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## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The guest speaker for September is Derek Borell, who has prepared a presentation on earthquakes; why they occur, and their effects. Particularly as they effect his home city of Christchurch. While Derek has been in Australia for a long time, his ability to do the Haka is formidable.

His insights into earthquakes promises to be fascinating.

**START TIME IS: 7PM**

**DATE: TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**



### Presidents update for September 2011

It is a pleasure to welcome Anne Schafer to our committee in the position of club Secretary. Anne has been in the club for many years as a lady Wood Turner and was a previous Club Secretary.

Richard Salvado has kindly offered to assist as our club Public Relations officer which is an "essential" in promoting our club and gaining members.

Reg Shanhan is making progress in up dating our Shadow board. We want a volunteer to paint the outline of all the tools on the board at a later date.

You will notice we have new lighting in the club entrance and much brighter light tubes in the main workshop. We are experimenting with better globes over the turning area. We will replace all globes when the final decision is made.

Reg Orr has put a door on our communications area, and Rachel is working on a cover, which can then easily be remove for the TV.

The Toy group is now making toy kits in batches of 200. They would like to hear from anyone who would like to do work at home like drilling holes, painting objects, making up kits etc, etc.

**Our ANNUAL FAMILY LUNCH will again be at the RACV Country Club in Healesville on Saturday November. 26 at 12 noon. Forms in Newsletter or at club or phone me on 0419519191 .**

**Tickets at last years price of \$55.00 per head plus drinks. Ref page 8 for "Application" form**

We will have a big Display of work done by members as partners were very impressed at last years event.

**All bring samples of your work. It will be a great day.**

Bruce Hensell

## PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to present the presidents annual report for the last financial year .

Although our numbers are down by three in membership, participation is up from 187 to 196 member days. We also had 4 members shift to the country.

Unfortunately we lost three members during the year including our Secretary Brian Luders, our Maintenance officer Barry Ransome and last Thursday our Monday Turning Leader, John Edwards passed away unexpectedly. Our thoughts are with their families.

We have made considerable progress in getting approval from council for an upgrade of our lighting within the club and a complete new dust extraction system thanks to support from Simon Law who is now working with council on the extension of the building out towards the car park.

Members have been on the move in the last 12 months with 8 attending the Morodor Carving School in Austria for a fortnight followed by another member in November .

A group of Turners attended a very successful, Turnaround Turning Weekend at Phillip Island and 8 attended the International Turnfest on the Gold Coast in March.

Other outings included a Carve Inn and a Scroll Saw Weekend in Wodonga and a Scroll saw weekend in Gippsland.

The years highlight for the carvers was their annual Carve Inn, which had 55 in attendance, thanks to the ongoing leadership of Bryan Thompson This was a great weekend. The Annual Family Lunch held at the RACV Club was well attended and it was great to meet members partners and they were delighted to see the excellent array of Show & tell on display.

The club attended three public days, the biggest being the Australia Day in the Domain Gardens. The club had a good display and certainly gave 230 children a great thrill in making a bird Box together with record sales, the club made \$2400 for the day. I am sure everyone went home exhausted but very rewarded thanks to everyone evolved in the project.

The other Demo Days were at the Royal Melbourne Show and the Warrandyte Festival, where we scored three new members.

The highlight of the month to many is the club Monthly meeting and I wish thank the team for another great year. I believe the quality and variety of the guest speakers has been excellent and the standard at show & tell is improving all the time.

We had a couple of turning demonstrations during the year and excellent morning with Sue Walters, Australia top pyrography expert. A few members bought kits and the section is becoming very popular with in the club.

We cannot forget the success we have had in competitions with the Australian Scroll Sawing championships, The Royal show. The Whittlesea Show and the Australian Wood Exhibition in Nunawading. Congratulations to all prize winners. You did the club proud.

I would like to thank all the committee who has supported me this year. I believe we have made good progress within the club, and thanks to them, I believe we have been successful.

I wish to thank Bill Wood our treasurer, for offering to take extra responsibility for our membership role in the club which has lessened the secretarial function, following Brian Luders passing. Bill has also assisted in purchasing, storing and finishing timber and making it into saleable lots, as well as making fixtures for the club to mention just a few things he is doing behind the scenes.

To Gino our Editor, a special thanks for the tireless hours he puts into the newsletter to get it to us on time each month. I am sure it has been put together in every state of Australia over the last 12 months as he is always on the move through his job...

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To Bryan Thompson our safety and training officer who plays a vital role in the well being of this club, Thank you for the job you do.

These committee members are very dedicated and never hesitate to put up their hands if anything is to be done. Thank you all once again.

