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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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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 coming along.

Prez's Column

It seems the year is already well advanced with all the activity that's been taking place.

Australia Day was a great success for us as a club (see certificate of appreciation on the notice board)

We have gained new members already, and three starters for the Intro. to Woodturning course.

Although the day was hectic, we survived without too much trauma. Making bird boxes with kids has the potential to create a few more gray hairs.

A big thank you to all members who took part. From your responses, I'm sure you all enjoyed the day. Your participation and support is really appreciated.

All our bowls and most of the doorstops were sold, which made a helpful contribution to the Centre.

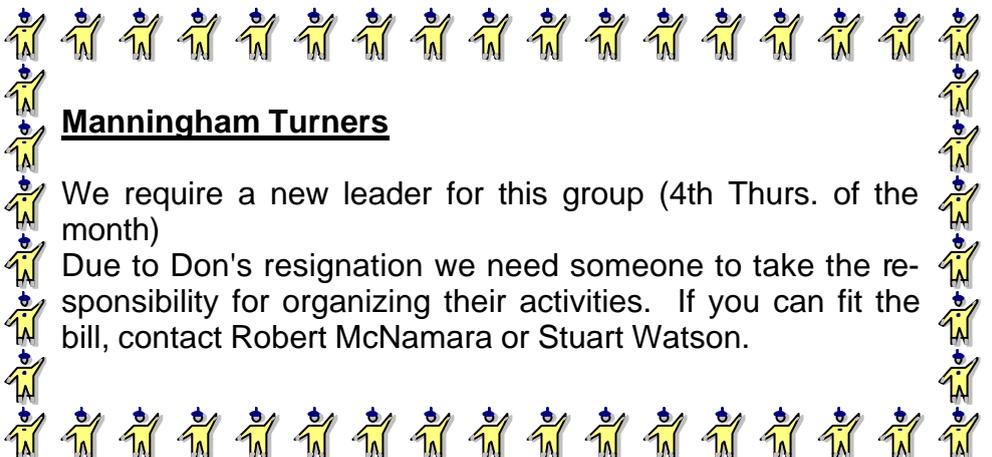
The committee has received the resignation of Don McLean from his positions of responsibility with the club as treasurer, committee member, and leader of the Manningham group of turners.

Don has been our treasurer since before this Centre was established in 1996, and has contributed an immense amount over many years. I personally will miss his valuable input and support, as I'm sure will many others. We will still see him around, but in a much reduced profile.

On behalf of the committee and all club members, I express our thanks and good wishes for when he feels able to return to full "active duty"

The committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Stan Smith to the vacant position of treasurer. Stan is well versed in "treasury matters" and will be a valuable contributor to the club.

Robert McNamara



Manningham Turners

We require a new leader for this group (4th Thurs. of the month)

Due to Don's resignation we need someone to take the responsibility for organizing their activities. If you can fit the bill, contact Robert McNamara or Stuart Watson.

More from the President.

Warrandyte Festival

We have made another commitment on behalf of the club to participate in the Warrandyte Festival to be held at Stiggants Reserve (on the river bank, the site of the W'dyte market) on Sat. 20th. and Sun. 21st. of March. We will need turning and carving volunteers for both days. Sorry for the short notice, but we felt it too good an opportunity to miss to "spread the word" and attract new members, particularly from a "home" area.

Contact Alan Way, Ph. 9459 9049 to offer you services.

There will not be any more newsletters before the event, so don't delay, make your commitment now. The conversation I would rather have after the event is "We had a good weekend at Warrandyte didn't we?" Instead of "How did the weekend at Warrandyte go?" A subtle, but important, difference.

Box making courses

Eight members are thoroughly enjoying Reg Orr's Tues. morning course. We are amazed at how good Reg makes us seem as box makers. Our thanks for all the hard work and preparation Reg has put in to make it a huge success. If you get a chance for a next course with Reg, don't miss it.

Ken Morrison is due to start his course on Monday 5th. April, 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm, running over seven weeks (missing Easter Monday April 12th)
Cost is \$65 mostly all inclusive (those choosing to use more exotic timber, or fancier fittings may be asked to pay for these components)

There are still some vacancies, but they are filling fast. Contact Robert, Ph 9876 1032 to enroll. We are looking forward with anticipation to what Ken has lined up for us.

An idea has been floated to start a group within the club to specialize in boxes and other small items. This will be explored further, and if enough interest is shown, a group may get off the ground after June.



This newsletter has twice as much "wood turners waffle" than usual, as Charlie submitted an article to me last month but because there is no official newsletter for January I have published it in this months news letter.

Thank you Charlie for your efforts.

Editor.

Charlie's Night.

I hadn't that long joined the club
When Charlie ran a night.
And the pundits who then gathered there
Were quite an awesome sight.

Central paid a visit,
The clubroom was jam packed.
Instructions then were issued
Tools and gouges neatly racked.

Charlie chose two equal teams,
And mixed us all about.
The thing we had to copy,
Was a goblet tall and stout.

