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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The speaker for the March meeting on 4th of March will be Sandra Tarry.

Sandra is the person responsible for organizing the library to the degree which it is today. She will be talking about the library and how it is organised and how to find information in it.

Please make an effort to come because Sandra has spent many hours organizing it so the rest of us have something worthwhile.

START TIME IS: 7PM

DATE: TUESDAY 4th of MARCH

Don't forget your name badges.

Hi Everybody.

For those who have not heard the news, I have had to submit my resignation as President. This has come about due to a promotion at work which will have me travelling around Oz and overseas. The result of this travel will not always allow me to complete the duties of the Presidents position within the required time frame.

I feel it is in the best interests of the club that the members elect a successor to take over the position. This will allow the club to maintain its forward and developing direction. Please give it consideration and step forward if you feel you can perform the duties of the President or Vice-President as I am sure they will be glad to hear from you. Between you and I, it's not a hard job.

I have only been with the club for a short period compared to a lot of you and I have seen a number of changes that improve the way we do things, I have seen peoples skills change (some good and some not so good) but I have enjoyed those changes. I hope that I have also been able to pass on some of the skills and knowledge I have learnt over the years.

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I hope that I have managed to do what people have expected of me in my time as President and wish my successor all the best. I will be maintaining my membership and will drop in from time to time when I am in the area.

I would like to take this opportunity to thanks all of you for your support and friendship and wish you all the best for the future.

I spoke with Gino today and he asked me for an article for the news letter.

Even though my new position does not come into effect until 01 Feb, I still had to chat with my American counterpart tonight, hence this late emailing as I missed Gino's deadline. Sorry about that. So what you are now reading should have been in the January news letter.

I look forward to seeing as many as I can at the Australia Day Festival on the 26th Jan

Thanks again and feel free to drop me a line if you feel like it
(offroadoz@aapt.net.au)

Kindest regards

Keith Higgins

Your now, ex-President.

INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH POLISH

This will commence on Monday April 14th 2008 providing we get the numbers.

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Duration: 5 weeks

Cost: \$85

Book with me after hours on 9728 2179.

More details will be given early in the new year.

Charlie Chamberlain

THE CARVERY

For various reasons it wasn't until the Club evening meeting on 5th February that I made my first visit to the old School where all those present, about 35 members, heard a very informative talk mostly about men's health issues from Doreen Akerman, well qualified as the Director of the Victorian Cancer Information Service. She not only got her message across in a bright, direct and humorous manner but she is married to one of our wood turners and knew the hazards that are associated with the working of some timbers.

In the absence of both a President and a Vice President Bruce kept things running smoothly and made a plea for each group to give serious consideration to filling these two vital roles. Besides thanking our guest speaker and leading a round of applause he had everyone present thank Charles for providing a range of interesting and varied speakers or demonstrators over the past year.

For Show and Tell Greg had brought along a beautifully executed intarsia piece in a variety of coloured timbers entitled "The 4 Seasons" showing just how far the art of scroll sawing can be taken. Yen displayed three sturdy horses in Chinese harness made from his supply of Queensland beech – one destined for each of his grandchildren while Derek, appropriate to the New Chinese Year featuring the rat, showed his rat race having two of them, carved from cotoneaster running inside a wooden circle kindly turned for him by Ian Dunnet from Stone Pine, another example of carver/turner co-operation.

On the following Friday Bryan was busy as usual showing the newest recruits some carver skills, particularly Rachael who was using a plywood template of a dove to rout a relief outline of the bird three centimeters into a piece of jelatong. Peter was there too relief carving what could be a bream again from jelatong. Bruce was working hard on his minute netsuke of a pygmy possum glider anxious to show some progress conscious that the next meeting with tutor Susan Wraight was imminent while Yen was enjoying himself on Bruce's laptop with a program that allowed him to manipulate faces as possible subjects for carving.

Talking about faces we note that in the information sheet for this year's Carve-In in May the Mechanical Carvers group with Rod Jones as tutor the challenge is to again carve the human face – not an easy task. Other groups and leaders are:

Clock Surround	Ken Reid
Spoon Carving	Henri Styzincski
Furniture Carving	Carl Lutz
Pub Signs	Richard Yates

There is also a self help group for those who prefer to push on with their own projects. Attendees are again being asked to bring along a novelty carved box to fit over the totem pole, where the variety of ideas grows each year.

Last year 52 carvers and partners attended this popular annual get together of carvers from all over the State and this year Bryan, the skilled organiser is aiming for 60 so get your registration in early.

Derek Borrell

CHUCK SAFETY

At the February Committee meeting serious safety concerns were raised about several recent incidences involving our Vicmarc chuck's.

These incidences would indicate that some members do not have the skills to correctly use this equipment and are placing themselves and other members at risk.

