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WOODCRAFT MATTERS

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MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The guest speaker this month will be Reuben Rich. Reuben has recently returned from Turkey and Italy. There he had a scholarship to study framing, gilding, and carving. He has written a comprehensive report of his studies which is available on the Internet. This promises to give us insight into what is being done in countries and cultures quite different from our own.

START TIME IS: 7PM

DATE: TUESDAY 1st of NOVEMBER

Don't forget your name badges.

Presidents Report

Death of a member in the Thursday afternoon Carvers

ALAIN KERAMBRUN died on 16/10/2016

A few memories from the team on Thursday afternoon, Alain known as Pepi carved a walking stick with a handle the shape of a King Charles Spaniel also a 3 legged chair.

Always coming in with a piece of free timber which showed his creative side.

The group was often spoiled as Alain was a great chef bringing in French pastries & deserts served on plates with all the trimmings', for afternoon tea.

Some details of his working life (We knew he was a chef but)

In 1982 Came to Australia after working with Troisgros brothers, very famous French chefs (Michelin starred), in France.

He worked for Stephanie Alexander in her restaurant, Stephanie's, one of Melbourne's best restaurants in the 70's and 80's, until 1986.

1986 Became chef at The Biltmore, then Gowings in East Melbourne. This restaurant was owned by Dennis Gowing of Kevin Dennis fame who used Alain's reputation in his ads by apologizing to Stephanie for stealing Alain.

1987 became chef at Moustache in Camberwell and "has transformed a reliably good kitchen into a fine one."

1989 Took over a restaurant called Marinette and renamed it Alain K. The Age food critic said he didn't want to review it because it was a restaurant "that has not yet been discovered." It had 11/2 hats in the Age Good Food Guide. However after a very good opening year the recession hit and the restaurant closed in 1991.

1993 He became head chef at the Society Restaurant in Bourke St (another famous old Melbourne restaurant)

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1994 Chef at Mietta's another very famous Melbourne restaurant.

1995 He was running cooking classes and working for a catering company.

2004 he was presenting classes at the Melbourne Food Festival where he was described as "a French chef with a wonderful combination of irascibility and bonhomie ..."

Alain will be missed by all the Thursday avo carvers

News from the committee

Discussions included

Started with the front door key not working properly (Repaired by council).

Christmas lunch preparations with a great day planned.

New shelves installed in the storage area with how the area can be used most effectively.

Wood carving weekend was a great success with over 30 Carvers during the day & dinner on Saturday night at "The Cherry Hill Tavern" Thanks Doug Ogden!

A drawer fell from the storage cupboard onto a member head with a large cut & lots of blood. The club member was very sore and shocked at the accident but recovered on the next few days.

An important lesson to be continually safety aware.

A new router table is progressing with Richard Fyffe doing the work.

A first aid course was completed by 14 members. Much was learned and will be a great asset to the club & to them at home. We can never stop learning.

Thankyou Austin Polley for organising. Next training will be in 2 years.

Australia day club bird box making

Some reflections from Phil Leach about attending

I have been a member of Woodcraft Manningham for a few years, and have done pre drilling of the bird box pieces. 2016 was the first year I attended the Bird Box making tent on Australia Day in the Gardens. It was going to be interesting to see the fruits of my labours of previous years on how the boxes were assembled

My first objective was to get to the Gardens. Allan Way gave directions and guidance on the use of public transport. The first challenge was St Kilda road was closed, so the bus had to use Punt Road. The trip took a bit longer. No problem as I left in plenty of time, and my Seniors Myki worked a treat.

At the tent the queuing isle was set up. A queuing isle I thought to myself.....is this going to get busy? Not sure on how long the queue got, but the budding young woodworkers and their parents/carers/supervisors provided a steady stream all day.

I would start by introducing myself, with name tag and embossed polo shirt, and asking the construction worker their name. 'Have you used a hammer before?' The conversation blossomed from there. Sometimes the hammer was used 20 times to get a nail in....sometimes only 3 or 4.....'You are good!' I would say...the answer usually came back....'My grandpa showed me how to hit nails.' I suggested they must have a very clever grandpa! The stories, the smiles, and the comradely that the children shared were delightful. It was a wonderful day.

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Yesterday I spent pre drilling some bird box pieces. I would be interested to see how the pieces go together, Australia Day 2017, and hear some more stories from the up and coming wood workers of the future.

Phil Leach (Thursday Turners)

More details and a signup sheet will be coming soon, look out for it on the notice board.

