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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Special guest speaker this month will be

Roy Tyrell

Roy is from the Victorian Furnishing Training Centre at Holms-glen TAFE. Roy may be accompanied by his friend Chris Frost.

Roy will talk about a cabinet he made that won first prize with the Wood Review Magazine and if Chris is able to make it, he will talk about our new furniture design.

START TIME IS: 7PM

DATE: TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

Don't forget your name badges.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 2007

PRESIDENT'S REPORT and FINANCIAL SUMMARY

I am pleased to report a most satisfactory year just past. There have been significant changes to the Club, to the benefit of all Members.

In October we celebrated the **20th anniversary** of the development of this Club when Central Wood-turners was started in the pattern making shop at RMIT in 1986, and the Doncaster Carving Group commenced in 1991. Woodcraft Manningham was formed when these two groups amalgamated and commenced operating out of our current Club rooms in 1996. The box making section was started in 2003. The anniversary was celebrated with an Open Day in the Club Rooms followed by a luncheon celebration at the Templestowe Hotel, with a number of foundation members attending as guests of honour.

In January we were involved in our annual commitment for the **Australia Day** celebration in Kings Do-main, and this was a most successful day with increased revenue, and also increased interest in the Club to the benefit of our teaching courses, and increased membership.

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We again were involved in the **Warrandyte Festival** in April, which raises our profile within the local community.

Also at the beginning of this year we commenced our **monthly General Meetings** with excellent attendances, and most interesting guest speakers. This event has significantly contributed to bringing together individual interest groups within the Club. My thanks to Charles Castle and Bruce Hensell for their organisation of this event each month.

The Committee has commenced an extended **Capital Expenditure Program** to expand the available equipment within the Club rooms, and this will be detailed in the financial report. A 3-person purchasing group has been set up to implement and co-ordinate this program for the Committee.

During the year a series of **Accreditation Classes** have been held on all the powered equipment in the clubrooms, and it is intended that these will be held annually. All Three craft groups have also held a "Back to Basics" program.

Resignations: It was regretted that Anne Schaffer our Secretary for the last five years found it necessary to resign at the end of last year, and I have previously publicly expressed my sincere thanks for the hard and thankless work she has done on behalf of the Club during this period of time. Earlier this year Stan Smith, who has been Treasurer for over three years, also found it necessary to submit his resignation, and again I have previously publicly acknowledged and thanked him for his skilled work over this period of time. We have had a difficult period in the last three months without a successor.

Thanks: I wish to publicly thank a number of Members of the Club.

Firstly all Members of the Committee have worked tirelessly on behalf of all Members and the advances we have seen over the last twelve months are solely due to their endeavours.

My personal thanks to a number of individuals outside of the Committee. Firstly to Don McLean a past treasurer for fourteen years of the Club who has given me great advice and guidance in matters financial and helped in formulating plans for the future. In addition he has also been a major assistant to Reg Orr in the Boxmaking Group.

Reg Orr himself deserves a very warm expression of appreciation for all the hard work he puts into his two Boxmaking Groups and I am delighted to publicly acknowledge his services in this regard.

Ken Morrison's boxmaking leadership and his almost continuous program of Boxmaking courses throughout the year has been a contribution to our positive financial situation.

I would also like to thank Sandra Tarry for her work over a number of years as our Librarian. This facility is well organised solely due to her expertise, and we have been able to expand the available material. You are reminded that the library will be known as the Robert McNamara Memorial Library and the carvers and wood turners are currently preparing an appropriate plaque to acknowledge this.

I would like to publicly acknowledge Gino Centofanti's massive commitment to producing the monthly Newsletter as well as his additional assistance in sharing the equipment maintenance responsibilities with Keith Higgins.

Finally I would like to thank all others who have regularly volunteered to help out in the Australia Day and Warrandyte Festival events, and our Day Turners for undertaking their role as an unofficial Maintenance Team.

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I thank you all for your help, guidance and assistance over the last two years.

I believe we have an outstanding Club, and the number of initiatives taken in the last twelve months have changed the profile of the Club which has become a significantly more unified organisation, and which must be of major benefit to every member in expanding their woodworking knowledge and skills.

In closing I would like to offer my best wishes for my successor and am pleased to offer my services in any way they feel may be of benefit.

