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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

Contacts at Woodcraft Manningham including days and times.

<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 9306 9875	
<u>Doncaster Carvers</u>	<u>4th Friday 9am</u>	<u>Lady Turners</u>	<u>2nd Tuesday 6.30pm</u>
Bryan Thompson 9459 4176		Anne Schaffer 9844 2072	
<u>Doncaster Day carvers – 1</u>	<u>1st Friday 9am</u>	<u>Doncaster Day carvers – 2</u>	<u>2nd Friday 9am</u>
Ken Morrison 9723 5030		Pat Burder 9857 6107	
<u>Doncaster Day carvers – 3</u>	<u>3rd Friday 9am</u>	<u>Box Making 1 and 3 Evening</u>	<u>3rd Tues or Wed 6.30pm</u>
Ken Morrison 9723 5030		Reg Orr 9857 6058	
<u>Box Making 2 Afternoon Sessions</u>	<u>1st Friday 1pm</u>	<u>Probus</u>	<u>1st Monday 9.30am</u>
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.

Editors new email address.

Due to on going problems with my computer, I have decided for ease of my retrieval of emails, please send all your emails to “gino@immuno.com.au”.

Please do this until further notice.

Regards Gino.

PRESIDENT’S NOTES

Australia Day has been a great success with a lot of interest shown in the Club and its activities, which may lead to new members and attendees at our courses, and we also made a significant amount of money from the Club’s provision of bird boxes and the sale of goods. On behalf of the clubs’ Membership I warmly thank all the volunteers who contributed on the day.

Our first monthly General Meeting will be on the 6th March and Charles Castles is putting together an interesting program. Put the date in your diary now – 6th March 7 pm. There will be a talk on a wood-working topic, a Show and Tell, then supper and an opportunity for discussion and socialising. There will be no formal business meeting at these events!

Every member will have received a letter from the Vice-President and myself concerning the vacant position of Club Secretary. This is a vital important issue and must be resolved in the next few weeks.

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Volunteers are needed for the Warrandyte Festival on the 24th and 25th March where the Club promotes itself with demonstrations on turning, carving and box making. Keith Higgins is the organiser. Please contact him soon on offroadoz@aapt.net.au or 94894124 A. H.

There are still a few vacancies for the Introduction to Woodturning course on the 31st March. Please contact Charlie Chamberlain.

The Gifkin Jig course will be held on Saturday the 17th March starting at 9.00 am, for anyone with their own jig. You must bring it on the day so we can help you check its set up and its use. \$5 for materials and refreshments. Register with Reg Orr or Ken Morrison.

Your Committee is concerned by the poor condition of the thicknesses/buzzer, suggesting abuse. Under no circumstances shall members put second hand materials through it, and all use must be supervised by a Committee Member or the Group Leader in attendance. Sanctions will be applied for any misuse.

The monthly clean up for February will be done by the Doncaster Carvers Group. Additional volunteers to contact the Group Leader (Ken Morrison).

The Club will be doing a demonstration day as part of the Manningham Council Healthy Lifestyle Week, our involvement being on Saturday 3rd March from 10 am to 4 pm and on Wednesday the 7th March again from 10 am to 4 pm, with demonstrations of woodturning, box making and carving, and we will have a display of our projects and items for sale. Would volunteers place their name on the list in the Club Rooms.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 6th March

Tim Gale

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Advance Notice to all members of Woodcraft Manningham **Trip to Ian "Robbo" Robertson's place.**

I have some good news on the activity front. I have spoken to Ian Robertson, alias Robbo, about another demonstration day at Cobb & Co. at Tooradin. He has said that he is prepared to have a day in February 2007, and has been confirmed as being on Saturday 24th of February. 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



These two blokes helped out on Australia day.

This photo was taken just before the crowds started to arrive and the boys were doing a practice run.

Adam on the left is my son, and was happy to come when asked cause I figured we needed the help especially if it was a scorcher as it was last year.

And Mark on the right was speaking to my son the evening prior and infusiastically volunteered to help out.

I consulted with Tim who was more than happy to have him there.

A BIG thankyou to you both from everyone at the club.

And a job well done. Certainly made it easier for everyone.



Photo of Mark helping out a little kid.

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Club Member

On behalf of the Committee we are taking this unusual action of writing this personal letter to every member of the Club concerning the current vacant position of Secretary.

You will be aware from the Newsletters in December and January that Anne Schafer recently resigned from the position of Secretary for personal reasons, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for her services to the Club over the last five years.

It is imperative that a new appointment be made as soon as possible to carry out the duties of a Secretary, either by one person or by more individuals sharing the duties, so as to ensure optimal administration of our Club, and also so as not to breach our Constitution.

