



WOODCRAFT MATTERS

THE NEWSLETTER OF WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM

April 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On the weekend of the Warrandyte festival, the Saturday was a day of high fire danger so all events were called off. But Sunday was a great success and there was great interest in what the club does, with many interested people talking about calling into the club to visit us.

We had a team of 10 members assembling 110 bird boxes with the kids on the day. This time, with no age limits, a number of adults also assembled the boxes. Woodturning of spinning tops was also of great interest, with kids lining up for the spinning tops that were made. We also had scroll saw demonstrations. There were tables with items for sale, with many sales

Kits from the toy making group were given away on the day. We explained to people what the group does and who can get the kits. (this is the website for the toy kits <https://www.worthytoykits.com.au/toys/>)

A total of over \$700.00 was made on the day.

Thanks to Allan Way and team for their hard work making the bird box kits, and to all who attended and helped out on the day.

Safe Working Procedure for the use of step ladders is included this month. Many funny stories can be told about falling off ladders but there are too many stories of trips to the hospital as well. Safety extends to all aspects of the workshop and around the house.

John Paine



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Our clubhouse was once Templestowe Primary School, originally built in 1874. It is situated on the lands of the Wurundjeri people and we wish to acknowledge them as traditional owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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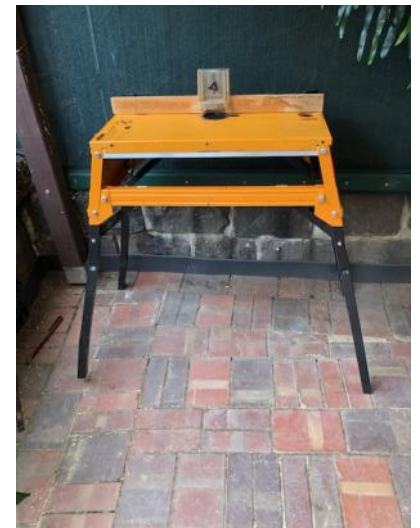
CIRCULAR SAW:

A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.

FOR SALE

Triton router / Jigsaw
table series 2000 plus
manual. \$125

Call Bryan, 9459 4176.



CLUB ROOM EMERGENCY RESPONSE

IF AN AMBULANCE IS CALLED TO THE CLUB ROOMS, QUOTE THIS LOCATION:

OPPOSITE 8 ANDERSON ST, TEMPLESTOWE, BEHIND THE MANNINGHAM/TEMPLESTOWE LEISURE CENTRE.

MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS WAITING AT THE STREET TO GUIDE THE AMBULANCE IN, AS THEY MAY MISS THE ENTRANCE. (These directions are also posted above the phone in the foyer of the club rooms)

REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS

MONDAY NIGHT CARVERS



The Monday night carvers have only been back since the start of Feb. Our group has continued to work on their projects from last year although many have just finished or nearing completion of their works. Cathleen finished her baby horse carving and Netsuke mouse, Gino is up to sanding his female tree spirit, Rob is continuing on with his dragon as is Aaran. Tanya has started a large piece in Huon Pine that depicts the erosion where a river meets the sea forming channels and grooves in the sand.

I have finished a small rabbit for a good friend of mine's son and am very close to finishing another Peter Rabbit.



Ernie Gmehling

Vale Marten Visser

1937 - 2023

On Friday afternoon a number of Marten's colleagues in the Thursday afternoon carvers' group attended the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church to join his family (6 children and his spouse, 17 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren) and friends to celebrate the life of Martin Visser.

Martin was born in Holland and grew up in the German occupied country. From an early age he worked in the family business delivering briquettes and fuel on his bicycle. He emigrated to Australia with his family and had a fairly unsettled time before the family moved to East Doncaster. He worked in the building industry before setting up his own business in brick cleaning. The stories his children told were so representative of the Marten we knew, taking the boys fishing but first having to stop on the way for the boys to spend the day cleaning all the bricks on a new house, camping overnight, and then fishing; taking the ute to pick up a load of wet cement and finding much of it had gone by the time he arrived home. He drove all over Australia to visit his family many of whom had settled in Western Australia.

