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#### 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 com-  
ing along.

# WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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

#### Prez's Points

Congratulations to Charlie and all members who responded to the Cliff Walsh demonstration. As Charlie said on the night, it would be the first time that members from all turning groups attended the one function. Everybody seemed to enjoy the night. A few orders for off-centre chucks will be forthcoming, and some attempts at segmented turning are in the offing as well.

We have plenty of important activities fast approaching, you can read of these later in the newsletter.

Items the committee are in discussion about include the relocation of the library to the entrance foyer, the purchase of equipment for the box making and carving groups, replacement of the table saw, organizing for Australia Day and other festivals, among other matters concerning the smooth running of the club. Keep yourselves informed by talking to your committee reps.

As Gino has stated, he has changed his employment , consequently the printing of the newsletter is now an increased cost to the club. If anyone can use their contacts or facilities to make it easier for Gino, please give him a call. Otherwise the quality (and quantity) of the publication may be diminished.

Unfortunately, the last issue "hit the streets" too late to advertise the working bee for preparing material for Australia Day. However, we had enough people to get all parts cut. Some drilling is still to be done, but we are well on with the preparation. Read the later notice for more details

Compliments of the season to all, enjoy a well earned break and return refreshed and with renewed enthusiasm in 2005.

Robert

#### Warrandyte Festival 19<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2005

We have been invited to participate in the above festival to demonstrate and publicize our club. Last year was most successful by gaining at least 3 new members and 4 Intro. to Turn. applicants.

We had a great location and generated a lot of interest.

We need carvers and turners to demonstrate on both days, a roster will appear early in the new year for you to volunteer your services. Let's try to get some "new blood" along to assist the club at this venture.

## **WOODTURNERS WAFFLE**

The November meeting was a great success with 29 members of Central Woodcraft attending. I think this is the first time in six years that an activity has been attended by all turning groups, I hope this will not be the last. I would like to know where else you could get a demonstration of such high standard, and supper for \$2. Thank you to all those who helped on the night and the group leaders for their help in getting members to come along. Now for the demonstration itself I think it would be one of the best I have ever seen. Cliff is so well prepared and giving of his time and happy to pass on his skills, but what else would you expect from an ex Central member. I know everybody else enjoyed it as well, I have never heard 29 members so quiet. Even if segmented turning is not your thing it is great to see how an expert does it. I would once again like to thank Cliff for a great night and hope we may be able to do the same sort of thing some time again.

The Maroondah visit saw 15 members enjoy Robert McNamara's off centre turning of ducks. Thanks to Robert for doing the demonstration for the Central Group and to the two other members who attended. I have always been proud to lead the Central group because they have always been very supportive but not this time. This visit will need more support if it is to continue.

I attended the Eltham exhibition again this year. It was an excellent display, loved all the wonderful furniture, demonstrations and the friendly members made Stuart and I most welcome. I talked to some of the turners, they say they have a bit of trouble getting together to turn, they don't have all the lathes we have. I suggested that I might organise a social Saturday in the New Year where members of both groups could get together.

December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hands on night, making things for the club to sell on Australia Day. There was a list of things to make in last month's newsletter. Bring timber, finish, tools and do it for your club.

The 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005 meeting will be hands on, do what you like or just talk. (Stuart and myself might just take you up on that Charlie. Ed) Any members of other groups that have no meeting are welcome to attend, give me a ring.

The 17<sup>th</sup> February 2005 meeting will be a visit from Maroondah group as has been for the last few years. Tony, the man who thinks he is a poet will demonstrate the making of a mug tree. This is his penance for picking on me. His latest thing is to name me the chocolate chippie because of my love of chocolate biscuits. Well I suppose if you give it you must be able to take it.

All the best for Christmas, I hope you get the gift you want and if you don't be brave and pretend you love it any way.

Charlie Chamberlain

## **End of Year Break-up BBQ**

This year our informal get together will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The barbie will be fired up at 6.00pm As usual all members and their families are encouraged to attend to socialize and finish off the year on a positive note.

Bring your own everything for a pleasant evening.

## **BASIC FRENCH POLISHING COURSE**

This course is open to other clubs.

The course will be run on a Monday night starting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2005 for 5 weeks.  
7.00pm – 9.30pm

Cost - \$65 This will include the kit to complete this course.

You will have to supply your own new pieces to work on, a small pine foot stool or similar.  
A minimum of 6 people are required for the course to proceed.

Please ring Charlie Chamberlain to secure your place.  
9728 2179 after hours