Melbourne show woodwork results .
Congratulations to

- Ken Reid: Carving – Lizard? 1st Prize
- Philip Lind: Carving – Shearer, 2nd Prize
Carving – Dancer, Commended
- Bob Edward: Relief - Carving - Elephant, 3rd Prize
- Thanh Duong: Relief Carving - Gum leaves, 1st Prize.
Relief Carving - Tudor Rose, Commended
Carving Chinese Dragon, Commended
- Charles Castle: Carving – Triangle rolling object
- Ernie Gmehling: Carving—Red Dragon
Carving – Grotesque

John Paine

Our Woodwork Calender

Club Night First Tuesday of each month except January.

Committee Meeting Third Wednesday in the month.

OCTOBER:

Wood carving weekend 8th and 9th near club rooms.

NOVEMBER:

Club Christmas party 25th November, Box Hill golf club 12 noon.

Dear members.
Below are some details of an art exhibition from one of our members Anne Warren who has an exhibition at Alphington studios



Alphington

Open Studio Weekend

Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 November 2016

11 am - 6 pm

Contact:
ph: Bridget 9497 1973
e-mail: alphingtonstudios@gmail.com
web: alphingtonstudios.com



12 Naroon Road (Mel 31 B 10)
Anne Warren: paintings, collage, wood

FIRST AID COURSE

On Monday 10th October, 14 Club members participated in a FIRST Aid Certificated Course, which was organised by Austin Polley for Club members and partners.

Unfortunately, only two Club members brought their partners to this Course - which is most disappointing, as the whole idea of running this Club Subsidised Course was for each Club member to bring along their partner so that they may be able to assist each other in an emergency.

It was also very disappointing that there WERE NOT representatives attending from each group in our Club.

As we are all aware, our Club has purchased a defibrillator, in the interest of the health of Club members. therefore, the knowledge of FIRST AID followed by the use of our defibrillator would greatly increase a patient's survival in case a member collapses with a heart attack, stroke, asthma or many other emergency situations which may arise.

We were very fortunate to have an excellent tutor running our course, with great knowledge and teaching techniques. I am positive that all who attended, learned many ways to save lives and to assist anyone in an emergency, (whether it may be fellow Club members, family members or young Grandchildren) ...

If a person has collapsed in your presence. Before commencing appropriate treatment, THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO CALL. 000, and give accurate details of the patient's condition, and an accurate location for the Ambulance.

Thank you to our OH&S Group, for thinking of the interest of our members, and giving us the opportunity to obtain this First Aid Certificate.

Bruce Hensell



Carving Weekend

Well what a great carving weekend we had. Well over 30 people from our club, Aubury-Wadonga, Geelong and Eltham came together for some magical carving over a day and a half. Thanks to Doug who did a great job of organising it all as fun was had by all. To finish off the weekend Saadi and I then went and watched Bryan participate in a great concert to celebrate the end of seniors week. We were dancing in the aisles!!! (Saturday night fever style by the looks of it photo on right)

What a great weekend!!!

Rachelle Lever



A letter from John Dawdy Re above photo of injury sustained.

To David Cretney,

Attached is a photo of the cuts and swelling I sustained on 5th October after a fairly large and heavy drawer, which was on top of the tall turner's cupboard, fell on my head when I opened and closed the door.

It caused severe bleeding for quite some time. Thankfully the other 4 members applied first aid and were eventually able to stop the bleeding and applied a large band-aid.

The drawer and timbers had been put there by one of the carving groups.

John Dawdy

Australia day bird box drilling.

The bird box team met in September and cut up material for 305 bird box's. We had 15 kits left over from last year so this meets our quota of 320.

The components now need to be drilled and cut out. You will find them near the sign on book, they are hard to miss, your help in finishing of this Australia day preparation is greatly appreciated. If you take material home for drilling etc., please note the box you took them from (e.g. Sides, 160/80 sets, 3 of 4) and return them to that box when finished. Bruce will store them for us, and the team will check and bag the kits in January before the day. As they do clutter up the club room your early action on this would be appreciated.

Enquiries Allan Way 9459 9049.

WOODCRAFT MANNINGHAM

ANNUAL CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are pleased to announce that this year's Christmas lunch will be held on:

26th November, 2016 from 12.00 noon

Box Hill Golf Club

202 Station Road

Box Hill, VIC 3128

The charge will be \$50 per person, plus drinks

Make this a great day and come and support the clubs family outing.

We would like all members to attend.

