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**WOODCRAFT MATTERS**

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## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The speaker for the next meeting is John Jeffers. John is an archer. He is going to talk about bows. He is a real enthusiast. John has said he will bring along bows from New Guinea, a long bow, and arrows.



**START TIME IS: 7PM**

**DATE: TUESDAY 2nd of MARCH**

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

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is pleasing to report all our patients are making progress. Ken Morrison is back to full pace, Judy Wheelers Leg is improving well due to the care been given to her by John [his words]. Roger Bolitho is back on deck, Robert Murphy's elbow is making slow progress after reconstruction surgery. Ian Provan still having tests.

We have had some interest recently by potential new members which is encouraging. Please promote the club amongst your friends. The club can only survive, with a flow of younger members coming into the club.

We are planning to expand the Scroll Sawing section to now include **Intarsia, Pyrography, and wood Coloring [staining and painting ]**.

This will be very exciting and should encourage more ladies to participate and also expand the wood-work activities to all members. Our leader of this section will be our multi talented Greg Williams. More details will be given on our next club night.

The annual carve-in is on again in May. Refer to Bryan Thompson for any information.

The Australian Woodturning Exhibition is on again at the rear of the Whitehorse Council hall at 397 Whitehorse Rd Nunawading on Jun 18-20.

Entries close May 28. We are a sponsor and we want members to enter into this A Very professionally run show on our doorstep. **EVERY CLUB MEMBER SHOULD AT LEAST VISIT.**

Reg Orr & Don Mc Clean are going on an extended train trip across the world soon, so Reg has been busy with projects to keep his students busy while they are away.

The Huon Pine logs will be on sale in April, see advert in newsletter .

Your Committee is now seeking ideas for the Club clubroom layout, equipment or any comments to assist us in establishing a Master Plan for the club. **WE NEED FEEDBACK.** Pass details to me or a committee member.

I will be away for the next meeting so Allan Way has offered to run the March club night.

Bruce Hensell

## URGENT

### Club Promotions Officer

The club requires a person or persons to help promote the club and its activities, and to find new members from the area as the future of the club is dependant on new membership.

It is not a difficult task, but could be very rewarding. Time required is only a couple of hours a month.

Please contact

**Bruce Hensell 0419519191 or a committee member**

#### A message from the Fine Wood Work Association (WA)

#### ANDREW CRAWFORD AT THE PERTH WOOD SHOW

Andrew Crawford, the acclaimed British box maker and author will be the Artist in Residence at the Perth Wood Show from August 6th to 8th. The Fine Woodwork Association of Western Australia who host the Out of the Woods exhibition at the show will be organizing a special box competition with a first prize of \$1000 (2nd- \$300, 3rd - \$200) which Andrew will judge.

The competition is open to all woodworkers Andrew will also be presenting a one day box making workshop on Sunday, August 15th in Perth. Visit his website at [www.fine-boxes.com](http://www.fine-boxes.com) to admire his box-making or email the curator of the Out of the Woods exhibition at [curator\\_fwva@westnet.com.au](mailto:curator_fwva@westnet.com.au) for details of the competition or workshop.

#### WOOTURNING WAFFLE

The first and fourth Thursday evening turning groups have made a good start on this months project, a bed side table lamp.

Work is well underway with all the lamp stems turned round and drilled the full length to take the electrics. At this stage nine lamps are under construction, some in black wood, red gum and woods unknown. The fourth evening group suspended the project in February as we welcomed the Maroondah Woodturning club to our meeting where sharpening and bowl saving equipment was demonstrated. Our lamp project continues in March, and if any member wishes to join in they will need timber 50 x 50 x 350mm and a round blank of 150mm Diam. and 35 to 50 mm thick.

On page 5 see photo's from trip to Robbo's place.

Alan Way

**VERY RARE**  
**SALE of Huon Pine Logs**

**SORRY CLUB MEMBERS ONLY**

The club has 15 Forty Year old Huon Pine logs, some with potentially artistic shapes.

