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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.

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

## Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)

Will be held on

**27<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 7.00pm**



The above wooden Ferrari which is being driven in Venice was forwarded to me by Ken Barker. Everything inside it is made of wood including the seats. The only exception being the gear stick knob which is Plastic. The maker has made many things of wood. He also was shown on television station SBS.

## FROM ONE OF THE PRESIDENTS MEN

Committee members have been busy with last minute arrangements for the **AGM on the 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm**, where all position will become vacant and we must elect a President and hopefully a Vice President. If the club has no President it would have to be wound up and I'm sure none of us would like to see that happen. Also on the night we will vote on the change of name, so be there to be part of it.

Reg and Stuart are about to start on the sharpening station and this will make our Carvers happy. After that they will assemble the bench saw. These things have taken some time but there has been a lot of work to do and only a few willing to do these jobs. Which brings me to some other petty matters. When the dust extractor needs emptying it would be better to get on and do it rather than wasting time writing rude notes on the blackboard. Lets all work together, if you need a light globe take the cash out of the kitchen cupboard and go for a short walk to the IGA over the road, but before you go make sure the jar of coffee has more than one spoonful in it. There will soon be a sign put on the wall to remind all groups to empty the extractor. The repair on the vacuum hose is in hand.

Don't forget that fees are due, get them to Stan as soon as possible as we would like to update the membership list and this can't be done until all members have paid.

On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> June we held our last committee meeting and I have a special bit of news to pass on. The committee on behalf of all members have decided to present Greg Williams, the King of the Carvers, Life Membership of Central Woodcraft for his services to carving and our club. I will have the pleasure of performing the presentation at our AGM. Hope to see lots of you there on the night and we can have supper afterwards.

I received a letter from John Leahy, President of Eltham, passing on the clubs condolences on the loss of Robert McNamara. I have posted a copy to Melva. On behalf of Melva and our Club thank you for your kind thoughts.

Charlie Chamberlain

## **6 WEEK INTRODUCTION TO BOXMAKING COURSE**

**WHO:** All members of other woodworking clubs, as well as Woodcraft Manningham, are welcome

**WHEN:** Monday 7 - 9.30 pm Starting **September 5th** and goes through to October 24th

**WHERE:** The Old School Building  
Manningham Leisure Centre  
Cnr. Anderson and Parker St  
Templestowe

**COST:** \$65 All materials and tools supplied

**ENQUIRES:** Ken Morrison 97235030

## **Bacchus Marsh Carve-in 2005**

From Geelong, Mildura, Bendigo, Korumburra and the suburbs 50 wood lovers assembled to indulge in a weekend of carving, catching up with friends from previous Carve-ins and to view projects completed since last year.

All hoped to develop their skills in the range of tutoring available which included power carving, carving in the round, relief, spoon, chip and furniture carving. Competent leaders in each area shared and showed their knowledge, skills and passion for creating something from timber.

All participants enjoyed the practical "hands on sessions", show and tell, and, at the close of camp, seeing the wide range of projects, some complete and others still requiring some finishing touches. They varied from "ball and claw" table legs, delicate spoons, chip carvings, large power carved bowls etc. detailed "Bach" busts to possums beginning to peep out of a piece of timber.

At the last session all participants expressed satisfaction in all aspects of the weekend and looked forward to next year. Bryan Thompson and the organising committee were thanked sincerely for all their hard work.

Ken Reid

## **VALE MICHAEL HARVEY**

Along with all who knew Michael Harvey I would like to pay tribute to a generous caring person and a dedicated carver who died suddenly on 18th May , only three days after attending the 2005 Carve-in.

I was one of the "whittlers" at our camp at Lady Northcote. Michael, probably the oldest person present, was tenderly completing a shark and I was butchering a poor dog which I eventually finished. We chattered and worked and time went quickly.

Ian and I with Michael and Meryle, both from Mount Eliza, had a nightcap at the end of an enjoyable day of fellowship. At the close of camp it was Michael who generously donated, from his bag of goodies, a treasured wooden piece to present to the helpful staff.

Love and Gratitude to Michael - you will be sorely missed.

Amy Elliott

## **CLUB NOMINATION FORM & REENROLLMENT FORM**

You should all have received by now the CLUB NOMINATION FORM and the REENROLLMENT FORM.

Please return the reenrollment form as soon as you are able to.

And please give some thought to whom you would like as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is o/k to nominate yourself if you have the will to do it. You do not need to be skilled with your hands, you just need to care about the club.

Hope to see you all at the **AGM** on the **27th of July at 7.00 pm.**

Regards, Gino.

## CENTRAL TURNERS

On the 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.00pm we will have a demonstration on lead lighting. Members of other groups are most welcome, as are members of other Clubs. Entry \$2, includes supper and a ticket in the raffle. Ring me after hours and let me know if you are coming - 9728 2179.

Charlie Chamberlain

## WOODTURNERS WAFFLE

At the June meeting we had a talk by Brian Thompson. It was an excellent night, all who attended enjoyed it and we all learnt something. The Central group liked the way Brian stirred the muffin man all night. I was a little disappointed on the numbers from other groups but a big thanks to Judy Wheeler, Roy Galea and some of my mates from Maroondah for making up the numbers. Thanks Brian for a great night.

Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July will be a demonstration of lead lighting by a member from Maroondah, Ben Enthoven., he has run lead lighting courses and does a great demonstration. Come along and bring a friend if you wish, just ring me and let me know how many extras. Cost \$2 as usual. Last but not least the Australian Woodturning Exhibition is over for another year. Excellent as always, congratulations to the committee for a great job. Central Woodcraft has a few entries again this year and was amongst the winners. Good on you all for having a go.

Charlie Chamberlain



All of these carvings including the ones on the next page are by Bryan Thompson which were displayed during the demo night.

My favorite was the walking stick made of Queensland Maple with Red Gum inserts.

If I had remembered to take a photo of the side you would see a spline of Red Gum through the entire cross section of the handle. It was a very nice piece of work.

## Day Carvers

Friday 1st July found 12 carvers making good use of the workshop with the usual interesting variety of projects. Amongst them was Bronwyn, a sculpture friend of Ronit, a first timer who fitted in well as Greg Williams showed her how to get started carving a love spoon from jelatong. Yen was busy with his reciprocating powered chisel carving a ten inch grizzly bear from a lump of fruit tree wood [could be apple] using as a model a six inch bear with salmon in its mouth that he had already completed out of pine. Suzanne Kaldor, who amongst other things, teaches sculpture in many mediams for U3A, wasted little time in cutting out with the bandsaw and attacking her lump of wood with gouge and mallet. Amy Elliot was there too fashioning what she suggested could be a female torso from an attractive piece of desert ash. Meantime Janice [from Bendigo] was hard at work with an ambitious bust of Bach [that is correct - not bark] also from the carvers' favourite timber, jelatong. She was not accompanied by husband George on this occasion but he did submit a a well made box from camphor laurel for show and tell. Other items on display were another handsome completed box made from black heart sassifras from Greg's workshop and a stylised shark's tooth sculpture from a piece of red gum submitted by yours truly.

Halfway through the morning Ken Morrison informed the group of several Club matters, including some planned future courses, subscription obligations and the need for carver support at the forthcoming AGM on 27th July. Brian Luders also popped in to seek support as last year for entries in the wood carving competition conducted by the Royal Melbourne Show in September.

Derek Borrell



The knobs displayed on this page demonstrates step by step how they were made. Starting from the left from a turned plain knob to the completed item on the right.