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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The speaker for May will be Carl Lutz. Carl is well known to all carvers for his attendance and tuition at the annual Carve-in. He is also well known as one of the staff at CarbaTec.

Carl will be talking about fretwork on turning, this should be a fascinating talk, combining two different types of woodwork.

START TIME IS: 7PM

DATE: TUESDAY 6th of May

Biography Of John Wheeler

I was born in Preston in 1938. I was the youngest of four children. Unfortunately my father died when I was six months old so I missed out on any opportunities of leaning from my dad.

I went to South Preston Primary School and then on to Helen St, Northcote Central School.

I left school at fourteen and my first job was working in a upholstering and bedding factory in Fitzroy, not a wise move for a kid that suffered from asthma, I stuck it out for about 12 months and decided that with all the dust from the flock and copra fibre I decided to move on. I vaguely remember I wanted to do cabinet making and sadly this did not eventuate I then settled in to nine years as a Core maker at Donald Engineering Brunswick. Realizing that my job would probably disappear with technological developments, I joined the State Electricity Commission in November 1963 as a linesman assistant becoming a linesman in 1965

Working with the S.E.C certainly helped my geography of Melbourne. I was based at the Richmond depot and worked from Oakleigh to Cheltenham in the south & to Broadmeadows in the north. I moved to the Essendon Area Centre in 1970. I worked as a linesman until 1976 and later as Assistant Reticulation Officer until 1988

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That year I moved to the city as a Report Officer with Operations dealing with calls from the public. This work involved shifts. Despite late nights I still had more time available to play golf and become involved in more daytime activities. I realized that retirement was getting closer and that I should look for other interests.

Judy and I had married in 1965 and had two daughters. Judy had always been interested in woodwork as her father had been a handyman. In 1970 she stated woodcarving but with family and work it was not until the late 80's that she was able to have another go at it.

I thought that it might interest me so went along to the classes with her. Unfortunately I was better at carving my finger than carving the wood. Friends suggested that I might prefer turning as results could be achieved far more rapidly. I had a few lessons with Vic Wood and decided that this was the hobby for me. I bought a secondhand Tough Lathe. I couldn't wait for someone to help me lift it from the trailer.! If you don't think it is scary turning in an unanchored trailer -try it.

In 1993 (I think) I joined Central Wood turners, which met at RMIT; I also joined Sunbury Wood turners that same year so a lot of travel has been a necessity just to spin bits of wood.

One of the greatest pleasures I get out of woodturning is putting polish on just sanded wood.

My hope is looking forward to many more years with a great bunch of folks.

URGENT

To all members - the Club needs a President and Vice President to continue functioning.

NO PRESIDENT NO CLUB it is as simple as that.

I am chairing the committee meetings until the AGM to help out as I am the longest serving committee member. I am not the fill in President nor will I be President I have made this fact clear to the committee. I will help out where I can until the AGM.

Regards,

Charlie Chamberlain (edited by editor)