**TO BE SOLD ON SATURDAY APRIL 10, BETWEEN 9- 11 AM**

**WHERE:** in the side car park of Henselite Australia at 320 Darebin Road Fairfield, near the corner of Grange Road.

	<u>W x D x H in Inches</u>		<u>In Inches</u>	
No 1	18 x 18 x 18	\$220.00	No 35	11 diam x 48 \$110.00
No 5	9 x 5 x 28	\$120.00	No 37	9 diam x 24 \$40.00
No 7	2 x 9 x 35	\$30.00	No 39	13 diam X17 \$90.00
No 17	15 diam x 28	\$150.00	No 40	7 diam x 58 \$48.00
No 27	6 diam x 29	\$40.00	No 43	8 diam x 48 \$70.00
No 29	13 diam x 26	\$120.00	No 53	3 diam L shape \$36.00
No 30	12 x 8 x 20	\$40.00	No45	4 diam x 48 \$35.00
No 58	odd	\$10		

**Payment:** cash or cheque. Proceeds to the Clubs funds.

For further information contact Bruce Hensell 0419519191  
Or Bryan Thompson 04594176

**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.



First we had Bruce and Rachael return last year from attending an advanced carving school in Austria full of new ideas and with evidence of their new found skills and now Doug Ogden has returned with similar enthusiasm. The bug must be catching as Janet Ball and Ken Reid and possibly Charles Castle are saving hard for a visit later this year and rumour has it that the first attendees plan to go again.

The first Friday carvers' meeting in February had significance for Doug, it being his 70th birthday, which was celebrated with a birthday cake brought along as a surprise by his wife, Elizabeth. There was another round of applause when Ken Morrison was delivered by his wife Edna looking surprisingly cheerful after his recent heart trouble and stent fitting. (ref on photo's page 5)

Over the coffee break tutor Brian passed on some useful hints on the proper action to follow when gouging using hand pressure and also about when to use a paring gouge which has the bevel to the front and cuts on the back edge.

Other matters discussed were the upcoming Warrandyte Festival and the May Carve-in.

Around the benches there was the usual variety of projects on show or under way.

- REG:** A pyrography country scene on the lid of a pine box.
- DOUG:** Starting to extract an owl in the centre hollow of a block of walnut.
- CYRIL:** Shaping off cuts to form Picasso type family groups.
- KEN R:** Relief carving of gum leaves and gum nuts.
- YEN:** More gold fish from pine etc. fitted out as fridge magnets.
- JANET:** Still extracting a Green Man face from jelatong. [Janet demonstrated an easy method of judging depth of cuts that husband George had devised.]
- PAT B:** Pat was preparing some basic bird and frog shapes for the whittling class he conducts at U3A.
- RACHAEL:** Carving a pine Madonna which she hopes to take to back to her birth country.
- BRUCE:** Still fine tuning a jelatong nude with intimate detailed fingers and toes.
- BRYAN:** Starting on a very intricate mirror surround carving.
- DEREK:** Sanding off two red cedar doves

## WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL 2010.

The 2010 Warrandyte Festival is to be held over two days on **Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.** In the past this event has been well supported by our club and we hope to continue this year. We have space in a covered rotunda to display our clubs activities.

We would like to have representation from each of the clubs activities. A roster for the two days will be placed on the notice board, and we encourage members to join in and help promote our club. We will need people to demonstrate and others to talk to those interested in the club and hand out brochures. This has been a good recruitment event for new members, and is a great fun weekend with lots of action. Any time you can give over the weekend will be appreciated.

For further information contact: Allan Way 9459 9049  
or Ken Morrison 9723 5030

Regards Allan Way.



