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**WOODCRAFT MATTERS**

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**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

The speaker for the September meeting on 1 September 2009 is Errol Myrmin, from Timbermate.

Errol will be talking about Timbermate wood filler and its uses, and the product generally

**START TIME IS: 7PM**

**DATE: TUESDAY 1st of September**

**Don't forget your name badges.**

**YOUR NEW PRESIDENT**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your President.

I hope I can fulfil your expectations, and as a group we can move the club forward over the next 12 months.

A special thanks to our past President Kevin who came in at the last minute to lead us over the last 12 months, a difficult task with no past experience on the committee. We thank you Kevin for your leadership and guidance.

No club can function without a loyal team, who behind the scene makes it all happen, and I am referring to our committee and our leaders, who give so much, to make the club the success it is today. Welcome to the new members of the committee in Bryan Thomson and John Tarry.

It has been decided to leave the position of Vice President open at this time.

Bill Woods has offered to take on the position as Treasurer in about six weeks time and Neil Wakeman has kindly offered to stay on till the change over.

I look forward to working with the new committee and leaders and hope we can work as a coordinated team with many ideas to come forward to improve the clubs operations and facilities in accordance with members feed back and support.

We will be having a joint meeting of leaders and the new committee on Monday September 7 so we can finalize and implement the new Leaders Guide lines and Policy Manual, so we have uniformity in every section of the club. We will also discuss a new layout to utilize space within the club more efficiently. It is my intention over the next short period of time to visit every group in the club and to meet all the members first hand and get feed back, so we can move forward.

I want all members, at any time, to feel free to raise any issue of concern or any suggestion that can assist the club, either to me or any member of the committee. As we want an open dialogue between all members of the club.

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**CLUB FAMILY ANNUAL LUNCH.**

We are planning for the club to have a Family annual lunch to be held at a special new venue on Saturday November 21.

More details in the next issue , but put this date IN YOUR DIARY.

We have had a great response from the article in the Manningham Leader Press paper. Possible two new members , a quantity of timber , including 50 pieces of Huon Pine logs , some fairly large. Also a promise of another article if we win prizes at the Royal Melbourne Show. Thank you to those who assisted to be available for the article.

**CLUB PURCHASE NEW BAND SAW.**

Thanks to club member Charles Hooi who works at CarbaTec, we have been able to purchase a New shop soiled 19 inch Band Saw, Model SBW 4800 CE, with ripping fence, at a very good price.

It will be installed as soon as we have sold our existing saw.

If any member is interested in our old saw, please contact Bruce Hensell. This is a very good saw but the bigger capacity unit will be much better for the club.

**YOUR NEW COMMITTEE.**

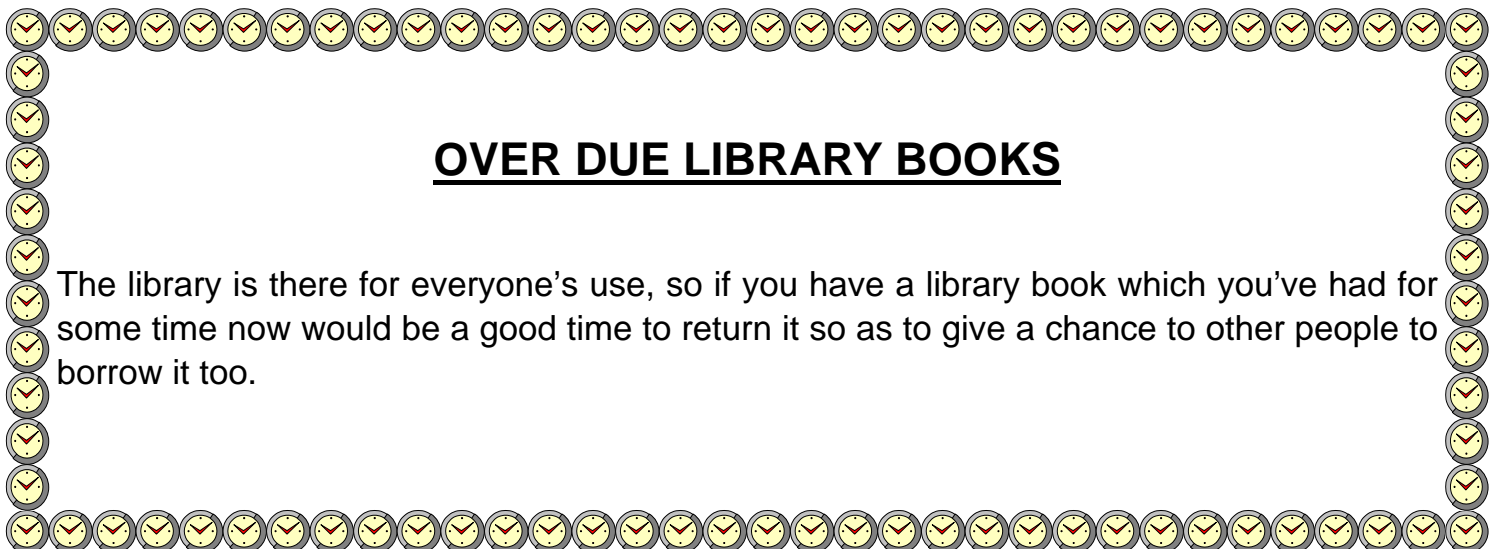
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**OVER DUE LIBRARY BOOKS**