To our leaders, what can I say, you are all a very vital part of the club because without them their would not be a club. Your skills and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated by all members. To, Allan, Stewart, John , Bryan, Greg , Reg and Ken, Thank you sincerely for what you do for us all. We all feel very honoured to have you as our Leaders. I would like to also thank Ken Morrisoon who has decided to cease his Beginners Box Making courses, after many years of operation and the cause of many members joining our club. Not only that but he recently instigated the Toy Group to help a 92 year old man who designs, cuts and finishes materials into toys for different age groups. Their are about 8 members who give their time every Tuesday morning to make these kit toys that are given to Randle McDonald House for very sick children. Would our leaders please stand, so we can applaud your great efforts. APPLAUD

I would like to acknowledge Charles Hooi who offered to stand in and fill Barry Ransomes role as maintenance officer.

A big thank you to Sandra Tarry who has given us without doubt the best wood club library in Australia thank you Sandra for a brilliant job.

Thanks to Malcolm Dean who maintains our web site, your contribution is greatly appreciated.

To Rachel thank you for your kind offer to Make and donate a quilt to raffle for the club funds. I think you sold nearly all the tickets, even if it your mate Doug Ogden and Co, had to do some high pressure marketing on the last night at the "carve In". But you did get your goal & made the club \$1000 which was an exceptional result.

We have a lot of skill within our club and this was shown during the year when we decided to update the TV set and communications. Bert Lopes offered to research and purchase the equipment and the results and benefits we have seen, with installation complete, Reg Orr offered to make the cupboard and Rachel the cover.

A relative new member Hugh Gillies was able to get us the contract to make the Bee frames. I called a meeting of technical people to act as a think tank, Out of it came Bee experts from the club together with a Production engineer and the rest is history. Bryan Thompson, Reg Orr, and Bill Wood made the jigs, And we were up and running. We would have completed the years contract by now if the last of our materials had arrived on schedule. This will happen in the next few weeks when we will plan the last 500 units which will bring in approx \$ 4500 to the club. I wish to thank those who have participated so far for your great effort. I hope you enjoyed the challenge, it certainly was a great buzz around the place.

Subject to members support we should be able to do a similar thing next year.

This is club team work at its best.

So it is hoped all members enjoyed the years activities in our club and you got satisfaction from your woodwork and that you have made many friends.

If you have ideas to improve club life or our activities please talk to me or a committee member.

Thank you all for your support.

Bruce Hensell

President



ABOVE SOME PHOTO'S FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



A COUPLE OF ITEMS FROM SHOW N' TELL FROM THE NIGHT  
THANKS YEN IP FOR THE PHOTO'S

## **ENTRIES FOR THE ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW 2011**

**All entries that are to delivered and returned from the show by the club, must be left in the club rooms on the front table on 13th September, packed so the package can easily be opened and closed, with your name and phone number and entry paperwork attached. The items will be returned to the club after the event and hope we can have them for Show & Tell at our October Club night.**

**Reg Orr will be doing the transport.**

**His number is 98576058 if you have any queries.**

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



Above photo's were sent in by Frank Stubbs.

Shows Shane Bentley doing some very fine spindle turning with the aid od his own patented improvised work steady.

I love a practical man.

Dear Reg.

Hi my name is "Anne" from Noarlunga centre Church of Christ, in South Australia. Our church connects with a local school in our area to the world vision kids hope program. I am the co-ordinator, and our church has six mentors that go into the XXXXXX primary school each week.

I Mentor a ten year old girl who has anger problems, both her parents died of cancer two years ago and the older brother and sister in their twenties are her and her brothers carers. This morning we made the see-saw kit that you and your workers have generously put together. We talked about choosing to be angry or choosing to be happy and used the see-saw as a model to understand the attitude that we choose when placed with a difficult situation in our life. Do we go up in the see-saw and choose happy thoughts, or down when we choose angry thought. Thank you Reg, for providing these toys, which my girl really enjoyed making. We look forward to making the swing and the clock next, but I know it is a long way to send it over to S.A. Many thanks, and Christian greetings to you and your team.

"Anne"

XXXXX name of school withheld and name of person changed for reasons of privacy.

**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.

# 6. Safety Rules

## for the Planer / Jointer

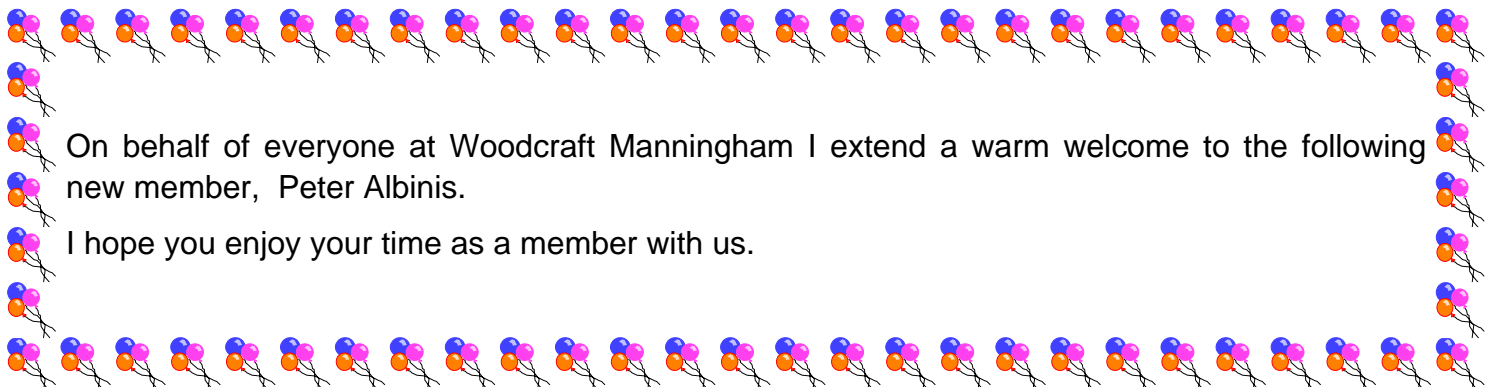
### Always:

