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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

Contacts at Woodcraft Manningham including days and times.

<u>Central Wood turners</u>	<u>3rd Thursday 6.30pm.</u>	<u>Templestowe Wood turners</u>	<u>1st Thursday 6.30pm</u>
Charlie Chamberlain	9728 2179	Stuart Watson	9886 1893
Day Turners	<u>Every Wednesday 9am and 12.30pm</u>	Manningham Wood turners	<u>4th Thursday 6.30pm</u>
John Tarry	9842 5324	Ian Hansford	9306 9875
Doncaster Carvers	<u>4th Friday 9am</u>	Lady Turners	<u>2nd Tuesday 6.30pm</u>
Bryan Thompson	9459 4176	Anne Schaffer	9844 2072
Doncaster Day carvers – 1	<u>1st Friday 9am</u>	Doncaster Day carvers – 2	<u>2nd Friday 9am</u>
Ken Morrison	9723 5030	Pat Burder	9857 6107
Doncaster Day carvers – 3	<u>3rd Friday 9am</u>	Box Making 1 Evening Sessions	<u>3rd Mon & Tues 6.30pm</u>
Ken Morrison	9723 5030	Reg Orr	9857 6058
Box Making 2 Afternoon Sessions	<u>1st Friday 1pm</u>	Probus	<u>1st Monday 9.30am</u>
Ken Morrison	9723 5030	Per Knudsen	9846 4122

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.

PRESIDENTIAL PRATTLING

On 25th July the AGM was held in the Clubrooms, with NINE members (less than ten percent!) present to show their support and appreciation for the hard work put in by your Committee over the last twelve months. Plus only nine apologies!

On behalf of all Club members I would like to express thanks to all members of the Committee for their industry over the last year, and especially thank outgoing members Ian Hansford, Yen Ip, and Ronit Freedman.

Ian Hansford is moving to the country, and we wish him well in his new pursuits. He has been a long-standing member of the Club and an active contributor and leader in the turners section, including leader of the Manningham group. His enthusiasm and teaching skills will be greatly missed and I thank him for his contributions over the years. Allan Way will be taking over his leadership role.

I pay tribute to the major contributions to the club by Charlie Chamberlain, Ken Morrison, and Stuart Watson. It is not an overstatement to say that without their commitment, drive and contributions this Club would fold. My thanks also to Gino for his comprehensive Newsletter each month, but I'm sure he would like more articles from the general Membership on any relevant woodworking topics. Gino, together with Keith Higgins, are thanked for their equipment maintenance activities.

In welcoming John Wheeler, Bryan Thompson, John Edwards and John Mott onto the Committee we now have representatives from every group, and this will permit greater transparency, democracy and efficiency in Committee activities.

Would the member who found it necessary to break the lock on the LadyTurners cupboard let me know what was in there that they needed, so your Committee can purchase the same item for the use of their own group. Would you really have done this at your home?

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At the September cleanup by the Central turners on 30 September there will be a sorting of all equipment and materials: any individual or Group with such objects should either lock them in their group cupboard, remove them from the Clubrooms (haven't you noted the marked shortage of floor space and storage facilities?), or at least clearly label and box them. Anything unidentified/unlabelled will be pooled and offered to the general Membership.

As mentioned last month, surely there is someone in the Club who can help with an internet website?

The Club has just purchased a sliding compound mitre saw. This is ONLY for the use of the Box Making groups under the supervision of the group leader- No exceptions.

Remember, if your Annual Subscription has not been paid by the end of September, you automatically cease to hold Membership. Please pay this week.

Tim Gale

WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

The July meeting, pen and pencil stubby holders went along pretty well. About 14 attended. Saad Saad won the raffle for the second month in succession, he is taking over from Stuart Watson.

August 17th – On the night we will have a guest demonstrator Jim Pagonis from Koonung Woodturning Club. He will demonstrate thread cutting, it will be something special to see.