Each member had two minutes
On the lathe to do his thing.
The team who made its copy first
Could then its praises sing.

Charlie was the timer,
Had a whistle on his chest.
The things he was told to do with it,
Would make you blush at best.

The starters whistled sounded,
The teams they got to work.
Wood chips were gaily flying,
Cause the lads they would not shirk.

Every time the whistle sounded,
It caused most total panic.
With turners swapping over,
And language quite satanic.

The timer came in for some abuse,
Was told where to put his whistle.
In about the same location,
That the Scotsman stuck the thistle.

My team it won that evening,
Our oppo's put up quite a fight
Twas a night of fun and laughter,
A really bonzer night.

If the night is ere repeated,
And you like this little poem.
Let our good mate Charlie run it,
But leave the bloody whistle home.

By the block the chip came from.

WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

As this is the first waffle for the year it's the first opportunity I have had to thank Don McLean for riding his pennyfarthing. He promised to do this a couple of years ago but then went and fell off this contraption. Well done old chap.

The December meeting only had a small group, as was January. Those who attended finished off a few things and a few new projects were completed. Got some shavings on myself, have to be careful this doesn't happen too often.

Called into Beenatree Gallery at Loch during the holidays. I did not see Ray or anybody else. Walked around had a good look, walked out and saw nobody. Also ran into Guilio in Wonthaggi when I was standing outside a dress shop with two of my grandsons waiting for three generations of women in our family (you're a more patient man than myself . ed). The boys and I had to wait for our turn in the \$2 shop.

February 19th meeting - Maroondah will visit us. Ivan Jones will do the talk or demonstration on the night. The subject is still a mystery as he is working on a couple of new ideas. I know what ever it is will be interesting. This is the fourth year of these visits and they have proved very popular with both groups and I hope for a good roll up this time. I have a very good raffle prize for the night. Show and tell can be anything, doesn't matter if you have brought it along before, as the visitors will not have seen it.

Looking forward to seeing you on the night.

Charlie Chamberlain

WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

The February meeting was busy with 20 or so members from Maroondah and Central, treated to an excellent demonstration by Ivan Jones. Three of the items that Ivan demonstrated on the night were a trivet, knife handle and a paperweight. These joint nights are now in there fourth year and look like going on for a lot longer as Central will visit Maroondah later in the year. We will have to have a good look around our group to find someone to demonstrate.

The next meeting is the 18th March 2004. There is a change of plans, the apple demonstration night has been put off until the 15th April as we will have a visit from the Warburton Valley Woodworkers, as we did the same time last year. The difference this time is that they have organised a demonstration of turning burl by Shane Wolf, known to some as 'stretch'. I think he turns oyster bowls but we will have to wait and see. He will also bring some burls for sale. I do not know what price range. You will have to come along and see what it is all about. Unfortunately because of lack of room we will not be able to have visitors from other groups.

Now for the clubhouse clean up – each group to do a clean up once a month. I have put Central down for Saturday 17th April. We will start about 8.30 am till about 12 noon, we will talk more about it at the next meeting.

Charlie Chamberlain

Day turners

At the first January Coffee/Tea Break/Show & Tell time there were several stories of December last minute requests for Christmas gifts to be made.

Gordon produced a large wooden bowl, which he had found at the "Brotherhood" Shop for \$2 - he sanded it down by hand and coated it to give the bowl a new lease of life but the thrills of producing from scratch, or overcoming numerous problems, was missed. Another member then bought a bowl from the "Salvos" half the price and half the size but this time mounted it on the lathe – it exploded on working. The moral of the story is – there is no short cut in producing a good turning article.

NOTE – There could be a mouse plague in W.A. soon. Michael was seen making yet a few more mice - this time for two young nieces from that State, who were staying with Michael and his family. WA Look out!!

Even though my name is on this article, as I am taking a short sabbatical, the piece was written by John Dawdy and company – thanks fellows. – I will be back soon.

Slav Bojczuk

Doncaster Carvers

The first Friday in February witnessed the new year return of the wood carvers, most bright eyed and full of good intentions for 2004. Greg Williams and Bryan Thompson, both in fine form, were there early to welcome a few new faces and to greet the regulars. The new table in the foyer designed for whittlers was soon put to good account.

A Show and Tell indicated that some had continued their hobby over the Summer recess. Greg produced a Sassafras trinket box to show that he could do more than just teach and carve. [Ken Morris, our acknowledged master in box making was later spotted giving Greg a few tips on the finer points of this specialised craft.] Ken Reid presented his well carved grizzly [or is it black] bear carved from his private hoard of Queensland Beech. Bryan offered for sale at a bargain price a partially completed carved Mahogany moulding for a mirror and he also demonstrated the advantage to be had from preparing a simple jig for repetitive work like drawer handles. Derek showed off a totem pole of the three wise monkeys carved in Oregon and also a novelty miniature wooden man mounted on a penny farthing bicycle with genuine English coins for wheels. Someone commented that it looked for all the world like Don McLean in action on his old bike.