Marten took one last trip to stay for a week in Echuca, he fell sick after his return, being diagnosed with double pneumonia, and died in hospital on Tuesday 14 March

Marten had been a member of the group for more than 10 years. He was much loved by us all for the way in which he maintained his good spirits while he endured his health issues, as well as his contribution to the life of the group. The number of carvings that he did was remarkable, hardly a session of "Show and Tell" at our afternoon teas went past without Marten having some piece of carving to share with the group. The development of his skills, especially in his decorative carving, were much admired by us all, his last pieces were of the highest quality.

We all feel Marten's absence from the group, his positivity, the way he engaged you when he spoke to you and as a constant contributor to "Show and Tell." His output late in life has not only been voluminous but more detailed and of a very high quality.

Farewell and thank you Marten.

Trevor Jenkins

Group Leader Thursday Afternoon Carvers

The art of Woodcraft Manningham

Artworks on display at the WM Clubhouse—History by Bryan Thompson

Robert McNamara Memorial Library

Date 2005

Artist / Designer: Jean Carson Grey.

Timbers: Background board: - Eucalyptus Coolabah (Coolabah burl):;

Central portrait and lettering Gmelina Lechhardtii (White beech).

Craftspeople: -Turning of the Coolabah burl – Stewart Watson

Carving of the central portrait - Jean Carson Grey

Carving of the chain and the lettering - Bryan Thompson.

Background: - Robert McNamara was president in 2003 and 2004. During his time as president he built the club's library. Robert enjoyed the challenge of turning bowls from the burl of various types of Eucalyptus trees. Robert died in March 2004 while attending a wood turning conference at the Gold coast in Queensland.



For my first foray into relief carving I used my wife as the model. I started by practicing on an old piece of pine. However, after several hours of experimenting I couldn't face the thought of starting again so the practice piece became the finished article!

It's lucky I had an old picture frame which improved the carving immensely. We are still married!



Paul Barker

What's on Around the Traps

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Apr 22	Guilio Marcolongo at Eastern Woodturners, Wandin North	Details on next page
May 5-7	Bacchus Marsh Wood carving weekend	Peter Moon, Bob Edwards wm.carve.in@gmail.com
June 3	Stephen Hughes at Eastern Woodturners, Wandin North	Details on next page
October	Wood carving weekend @ club rooms	TBD

FOR WOODTURNERS



EASTERN WOODTURNERS INC.
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**Saturday
22nd April 2023
9am to 3.30pm**

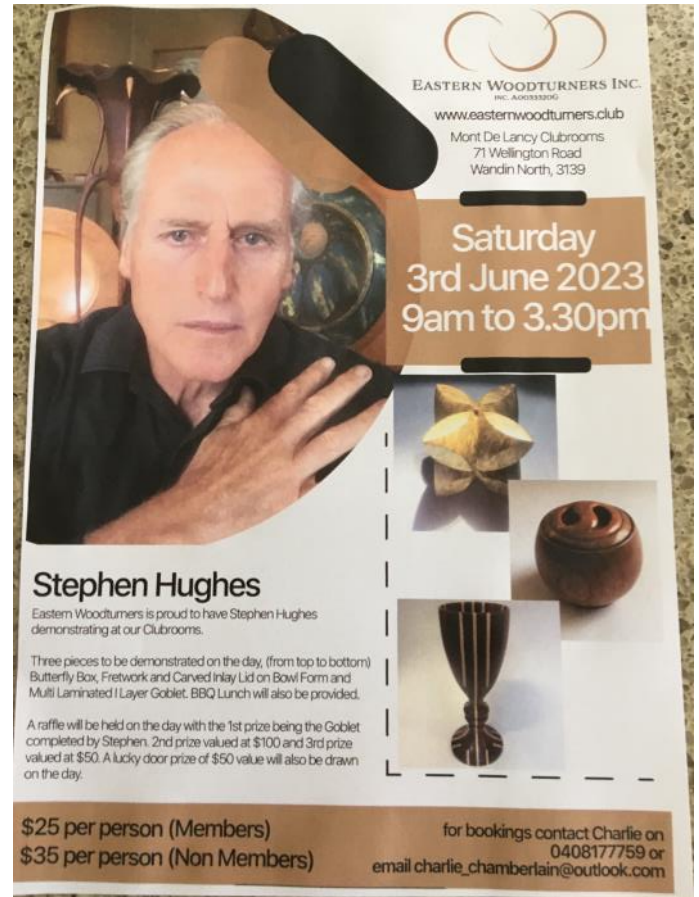
Guilio Marcolongo
Eastern Woodturners is proud to have Guilio Marcolongo demonstrating at our Clubrooms.