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 1st and 4th Thursday evening groups have been busy during August making lidded boxes. The project has proved that end grain turning is not as easy as Richard Raffan would make it look. However many great boxes are well on the way to completion.

Septembers project, for those who have completed their box, will be a necklace stand. Several months ago we made wooden pendants, so we will make a stand to suit. The aprox. sizes of the wood you will need are, For the stand you will need long grained timber aprox. 50 x 50 x 350.

For the base a circular blank of aprox. 50 thick and 120 diameter.

For the hangers, 4 pieces 15 x 15 x 90.

The timber can be all the same type or contrasting, your decision. We will produce a sample in black-wood but the final design is up to you.

See you on the 1st or 4th Thursday.

Stuart Watson , Allan Way.

## **BOWL SAVER.**

The club has purchased a WOODCUT bowl saver. Allan Way has demonstrated its use to all turning groups with the exception of the Lady Turners. During the demonstration members were able to test this tool, and all found it simple and safe to use if the basic set up and operating rules were followed. The Saver is located in the cupboard next to the chucks with the spare jaws and face plates. The instruction manual has been copied and plasticised for easy reference.

This tool is for your use, don't waste valuable timber, core out your large bowl blanks and save money.

If you missed the demo. or would like help with it, or further information,

contact Allan Way on 9459 9049.

## **WOODTURNERS BACK TO BASICS EVENINGS**

These evenings held at 7 PM on the 3rd Thursdays of August, September, and October are free to members and aimed at the new and old turners who need to brush up on their techniques and tool skills.

August 20th is spindle turning, timber needed, 75 x 75 x 400.

September 17th, more spindle turning if needed and face plate turning, timber needed, bowl blank of your choice.

October 15th, complete face plate, finishing, sharpening etc.

The programme is flexible, and will focus on safety, tool skills, techniques and could vary from the above as it develops.

Stuart Watson and Allan Way will act as leaders.

Allan Way

## THE CARVERY

Over morning coffee and cake, generously provided by Rachael, the lucky thirteen carvers who attended on the first Friday in August heard some more good advice from Bryan on safety and venting the workroom at the start of each session. It was also an opportunity to congratulate Bruce on his popular appointment as new President at the recent AGM and to hear some of his views on club promotion.

For Show' n' Tell the items on display included Janet's entry for the RACV Show, a cat on top of three suitcases. Pat showed a finely carved owl and Derek produced three rounded sculptures from silky oak.

Going around the benches we found Melva and Rachael each carving a Santa Claus head on to a turned piece of wood and were informed that all the carvers may have to do the same before next Xmas. At other benches heads seemed to be the order of the day as Janet was embarking on carving a traditional European Green Man on what looked at this early stage like an over size bread board. Three others, Dr. Charles, Doug and Yen, were even more ambitious [or foolhardy] attempting to do relief carvings from photographs of known people-even wives. Also carving a head but in the round and from Queensland beech was Dr. Cyril.

