



# CHIPS

WEST AUSTRALIAN GUILD of WOODCARVERS Inc

## OCTOBER 2015

Dear Fellow Carvers

It has been quite a busy period since the last Chips in August.

I guess the most significant thing is that we have changed premises at Wandi. We are more or less now in what is known as "The Old School", having swapped with the boxing school. It looks like we will be fairly happy there.

We had a presentation of awards-some photos below.

We had a sausage sizzle at which we raised a decent amount of funds.

We had a workshop on chip carving, and also one for those people, usually beginners, who filled in a form at the Wood Show.

More about all these items below

So quite a busy time.

Regards Bob T

### **AWARDS**

The number of entries at the annual competition held at the Wood Show was a bit down compared to previous years. However the standard was good. In particular the standard of the novice class was very encouraging. So here are some photos.

Ron Jones was the winner of the Open Class and winner of the Doug Shaw award with his Mouse on corn cob. He also won the Popular Vote



Arthur Godfrey was winner in the Intermediate class with his Child with giraffe



Wally Kleber was the winner in the Novice in the round class and the Peter Watson award for most promising novice, with his coiled snake



Dakota Svendsen was the winner of the Novice Relief class with her winter scene



Sue Job was the winner of the Novice miniature class, but was unable to attend the presentation. Hope to get a good photo later.

### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

It was a rather warm day on Oct 10 for a sausage sizzle. However a group of 10 members braved the heat to accomplish a pretty successful fund raising event. We sold a bit short of 700 hotdogs and a lot of cold drinks, to end up making a profit of over \$1200. Patrick Pierce has already thanked those involved. So I just add the appreciation of the club to all those who made a contribution.

This is quite a good way to get some funds so we will make a booking with Bunnings for another sizzle about the same time next year, providing we receive support from members

A word of thanks to Bunnings. They provide all the BBQ facilities free of charge. They erect and dismantle the gazebo. They are easy to get on with.

Now we can spend the money. We intend to replace the linisher. Any other ideas?

### **CHIP CARVING WORKSHOP**

Thanks to Jim van Brink for conducting a Chip carving workshop on 21 Sept. I think Chip Carving is a lot more difficult than it looks. Even so it is increasing in popularity and we had a good turnout for this workshop. Here are some photos.



Jim explaining the basics



It's all in the grip



We're all ears



And now let's get on with

### WOOD SUPPLY

For some time now we have been talking to a supplier over east concerning a supply of Basswood. The idea was that the club would buy some wood to on-sell to members with a small cut to come to the club. In this way we expected to be able to supply members with a reasonably economic source of wood, and at the same time make a few dollars for the club.

Well it is always good to have a Plan B. The source of wood hasn't turned out to be as competitive as we hoped, so a decision has been made to cease to pursue this source. Fortunately a source of similar wood has come to light which members could resort to. We believe that although the club will no longer benefit from the sale of wood, the new source is actually more beneficial to members overall.

If you are in the market for some Linden (European Lime) them you can contact Bob Pollock on 6201 3444 or [robpoll@iinet.com.au](mailto:robpoll@iinet.com.au). The club will not be involved in the transactions.

In the meantime we will continue to watch out for sources of suitable wood,

### GWEN ETTLES



In the last edition there was a photo of "Gwen Ettles" except it wasn't Gwen. As I had never met her I can claim the defence of ignorance-I just put in what I was given. Anyway someone spotted the error. Sincere apologies if we have upset anyone. Here is the real Gwen Ettles, I am told.

### WANDI FACILITIES

As of now we can start to make The Old School our home. It is the first time we have had more or less exclusive use of a facility. The only other users will be the marquetry group.

The club has been using Wandi for 10 years. I think it is fair to say that the move was a good one.

Wandi seems a fair way out, but is easily and quickly accessed via Kwinana freeway.

The Wandi Community Association has been a good landlord, so a thank you to them, and especially Rod cocks.

Here is a bit about the first group at Wandi.

## Tenth Anniversary for Wandi Group

The Wandi carving group began in October 2005. Rod Cocks invited the Guild to establish a group in Wandi and did much to encourage new people to join. Bob Svendsen organized the group and set out to tutor where needed and promote the art/craft of woodcarving. Percy Boyes was influential in making this all work. Membership required subscribing to the Guild.

The inaugural members and those joining early on:

Rod Cocks	Percy Boyes	Tony
Boschman		
John Kirk	Alan Roberts	John
Willacot		
Fred Brewer	Beryl Brewer	Brokk
Svendsen		
Kay Morris	Alan Williams	Helen
Swift		
Ray Carter	Bob Svendsen	

The group first met in the Wandi Community Center Committee rooms and was shared with the wood turners.

The Guild held a workshop at Wandi for beginners and Guild members. This introduced the membership to the facilities at Wandi. The theme for members at the workshop was to carve a head in an apple and watch it develop over the following weeks. A bit of fun!

Over time the Wandi Venue developed into a permanent home for the



In the next edition I will include a brief history of the Guild.

### WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

On 17 Oct we held a workshop for beginners at Wandi. There were 9 participants skillfully tutored by Bob and Brokk Svendsen, Ray Carter and Fred Brewer, incidentally all members of the original Wandi group 10 years ago. They reported that everyone seemed happy with the workshop, and we look like getting 4 new members out of the exercise.

I think we would get more, but a lot of people are still working and can attend in the evening only.



Our Fred (Brewer)



## CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

This year the function will be held in the new building at Wandí called The Pavilion. On previous inspection I thought this venue would be a little industrial, but now it is complete it has scrubbed up very nicely. I think we can have a good time there. So put it in your diary, and you who are north of the border it is not so far.

### Date Sunday 6 Dec

Time 11.30 until you want to go home. Your help would be appreciated in setting up the hall, so if you can help get there about 10.30

Place The Pavilion, which is in the Wandí Community Center De Haer Rd Wandí

Food Please bring a plate of food –your choice of main or dessert

Drink BYO

Gifts As in past years we ask you to bring a gift to be put in a pool of gifts for distribution. Gifts suitable for females to be wrapped in red paper and for males in green paper, and for uni-sex gifts in blue paper. Suggested maximum value of gift \$10. So that everybody gets a gift please note if you are accompanied by your spouse or partner or friend then you need to arrange to supply a gift on behalf of that person or persons.

Show and tell Please bring along an example of your work during the last 12 months

Entertainment To be advised. You can get up front if you like with a song, or a joke, as long as it is legal and decent

### Diary Dates of Guild Events for 2015

Nov 16 General meeting

Dec 6 Christmas lunch Wandí

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## Carving Groups

### Applecross Area:

Meet Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00pm  
Applecross SHS, East Entrance  
37 Ardessie Street, Ardross  
Contact: Ron Green 9330 2623

### Rockingham Area: (55+ Syear olds)

Meet Tuesday 9:00am to Noon  
Rockingham Autumn Centre  
McNicholl Street, Rockingham  
Contact: Karel Groeneweg 95281187

### Wandi/Anketell/Canningvale/Kwinana

Meet Monday 9:00am - Noon  
Wandi clubrooms  
302 De Haer Road Wandí  
Contact Not sure-watch this space

### Warwick Area:

Meet Friday 3:00 –5:00pm  
Warwick Senior High School  
355 Erindale Road (North End)  
Contact: Vicki Nicholson 9309 2652

### Stoneville Area

Meet Monday starting 7pm  
7 Tassell Place Stoneville  
Contact Bill Marshall 9295 0915

