

# 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 com-**  
**ing along.**

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

## PRESIDENTIAL PRATTLE

AUSTRALIA DAY was a great success, inspite of the very hot weather. All Club members should be appreciative of the hard work put in by the twenty four volunteers who contributed on the day. It was worthwhile being there just to see the unbridled joy and pride on the faces of the children after assembling their birdbox. This activity plus the sales of woodworking product generated significant income for the Club, and our display and demonstrations generated a lot of interest from potential new members and also enrolments for our courses. On behalf of all members, congratulations and thanks to all contributors- sorry about the weather!! (see page 4 for photo's)

On page 3 of this newsletter are details of our combined meeting with the Eltham Club at our clubrooms on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This is an important opportunity for all members to meet and get to know members from others groups and craft areas of our Club, and to also meet our Eltham colleagues. PLEASE support Charlie Chamberlain and his team.

The annual WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th April, and again we will be holding a display and demonstration. Stuart Watson and Allan Way will be our organisers, so please volunteer. It will be an opportunity for those who couldn't help on Australia Day to contribute to the Club.

Again elsewhere in this Newsletter are details of the introductory accreditation sessions for both the band saw and also the bench saw. You MUST be accredited before you use such potentially dangerous equipment in our Club rooms. Later we will hold refresher courses for those individuals already credentialed for the band saw.

Have you checked and/or corrected your contact details in the file beside the Attendance sheet. If at all possible list an E-mail address, as this is a significant cost-saving area . You have till the end of February, so PLEASE do it next time you are in the Clubrooms.

Keep your tools sharp.

Till next month,

Tim Gale

## **SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF WOODCRAFT MANINGHAM**

### **TRAINING AND ACTIVITY DETAILS AND DATES FOR 2006.**

#### **BAND SAW ACCREDITATION**

**Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> at between 6.45pm – 8.00pm** band saw accreditation will be run by Keith Higgins. This first course is for members who have not done the training previously, therefore cannot use the bandsaw. Revision courses will be run later in the year for those all ready accredited.

#### **TABLE SAW ACCREDITATION** (same night as above)

**Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> between 8.00pm and 9.00pm** table saw accreditation will be run with Keith Higgins and Reg Orr. All members who wish to use the table saw must complete this course but because of time restraint we will be able to train 30 on this night. Further courses will be held later in the year.

**To register for the courses on this night ring Charlie Chamberlain on 9728 2179 after hours.**

#### **DEMONSTRATION DAY**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - The Woodcraft Manningham members have been invited to attend a demonstration day at Ian Robertson's Cobb & Co. Woodturning Workshop at 2 Bayview Road, Tooradin commencing at 10.00am.

Robo runs a commercial woodturning business that specializes in large turning and will demonstrate how this is done on the day. I will see if I can talk him into turning some smaller things as well because a lot of people think he can only do large turning, but as I have seen over the last few years at Down Under this is not so. A barbeque will be made available for us to use for lunch so bring all you need to cook your own. Also bring drinks. As this is a club activity there will be not alcohol allowed. I would suggest that you car pool if possible as we don't want too many cars. There will be a limit of 30 people and you must register with me by Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> March. Phone Charlie - 9728 2179 after hours.

#### **OPEN DAY**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – 3.00 pm** - Open Day at the Warehouse - 11 Citrus Street, Braeside. There will be sales, demonstrations woodturning and carving and a sausage sizzle. All are welcome to attend. For more details check the flyer on the notice board at the club room, or phone 9587 3999.

#### **WARRANTYTE FESTIVAL**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of April** our club will do demonstrations at Warrandyte Festival. Help will be needed.

Ring Stuart Watson 9886 1893.

## SOCIAL DAY WITH ELTHAM & DISTRICT WOODWORKERS

**Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>** - Fool around and have fun day with members of Woodcraft Manningham and Eltham & District Woodworkers.

The day will be held at our club rooms starting at 9.00am and finishing at 3.00pm. Get together with all woodworkers from both clubs. I would like to hear from any members who would like to do a short talk or demonstration on the day,  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour in total. We have done this in the past and it works well, please let me know in plenty of time so that we can slot you in with a time that is suitable to you. The rest of the time will be spent getting to know others from your own club and the visiting club.

There will be a charge of \$5 for the day or part of the day. You will receive a ticket for the lucky door prizes, one to be drawn at lunch time and one at the end of the day. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be supplied, bring your own lunch. Bring show and tell if you wish. We will also have a sale of the clubs second hand turning tools, prices will be between \$5 and \$15. As we are the host club I will need some help to set up, pack up, in the kitchen, to sell tickets and sales. Please do not leave this all up to the Central Group as this activity has been arranged for all to be involved. To register ring by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. I must know numbers in advance.

Charlie 9728 2179 after hours.

