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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.

THE PRES' POSTING

To our club January now means the AUSTRALIA DAY event on the 26th January. This is the fourth successive year we have been invited to contribute. In the King's Domain Gardens off Linlithgow Avenue (between the National Gallery, Myer Music Bowl, and Government house) we will have demonstrations of Turning, Carving and Box-making, we also discuss woodworking and our Club's activities with visitors and hand-out Club promotional material, sell wooden goods, and most importantly assist 200 children assemble bird-boxes (the kits have been prepared by a small band of volunteers at the Club in recent days).

Our involvement in this, and other similar events throughout the year, is very important for the club- in addition to any fees directly paid, \$1200+ for this event- it is important in raising our profile in the community which results in new members and also in more attendees at our training courses, all of which ultimately provides financial security (without the need to raise our annual fees to intolerable levels!) and leads to opportunities to expand our facilities and activities for the benefit of all current Members.

For the 26th January we will again need VOLUNTEERS, at least 25-30 in two to three hour sessions between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Club Members need to ask themselves what reasonable excuse have they for NOT contributing two or three hours of their time. PLEASE either ring me on 9822 3833 (AH) as soon as possible, ie TONIGHT, or put your name on the list in the clubrooms. Please note that if the temperature is over 26° we will facilitate change-over of volunteers at midday by providing transport each way between the clubrooms and Kings' Domain at that time. All listed volunteers will be contacted a few days before the event.

Your club also needs contributions of items for sale on the day, such as door wedges, small bowls, garden dibbers, tops, small boxes, small carvings, etc. Please get them to your Group Leader, or the Clubrooms, before 24th January.

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In the last six months your Committee has called for volunteers for a number of different roles, sadly with NO RESPONSES/ENQUIRIES at all. This is appalling and I believe foreshadows a deterioration and the possible ultimate demise of your club. Clubs like ours rely on volunteers, no volunteers means nothing happens. Too many Members leave the work to a small group of recurrent volunteers who as a group make up about twenty five percent of the total Membership, yet the rest of you have no hesitation in utilising the facilities and expertise produced by their endeavours. This is just not good enough. Remember, increased contributors dilute the workload for everyone.

Current positions needing to be filled include:-

1. Secretary of the Club, following the recent resignation of Anne Schafer after five years contribution.
2. Website development. Someone with an interest in computers, or might be a member of a club or organisation which has a website, to obtain advice for the Committee. You won't need to manage it! (Carl Jacobs is making some preliminary enquiries.)
3. Promotions Officer- a local Manningham resident who can regularly liaise with Manningham Council and also with the local Press.
4. Organisers for the new monthly General Meetings which are due to commence on 6th March.

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TODAY.

I will be delighted to discuss any of the matters raised in this Newsletter. Please contact me.

Wishing all Members a Safe and Happy New Year.

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

FORTHCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Australia Day Event . 26 January. List in the Clubrooms or ring Tim Gale 9822 3833.

Box-Making Course, intermediate level. 8-9 February, for Boxmaking group members and those who have done the Introductory course.

Ring Ken Morrison 9723 5030

Introduction to BoxMaking Course. Monday nights 8 Feb to 26 March.

Ring Ken Morrison 9723 5030

Visit to Maroondah Woodturning Club. 15 Feb. Demonstration of turning a walking stick.

Visit to Cobb & Co at Tooradin. 24 Feb. See December News letter.

Contact Charlie Chamberlain 9728 2179

Monthly General Meeting. First meeting 6 March 6.30pm Visiting speaker, Show and Tell, discussion , supper. General woodworking subjects, all members welcome.

Manningham Healthy Lifestyle Week. Club room demonstrations and displays. 3 and 8 March, 10-4

Visit by Yarra Valley Woodworkers. 15 March

Warrandyte Festival 24-25 March

Introduction to Woodturning. 31 March.

Bookings Charlie Chamberlain 9728 2179

Gifkin Jig course.

Date to be determined.

For anyone with a jig or a member of a boxmaking group.

Register interest with Reg Orr 9857 6058

Here is a page of interest for Box makers and carvers.

<http://www.gryphonsmoon.com/BOX-200.item>

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:	Tim Gale	9822 3833
Vice President:	Keith Higgins	9489 4124
Secretary:	Anne Schafer	9844 2072
Treasurer:	Stan Smith	9841 6557
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

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Contact Stuart Watson on 9886 1893