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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.

# WOODCRAFT MATTERS

**PLEASE LOOK AT THE IMPORTANT NOTICES  
ON PAGE 9 OF THIS NEWLSETTER.**

## From the part time President.

Tim is away for all of April and I will keep an eye on things while he is away. I must say that our club needs to find a Vice President to help fill in at times and to help Tim out as he is like me still working full time. Please give this some thought. If you would like to talk to me about this position give me a ring after hours.

Some of the members have asked me how I fit into things in our club. I am a representative for the Central Group and hold the position of Training and Activities Officer. As such I have been very busy with band saw training, 12 members completed this course, thanks to Keith Higgins. Table saw – 26 completed, thanks to Keith Higgins and Reg Orr. More of these courses will have to be run later in the year on all equipment. I have to be fare to my helpers and give them a bit of a break for now.

The visit to Cobb and Co was well attended with 25 in total made up from Woodcraft Manningham and Maroondah. I have only heard rave reports from those who were there and I expect a lot of photos in our newsletter. I would like to thank Robbo for a day I will never forget, I think the day was one of the best I have ever been to. Thanks to members of both groups for their support.

The fool around and have fun day is now also over and it was a fun day for me because of the numbers who attended, we had 38 through the door on the day. Thanks to John, the President of Eltham for his support, special thanks to those who demonstrated on the day and to those who helped out. The reason these days are so successful is because of the support from both groups and for this I thank you.

The Warrandyte Festival will be all over by the time you read this and I must go back to doing my chores. Two hours of mowing buys six hours in the turning room. Have bought a new toy but have no time to use it as yet.

Charlie Chamberlain

## Trip to Tooradin

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March a group of Manningham and Maroondah Club members had a trip to "Robbo's" in Tooradin, meeting there at 10am armed with chairs and a packed lunch and thermos. We assembled in a big shed which housed lathes of various sizes, bandsaw and lots of different woodworking machines. Ian, the owner, demonstrated different techniques for rounding square pieces of wood on his Teknatool lathe, just like the ones some of us use, using a skew chisel **THEN** a roughing gouge. This certainly seemed a different approach to getting started on a new piece of work.

The outstanding feature of the day though, was a lathe Ian had built measuring 40ft long with 3 blocks and tackles above it so he could manoeuvre the huge logs of wood he turned. He has tested the lathe with a theodolite to assess how "true" it was. It was found to be just **1mm** out over the full length of the lathe. He has also built the motor and gearing to suit turning these enormous logs that might weigh up to 2 tonnes. The chisels he uses for his work are also hand made with pipelike handles 3ft long welded to his blades. His roughing gouge is 2 – 3ins wide. This was a case of MAXI everything.

Ian started up his lathe running at about 350rpm, and the big chips flew. He pointed out he required a different stance from normal to use such a large lathe; he stood with one foot behind the other, not feet apart at shoulder width as we do. This allows him to exert greater strength while he is turning these mighty works. For those of you who have been to Geelong, you might have seen some of his decorative, eye-catching bollards along the foreshore. He also makes veranda posts as well as tables legs.

Then it was our turn. After distributing a range of protective gear and gloves to some of us, he allowed us to try our skills on one of these huge logs.

One thing I found most interesting was the small number of tools he seemed to have. He said that generally most hobby turners had far too many chisels (food for thought for many of us with groaning drawers) At the end of the day it was hard to leave for home as there was always the expectation that Ian had something more to show or tell us. We had spent 5 – 6 hours enjoying wood turning on a scale most of us could not have imagined and using techniques so different from those we generally use on our small works. It really has us thinking and talking.

Thank you, Ian, for your hospitality and knowledge and a special vote of thanks to Charlie for organising such an interesting and memorable day for us all.

John Tarry.



Charlie Chamberlain presenting Ian with a slumped glass bowl as a thank-you for hosting our club and Maroondah Turners.

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A view from the tail stock end of the 8ft log



Keith Higgins having a turn



A view of the crowd sharing a joke



Ian "Robbo" Robertson demonstrating his skills on small stuff.



From left to right we have Ian Robertson, Melva McNamara, Stuart Watson and Ralf Williams in between two of Ian's turnings which are destined for a school where the kids will be painting faces and adding arms



Ian turning up egg cups at a fast pace.

## TRIP TOORADIN

The trip to Robbo's place would have to be the best outing I have had in living memory and certainly the best event ever hosted by the club. It wasn't just demonstration after demonstration but also us having a go on Ian's lathe and plenty of conversation and good company.

Ian is an excellent speaker and host and the time just flew.

I couldn't stop talking about it to the family when I got home. And the Misses said to me 2 days latter "are you still going on about that". (how could I not)

The people who gave the big lathe a shot will be in the exclusive club of the hand full of people in the world that have actually turned a big log (8ft in this case).

I cannot begin to thank Charlie enough for taking the time to arrange such an event.

And to Ian for having us over. I thankyou for giving up your day to host us.

This memory will stay with me for my life time.

Gino

Ian and I.



## WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

Thanks to Allan for running the March activity, it is good to know when I am not around things still go on. I am happy I have seen Allan's balls now I know they are not completely round.

April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting - a visit by Yarra Ranges woodworkers saw 20 or so people attend not many Central members but those who were there had some fun with the mystery turning – decorative turned boxes. I think that our two young ones had a good time also. One minute each turning is not what they are used to but it was good to see them join in with all the oldies. Special prize for guessing the mystery activity went to Ben and one of the Yarra Ranges senior members won the raffle after drawing out his own ticket.

Now for next meeting which is the **18<sup>th</sup> May** it will be a nostalgia night. Bill Bridges has some film of the set up of the club at Templestowe and some other bits and pieces he has taken over the years. Sounds very interesting may not take the whole evening. You may have some time for hands on as well, come prepared.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** meeting - activity will be stubby pen and pencil holders. For those who do not drink, soft drink bottles will be OK. Bring tools, timber, finish and bottles with caps and labels but empty.

I apologies to the Central members who have not had their newsletter in time to know what is happening on our club nights. It is something beyond my control so for now I will put activities two months ahead and hope this will help. Read it and keep it as I do not want to put out a newsletter just for the Central group but we will have to see how it goes.

Looking forward to seeing you next meeting.

Charlie Chamberlain

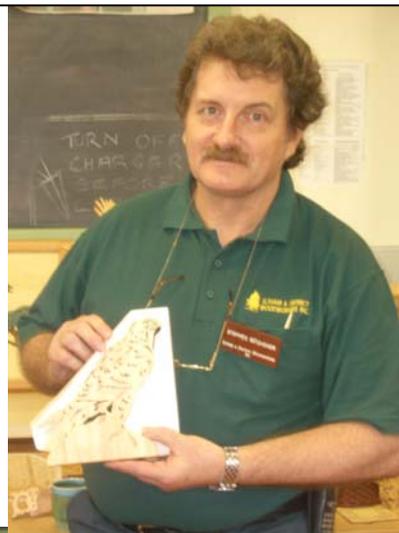
## SOCIAL DAY

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## ELTHAM & DISTRICT WOODWORKERS

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> was a fun day for all who attended the fool around day with Eltham and District Woodworkers. There were various demonstrations, which started of with Steve the scroll saw man and in no particular order, Ian Hansford with the Skew chisel, Charles Castle re carving, Allan Way showing us the way with his ball making ability, Charlie Chamberlain also gave a turning demonstration. John Dawdy brought along a sample of his miniature turnings.

I have put a few photo's of Steve's work in as he went to a lot of trouble and I had no idea how beautiful scroll saw work could be. Some of the pieces take a whole day just to cut out, and that does not include the caving, shaping or finishing part.



Starting from top row left to right, a saw, then Steve holding an eagle which is work in progress and top right a completed eagle.

Middle row an Owl which took 9 hours to complete cutting, 2 Jay birds and a plaque about woodies.

Bottom row are 2 out door type chairs, compare them to the 5cents coin.

## More from fool around day



Top row left is Allan way making a ball by using one of his specialty made tools. Top Right is a sample of these tools.

2nd row down left is Ian Hansford demonstrating the Skew chisel. Right we have Charles Castle doing a carving demonstration.

3rd row down left is a sample of John Dawdy's miniature wood turning and right we have a view of some of the members during a demo.

To the left we have and even closer shot of John Dawdy's miniature turning.

## **WARRANTYTE FESTIVAL**

**BY**

**ALLAN WAY**

The Warrandyte festival has again proved to be a most successful club P.R. Venue. Held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th of April on the banks of the Yarra at Warrandyte, the under cover facilities were good and the weather fine despite the forecast of showers.

Attendance on the two days was high, and after the street parade on Saturday morning consistent crowds passed by our stall.

Carvers, box makers and turners, represented the club with almost continuous demonstrations for the two days. Participation by members was good on the Saturday, but Sunday found the faithful few only helping, in particular turners were in very short supply, with only 3 to man 2 lathes all Sunday arvo, hard work.

The public were interested in all we did, and 150 brochures were handed out to those who showed more than just a passing interest. I am sure that we will once again get new members from this exercise as we have in the past.

Many thanks to Charlie Chamberlain, Ken Morrison and Reg Orr who each day were on deck early to set up and were always last to pack up and leave.

This weekend is most important to advertise our club and it has proved fertile recruitment grounds for the new members. Next year bi in it, get your name on the 2 day roster and enjoy a great time and don't leave it all to the same old faithful few.

Allan Way.

## **WARRANTYTE FESTIVAL**

**BY**

**CHARLIE CHAMBERLAIN**

Our club presented itself very well. Saturday saw 11 willing helpers but because of a problem with one of the two lathes we had to give demonstrators very short shifts to be fare to all those who wanted to help. Sunday saw two lathes working from 8.30 – 4.30pm without stopping, lunch was in shifts. It was very hard going with three people doing most of the turning. Next time our club demonstrates it would be good if some other members thought about coming to help, even if just handing out flyers and talking to people as it is very tiring for our older members to be doing this for two days. I think our box makers, carvers and turners did us proud. I have a nice memento of the weekend – a carved frog which I said was for the grandchildren but was good fun for the big kid. On behalf of our President I would like to thank you all for a great effort.

