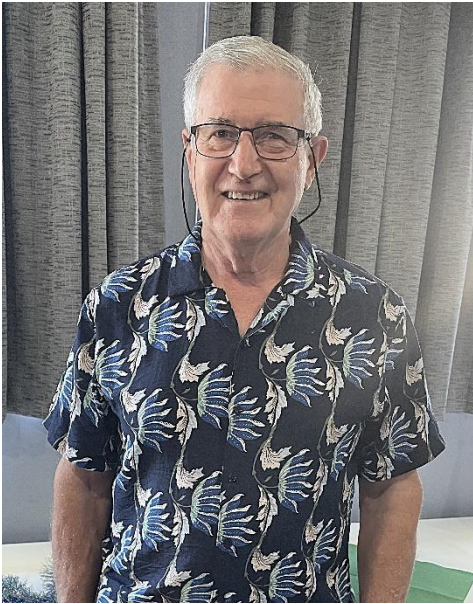




Ned

We found that Ned was allowed out to attend the lunch, but forgot to visit the barbers on the way. Well done, Ned, glad you were able to attend with your hip and knee problems.

President Greg took the floor to present his Christmas Lunch address.



On behalf of myself & the Committee welcome fellow Guild Members & partners to our long-anticipated Christmas lunch to end our 2024 year together.

Time has passed quickly with the realisation that our integration into PMACC was 18 months ago.

This move gave the Guild new life as we joined up as PMACC members but retained our Guild identity, with the opportunity to continue with our regular HCWG activities such as Show'n'tell, T.o.M., working bees and field trips.

Over this settling in period The Guild has donated

much of our machinery & accessories from our containers to PMACC.

This has been a pleasing outcome as opposed to having to sell off our equipment at fire sale prices.

The best benefit of all is we as PMACC members still get the use of our donated machinery & accessories.

GUILD EQUIPMENT & CONTAINERS.

Thank you to all Guild members who have pitched in throughout this last year on our working bees at the containers.

We have achieved much resulting in the disposal by sale of our larger #1. 40' container to the Wauchope Historical Society.

We are currently cleaning out #3 container in preparation for its future sale.

At this time in 2023 we committed to downsizing our equipment & footprint at the Yippin Creek containers and we certainly have achieved this goal.

REBRANDING OF THE GUILD

After much discussion resulting from leaving Wauchope Men's Shed we undertook a review of our future activities.

We agreed our Constitution needed revamping to reflect our new direction to be more proactive within the Hastings Community.

Our change of title is now Hastings COMMUNITY Woodworkers Guild.

The committee is currently working on ways the Guild can achieve this goal of actively supporting our community.

MARKETS

Our CWA Exhibition market last September was again a successful event with the usual finely crafted items made by our HCWG members.

Aside from this event, the Volunteers Day & the recent Showground Highland Gathering event, our participation in local markets has been low key.

So much competition from the large chain stores and online sales flooding the market with PRC made items at rock bottom prices has severely impacted on all home grown art & craft!

However, we have combated this to some extent by producing finely crafted, unique, one offs that the large chains don't flog!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

My thanks to our committee members for their guidance & support;

V.P.: Howard,

Secretary: George,

Treasurer: Roger. Assistant Treasurer: Bob

Library: Sharada,

Maintenance: Dave & Howard

Safety & Welfare: Will,

Legal Eagle & BBQ: Bill,

Markets: George & Greg

Public Officer, Official Photographer & Newsletter Editor: Max

Dave & Rod: for their generous donation of children's Christmas toys for PMQ.

CWA hampers.

A special thanks also to Viv & Myrtle Watts for their ongoing generosity in homing our containers on their Yippin Creek property.

Your committee is open to suggestions for any activities such as field trips, social outings that will continue to bring us together to enjoy the camaraderie we so much enjoy.

To conclude Ronda & I wish everyone a Safe & Relaxing Christmas break.

We look forward to meeting up on our Friday workshops in 2025.

Thank you all.

President Greg SCRIVNER 6 DEC'24

WOODEN RING

Once Greg had finished his address people went back to their normal chatter, topped up their glasses and visited the little boys and girl's rooms. Then Greg had an announcement. This was to be something different – but woodies were



use to something different occurring. What was it?

From under the table Greg produced the following (minus the two containers). What was it??

We knew it was a ring, a ring made from camphor laurel and we were told it was treated with ultra shine and Shellawax. But what was it?

Greg went on to explain that Aussies are renowned for having funny sayings or titles when referring to something.

Well, the wooden ring represents one of them, “Get-a-round-to-it”

It is when someone asks you to do something, you say, “I’ll get around to it”. In other words, I’ll do it when I can (may not at all, which is the problem).



Greg asked each woody’s partner to take the ring and tell us a story about how true this statement is in relation to their partner. When finished pass the ring on to the next woody’s partner. Greg’s wife, Ronda, was first. Greg looks a bit worried in the background, showing a brave face.

Well, this caused rapturous laughter and mayhem as each partner spilled the beans. By the time the ring returned to Greg people were sore from the laughter and frivolity. Well done, Greg, that is one way to make a party, party.

WIL'S POEMS

Wil waited for the excitement of the gathering to settle. He had two poems he wanted to share.

He thought, "How am I going to follow that?"



When the dust settled, Wil rose to feet, put on his glasses and grabbed his papers. People knew what Wil was going to do, but no-one knew what he would say, which added to the mystery. We all knew it would be humorous. The noise subsided and Wil began, as only Wil can. The poems were,

- 1. The 30 years existence of the guild, and*
- 2. Acknowledgement of Bill.*

Everyone enjoyed the poems; as expected, plenty of humour. Only Will has the ability to present his poems in the most appropriate way. Well done, Wil.

Woodies, it is that time of year

A time for woodies to,

- ***Reflect** on the various jobs they have completed in 2024,*
- ***Ponder** as to whether they should continue working on other jobs,*
- ***Tidy** their shed so they can see the floor,*
- ***Thank their partner** for their tolerance, providing the appropriate band-aid, and the gentle encouragement when a project is struggling, and*
- ***Most of all, start** to get excited, flick through plans, find some wood. 2025 is only a few days away.*

An Aussie

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

To all woodies and their families.