The most serious incident, and there have been several, relates to the procedure of opening the chuck to its full extent and then going further and exerting such force as to break off the jay stop screw. This stop screw is to prevent the jay slide being unwound from the chuck.

This has happened on several occasions, and obviously the user wound the jaw slide from the chuck and then could not reassemble it correctly and put it away in a very unsafe condition. If used in this condition, as it was, the work will not be held securely and together with the jaw could dislodge causing serious injury. We were lucky this time.

The Committee has considered this in the past and determined that the reason for opening the chuck to its full extent was because of lack of large capacity jaws. Extra large jaws were purchased and a chart indicating which jay should be used for what size job was provided to each lathe. However, the poor practice still continues, **PLEAS CONSULT THE CHART AND USE THE CORRECT SET OF JAWS.**

The second type of incident involves damage to the body of one of our chuck's.

It would appear that the chuck was difficult to remove from the lathe. This can occur as the direction of rotation and forces applied during turning will tighten the chuck to the head stock spindle. To reduce this effect most of our lathes, if not all, are fitted with a washer. Each lathe is provided with a spanner to hold the spindle and each chuck kit has a bar to remove the chuck. Do not use the lathe detent to lock the spindle , use the spanner provide.

A member did not use this method, but stick the body of the chuck repeatedly with a glancing blow from a hammer or similar implement in an attempt to loosen the chuck. The body of the chuck was dented and damaged, and unknown damage would also have been done to the head stock bearings. This behaviour is not acceptable.

Safety is your responsibility.

If you don't know what to do ask you group leader. Seek advice.

Use the correct jaw size for your job, Consult the chart provided.

If you damage any equipment **DONT** put it away **UNSAFE** report it.

Allen Way.

Australian Wood Review

Open Box Competition

The Brief

Make a box, photograph it and enter the competition. The form, purpose and the method of its making are open to your interpretation. So – carvers, turners and boxmakers – the brief provides an opportunity for all to enter.

Your box may be:

- Round, oval, square, rectangular or sculpted.
- Joined, assembled, lathe-turned, bandsawn, hand or chainsaw carved.
- It may or may not have a specific purpose.
- Wood should be the primary material however other materials may be incorporated.

Your box should:

- Enclose its contents or have a lid
- Be able to be picked up with two hands

Your box should not be:

- A floor standing piece or item of furniture (ie blanket or storage box)

How to Enter

Entry is by photographic submission. Post a completed entry form along with a CD of 8–12 high quality high resolution digital images of your box including also an image of yourself with or without the box. You may include 3–4 photos of the construction process if you wish.

A printout of your images should accompany your submission. Enclose stamped, pre-addressed packaging if you require your CD and printout to be returned.

More information on the entry form in the newsletter and on the AWR website.

I have attached a separate PDF file to for the email members which contains details including an entry form.

Editor.

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The deadline for entry is April 15, 2008

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.

WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

The February joint meeting with Maroondah saw 25 attend. It was a very successful night with a talk by Dennis O'Meara on painting and decorating and the Skill Olympics.

I think the questions would have gone on all night if I had of let them. Thanks to both groups for their support.

The 20th March meeting will be a visit by the Eltham club, they will provide a speaker or demonstrator on the night.

The 17th April meeting will be a demonstration by Barrie Ransome on magnetic needle cases. Barrie is a day turner in our club, if any of his fellow members in his group wish to come along for moral support you are more than welcome. Just bring \$2 for the raffle and turn up on the night.

A visit to Woodcraft by Carroll's Woodcraft on the 23rd February had 53 through the door. Thanks to those who helped, special thanks to Stuart who stayed all day. Two lucky people won a door prize. The turners in our club have lots of new toys to play with, members will need training on some of the new tools. Executive training group will arrange this. Thanks to Jim and Irene for coming, it was nice to see them again.

Saturday 29th March – Preparation to French Polishing course. I will ring those whose names I have on the list and let them know what to bring on the day. There are some places still available. Ring after hours if interested. (Ph 9728 2179)

Cobb & Co, - Ian Robertson (Robbo)

Date: 15th March 2008-02-25

Time: 10.00 am

**Address: 2 Bayview Road
Tooradin**

Coming from Melbourne into Tooradin turn right beside the service station and then turn left into service lane. The work shop is behind the large gum tree. If you need directions my mobile is 0408 177759. All other details in January's newsletter.

Charlie Chamberlain

March 20th 2008 – I have invited the Eltham Club to pay us visit. More information on this later.

On Saturday 29th March between 8am and 12 noon I will run a preparation to French Polishing course. Consisting of how to strip a piece of furniture in preparation for re polishing. All materials included \$35. More details in next months newsletter.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:

Vice President:

Secretary: Brian Luders 9897 1482

Treasurer: Neil Wakeman 9841 7773

Membership Secretary: Carl Jacobs 9840 2620

Committee members:

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.

<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.