I would now like to comment on the **financial situation** within the Club, on behalf of the past Treasurer Stan Smith who apologises for planning his annual holiday at this time. I am pleased to report that we are in a sound cash position with very significant cash reserves, although that is going to be targeted in the next twelve months. For the financial year that has just closed we were \$1,284 ahead of budget (a surplus of \$784 against a budgeted deficit of \$500), largely due to revenues from the Wood Turning and to Box Making Courses, and also due to significantly increased revenue from the Australia Day event. A summary of the year's **Income and Expenditure Statement** is posted on the notice board.

I have also put up a copy of the **Capital Expenditure Budget** for the forthcoming year. This has been significantly expanded compared to previous years as your Committee is of the view that the Club should no longer rely on the generosity of various Members in providing their personal equipment that needs to be regularly used during the meeting of the various groups. In particular this relates to the Box Making Groups that have significantly increased membership numbers in the last twelve months and also because it is a relatively new craft group within Woodcraft Manningham. In addition however the Carvers are receiving additional equipment and the Turners haven't missed out either. The significantly increased Capital Expenditure Budget has resulted in your Committee budgeting for an annual deficit of \$2,950, which we believe is not unreasonable taking into consideration our cash position.

I now invite any questions or comment concerning my President's Report and also the Financial Report.

Tim Gale

I just wanted to say thankyou to Tim Gale for all his efforts during his time as president.

Despite never really having the time to perform such an important function, due to running a full time medical practice Tim took it on anyway to help save the club that he loves. Because without a president the club would have had to close and at that time no one was putting there hand up to volunteer as President. We should be all greatfull to him on this one point alone. Tim also helped out at any of the functions the club ran when ever he could. And he helped move the club forward during his time.

Regards.

Gino

Presidential Pointers

Hello everybody

Well this is my first entry in the monthly mag. I hope you find this edition just as informative and entertaining as it has been in the past. I am working out a schedule that will allow me to get around to all groups and meet as many members as possible.

First, I would like to pass my thanks to Tim Gale for his work as President. I would also like to thank last year's committee for their work and dedication, mostly behind the scenes, to help run the club and without who's help, it would be a near on impossible task. I wish the members who volunteered (again) for this year's committee all the best, as I know you all enjoy it so much.

It is my intention to carry on the current direction that the club is heading so as keep the same flow and train of thought. It is also my intention to be guided by the committee and the club members as to what they want. With that being said I invite all members to call me or drop me an email about anything they feel a need to talk about or mention, I look forward to that very much.

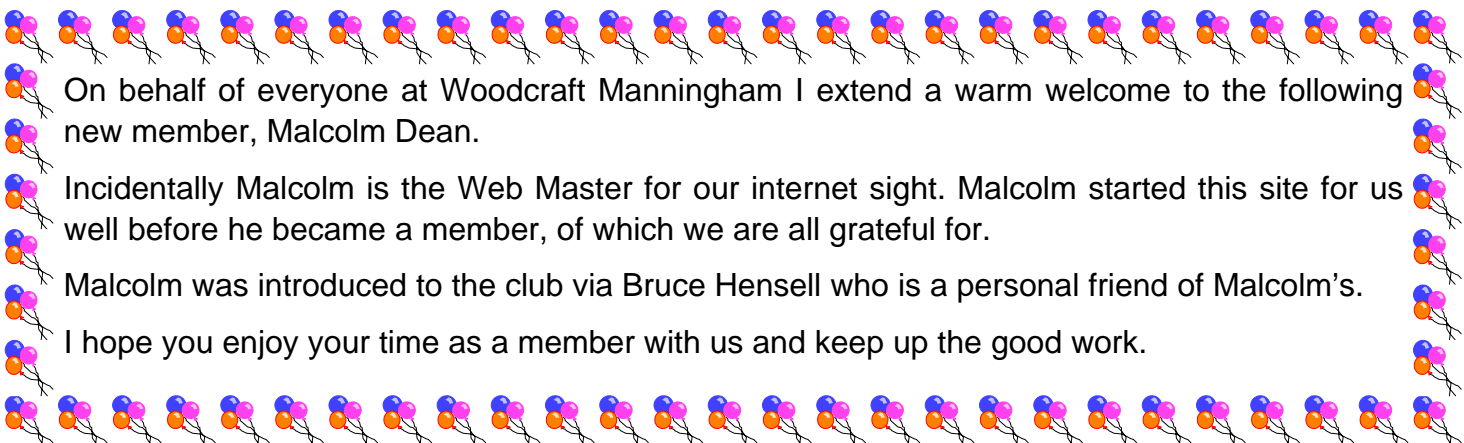
It was good to see Bryan Thompson's life membership into the club, I have only known Bryan for a short period compared to most of you, but have seen his dedication many times and it is a credit to him, well done mate!