## INTRODUCTION TO BOX MAKING

There is a introduction to box making course being held on the weekends of **February 18th-19th and 25th-26th**.

If you are interested in attending contact

**Ken Morrison on 8723 5030**

If you would like to do a box making course and these dates do not suit you, Ken is compiling a waiting list for the next evening course which will most likely be held in May.

## 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,  $\frac{3}{4}$  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.

## AUSTRALIA DAY

The following shots were taken at the Australia day function. Photo's were taken by Carl Jacobs and Keith Higgins.



Top Left, a distant view of our stand.

Top Right, shows a sample of some of our goods for sale.

Above left, some of our guys turning.

Above right, some of our customers making bird boxes.

Bottom left, Keith Higgins decided to break with tradition and make a spinning top for a change.

## THE CARVERY

A representative group of 14 carvers were present on Friday morning, the 16th December, the last chance to finish off projects for the year and to plan for 2006. The latter was done convivially at coffee time over plates of tasty Christmas mince and Neenish tarts generously provided.

There was quite a bit of talk about the next Bacchus Marsh "Carve-In" where 70 woodworkers, many of them regular participants will gather once again in late May for a weekend of carving instruction and fellowship with like interested enthusiasts from all over the State. Bryan Thompson provided an interesting background as to how this annual get-together had started from an overseas visitor's unsuccessful attempt to sell tour packages to a similar but highly priced course in Europe. The first attempts at an annual weekend for carvers were held at Geelong but for the last four years the spacious venue at the Lady Northcote Recreation Camp at Rowsley run by the YMCA has proven to be an ideal location for this activity and has the advantage of being nearly equidistant from carvers' strongholds in Geelong, Ballarat and Melbourne.

It was interesting to learn to, how various members had gravitated to being members of Woodcraft Manningham:

Noel Strahan, for instance, had even shifted his address from Carlton to Templestowe when Central Woodcraft moved out from the City. Ken Reid, from Korrumburra, retired woodwork teacher, was a regular visitor to the Woodwork Shows at Doncaster where he learnt of the good facilities at the old Templestowe School. Yen Ip had started by taking the woodturning class and like Greg Williams moved on to trying his hand at wood sculpture. Ken Morrison confessed that his interest in wood generally had enticed him along.

Bryan Thompson's love affair with wood went right back to his first job as a pattern maker and was strengthened by many years of teaching woodwork. He told us again about the efforts put in by Jack Jones, Ken Barker, Don McLean and others in the mid nineties to secure the old school building [dating back to 1874] which were just about destroyed by vandalism before the Council went ahead with the basketball stadiums and the restored school - now proud headquarters for Woodcraft Manningham and looking more-so since the October unveiling of the carved pediment over the porch door.

Derek Borrell

### Dates to Remember 2006

March 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wagga Wagga Turnaround 2006, contact Larry Sloan 02 6926 1536
March 11 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Woodturners of the Goulburn Valley annual show at Shepparton. For more details contact John Griffin 03 5831 1606
April 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ballarat Woodworkers Guild show
April 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Men in Sheds show Bendigo Trades Hall View Street Bendigo
April 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bendigo wood workers group. St Killians parish centre, Hargreaves St Bendigo For more details contact Jeff Willey 03 54471449 A.H.
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wimmera Wood Turners Guild, Wood and Craft expo. Horsham Town Hall. For more details contact Brendan Stemp 03 5384 6324.
June 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Australian Woodturning Exhibition. Call Rich Gilks 03 9802 4498.

Courtesy of Carroll's woodcrafts

## INTRODUCTION TO WOODTURNING COURSE



The photo above depicts the people who attended the intro to woodturning course on the 11th of February.

Names from L-R are as follows:

Glen Irvine, Sue Grosman, Neil Wakeman, Heather Hillier, Saad Saad, Rims Mercy, John Lerk, Andrew Lerk, David Appleby and Rick Byrne.

Photo courtesy of Keith Higgins

## WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting - not much turning done, a lot of preparation for Australia Day. I would like to thank those who attended for my birthday cake and the shocking singing.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be a visit from Maroondah and a talk on photography by Richard Crompton. Bring some photos along if you wish for Richard to look at he may be able to give you some useful tips on how to improve.

The Central group has gained three new members over the past few months, Saad, Glen and Phillip. I would like to welcome them to our group and as I always say - may your stay be a long and happy one.

**Don't forget, April 20th** meeting will be a visit from the Warburton Valley Woodworkers. The activity on the night will be mystery turning with all the bells and whistles.

This is a short waffle as I have many other things to put in the newsletter, so read on.

Would the person who removed the box of second hand sandpaper from the locked chuck cupboard please return it. This box was left in the cupboard for use on Central nights or for anybody else who forgets to bring sandpaper.

Charlie Chamberlain

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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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