We ask every Club Member to carefully consider whether they can help. The duties could be shared by more than one individual, and there is an experienced Club Member who is prepared to actively support and guide anyone who has any apprehensions concerning their obligations.

We will be happy to discuss this position with prospective candidates.

We stress the issue is urgent, with serious consequences for the Club if the position is not filled in the very near future.

Yours faithfully,



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NEW YEAR AT THE CARVERY

The first chance for carvers to get back to their benches was the second Friday in January but perhaps it was too soon for some as only five made it on this occasion. However they were a convivial lot and readily discussed some of the woodwork projects that they had been involved in during the Christmas break.

Yen appeared to have been the busiest with a small zoo of jelutong animals to show for his efforts – a rhino, a hippo, an elephant and a fat pig. These he had modelled from a set produced by Pat Burder. Both also had a female figure which each claimed to be the Greek goddess Diana; the main difference between them, apart from the timbers being red gum and jelutong, was the contrast in their approach as to what constitutes the ideal dimensions for this difficult subject.

Bruce was actively engaged with his Dremel kit putting the finishing touches to a whittled dog and had his eagle at hand for similar treatment if time permitted. I turned up with my draughthorse from banksia just needing some final sanding and polishing to match the model in the Reg Parson book he was using as reference. He declared his next project to be a polar bear based on a photo he had had scanned and enlarged. Timber of choice was a piece of sycamore because of its whitish colouring and it being a favoured carving timber in Europe.

Meantime Bryan, with occasional interruptions from the carvers seeking advice, carried on with his self imposed task of strengthening the base of the remaining benches to provide secure holding for the castors to make them fully mobile.

Bryan also began distributing the programmes for this year's CARVE-IN due to be held as usual on the weekend after Mothers' Day, 18th to 20th May at Rowsley with an expected attendance of up to 40 Victorian carvers and partners. This year's options cover mechanical carving, carving in the round, spoon carving, furniture carving, face carving, Maori carving and the Japanese art of Netsuke which will also be the subject of the Saturday talk. It is also hoped that the totem pole of boxes started at the 2006 CARVE-IN will be better supported to be really photogenic with more contributions from attendees.

Derek Borrell



WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

Woodturners waffle the first one for 2007.

I hope you are all well and had a good Christmas and New Year.

The December 2006 meeting was very relaxed and January much the same. These two meetings are good for having a talk and a bit of fun. The 18th January was a very good night for me, I must thank you all for a good night. Thanks to John for the cake and Stuart for the card and present. I just finished the last chocolate chip cookie today. I have no worries you will all leave turning and join a choir. Thanks to all for your kind words.

Now down to business starting with the **next meeting 15th February**, a visit by Maroondah to the Central group, not the other way around as Gino put in the last newsletter.

I have discussed using the TV setup with Keith for that night as Ivan Jones will be demonstrating a walking stick. Come on time as we will start at 7.00pm. There will be no room for other members of other Woodcraft clubs as we usually get about 30 on that night and have a great night. I have two raffle prizes for that meeting.

As I mentioned last year I would like another member of the Central group to join our activity group. There must be some bright spark in our group who could help us out as the rest of us have been doing this for some 8 years now.

Charlie Chamberlain

Australian Woodturning Exhibition - June

As Woodcraft Manningham club is a sponsor of this exhibition I have been asked by committee to see if I can encourage more of the turners to exhibit in 2007. You have plenty of time to get organized as this exhibition is not until mid June. There are plenty of you whose work is up to the required standard and if you are worried about exhibiting by yourself get together with other members of your group and all put something in. Our club has done well in this exhibition in the past both young and old and I hope to get the boys organized again this year. If you would like to talk to me about this I would be happy to get you all the information you need.

Charlie Chamberlain

DOOR WEDGES NEEDED

The club needs a heap of door stop wedges for fund raising purposes. There is a worksheet on the notice board with extra copies on the bench that can be taken home. More copies can be obtained from myself.

These items sell well and we need a supply for Warrandyte festival and the Healthy lifestyle week.

Tim Gale 9822 3833

CARVERS DO THEIR HOMEWORK

There was a good turnout of Friday carvers at the first meeting opportunity in February and most brought along a piece or two for Show'n'Tell to prove that they had not entirely neglected their hobby over the Christmas break. After the usual chit chat amongst members and with our two visitors, Don Mclean and editor, Gino Centofanti, everyone took to their individual tasks.

Pat was on the band saw producing dolphin basic shapes, Ken M was relief carving a country cottage scene which could quite easily finish up as a box lid, Bruce was busy at the Dremel station sanding a whittled dog, and Cyril was beginning a miniature version of a Henry Moore sculpture.

Ken R had brought along his finished frill necked lizard out of Banksia and it really looked to scale. Noel had two completed pieces to show for his time off being a female figure clutching her knees and an abstract piece much harder to describe. I produced my almost completed draught horse also carved from Banksia and also got a start on my next project, a polar bear from Sycamore which is a very white wood.