I hope that you all had a chance to digest the extent of the capital expenditure and I will be driving this forward, so you will be able to benefit from the extra equipment. This will also help out the members who have been using their own equipment for way too long.

In finishing, welcome to the start of the New Year for the club and look forward to catching up with everybody at some point in the near future.

Regards

Keith Higgins



WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

The August meeting had a slow start with a few interruptions, with me bringing wood to sell and Brian bringing raffle tickets, but through all that Alan did his demonstration on miniature boxes. We decided it would be better to save the turning of the boxes until September 20th meeting, rather than trying to rush them. On that night Alan can talk you through doing the boxes. So those who missed last month can still do the activity, look at the last newsletter for the requirements.

Other things that happened on the night – it was decided that I will keep on as leader of the Central Group, we also tried out the clubs new PA system by having Alan recite some poetry with words not for the general public. Not sure what Miles and Glen’s mothers would think but we all got a great laugh out of it including the two Dads. Another fun night with the Central group.

As the longest serving member of the committee I would like to congratulate Keith on becoming our new President. This is the fifth President since I have been on committee.

Speaking of Keith we decided that the activity on the 18th October will be a burl turning demonstration. Keith did offer but if he is not available Stuart will be on standby. This demonstration is open to any club members. Ring after hours if you are coming –

9728 2179.

September is very busy with us, Chris with the APAT Exhibition and me with Down Under the week before.

See you September 20th.

Charlie Chamberlain

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.

Quick Quiz & Answers

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?..... 116 years
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?.....Ecuador
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?.....Sheep and Horses
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?..... November
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?.....Squirrel fur
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?.....Dogs
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?.....Albert
- 8) What color is a purple finch?.....Crimson
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?.....New Zealand
- 10) What is the color of the black box?.....Orange (of course)

YEN IP

Yen Ip and his family would like to express their gratitude to all the people who either visited, phoned or sent get well cards.

While no doubt the operation has knocked him about a little he is doing well and making a reasonable recovery.

We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Have 'they' got a deal for us?

The Kiwanis Club is conducting a Monster Community Raffle in Manningham and is offering community groups (like ours) the opportunity to raise funds for their organization. Although it's hard to believe, the arrangements are as follows:

Ticket prices are \$2 each, BUT \$1.75 of this is donated back to the community group that sells the ticket. The other 25 cents per ticket sold is donated to the Manningham Charitable Trust.

So, if we can sell 1,000 tickets, Woodcraft Manningham will receive a donation of \$1,750! If we can sell 2,000 tickets, the Club will receive \$3,500.

H o w g o o d i s t h a t ?

Tickets are available through Brian Luders and many thanks to Neil Wakeman for putting us onto this opportunity.

FOR SALE

Vicmarc VL300 with a 1800 bed which means you can turn 1200 between centres, and it is variable speed.

Asking price is \$3800

Contact John Maddock on 9738 0266 or email john@woodturn.com.au

SCROLL SAW GROUP

All those interested in starting up a Scroll Saw group contact Bruce Hensell on 9853 5754, or mobile 0419 519 191 or email bruce.hensell@henselite.com.au

ITEMS WANTED FOR OUR WEB PAGE

As you know we now have a web site which Malcolm Dean a friend of Bruce Hensell has worked Vigorously at, and at no charge to our club. Malcolm is not even a member at this stage which says a lot about his generosity.

Lets enhance Malcolm's efforts by helping to provide works of art such as Carvings, Turnings and Box's. (At present there are no carvings on display) Please forward any photo's to the editor (and please, they must be clear) If you have something and you have no photo I would be happy to meet up and take a photo of your work for you.

Regards Gino

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:	Tim Gale	9822 3833
Vice President:	Keith Higgins	9489 4124
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>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 2 "Evening"</u>	<u>3rd Tues or Wed 6.30pm</u>
Ken Morrison	9723 5030	Reg Orr	9857 6058
<u>Box Making 1 "Afternoon"</u>	<u>1st Friday 1pm</u>	<u>Probus</u>	<u>1st Monday 9.30am</u>
Ken Morrison	9723 5030	John Edwards	9848 5875

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.