Amy Elliott had the misfortune to snap her work at a delicate stage forcing her to call for the glue doctor but enjoyed herself for the rest of the morning, while it set, sanding off a love spoon in front of the dust extractor Dremel cupboard.

President Robert was there for part of the morning showing visitors the facilities and giving him the chance to show an interest in the carvers' efforts before he left.

Derek Borrell

Dremel work station finished.

The Dremel work station was completed before Christmas thanks to the help of many of our members. We received help in both time and materials. To buy a similar stand would have cost around \$1000, because of the donation of materials it only cost our club \$30. The helpers with time or materials included: Ian Elliott, Ken Morrison, Ken Barker, Geoff Fowler, Jack Jones, Don McLean and Pat Burder. Pat managed the project from start to finish and donated a lot of the material. A very big thanks to everyone that helped particularly Pat. It is planned to hold a demonstration / training day for the Dremel later in the year. All members will be invited to attend.

Bryan T.

Ken Ried wins at Korumuburra Show.

Ken, our member from Korumuburra, won the George Fox memorial award for woodwork at his local country show. Ken entered a bear and a horse. Both entries are very good pieces of wood carving. Congratulations Ken.

Bryan T.

Australia Day 2004.

The Wattle Park tram took us to St Kilda Road in good time? No we didn't get out at the tennis centre, but many did.

A scenic walk over the Yarra with rowers, oars glistening in the sun, past lovely gardens, Melbourne at it best; the clock glowing with colourful flowers, then dozens of vintage cars parked in all paths (look, enjoy but do not touch!) Proud owners hovering nearby.

We reached our display tent displaying turners and carver's works presided over by Judy. In front was the birdhouse workshop for kids of all ages. A queue at each corner of the table with four intrepid blokes patiently holding the project together whilst tots hammered enthusiastically and proudly went off with their prize.

Five of us carvers were there to assist where possible. Noel was carving valiantly but had to retire with a leg problem. Ask Judy Wheeler about hers! Another workstation was set up to speed things up, and the kit suppliers were kept busy until we ran out of stock.

Demonstrating turning on two wood turning lathes was popular. "I lifts me lid " to everyone concerned with the organization and tremendous physical effort of setting up and dismantling.

It was a great day of fellowship in our club of woodies.

Amy Elliott.

All the photo's are from Australia day complements of Carl Jacobs.



Who is this Foxy looking man.



More Australia day photo's.



Who's the guy with the big nose above???

Club Uniform

Survey responses were received from 45 members.

23 preferred Woodcraft Manningham.

13 Manningham Woodcraft,

8 Central Woodcraft at Manningham, and **1** chose not to participate.

Therefore, the committee has resolved to go ahead with the emblem of Woodcraft Manningham, which has been developed and will soon be available for viewing and ordering.

Uniform items will be a polo shirt at \$22.00, if ordered with the initial bulk order; subsequent orders will be at a cost of \$24.50 there after, a baseball cap at \$11.00, a sew-on badge at \$5.00, and a zip-up fleecy jacket at \$44.00.

All these items will be embroidered and on display at your group's session over the next few weeks.

An order form is attached to this newsletter for you to complete, payment must accompany your order. Cash or cheque made payable to Central Woodcraft at Manningham.

More details appear on the order form at the back of this newsletter.

The photo's on this page are from the night that Maroondah visited our club.
Complements of Carl Jacobs.



I had to fill the void bellow some how.
The wood is dog wood.
Ed.



Some days we just get stuck, and bogged down.
Some days all you can do is smile and wait for someone to kindly
remove your butt from the hole you find it wedged into.



Central Woodcraft at Manningham

Club Uniform

Order Form

The club uniform consists of a navy polo shirt with gold trim on the collar and sleeves. WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM is embroidered on the left breast.

The cost of the shirt is \$22.00 if ordered with the initial bulk order; subsequent orders will be at a cost of \$24.50 there after.

The range of sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL. (4XL available in a different brand)

The uniform is not compulsory, but we would encourage all who can, to buy a shirt and wear it at demonstrations and activities where we meet with other woodworkers, as well as at club meetings. We need to initially order in bulk to receive a reduced price for the shirt, so don't delay.

Please place your order by completing the form below.

The form with payment (cash, or cheque made out to Central Woodcraft at Manningham must be returned to Rob McNamara through your group leader, or by mail to Box 567, Templestowe 3106, by Wed. 7th April

Order Form for Woodcraft Manningham Club Uniform

Name _____ Group _____

Shirt size _____ (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL) COST _____

Other Items

Cloth Badge (sew on) \$5.00ea. COST _____

Baseball Cap (One size fits all) \$11.00ea COST _____

Zip up Fleece Jacket \$ 44.00ea Size _____ COST _____

TOTAL COST OF ORDER _____

Shirt sizes	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Chest	53.5	56	58.5	61	63.5	66	?
SP Length	73	75.5	78	80.5	83	85.5	?