Members from other groups are welcome to attend.

Ring me after hours and let me know if you are coming. It will cost \$2 for the night with a ticket in the raffle and supper.

September 21st - Activity will be coasters.

Saturday September 30th - Centrals turn to do the club clean up. Please put this morning aside. 8.30am – 12 noon. Many hands make quick clean up.

See you all at the next meeting.

Charlie Chamberlain

Wanted a photo of Robert McNamara in profile

We need the photo for the carving we intend to make for the library memorial sign.

If you have one please give me a call on 9459 4176. If you have a digital image please sent it to bryandav@melbpc.org.au.

Bryan Thompson

Information for all Woodcraft members

Thanks tom Bryan Thompson for the two buzzer thicknesser courses just completed. Sorry I couldn't make it to either but I'm sure Bryan didn't need anyone to hold his hand.

I went along to the Lady Turners night last month to give Stuart a bit of help as John Tarry was not mobile. Hope you are on the mend. I demonstrated coasters, spinning tops and finishing, amazing what some people will do for chocolate biscuits. Thanks to the ladies for their gift it helped me buy a new hot melt glue gun. There should be more interaction between groups in our club. Central has had a demonstration by one of the lady turners, I for one would like to see more of this in the future.

Clothing orders are now complete. There are a few items in stock, check with your group leader for availability and price. If they are not sure get them to ring me after hours.

Introduction to woodturning course went ahead August 5th. It was a very busy day for me as I arrived at the club at 7.20am. We had ten for the day, eight men, one boy and one lady. A very full on day but very successful. We raised \$630 for the club, will help to pay for the TV and video set up I have ordered. A big thanks to all who helped out on the day. A special thanks to you who stayed to clean up so that I could make a quick get away. (see photo's below)

I know you will be pleased when I tell you the young man I have hosted for the past 16 months won the 1st Year Apprentice of the Year award in the HIA training scheme. It was a really good night for me as I also caught up with another of my past apprentices who won the same award two years ago. I think I might just have cracked a smile or two on the night. I am extremely proud and very pleased for Andrew and I have planed a very quiet start to the week as boys will be boys. I was home by 1am they were just going out, good luck to them.

Charlie Chamberlain.

Photo's by John Wheeler



Dates to Remember

October 20th—22nd Melbourne working with wood show

November 4th—5th Barwon Valley Woodwrights exhibition

Courtesy of Carroll's Woodcraft supplies.

THE CARVERY

On the first Friday in August Day Carvers session Bryan Thompson tried to lift our sights through an examination of the intricacies of carving achieved by the old furniture makers with their scrolls and by present day Indonesian craftsmen with their in depth teak multi-layered depictions of their village culture. We returned to our benches somewhat humbled realising we had a lot to learn but agreeing that we were all there because of our enthusiasm for fashioning something out of wood no matter what.

Going around the room, to name a few, there was Yep shaping a non descript dog from walnut, Charles on his pine Maori chest, Janet with a half size man's face, Ken [from Korrumburra] with his Queensland beech fisher boy, Amy finishing the lady she started at the May Carve-in, and I polishing off a pigeon.

Ken Morrison was getting ready for the afternoon box making class and giving some pre-instruction to new boy, Doug Ogden, who was very interested in what the carvers were up to. Another welcome guest was Merle Barring, all the way from Mount Eliza, a member of the Mornington Club and a regular at the annual Carve-ins.

At least three indicated they had submitted entries to the Royal Melbourne Show in September, somewhat down on last year's effort, but hopefully the other Day Carvers will also have entered.

Derek Borrell

Extra day box making

Box making will now be also held on the 3rd Monday of the month preceding the usual Tuesday night session. That's twice in one month so as to make it a bit easier to attend.

I think that I speak for all the box makers when I say thank you Reg that is very generous of you to give up your time for us all.

Regards,

Gino

NEW MEMBER

On behalf of us all I would like to welcome Rima Mercy to Woodcraft Manningham. Rima has joined the Lady Turners.