At the far end of the workshop and on his own, for no known reason, Ken Morrison was tackling six wooden spoons which he had apparently promised Edna for last Christmas.

Derek also had spoons or salad servers in mind similar to a pair demonstrated in an old Carving magazine that coupled together to form an albatross head and beak.

Bruce's nude from jelatong is becoming a real talking piece with everything in place except the right hand which nearly threw him when he discovered her thumb on the wrong side. So realistic is his piece that some suspect he has a model tucked away at home or is working from a good memory.

It was also good to see Charles daughter, Mirella, who has attended Carve-ins in the past, back with us and to know she had not lost her love of carving.

Derek Borrell

## MAROONDAH WOODTURNING CLUB

**WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A SOCIAL DEMONSTRATION DAY.  
THIS DAY WILL BE OPEN TO ANY CLUBS OR INDIVIDUAL WHO WISH TO COME  
ALONG.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

at

2 Delmont Court

Mooroolbark

10am – 3.30pm

9728 2179 (after hours)

Ken Wraight	Turning	10 – 11.30am	Goblet with spiral stem
Ken Morrison	Box making	11.30 – 12 noon	Use of dovetail jigs
Ian (Robbo) Robertson	Turning	12 – 1.30pm	Hat out of green wood
Yen Ip & Greg Williams	Carving	1.30 – 2.30pm	Talk on carving
Stuart Watson	Sharpening	2.30 – 3pm	Turning tools
Charlie Chamberlain	Antique tools	3 – 3.30pm	Talk

Tea and coffee available

**Cost - \$5**

**Sausage sizzle \$1.50**

Plenty of street parking available, bring yourself and a folding chair.

## **Brighten up your life**

If life doesn't seem as bright as it once did perhaps you need to turn up the light.

As you grow older the amount of light you need dramatically increases. To maintain the same reading speed you had at 20 years old takes 50% more light when you are 50. At the age of 60 you require twice as much, and at 80 three times more light. Glare also bothers older people a lot more. And a gradual yellowing of the lenses in the eye changes the colour perception some what making it more difficult to discern closely related colours in the blue-green end of the spectrum.

So if you think you might become over 50 one day then perhaps you might think of brighten up your life and your workshop.

Some suggestions:

Replace standard two-lamp florescent fixtures with four-lamp ones.

Place light diffuser over the fluorescent tube to reduce the glare.

Install warmer Spec 30 (SP30 or Designer 30) fluorescent tubes in over head fixtures to correct for colour.

If you are over 50 or even over 60 perhaps you should consider increase the amount of light in your workshop. And perhaps we should consider increasing the amount of light in our club room.

Reference: Wood Magazine, How to Build a Great Home Workshop. ISBN-13:978-1-4027-1177-0

Published by Sterling Publishing Co.

Bryan Thompson

## **AUSTRALIAN HARDWOODS**

An old Aussie trying to describe Australian timbers to a visiting Englishman said there are basically only three woods in this country, "Hardwood, hard hardwood and hard hard hardwood."

He went on to say "Hardwood is used in things like desks for schoolkids."

The Englishman interrupted "You mean pews for pupils?"

After agreeing the Aussie went on "Now hard hardwood would be used in items like barrels for beer."

The visitor said "Do you mean casks for ale?"

"Have it your own way" was the reply as he went on to state "Now hard hard hardwood is used in piles for piers and before you comment that doesn't mean haemorrhoids for the aristocracy."

Derek Borrell

## SAFETY UPDATE

It has come to my attention that there are a couple of potentially dangerous situation that could result in a serious accident and I didn't include either of them in any of our safety instructions.

The first new rule is;

**Don't distract members whilst they are using machinery. That is:**

- Don't talk to anyone using the machine, unless you are there to assist
- Don't stand closer than a meter to any one using a machine unless you are there to assist
- Don't attempt to walk passed to the circular saw whilst someone is using the buzzer.
- Don't stand and chat in the machinery area whilst people are using the machines
- Keep clear of the machinery area unless you are actually using a machine, being instructed how to use a machine or there as an instructor.