Janet was ambitiously attempting a miniature carving in the Japanese Netsuke fashion which is to be demonstrated at the forthcoming May "Carve-In" where attendees will all find out what an exacting art it is. Yen was on another interesting one – he was finishing off a relief Madonna and Child in clay – not pine with the object of carving the same subject in a wood of his choosing. This considered approach to carving had perhaps come about because both Yen and Bruce have been taking sculpture lessons from Jean Carson Gray. It is suspected that both have self portrait heads in mind as their next projects as they were spotted in the yard taking photos from all angles of that most interesting part of their anatomy.

Derek Borrell

Healthy Lifestyle Week

The Club will be doing a demonstration day as part of the Manningham Council Healthy Lifestyle Week.

When: Saturday 3rd March from 10 am to 4 pm and

Wednesday the 7th March again from 10 am to 4 pm,

(not as previously advertised as Thursday the 8th of March)

There will be demonstrations of woodturning, box making and carving, and we will have a display of our projects and items for sale.

Would volunteers place their name on the list in the Club Rooms.

Please help support the council which does a lot for our club.

Regards Gino

FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Advance Notice of Activities and Training

Don't forget the visit to Cobb & Co on Saturday 24th February, details in December newsletter. If you get lost on the day ring 0408 177759 and a very grumpy man will tell you where to go after he asked why you didn't read the details in the newsletter properly. It will be a big day as Woodcraft Manningham, Maroondah, Phillip Island, Peninsular and Wonthaggi are now involved. Because of so many groups involved this activity must be kept to club members only.

Demonstrations at Warrandyte Festival for Turners

Box makers and carvers need to speak to their group leaders.

The date is Saturday 24th March and Sunday 25th March at Stiggants Reserve, Warrandyte. I will set up a roster for turning demonstrations Saturday and Sunday in two hour blocks between 9am and 4pm. If we have too many helpers times will have to be shortened to give everyone a go as we are only taking one lathe. We will need other people who do not want to demonstrate to hand out brochures and talk to the public. Last year we were extremely short handed on Sunday afternoon. Keith Higgins will run demonstration on Saturday and I will run Sunday. You need to bring material, tools and safety gear. Please ring me after hours so that I can get the roster started, ring early and get the time that suits you.

Back to Basics Course

Committee agreed this course should go ahead and be completed by the end of April. Again Box Makers and Carvers will need to see their leaders when they form their training package. I will have the Turner package set up by next committee meeting to be given to turning group leaders. All members must complete this course by the end of April.

Intro to wood turning course

31st March still has openings for six people. \$65 for the day,
Ring Charlie after hours – 9728 2179.

Visit from Maroondah Woodturning Club

15 Feb. Demonstration of turning a walking stick.

Monthly General Meeting

First meeting 6 March 6.30pm Visiting speaker, Show and Tell, discussion , supper. General wood-working subjects, all members welcome.

Manningham Healthy Lifestyle Week

Club room demonstrations and displays. Saturday the 3rd and Wednesday the 7th March, 10am—4pm

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Club events continued.

Visit by Yarra Valley Woodworkers 15 March

Introduction to Woodturning 31 March.

Bookings Charlie Chamberlain 9728 2179

Gifkin Jig course

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You must bring it on the day so we can help you check its set up and its use.

\$5 for materials and refreshments.

Register with Reg Orr 9857 6058

Or Ken Morrison 9723 5030

Monthly General Meeting

Our first monthly General Meeting will be on the 6th March at 7pm and Charles Castles is putting together an interesting program. The topic will be about the Wooden Boat show in Tasmania. There will also be a Show and Tell, then supper and an opportunity for discussion and socialising. There will be no formal business meeting at these events!

This will be our first ever meeting please come along and make it a successful evening.

Regards Gino

Help needed on Tecknatool 1000 lathe

A fellow turner by the name of Anne Munro would like to do some outboard turning on her Tecknatool 1000 lathe, but she cannot purchase an outrigger as it is no longer made and the current outrigger will not fit this older model. So if anyone should know of such an outrigger, in reasonable to good condition, please give Anne a call. She will pay cash and is prepared to travel anywhere in Victoria for such an outrigger. Or as an alternative if anyone knows how to make one she would also be interested.

Anne's phone number is (03) 9894 3109 and her email address is

almunro@netconnect.com.au

Her tecknatool lathe is painted yellow and it has a triangular bed.

Thankyou for your help

Yours Sincerely

Anne L Munro



Black heart sassafras
pepper and salt mills with
huon pine birds eye
presentation case

The photo on the left is of a pepper and salt grinder with presentation case.

The figure in the case is stunning.

Don McLean made it as a Wedding gift for his nephew

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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