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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Tuesday 4th August 2009

At 7.00pm in the clubrooms.

The actual AGM and voting in of president etc will take place prior to the usual monthly meeting.

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS MANY MEMBERS PRESENT AS POSSIBLE FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT EVENT AS THE CLUB FUTURE DEPENDS ON THIS MEETING.

AGENDA

Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM held in 2008

Receive Committee reports:

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's report

Election of Officers of the association:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Gallery, Event and Training Manager

Three ordinary members

News editor

Nominations of candidates for election can be made to the chairman at the AGM providing the consent of the candidate has been obtained, AS PER THE NOMINATION FORM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I reach the end of my term as President, I want to thank everyone who served on the committee with me, or who volunteered to help run the club administration and keep our ongoing works happening. People like our Group Leaders, or volunteers who unfailingly keep the wheels turning, whether it is by making supper at the monthly meetings, helping with various tasks such as maintaining our workshop equipment, or taking good ideas from the suggestion stage, right through to completion, as Peter Oppenheim did with our club auction, continual hard work such as sourcing, collecting and selling timber that both Bruce Hensell and Ken Morrison excel at, and the skilled professionals who make such an excellent job of keeping us on the straight and narrow, such as Neil Wakeman our esteemed Treasurer and Derek Borrell our auditor. I also want to thank Malcolm Dean and Gino Centofanti for both continuing to perform as Webmaster and newsletter editor respectively, despite both of them not currently being club members, and Geoff Birtles who put in an enormous effort for the first six months of the year to turn out a magazine quality newsletter with a very professional layout. There are many more, and I don't want to keep naming names because I will undoubtedly forget someone and offend them. Suffice it to say "Thank you all".

As the constitution lays out, I will be presenting a comprehensive annual report to the AGM and so will Neil Wakeman. Neils' Treasurer's report will also be posted on the noticeboard so that all club members can study it at their leisure. Finally on a sad note, I want to record the end of Central Woodturning as a viable group - it is always sad to lose an integral part of a club and Central was one of the two entities that amalgamated to form Woodcraft Manningham (or Central Woodcraft at Manningham as it was then). Vale Central.

Keep smiling

Kevin McCarthy

Clock 2 below by Herb Hardidge



Clock 1 below by Greg Williams



DAY TURNERS REPORT

Morning and Afternoon Group

It has been a while since there was a report from the day turners. Both groups have been busy working on a wide range of projects. For those that can still remember Easter, John Dawdy, our miniature specialist, produce an Easter scenario with a family of Easter bunnies around a table. (see photo 1). The other interesting project was the making of clocks, specifically a skeleton clock. The clock and parts were purchased from Carroll's Woodcraft Supplies. The base of the clock is left to your imagination. Five members decided to make these clocks. Clock 1 was made by Greg Williams who used dark and light wood banding around the clock and on the base. Clock 2 was by Herb Hardidge and used an oval thin bottom with a routed edge. The third was by yours truly. The clocks look good, keep time and are wonderful presents.

Over the last three months the number of members attending has been down, due to flu and illness, and we hope all get well soon.

Slav Bojczuk



Photo 1 Left.

Miniature Easter scenario with a family of Easter bunnies around a table.

By John Dawdy.



Clock 3 Left

By Slav Bojczuk

WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

The last meeting of the Central group saw 13 past and present members attend, some old boys some not so old. It was nice for me to see them for the last time as a group. I would like to thank the group for the book they gave me, I have enjoyed reading it.

I took over the Central group some 10 years ago and made a promise to Jack Jones and Ken Barker to keep it going as long as possible, I think I have done that but not by myself. Over the years I have received support all of the way from Central members. If there is work to be done they are always beside me helping. I have had lots of fun bringing the young ones, Glen and Miles along for the ride, I think we may have educated them in more than woodturning. I hope you two keep in touch, our trade needs good chippies. It is hard for me to pick out people for special mention but I must do it. To Stuart, Alan, the late brothers Carl and Robert, the muffin man John Wheeler and to all Central members, thanks. Thanks to Diane Watson for the chocolate cake and to my wife Chris for the typing and super over the last 10 years.

To the members of Woodcraft Manningham, thanks for your support for the activities I have organised over the years. There is a bit going on about safety at the moment but I know we are streets ahead of most clubs when it comes to safety training but all the safety training in the world won't do any good without common sense.

To Committee members, how quiet will the meetings be now after 10 years and 6 presidents, the new committee won't know what they have missed. Good luck in the future.

Thanks to Kevin and Derek for their kind words and to Yen for my young lady who sits on the shelf in my study, she's a bit better looking than Derek's croaking frog. Thanks to the newspaper editors for their work, the newsletter has been a big help to me over the years.

And now for the last words of Woodturners Waffle. You may not know how it became Woodturners Waffle, I always used the newsletter for the programme of the Central group and one day Ken Barker told me he used to enjoy reading my waffle so from now on I think it should be known as Woodturners Waffle A. Way, as Alan and Stuart would like to keep it going, I know it is in good hands.

