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# WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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

<b><u>Central Wood turners</u></b>	<b><u>3rd Thursday 6.30pm.</u></b>	<b><u>Templestowe Wood turners</u></b>	<b><u>1st Thursday 6.30pm</u></b>
Charlie Chamberlain 9728 2179		Stuart Watson 9886 1893	
<b><u>Day Turners</u></b>	<b><u>Every Wednesday 9am and 12.30pm</u></b>	<b><u>Manningham Wood turners</u></b>	<b><u>4th Thursday 6.30pm</u></b>
John Tarry 9842 5324		Allan Way 9306 9875	
<b><u>Doncaster Carvers</u></b>	<b><u>4th Friday 9am</u></b>	<b><u>Lady Turners</u></b>	<b><u>2nd Tuesday 6.30pm</u></b>
Bryan Thompson 9459 4176		Anne Schaffer 9844 2072	
<b><u>Doncaster Day carvers – 1</u></b>	<b><u>1st Friday 9am</u></b>	<b><u>Doncaster Day carvers – 2</u></b>	<b><u>2nd Friday 9am</u></b>
Ken Morrison 9723 5030		Pat Burder 9857 6107	
<b><u>Doncaster Day carvers – 3</u></b>	<b><u>3rd Friday 9am</u></b>	<b><u>Box Making 1 Evening Sessions</u></b>	<b><u>3rd Tues 6.30pm</u></b>
Ken Morrison 9723 5030		Reg Orr 9857 6058	
<b><u>Box Making 2 Afternoon Sessions</u></b>	<b><u>1st Friday 1pm</u></b>	<b><u>Probus</u></b>	<b><u>1st Monday 9.30am</u></b>
Ken Morrison 9723 5030		Per Knudsen 9846 4122	

### **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.

## **PRESIDENTIAL PRATTLE**

I regret to advise that Anne Schaffer has found it necessary to tender her resignation as Secretary of the Club, after almost five years of admirable service to the Members, Committee and successive Presidents. We owe her a massive debt of gratitude for a marvellous period of demonstrable commitment to our Club, for which a heartfelt “thank you” does not seem an adequate response. Her work has been greatly appreciated, and on behalf of every Member I warmly thank her and wish her well in the future.

I can confirm that next year we will be having a regular monthly GENERAL MEETING, to which all Members can attend. This will be held in the evening on the **first Tuesday** of each month, starting on **March 6<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a variety of speakers on a range of woodwork-related subjects that will be of interest to Members from all of our disciplines, plus a Show and Tell, a discussion period, and supper. Door prizes and raffles will complete the evening. This will be an opportunity for Members to broaden their knowledge and expertise, and to get to better know other Members. Opportunities will be limitless, so put the dates in your diary today. Members are invited to offer suggestions at any time as to the format of the meeting, and also suggestions as to speakers and their topics. We are seeking volunteers to help organise the programs and the various components of the evening, and I await your call. We do believe this is an important and exciting new phase in the evolution of Woodcraft Manningham

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The Australia Day project has again (somewhat belatedly due to their clerical error) been offered to the Club. We will be seeking volunteers to help with the preparations, and also on the day. Surely the weather won't repeat with 42 degrees this time! We do need, sooner rather than later, some timber. Anyone with contacts who might source discarded packing-case ply-wood 10 to 12mm thick will be a friend of mine for life, so please man the phones and also let me know if you have any success. Meanwhile, the rest of you please Turn up a supply of door wedges, garden dibbers and bowls, carve some objects etc, as we can sell unlimited numbers. As I have previously indicated this Day has a significant financial advantage for the Club, beneficially affecting everyone's Annual Subscriptions. Look out for a sheet on the notice board calling for volunteers to be rostered during the Day, and please be generous with your time. If it is hot again this time, I will be very conscientious in limiting the time on duty for individuals, as a number were knocked about by the heat this year.

The Club is to appoint a Promotions Officer to liase more closely with the local Council and also with the local newspaper, etc, to promote and increase our commitment to provide more woodworking educational activity to our local Community, which is part of our Mission Statement, and which will also have great benefits to the Club.

It is apparent that a number of Members have **Gifkin dovetail jigs**, and probably many are not in use because of difficulties in setting them up and making the correct adjustments. Reg Orr has offered to hold a session where Members can bring along their jig, have the set-up checked, and its use by their owner supervised in the making of a box. It may be a long session, so it has been suggested that a Saturday may be appropriate, sometime early in 2007. Please ring Reg (9857 6058) to register your interest.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> October a number of Club members attended a Trade Night at Danahers Timber and Hardware at 464 Lower Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg, demonstrating turning, carving and box making, and also promoting your Club, which resulted in a significant donation to the Club. We were delighted in the interest shown in our Club and our various activities. I encourage all Club Members to support Danahers, as they have a well stocked timber yard with a variety of species, and also a comprehensive hardware outlet.

May I remind you of our Christmas Function at the Clubrooms on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 6.30pm. BBQs available, BYO everything.

Enough said, look forward to seeing you on the 13<sup>th</sup>. For those who can't make it, I wish you all the best for the Festive Season and a very safe and Happy New Year.

Tim Gale

## WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

I went along to the Eltham Exhibition again this year. Although entries were down, the quality of the items on display, especially the furniture was something to see. It was nice to catch up with some of the members I have got to know over the years from the Introduction to Woodturning course as well as other activities. A great effort again this year, hope to see you again next year if not before.