Charlie Chamberlain

## **LATHE FOR SALE**

Ryobi HL100 (1 metre) wood lathe, (never used – deceased estate)

½ horsepower, 4 speed, with original attachments and owner's manual.

\$350 negotiable. Located in Doncaster. Phone 9848 7058 for inspection.

## THE CARVERY

It is always interesting on arrival at wood carving to go around the benches and view the variety of projects that members have been working on. On the first Friday in April Doctor Charles was busy hollowing out a Maori chest with carved lid from a large piece of Himalayan cedar while Yep at the next bench was showing off 20 miniature faces which he had whittled totem pole style from [you guessed it] pine. He identified each face as a celebrity and some like Richard Nixon were quite obvious but a self portrait had not yet been attempted. Next door Noel was engrossed in finishing off his platypus in two tone sassafras. Derek and Pat both spent quite a bit of time on the noisy bandsaw the first trying to fashion another frill necked lizard from a piece of cantankerous red cedar while Pat cut out a few jelatong outlines as starter pieces for the class he now generously tutors for U3A.

Of the three Kens present we were pleased to see Ken Barker back after a nasty bout of pneumonia that put him in hospital for 10 days. Putting aside box making for the morning gave Ken Morrison the chance to fashion two Art Deco style dancers from pine, they being the prototypes for his next carving on a larger scale. Meantime Ken Reid, all the way from **Korumburra**, was meticulously extracting a fine looking **kookaburra** from a block of Queensland maple. That Ken also generously gave away to other carvers some pieces of mature banksia for future projects.

It was good to have Greg Williams present wandering around the room offering good humoured advice and plenty of wisecracks to both the experienced and novice carvers and also Bryan Thompson, who was busy experimenting with the Tormek sharpener, putting a superior edge on chisels and gouges with a view to offering instruction to members in the near future on how to use this superior piece of equipment.

At least four carvers lent a hand at the Warrandyte Festival on 8th and 9th April demonstrating carving or whittling alongside of the turners who kept an interested audience enthralled as they produced dozens of give away wooden tops. One carver actually sold [at a bargain price] a croaking frog to one of the turners, so good was the liaison and repartee between the two groups. It is to be hoped that the amount of interest shown through enquiries at the pavilion will result in further memberships in turning, carving and box making.

Derek Borrell

## LATHE FOR SALE

Genuine Record Coronet No. 3.

It is in excellent condition with all its original attachments and instruction booklet.

300mm over bed, 914 between centres, swivel head, 5 speed, ¾ HP motor.

You are welcome to come and try it as it is still set up.

Price \$575

Other accessories to suit.

80mm face plate with centre screw	\$20
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350mm tool rest	\$25
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150mm curved tool rest	\$20
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Charlie Chamberlain 9728 2179 after hours.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE** **FROM THE EDITOR.**

Due to difficulties in getting news out to everyone re: up coming events the **newsletter effective as of MAY will have a cut off dead line for items to be published of the 8th day of the month.**

This will mean a very short newsletter next month but I believe that this change will be for the long term good of the club and its members.

Regards

Gino

### **IMPORTANT**

Please note that the "Indexing pins" on the lathes are not there to help in undoing a chuck from the head stock. Please make sure that all lathes have the indexing pins disengaged when leaving the club rooms, it is bad practice to leave them engaged. This is your club so care for it.

And would all group leaders please reinforce this in your group.

Also please note that the Tormak grinder is there for the exclusive use of the carvers and is not to be used for sharpening High speed steel (HSS) chisels it will inevitably gouge an unwanted groove into the soft stone of the Tormak.

The bench grinder will have new wheels fitted to it by Friday the 28th and it should be for turning tools.

#### **Maintenance issues**

If any equipment needs maintenance please advise the editor so I can take action.

My details are on the top left hand side of page one of this newsletter.

### **NEW MEMBER**

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

Doug Ogden

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

## FOR SALE—QUEENSLAND MAPLE

Some time back I managed to get hold of three very nice pieces of Queensland Maple which are quite old and very well matured, having them freighted down from Cairns. As there is no way my health will be allow me to use them it is time to offer them to those among us who may enjoy working with them. Attached is a photo of them. My aim is simply to cover my costs.

Prices are as follows: Left \$160, Approx size 78cm H x 40cm W x 19cm D

Middle \$120, Approx size 75cm H x 34cm W x 23cm D

Right \$200, Approx size 86cm H x 38cm W x 36cm D

for the lot \$450 I am very keen to move these items and will consider any offers

I can be contacted on either 03 9850 6697 or mobile 0417 391 023 or email [gjcame@ozemail.com.au](mailto:gjcame@ozemail.com.au)

Graeme Cameron.



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