- Always apply pressure directly down on to the timber through to the bed of the table.
- Always have the concave side down when machining bowed timber.
- Always feed work slowly and steadily.
- Always use a push stick or flat paddle with that is less than 75mm thick (That is 75mm above the above the blades)
- Always hold timber down firmly on out feed table.

### Never:

- Never machine timber shorter than 300mm.
- Never machine timber thinner than 15mm. (That is 15mm above the above the blades)
- Never take a cut of more than 1.5mm (1/16 inch).
- Never allow fingers to trail down the side or the back of board.
- Never have hand at the front of board when stating a cut.
- Never machine end grain.
- Never pull the timber when tailing out.
- Never adjust the front table unless part of the maintenance team.

**If you don't know how to do it safely,  
ask some who does!**



On behalf of everyone at Woodcraft Manningham I extend a warm welcome to the following new member, Peter Albinis.

I hope you enjoy your time as a member with us.

# 7. SAFETY RULES

## for the

# THICKNESSER

### Always:

- Always make initial adjustments with power off.
- Always hold the timber horizontal to start.
- Always stand to one side when machining.
- Always have the concaved side down when planing bowed timber.
- Always keep a proper footing and balance while operating the machine.
- Always use a second person to assist with the feeding out of the timber.

### Never:

- Never allow hands to pass the front of the table.
- Don't machine timber less than 400mm long.
- Don't remove more than 1mm at any time.
- Don't look into the running machine.
- Never force the machine.

**If you don't know how to do it safely,  
ask some who does!**

### Newsletter dead line.

**Please be aware that the newsletter contributions needs to be in by Midday on the Last Tuesday of the month.** The date will vary month to month so please look at your calendar.

This is so to allow for the nice lady at Bruce Hensell's work place enough time to print the snail mail version of the newsletter. This way everyone has advance notification of the monthly club meeting.



**ANNUAL CLUB FAMILY DAY LUNCHEON**

At the  
**RACV COUNTRY CLUB**  
**Yarra Glen Road Healesville**

12.00 p.m. on Saturday November 26th 2011.

Cost; \$ 55.00 per person, plus drinks.

Make this a great day  
and support the clubs annual family outing.

We would like ALL members to attend.

**MEMBERS PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR SHOW N' TELL**

If you require transport or want any further information,

Contact: Bruce Hensell on: 0419 519 191

Cut out and return form with Cheque

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**APPLICATION FORM**

Cheque ,payable to; **Woodcraft Manningham**

Post to : **Bruce Hensell, 8 River Retreat Kew VIC 3101**

**PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY AS WE NEED TO CONFIRM BOOKINGS**

Name/s. \_\_\_\_\_

Members group/s \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55.00 per head .Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

With thanks for your support

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

<b>President:</b>	Bruce Hensell	0419 519 191
<b>Vice President:</b>	To be appointed	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Anne Schafer	98442072
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Bill Wood	9844 2459
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Bill Wood	9844 2459
<b>Training &amp; Safety:</b>	Bryan Thompson	9459 4176

### **Committee members:**

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

## **A night out with Andrew**

Some members of woodcraft Manningham had a most enjoyable visit to the Victorian Woodworkers Association Clubrooms at North Melbourne on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August to listen to a talk by the well known turner Andrew Potocnik.

Andrew used photos to show us his workshop. Although it was originally a three car garage there is certainly no room for a car now. It is not just a workshop but a reminder of Andrew's development. He showed us drawings and works in progress some of which he has been working on for many years. Andrew has travelled extensively throughout Asia and emphasised the value of learning how people in other cultures manage to create beautiful and unusual pieces under very difficult circumstances and with very primitive tools. Photos of workshops in Vietnam were much different to what we see here in Australia.

Andrew also showed a great collection of photographs he had taken of his work which seems to be very popular particularly with American collectors.

This was a very good night of fellowship amongst woodies with participants from Eltham, Northern and Koonung not forgetting VWA.

If a night is arranged by the VWA again, grab it with both hands, you will not be disappointed.

After all this we were treated to a very good supper, all this for a gold coin collection.

John Wheeler