The November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting started with some renewed interest in the activity, jewellery stand. Not one completed as yet but well on the way. I think maybe I have been expecting a bit too much in the past, you will have the 21<sup>st</sup> December to get them finished. I will bring back the left over kits if anyone requires them, at a cost of \$2. I have used the money for raffle prizes and gifts for demonstrators. The Central programme is set well ahead, **any member of our club who would like to come to the Central Group 18<sup>th</sup> January meeting is more than welcome.** The activity starts at 7.00pm, cost \$2 raffle and supper – maybe a cake?

This brings to the end another year of waffle and I would like to thank the Central group for their support, special thanks to Bill, Stuart, and Ian. It would be amiss of me not to say thanks to the kitchen staff, although I would like one of them to shut up sometimes. To the two young ones, remind me to get you organized for Nunawading early next year. I have had a very successful year with my turning this year, won 3 prizes at Lilydale Show recently, it helps keep my interest up and makes me try harder. More of you should give it a go.

In closing I wish you all a happy Christmas and as I have said before I hope Santa brings you what you would like and if not smile and say that's great, thanks. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2007.

December 21<sup>st</sup> will be hands on.

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 will be hands on.

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 Maroondah visit – Ivan Jones to demonstrate walking stick.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 – visit by Yarra Valley Woodworkers.

April 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 – Back to basics.

Charlie Chamberlain

## Notice to Lady Turners

I have been talking to Stuart, yes I did manage to get a couple of words in and I will come to two meetings next year, May and June and demonstrate making honey pots.

Charlie

## Trip to Ian "Robbo" Robertson's place.

As per last months newsletter I have spoken to Ian Robertson, alias Robbo, about another demonstration day at Cobb & Co. at Tooradin. And it **has been confirmed as being on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2007.** This day is open to all members of Woodcraft Manningham, not just the Turners. Maroondah Woodturning group will be involved as well as the Phillip Island turning club.

I will start to take bookings as of **now.** If you missed out last time ask somebody who went and they will tell you what a great day it was.

### For Bookings call Charlie Chamberlain After Hours on 9728 2179

The following are the details for the day

**Address:** 2 Bay View Road  
Tooradin

**IT will be a 10am start,** bring a chair, makings for BBQ lunch, cold drinks (no alcohol please). I think the Peninsula group is coming as well, it will be a big day. Places are filling quickly, you need to book as soon as possible.

On entering Tooradin turn right at service station then sharp left into service lane. The shed is next to the house. If lost on the day ring me on 0408177759.

Regards

Charlie.

## INTRODUCTION TO WOODTURNING COURSE.

The next Introduction to Woodturning course will be held on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.**

Please note that the date has changed from what was originally advertised due to a clash with the Warrandyte Festival.

A minimum of 6 and maximum of 10 places will be available at a **cost of \$65.**

If members should here of anyone that is interested, please get them to contact Charlie Chamberlain.

I will take bookings from now.

Ring Charlie Chamberlain after hours on 9728 2179.

## **Eight week intro to Box Making course**

**WHEN:** 8th February—26 March (Monday nights)

**TIME:** 7pm-9.30pm

**COST:** \$90

All tools and materials supplied.

Apply to Ken Morrison 9723 5030

## **Two Day Box Making Project**

(For people who have attended an Intro to Box Making course or are members of one of the clubs Box making groups.)

**WHEN:** Saturday 8th—Sunday 9th February

**TIME:** 9am—4.30pm

**COST:** \$60

Tools and Equipment supplied. Material extra

Apply to Ken Morrison 9723 5030

## **Use Only One Tape Measure**

I have several tape measures in my work area, and discovered that using different tapes on the same project can lead to errors.

First, if one tape has a bent end hook, it can throw off the starting point for other measurements you take using other tapes.

Second, the accuracy of ruler marks can deviate slightly from one tape to the next. You can avoid these kinds of errors by simply using one tape for all measurements on a project.

Don McLean

## **Club Belt sander**

The Belt Sander has been repaired again in recent times due to the fact that the lever which releases the tension on the belt in order to remove it fell off.

In the process of fixing it I concluded that both tracking thumbscrews must be fully released prior to using the lever otherwise there will not be enough latitude to release the tension.

Not releasing these thumbscrews will cause the lever to fail again as it is only held on by one small screw, and is under considerable pressure when the lever is used.

Please keep this in mind when replacing the belt.

I will purchase a disk to replace the old one which is worn as soon as I am able.

Regards

Gino

## **Message from the Editor:**

I would like to thank all who contributed to the newsletter this year. I get many compliments regarding the newsletter, but I always tell people I only put it together, the rest is done by the members and wouldn't be possible otherwise.

Please remember your newsletter is kindly funded at not cost to the club thanks to Bruce Hensell, and is printed, prepared and folded by Sue Courtney who works with Bruce, and she does a marvellous job at getting it out; usually on the same day she receives it via email.

Keep in mind the work which your committee does for you all, everything happens because of these people who donate their time for everyone's benefit.

A special thankyou to Anne Schafer who until recently has served as Secretary to the club. She has been in this role for approximately 5 years and rarely missed a committee meeting and will be missed.

Last but not least thankyou to the group leaders for all their efforts throughout the year.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and all the best for the new year.

Regards

Gino