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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Here we go again the usual,,,,,nothing being contributed to anything that is happening around the Club. The Christmas in July numbers are disgraceful, only 30 people. The demonstration sheets on the board have only a few names, the attendance is abysmal and it appears that most of you could not care less what is happening but will still complain if everything collapses and there is NO CLUB.

So get your act together and stop thinking solely about yourselves and chip in to keep everything going.

If you don't like these words then do something about it and join in to promote YOUR CLUB before you don't have a CLUB.

To the small band of regular helpers and my Executive, who I can't thank enough, where would we be without you.

Get off your backsides and contribute to every facet of the Club. It is for your benefit. If you don't like these words then speak to me or one of the Executive don't have no opinion.

That's all as like a lot of you I'm beginning to not care at all.

Just Keep Turning

Bob Young

Club Committee

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If you have any suggestions or information concerning the club please contact any of the above committee

FOR SALE

Members don't forget we have a lot of Cherry, Sapele, Walnut, European Oak and Alder bench tops for sale at the club!

FREE CORIAN

White - 12mm and 20mm thick
Black - 12mm thick
Gray - 12mm thick

Shop items

Triple "P"

Friction Polish

Sanding Sealer

Sandpaper

Club Shirts

Dust jackets

Club Badges

Pen Kits

Pen Blanks – Acrylics

Many more items also available

Shop Trading Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9am – 10:30am

12:45 – 1:30pm

Friday nights: 7pm – 7:30pm

See Les Coombes or Bob Young for more details



Thanks to Michelle Rowland MP, The member for Greenway, for her continued support which includes the printing of this newsletter

Club Trading Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am – 4pm $5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm $3

Third Saturday of the month:

9am – 3pm $5

Contact: Les Coombs –

0404 001 562

Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month: $5

Contact: Anna Dawes – 9638 6995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

From 10:00am

(Lunch included) $6

July 21st 2019 Maxi Day will be followed by our annual General Meeting. Lunch will be provided for those attending the maxi day cost $6 but not for those who are attending the annual general meeting only.

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – –

Pens wanted for the Australian Troops overseas

We are supporting our troops overseas if you have any spare pens you would like to donate please give them to the Convener on the day.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all our members for July 2019.. We hope you have a great day with many more to come.

Name	Member since
Cindy Kersaitis	May -19
Dave Matthews	July- 04
David Mitchell	Jun -12
David Thurairatnam	Dec -09
Denis Keane	Jul - 13
Don Nixon	May- 07
Haydn Young	Apr -19
Ian Frith	May–15
John Frizza	Apr- 15
John Kostrzewa	May-08
Lindsay Free	Aug- 17
Michael Jones	Feb- 15
Moses PItso	Jun– 19
Richard Leniston	Feb- 17
Rob Buckwell	Feb - 04
Tom Beshay	Feb - 19

New Member

Welcome to all our new members this month. We hope your stay is both long and rewarding

Moses Pinto	12/June 2019
Mrs Mel Clegg	31/May /2019
Ms Kerry Geldens	13/May2019
Steven Townsend	18/May /2019
Mrs Cindy Kersaitis	14/May/2019
Chee Looi	14/May/2019
Stefan Ohmeenzgtter	13/May 2019
David Lim	7/May2019
Jake Harris	30/April 2019

Coming Events

Bunnings BBQ Abbott Road Seven Hills 13/7/2019 7am to 4.30 pm.

Bunnings BBQ Marsden Park Cnr Richmond Road and Hollingworth Drive from 7am to 4.30PM.on 17/8/2019

Toys for Big Boys Sydney Showground 26-27 Oct 2019 with Further details to be advised.

Any members interested in going to these events please put your name on the clipboards at the club

MEMBERS – WE REALLY NEED MORE CHARITY BOWLS! So PLEASE make as many as you can!

Club Charity
Mount Druitt Hospital Children's Ward

We very much appreciate all the work members have done to make and sell charity bowls.
These are a very popular item at our demonstration days and we need lots more charity bowls please for this very worthy cause.

Welfare

It's always nice to get a card from the members of the club when you are sick at home or in hospital.

If you are aware of any members or their families who are sick or in hospital please tell the welfare officer

MENTORING REPORT

Our Student Mentoring program starts again in Term 3 if you would like to be a mentor, please see Barbara.