I hope you get many years of enjoyment from our club.



HEALTH & SAFETY FOR WOODWORKERS

Injury prevention is your responsibility as much as anybody else's so remember the following whenever you work with wood.

- Use sharp tools; don't continue with blunt blades.
- Avoid cutting towards your hands or body.
- Ensure that your work piece is secure.
- Use respiratory protection when dust from sawing or sanding is present.
- Use eye protection when operating power tools or when striking chisels etc. with a hammer.
- Use hearing protection when operating power tools.
- Keep your back straight by adjusting the height of your work to avoid stooping.
- Assess the hazards of the equipment, the workplace and the wood before you start and take steps to eliminate them.
- Use guards on power tools.
- Have power tools inspected and tested by an electrician regularly.
- Stop work if you are tired or distracted. Turn off electrics.
- Stop at intervals and clean up clutter around your work space and floor.
- Take note of exits, fire extinguishers and first aid facilities when entering a new work area.
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- ***Remember Murphy's Law "what can go wrong will go wrong."***

Thankyou Bryan Thompson for passing this on as it is good advice.

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Articles of interest from Readers (and in particular newer members) to fill this newsletter.

Trips, trees, problems, tips & tricks, jokes, Question and Answers. Etc.

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Mirella Castle, a member of Day Carvers 2 and 3, a member of the Scot's Church choir and communicant member of Scot's Church, married Phillip Keast at the Scot's Church Russell St Melbourne on 17th June 2006. Mirella is the daughter of Charles and Pauline Castle. Charles is a member of Day Carvers 1,2,3,4 and box making. Phillip is the son of Stan and Elaine Keast. The newly weds had a honeymoon in Lakes Entrance, and now are making their home at Broadmeadows. Phillip is studying for a teaching diploma this year. The ceremony was conducted by Rev Douglas Robertson, assisted by Rev Dr Geoff Blackburn who said a prayer. The reception was held at the Kingston Hotel Richmond. The bride's sister, Bethany, her husband Graeme, and their three children came from Sydney for the wedding. Hopefully now that Mirella is married she can do more carving.

Charles Castle

Congratulations to the families, especially to Mirella and Phillip. A beautiful photo if ever I saw one.

Regards Gino.





Above Charlie, Glen and Miles. Bottom right is Charlie's miniature.
Bottom Left is Charlie's platter. Top right is Glen's bowl and top Left
is Mile's platter.

Australian Woodturning Exhibition

On the left is a photo of Charlie Chamberlain who won 1st Prize for his Miniature in the Novice section. And his Platter with a ceramic insert which was made by his talented wife Chris. It won 2nd prize for Wood Art in the Novice section.

In the Middle is Glen Irvine with his Bowl which won 2nd prize in the Novice section.

And on the right is Miles Reynolds who won 3rd prize for his platter in the novice section with an encouragement award.



6 WEEK INTRODUCTION TO BOXMAKING COURSE

WHO: Open to everyone

WHEN: Monday nights incorporating the following dates, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and the 6th of September

TIME: 7pm—9.30pm

WHERE: Old school building
Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre
Corner Anderson and Parker Streets
Templestowe

COST: \$75 all timber, Hardware and tools supplied

ENQUIRIES: Ken Morrison 9723 5030

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:	Tim Gale	9822 3833
Vice President:	Keith Higgins	9489 4124
Secretary:	Anne Schafer	9844 2072
Treasurer:	Stan Smith	9841 6557
Membership Secretary:	Carl Jacobs	9840 2620

Committee members:

Charlie Chamberlain	9728 2179
John Tarry	9842 5324
Allan Way	9459 9049
Stuart Watson	9886 1893
Ken Morrison	9723 5030
Bruce: Hensell	9853 5754
John Wheeler	9386 1230
Bryan Thompson	9459 4176
John Edwards	9848 5875
John Mott	9836 0961