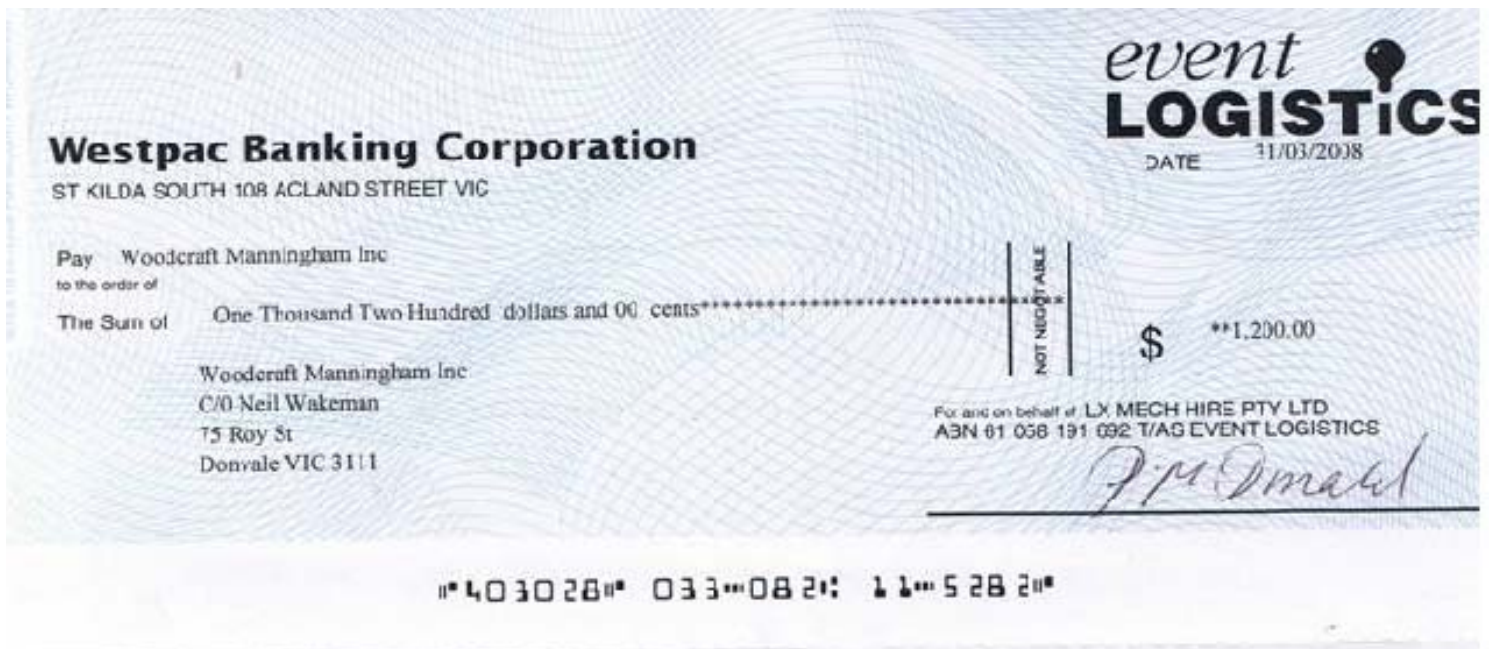
THE CARVERY

The woodies who turned out on Tuesday 1st April were rewarded with a most interesting and far ranging talk by David Cumming, already well known to many in the timber world as a first class speaker on forestry, the quiriness of various timbers [like fiddle back for instance]. He brought with him a myriad of wood samples and manufactured items like a unique fiddle with side horns and a carved tractor seat stool. He interspersed his talk with amusing stories about characters he had met during a life time with forestry, milling and making things from wood. On behalf of the audience Charles thanked David for his very knowledgeable talk with a small gift.

Back at their benches on the first Friday there were nine enthusiastic carvers with the usual range of works in progress. In between fitting detachable work tops to lathes for use as further carving stations Bryan gave out useful hints to both learner and experienced carvers. Over morning tea a range of subjects were discussed including cleaning up, the forthcoming Carve-In in May, and finding a suitable storage area for the recently acquired scroll saws. Dr Charles sounded out the idea of pairing carvers with turners with a view to a small competition to make a joint article by the end of the year.

On display for comment was a page out of the 2nd April MANNINGHAM LEADER newspaper headed Wooden it be Wonderful featuring a few paragraphs on Woodcraft Manningham with photographs of two of our carvers. Both agreed they could have picked more hansom models but hoped that the article that followed from a photo shoot before Easter would encourage some new recruits to any of the Club's activities.

Derek Borrell



The above cheque was sent to us from the Australia Day Foundation for our bird box making.

Well done people. Many thanks to all who contributed to this great event.

And thankyou to Neil Wakeman for sending the scanned copy of the cheque.

Carve it up

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DEREK BORRELL



Yen Ip works on a masterpiece at Woodcraft Manningham headquarters.

Picture: MARTIN REDDY NSBDTS

Wooden it be wonderful?



Matt Johnston

WOOD carver Derek Borrell says there is one thing all 200 members of Woodcraft Manningham have in common.

"They just have a bit of sawdust in their veins I think," Mr Borrell said.

"We have a lot of ex-woodwork teachers who come along and we have a turner who still teaches at TAFE.

"But they come from all backgrounds - I was a company secretary myself."

Woodcraft Manningham has been turning and carving at the council-owned and heritage-listed former Templestowe School, on the corner of Foote and Andersons streets, since 1986.

"Besides making good use of a heritage building, this partnership has worked well to the benefit of the community, promoting valuable skills for men and women of all age groups," Mr Borrell said.

"In particular it gives retirees space for a safe workshop, machines, hand and power tools and tuition."