REMEMBER TO BRING ALONG SHOW 'N TELL. WE ALSO INVITE YOUR PARTNERS TO BRING ANY OF THEIR CRAFTWORK ALONG FOR DISPLAY

If you require transport or any further information, please call Bruce on 0419519191

Please make cheques payable to Woodcraft Manningham and sent to

Bill Wood

9 Stiggant Street, Warrandyte 3113

OR by bank transfer BSB 633000 ACC 130774896

please mark payment as being for Christmas lunch and your surname

PLEASE ACT QUICKLY AS WE NEED TO CONFIRM NUMBERS TO THE VENUE

I/we would like to attend Woodcraft Manningham's Christmas lunch

Name/s _____

Members Group _____

Nos. Attending _____ @ \$50 per head. Total \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

OCTOBER CLUB NIGHT

Despite it being a cool wet night there was the usual good intermingling of woodies for the first Tuesday evening get-together to be brought up-to-date with Club happenings. Amongst the things we learnt were the "TIE- A-TAG" system for machines found to be out of order and the ACCIDENT Book to be renamed INCIDENT Book to better advise the Committee of near misses and close shaves that might signal improvement in safety measures.

One innovation was member profiling with the President asking a few questions of individuals such as background and what had triggered their interest in woodcraft. Allan Way was the first chosen and he gave an interesting account of how after 40 years in telecommunications he had become a turner and later a group leader.

The disappointment of the evening was that the video screening wouldn't work to support our guest speaker Reuben Rich [one of our turners] who was to talk about his interest in framing, gilding and carving. Reuben did however speak briefly about his trip overseas to Turkey and Italy to study these subjects in depth and of the workshops he had visited. This had culminated in his writing of a very comprehensive and beautifully illustrated book which was on display and which he generously donated to the Club library.

Amongst the more than usual number of items offered for display for SHOW'N'TELL were the following:

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| Judy. | A well designed carving from hoop pine started at the recent Carve-In. [Judy also spoke about the International Rare wood conference she and John had attended at Charleville.] |
| John. | A miniature turned Christmas tree which had, to his surprise, earned a prize in a recent show. |
| Austin. | Two examples of British trugs which were baskets shaped from wooden slats. |
| Stewart. | A large cypress platter and a smaller banksia bowl. |
| Allan. | Three cheese knives. |
| John. | A small bowl experiment turned to about 3mm in thickness. |
| David. | A biro pen which he had acquired in NZ with a turned deer horn handle. |
| Graham. | Two large boxes with variegated lids from a mixture of timbers. |

After the three raffle prizes were drawn and the chairs were stacked away the well stocked supper table was wheeled in to conclude another pleasant Club night. The fact that the November meeting would again be on Melbourne Cup Day was mentioned but most agreed that wood would beat horses anytime.

Derek Borrell

CLUB ROOM CLEANING ROSTER

For 18 months from JUNE 2016 to DECEMBER 2017.

Note: Each group cleans once in 18 months with the exception of those that meet weekly, they clean twice as they create more dust etc.

2016	November	Day turners, Wednesday am
	December	Thursday PM carvers
2017	January	3rd Friday box makers

GROUP LEADERS PLEASE CHECK THE SIGN IN BOOK AS THE CLEANING RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH MONTH IS NOTED IN RED.

Any enquiries to Allan Way. 9459 9049.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President:	John Paine	0411 451 234
Vice President:	TBA.	
Secretary:	Dereck D'Sousa	9879 9730
Treasurer:	Bill Wood	9844 2459
Membership Secretary:	Bill Wood	9844 2459
Training & Safety:	John Paine	0411 451 234
Club Publicity Officer:	Paul Williams	0411 333 050

Committee members:

John Tarry	9842 5324
Allan Way	9459 9049
Richard Fyffe	0431 091 108
Austin Polley	9844 3086

Contacts at Woodcraft Manningham including **days** and **times**.

WOOD TURNING DAY TIME



1st Monday 9am	Allen Payne 9878 8703
Every Wednesday 8.30 am	Herb Hardidge 9842 2671
Every Wednesday 1.00pm	John Tarry 9842 5324

CARVING DAY TIME



Every Thursday 8.30am & 1pm	John Paine 0411 451 234
Every Friday 8.30am	Bruce Hensell 0419 519 191
2nd Friday 1pm	Bruce Hensell 0419 519 191

CARVING EVENING



Every Monday 6.30pm	Ernie Gmehling.0401924205
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N.B. any queries Re: Carving contact John Paine ONLY

WOOD TURNING EVENING



1st Thursday 6.30pm	Stuart Watson 9886 1893
4th Thursday 6.30pm	Allan Way 9459 9049

SCROLL SAWING, PYROGRAPHY & INTARSIA DAY TIME



2nd & 4th Friday 1pm	Bruce Hensell 0419 519 191
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BOX MAKING DAY



1st & 3rd Friday 1pm	Richard Fyffe 0431 091 108
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TOY GROUP DAY TIME



Every Tuesday 9am	Ken Morrison 9723 5030
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BOX MAKING EVENING



2nd & 4th Tuesday 6.30pm	Ron Bentley 9710 1686
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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.

CLUB ROOM PHONE NUMBER 9846 8148