Charlie Chamberlain

Just wanted to say thankyou for all your efforts and all the best for the future. I wish it could have lasted forever.

And sorry that I did more talking than turning when I was in your group, but me and Stuart make a powerful combination. (not that I needed his help)

You used to call us The Master and his Apprentice.

Best Regards Gino

MAROONDAH WOODTURNING CLUB

**WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A SOCIAL DEMONSTRATION DAY.
THIS DAY WILL BE OPEN TO ANY CLUBS OR INDIVIDUAL WHO WISH TO COME
ALONG.**

5TH SEPTEMBER 2009

at

2 Delmont Court

Mooroolbark

10am – 3.30pm

9728 2179 (after hours)

Ken Wraight	Turning	10 – 11.30am	Goblet with spiral stem
Ken Morrison	Box making	11.30 – 12 noon	Use of dovetail jigs
Ian (Robbo) Robertson	Turning	12 – 1.30pm	Hat out of green wood
Yen Ip & Greg Williams	Carving	1.30 – 2.30pm	Talk on carving
Stuart Watson	Sharpening	2.30 – 3pm	Turning tools
Charlie Chamberlain	Antique tools	3 – 3.30pm	Talk

Tea and coffee available

Cost - \$5

Sausage sizzle \$1.50

Plenty of street parking available, bring yourself and a folding chair.

AN AFTERNOON IN PUEBLO

The Internet is a wonderful innovation. Earlier this year while surfing the net in an effort to find out a little more about Ornamental Turning, I came across a site called **Wood Art by Jack**

<http://woodartbyjack.homestead.com/index.html> I found this site fascinating and particularly interesting because it included; free downloadable plans for a rose engine. (A rose engine allows wood turners to decorate an item after it has been turned on a conventional lathe.) I noticed that Jack lived in Pueblo which is about two hours drive from Denver, Colorado and as I was due to go to the USA for work reasons I emailed Jack and asked if I could call in and visit him. I suppose it must be quite strange to get a message from a complete stranger from the other side of the world, but Jack was wonderful and was only too happy for me to call in. We arranged a time, Sunday 1 pm.

I arrived in Pueblo shortly before 1pm and made my way to Jack's house (I am not sure which is the superior innovation, the Internet or a GPS?). Jack welcomed me like an old friend and we spent the afternoon talking and talking. Of course there was a demonstration of Jack's rose engine which I found fascinating because unlike some other rose engines this one has three different capabilities - pulsing, rocking and indexing. Pulsing is accomplished by pulsing the turned item into a cutter as the item is rotated through 360 degrees, while rocking is accomplished by rocking the turned item into the cutter while rotating it through 360 degrees. Finally, by locking the index plate and moving the cutter with the crank handle on the cross slide vice, a pattern can also be cut into the turned item. After some time in Jack's workshop we adjourned to his back veranda where we sat had a drink and chatted for a while before I left and headed back to Denver.

I was only back in Australia for two days when I received an email from Jack, he had attached a photo of a bowl that he had turned and decorated with his rose engine. The bowl was made of jarrah - one of the pieces of Australian timber that I had given him. Thanks Jack it was really lovely to meet you and share our common interests.

Peter Oppenheim

Jack Chick beside
his Rose Engine in
his workshop



SAFETY UPDATE

It has come to my attention that there are a couple of potentially dangerous situations that could result in a serious accident and I didn't include either of them in any of our safety instructions.

The first new rule is;

Don't distract members whilst they are using machinery. That is:

- Don't talk to anyone using the machine, unless you are there to assist
- Don't stand closer than a meter to any one using a machine unless you are there to assist
- Don't attempt to walk past the circular saw whilst someone is using the buzzer.
- Don't stand and chat in the machinery area whilst people are using the machines
- Keep clear of the machinery area unless you are actually using a machine, being instructed how to use a machine or there as an instructor.

The second new rule is

Don't leave the machine while it is still running. That is:

- Don't leave the machine running and go and find a square to check your work.
- Don't leave the machine running and go and look for another piece of timber to cut.
- Don't leave the machine running and have another drink of tea.
- Don't leave the machine running while you are having a conversation with another member.

Bryan H. Thompson

WOODTURNING 'BACK TO BASICS' EVENINGS.

The committee has agreed to a series of "Back to Basics" evenings for woodturners. Our aim is to raise the skill level of interested woodturning members.

The evenings will be held on the third Thursday of August, September and October and will include instruction similar to the Introduction to Woodturning course.

The evenings are free to members and aimed at new and old turners who need to brush up on their techniques and tool skills.

Stuart Watson and Allan Way will act as leaders for these evenings which will commence on August the 20th at 7PM.

In August we will look at spindle turning and the associated skills and tools, just turn up with a suitable piece of wood for spindle work (75 X 75 X 400 would be fine).

Allan Way