Three pieces to be demonstrated on the day, (from top to bottom) Sugar Bowl, Square Edged Bowl and 3 Footed Bowl. BBQ Lunch will also be provided.

A raffle will be held on the day with the 1st prize being one of the pieces of work completed by Guilio. 2nd prize valued at \$100 and 3rd prize valued at \$50. A lucky door prize of \$50 value will also be drawn on the day.

**\$25 per person (Members)
\$35 per person (Non Members)**

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**Saturday
3rd June 2023
9am to 3.30pm**

Stephen Hughes
Eastern Woodturners is proud to have Stephen Hughes demonstrating at our Clubrooms.

Three pieces to be demonstrated on the day, (from top to bottom) Butterfly Box, Fretwork and Carved Inlay Lid on Bowl Form and Multi Laminated I Layer Goblet. BBQ Lunch will also be provided.

A raffle will be held on the day with the 1st prize being the Goblet completed by Stephen. 2nd prize valued at \$100 and 3rd prize valued at \$50. A lucky door prize of \$50 value will also be drawn on the day.

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A SELECTION OF WOOD PORN

[Salvaging trees from the woodchipper](#)

[Walking sticks](#)

[Portrait of a great wood sculptor](#)

[A useful mitre trick](#)

[A tool you didn't even know you needed](#)

[Not endorsed by the management. Count your fingers afterwards](#)

Japanese Tools

As many members will know, I have been to Japan many times (37 so far) and also that Japan makes some of the best tools anywhere. I have been wanting a good set of chisels for a while and finally got to buy some on my trip in March 2023.

I had done some research and found this website - <https://www.shop.kurashige-tools.com/> which has information in English and also has a showroom. It is in the outer suburbs of Tokyo but only a 10 minute walk from a station. I made my way there and found the showroom but there was nobody around. Eventually, I found a set of chisels I wanted at a reasonable price and finally found someone to talk to.

After I had shown them pictures of some of my Japanese Kumiko coasters, the lady who spoke English went and got the boss who is 83 and we had a coffee and chat for a while. He gave me a discount on the chisels and insisted on a photo before I left. The net cost was A\$1,255 for the boxed set of 10 chisels. Such sets can range from about A\$600 to over A\$10,000. This is the link to the set I bought - <https://www.shop.kurashige-tools.com/products/sukemasa-suminagashi-bench-chisels-set-oirenomi>

Over the years, I have bought the pictured Japanese saw for several members of our club. They are available here but at around \$35+ compared to about A\$20 in Japan. They are very sharp and have no set on the teeth so are great for flush cutting. The blade is only 0.3 mm thick. The price may be a bit higher depending on exchange rate and availability of the saw at various shops.

If anyone is interested in getting a saw or even a set of tools, please feel free to contact me and I might be able to help. I will be in Japan in May and October this year.

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Woodcraft Manningham – Safe Work Procedure

37 USE OF STEP LADDERS

DO NOT use step ladders unless you have been instructed in its safe use and operation and have been given permission

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT



Safety glasses must be worn.



Sturdy footwear must be worn at all times in work areas.



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn.

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS



Inspect ladder before use

- Joints between step & side rail tight, all fittings secure, moving parts operate freely.
- Rungs free of grease and oil.
- All ladder components intact including side rails, steps, rungs or cleats.

OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

Setting up ladder



Carry step ladders in their closed position.



Mount ladder on firm footing and secure against slipping.



Do not place ladder on any other items to increase height, eg on boxes or a table.



Climb down and move ladder if needed. Do not attempt to jog or walk the ladder



Fully open and lock the step ladder locks, braces or spreaders engaged before climbing.

Using the ladder



Face ladder when ascending and descending



Maintain three points of contact when climbing ladder



Only one person at a time and check weight limit not exceeded.



Do not over reach. Reposition ladder if needed. Your belt buckle should not be further than the side rail.



If necessary have a second person hold the ladder.



Carry tools on belt or tool pouch and hoist up materials.

ENDING OPERATIONS AND CLEANING UP



Fold up ladder



Remove it to its storage location.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND INJURIES



Falling off ladder.



Burns from operating room gas heater.

DON'T



Over reach on ladder.

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