Mr Borrell, who carves mainly Australian native



Derek Borrell invites anyone keen on carving to join their fold.

animal wood figures, said the 200-strong group always had room for more enthusiasts.

"New members are always welcome to take part in the introductory instruction classes that are frequently held," he said.

Details: www.woodcraft-manningham.org.au or phone 9728 2179.

This article appeared in the Doncaster Times. Most of your members don't live near the club so would not have read this article.

I had to place in on the page side was in order to leave the writing big enough for everyone to be able to read it.

Thank you Neil Wakeman for sending this to me and Many thanks to Derek Borrell for arranging the newspaper people to cover this story.

WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

April 17th meeting saw a small number on the night enjoy a demonstration by Barry Ransome. It was nice to see John Tarry turn up for moral support, despite his nerves Barry did a good job, thanks very much.

May 15th activity will be hands on – dice shaker. Robert ‘late brother’ will run things on the night. You will need to bring a piece of fine long grained timber 150mm long x 50mm x 50mm, sand paper, polish, small tools, laminex to burn rings as no wire is allowed on the Central night.

18th June activity will be a scent bottle. Much the same requirements with material but make it about 200mm long. I will talk you through this activity, it is time to get back to hands on.

I will not say much about the subject of house keeping in our club as it is obvious that my speech at the last General Meeting did no good, I will leave this subject to others.

Charlie Chamberlain

Introduction to Woodturning– one day course.

Saturday 24th May 8.30am – 4.00pm

We need a minimum of eight people for this to go ahead.

Cost \$85

All enquiries to Charlie Chamberlain 9728 2179 after hours.

Just for the record there is no truth to the rumour that Yen during his stay in hospital was chasing the young nurses around the wards. Not that he would have been able to keep up with them. From us all we all wish you Yen a swift recovery.

OVER DUE LIBRARY BOOKS

The library is there for everyone’s use, so if you have a library book which you’ve had for some time now would be a good time to return it so as to give a chance to other people to borrow it too.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:

Vice President:

Secretary: Brian Luders 9897 1482

Treasurer: Neil Wakeman 9841 7773

Membership Secretary: Carl Jacobs 9840 2620

Committee members:

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| Charlie Chamberlain | 9728 2179 | John Tarry | 9842 5324 |
| Allan Way | 9459 9049 | Stuart Watson | 9886 1893 |
| Ken Morrison | 9723 5030 | Bruce Hensell | 9853 5754 |
| John Wheeler | 9386 1230 | Bryan Thompson | 9459 4176 |
| John Edwards | 9848 5875 | | |

Contacts at Woodcraft Manningham including **days and times.**

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| <u>Central Wood turners</u> | <u>3rd Thursday 6.30pm.</u> | <u>Templestowe Wood turners</u> | <u>1st Thursday 6.30pm</u> |
| Charlie Chamberlain | 9728 2179 | Stuart Watson | 9886 1893 |
| <u>Day Turners</u> | <u>Every Wednesday 9am and 12.30pm</u> | <u>Manningham Wood turners</u> | <u>4th Thursday 6.30pm</u> |
| John Tarry | 9842 5324 | Allan Way | 9459 9049 |
| <u>Carvers</u> | <u>4th Friday 9am</u> | <u>Lady Turners</u> | <u>2nd Tuesday 6.30pm</u> |
| Bryan Thompson | 9459 4176 | Judy Wheeler | 9386 1230 |
| <u>Day carvers – 1</u> | <u>1st Friday 9am</u> | <u>Day carvers – 2</u> | <u>2nd Friday 9am</u> |
| Ken Morrison | 9723 5030 | Pat Burder | 9857 6107 |
| <u>Day carvers – 3</u> | <u>3rd Friday 9am</u> | <u>Box Making “Evening”</u> | <u>3rd Tues or Wed 6.30pm</u> |
| Ken Morrison | 9723 5030 | Reg Orr | 9857 6058 |
| <u>Box Making “Day”</u> | <u>1st Friday 1pm</u> | <u>Probus Turners</u> | <u>1st Monday 9.30am</u> |
| Ken Morrison | 9723 5030 | John Edwards | 9848 5875 |
| <u>Scroll Sawing</u> | <u>4th Friday 1pm</u> | | |
| Robert Murphy | 9842 7060 | | |

Remember

If you miss your normal meeting you are welcome to do a “make up” by attending another group that month.

Just give the group leader a call to let them know you will be coming along.