The second new rule is

**Don't leave the machine while it is still running. That is:**

- Don't leave the machine running and go and find a square to check your work.
- Don't leave the machine running and go and look for another piece of timber to cut.
- Don't leave the machine running and have another drink of tea.
- Don't leave the machine running while you are having a conversation with another member.

Bryan H. Thompson

## It's not Graffiti

The **red** lines on the floor near the band saw are not the work of some delinquent graffiti artist. The lines are safety lines. Only one person is permitted to be inside the red lined area while the bandsaw is being operated. The only possible exception is when a member is being tutored. If it is felt necessary for training purposes tutor may stand to the left of the member being trained.



Bryan Thompson

## **CHUCK SAFETY ISSUES**

It has been raised with the committee that Turning Members have created serious safety issues by the misuse of and damage to the Club's chucks. There are several problems being experienced, which are of serious concern as they can lead to chuck failure resulting in possible injury to the user and other members.

It is obvious that the people responsible do not have the training in the correct use of chucks and the various jaw options available. We have found chucks with the jaws wound out so far, and with such force, as to shear off the retaining screw. When this happens there is a real risk of a jaw coming loose with serious consequences. It can only be assumed that the user who does this is trying to use the chuck and fitted jaw set to hold a job that is far too big for that combination. A very serious lack of knowledge and very dangerous.

In the past we have supplied a chart, which is mounted between the lathes, listing all jaw options to hold jobs of various sizes. If this chart is followed and the correct jaw fitted, there are few, if any, timbers that can't be catered for.

Chucks have also been found with the jaw slide wound fully out and not correctly re-installed. This can be disastrous and a serious safety hazard. In addition we have also found errors in jaw mounting. Each jaw slide has a number 1 – 4 and it is important that the jaw number matches the slide number.

### REMEMBER:-

If you don't know how, ASK!

If you are unsure, ASK!

If you need help, ASK!

Don't risk injury to yourself or another member.

Allan Way

**Active membership is the lifeblood of this club.  
Have you brought a new member to the club yet?**

Below, View of annual general meeting with a sign of great relief from past President Kevin McCarthy and concern from Neil Wakeman.

Below, New president addressing the Annual General meeting.



Below bottom two photo's, Greg Williams being interviewed by Danielle Crowe from Leader News Paper. President Bruce Hensell overseeing



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<b>President:</b>	Bruce Hensell	0419 519 191
<b>Vice President:</b>	To be appointed	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Brian Luders	9897 1482
<b>Treasurer:</b>	To be appointed	
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Neil Wakeman	9841 7773
<b>Training &amp; Safety:</b>	Bryan Thompson	9459 4176

### Committee members:

John Tarry	9842 5324
Allan Way	9459 9049
Stuart Watson	9886 1893

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

<b><u>Templestowe Wood turners</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>1st Thursday 6.30pm</u></a>	<b><u>Day carvers – 1</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>1st Friday 9am</u></a>
Stuart Watson	9886 1893	Bryan Thompson	9723 5030
<b><u>Day Turners</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>Wednesday's 9am and 12.30pm</u></a>	<b><u>Day carvers – 2</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>2nd Friday 9am</u></a>
John Tarry	9842 5324	Bryan Thompson	9459 4176
<b><u>Lady Turners</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>2nd Tuesday 6.30pm</u></a>	<b><u>Day carvers – 3</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>3rd Friday 9am</u></a>
Stuart Watson	9886 1893	Bryan Thompson	9723 5030
<b><u>Manningham Wood turners</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>4th Thursday 6.30pm</u></a>	<b><u>Day Carvers - 4</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>4th Friday 9am</u></a>
Allan Way	9459 9049	Bryan Thompson	9459 4176
<b><u>Probus Turners</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>1st Monday 9.30am</u></a>	<b><u>Scroll Sawing</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>4th Friday 1pm</u></a>
John Edwards	9848 5875	Robert Murphy	9842 7060
<b><u>Box Making "Evening"</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>3rd Tues + Wed 6.30pm</u></a>	<b><u>Open Day</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>3rd Thurs 9am—12noon</u></a>
Reg Orr	9857 6058	Brian Luders	9897 1482
<b><u>Box Making "Day"</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>3rd Friday 1pm</u></a>		
Ken Morrison	9723 5030		

### 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.