Photo of Ken Morrison on his return to the club

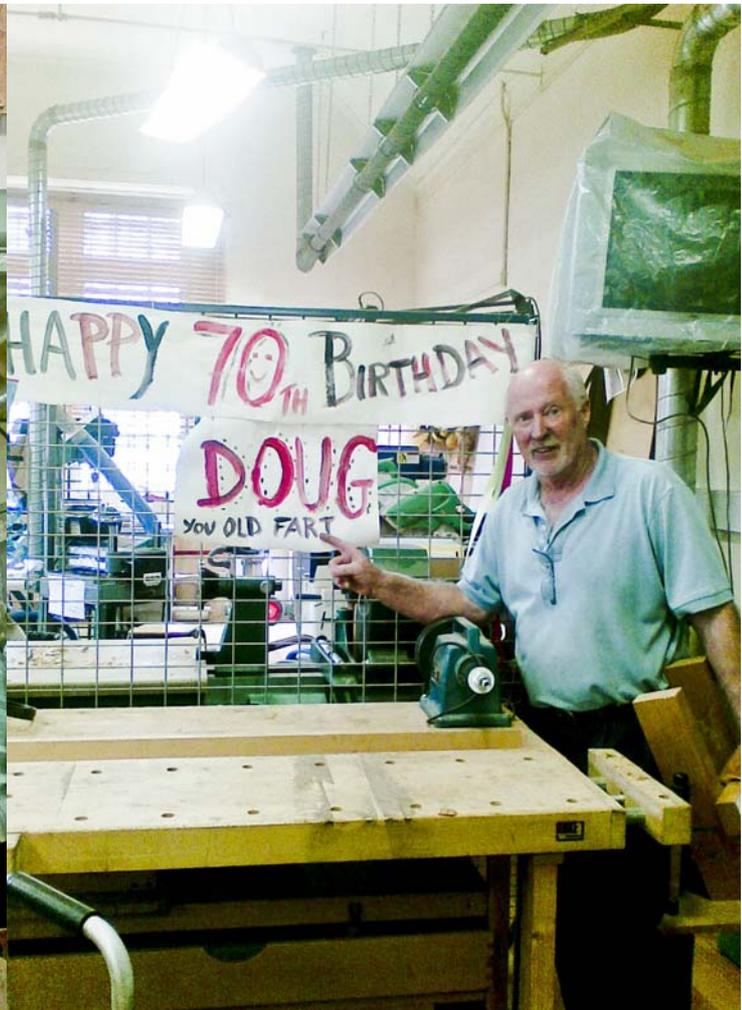


Photo of Doug with a birthday sign

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

## ROBBO'S PLACE

Below are a couple of photo's from the excursion to Robbo's place. The day was excellent as usual with Robbo leading the way with his demo. This was followed by a very comprehensive talk on most, if not all of the finishing products that Jim sells, being a turner in his own right. He can speak with authority. This was followed by a give away raffle so that all of the products on the table being given away, which was most generous of Jim.

We then had a lunch break.

Where upon Ken Wraight took us through his finishing technique using spraying as a finishing coat. The theme of the day was finishing, it all went well as usual and was worth the trip down.

Many thanks to Richard Crompton for the photo's. (Editor)



## [Beautiful Hand-Made Wooden Vespa](#)



The Vespa scooter has a classically appreciable shape. Portuguese craftsman Carlos Alberto managed to fashion one from laminated hardwood. The result is stunningly beautiful.

The little scooter is based on an original Vespa which had fallen into complete disrepair, but using long-tested woodcraft techniques a flowing new body was constructed for the runabout. The main spine of the bike is fashioned from steam bent and laminated veneers upon which very nicely carved body work hangs. Even the package tray and seat are made from wood.



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To see the photo's at the bottom of page 7 full size visit the following web address for Carlos Alberto.

<http://www.carpintariacarlosalberto.com/>

This is where most of the photo's came from. (you could also type "wooden scooter" into your search engine.)

Many thanks to Neil Wakeman for bringing this work of art to our attention.

Photo below is another of Carlos's creations.



I came across the following web sites while researching the above, I think you'll find them interesting.

<http://www.toolcrib.com/blog/2008/07/28/all-wooden-machine-made-by-70-year-old-woodworker-video/>

<http://www.toolcrib.com/blog/2008/05/19/life-size-wooden-sculpture-of-a-vw-bus-video-pics/>

<http://www.toolcrib.com/blog/2008/12/03/wooden-gear-clocks-by-keith-chambers/>

<http://www.toolcrib.com/blog/2008/04/30/video-wood-sculptures-that-move/>

# The Australian Woodturning Exhibition 2010



June 2010, 18th, 19th & 20th.

Presented by Whitehorse Woodturners Inc

With the support of the City of Whitehorse.

Reg No A0052130R

**Introducing New Competition format for 2010!**

**4 Sections**

**Novice—Intermediate—Open**

**& Student**

**TOTAL PRIZES IN EXCESS OF \$10,000**

**BEST OF SHOW \$1000**

**Closing date for entries 28th May 2010**

**PUBLIC SHOWING June 2010**

FRIDAY 18th	10am to 8.30pm
SATURDAY 19th	10am to 5pm
SUNDAY 20th	10am to 4pm

Presentation of awards at 4.10pm Sunday 13th

Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre  
Rear Council Chambers  
397 Whitehorse Road  
Nunawading MELB, VIC

Melways Reference 48 G9

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[www.theaustralianwoodturningexhibition.com](http://www.theaustralianwoodturningexhibition.com)

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## 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>	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

## 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 &amp; 12.30pm</u></a>	<b><u>Day carvers – 2</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>2nd Friday 1pm to 4pm</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 &amp; Wed 6.30pm</u></a>	<b><u>Open Day</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>3rd Thurs 9am to 12noon</u></a>
Reg Orr	9857 6058	Brian Luders	9897 1482
<b><u>Box Making "Day"</u></b>	<a href="#"><u>1st &amp; 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.