All mentors need to have a working with Children approval. If you have done yours please check it is still valid or to apply visit

https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check

Librarian Report

Our Library has some 178 books, 155 DVD's and 199 magazines which are all available to members.

Please ensure that you include your membership number and name when booking things out of the Library.



JUNE 2019 Welfare Report.

Our member's welfare is important to the Club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still no longer with us. Let me know at e-mail address robandgail@hotmail.com

Our welfare Officer is currently on leave and the editor has not been informed of any cards that may have been sent since the last newsletter.

If anyone is missed be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our Club are with you and your family.

The Editor on behalf of Rob Stewart

Welfare Officer.

Question 1: What percentage of the Earths water is drinkable?



Wise Words

It is the policy of my team of dedicated team of reporters that this column not include any religious views or comment. However in the interests of safety our international roving reporter, Miss Sarah Safety, has insisted that I include the following which she saw displayed on a church notice board in France.

> "When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God." However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while you are driving."

Who would be a Teacher??

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.
Maria: Here, sir.
Teacher: Correct. Class who discovered America?
Class: Maria

Teacher: Glen, How do you spell crocodile?
Glen: K R O K O DI A L
Teacher: That is not correct.
Glen: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
Donald: H I J K L M N O
Teacher: What are you talking about?
Donald: Sir, yesterday you said it is H to O.

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his composition?
Clyde: No, Sir. It is the same dog.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested.
Harold: A Teacher.

Quote of the Month:

Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong; It makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn't make you weak; It sets you free.

Author: Unknown

Must Fly
Woodchip

Training Days 2019

A big thank you to our trainers, Rodney Brown, Graham Dawes, Ron Devine, Alan Phelps, Gregory Sheath and special thank you to Rob Stewart, Bob Taylor, Les Coombes and Steve Attard for stepping up to assist.

Training has been very popular this year with Feb/March and May June sessions both at full capacity of 8 new members each.

May June training we had 5 members from the NSW Woodworkers Association, all enjoying themselves immensely.

In fact we had to schedule another training session in June/July which currently has 7 new members attending.









Greg Sheath.

Question 2: How many Red Balls in a Snooker Game?

Days of Black And White

My Mum used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning. Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember getting e.Coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring), no beach closures then.

We all took PE and risked permanent injury with a pair of Dunlop sandshoes instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened because they tell us how much safer we are now.

We all said prayers in school and sang the national anthem, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention .I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself. I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations.

Oh yeah. and where was the Benadryl and sterilisation kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed! We played “Keepings Off” & “Hide and Seek” in the back yard and around the house; we played Cowboys and Indians and built Tepee’s, we played with Bows and Arrows that we made.

We played “Stacks on the Mill and King of the Hill” on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites and when we got hurt, Mum pulled out the 30 Pence bottle of mercurochrome; kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did.

.If we got stung by a Bee out came the Bluebottle and mum would dab some on the sting and off we would go to catch up with our mates and play some more. If we miss behaved we got a clip behind the ears or a smack on the bum, and if you complained, well you never did otherwise you got another wack.

The above has been provided Courtesy of Knox and District Woodworkers Club Victoria.

Question 3: Who is Bugs Bunny’s Arch Enemy?

A Brief history of woodturning

The hobby of woodturning which we all enjoy as members and also for personal pleasure can be traced backed many thousands of years to around 1300 B.C. This was when the Egyptians first developed a two person lathe.

This design was improved by the Romans with the addition of a turning bow .Early bow lathes were also developed and used in Britain, France and Germany. In the middle ages a pedal replaced hand operated turning allowing the craftsmen to use both hands to hold the turning tools. This pedal was connected to a pole which often consisted of a straight – grained sapling. This system is known today as "Spring-pole lathe" Believe it or not these Spring pole lathes were in common use until the 20th Century.

The Woodturner's who used these pole lathes became known as "Bodgers" which is believed to be derived from and Old German word known as "Botticher" which means Cooper. During the 19th Century there were hundreds of bodgers set up their lathes in the woods around High Wycombe where legs would be turned for chairs and tables.

Furthermore, they were also found in many other areas of Wales and England with Buckinghamshire being the most common shire. Today the common usage of the word Bodger is to describe a person who starts a job but does not complete it. This makes perfect sense because the original Bodgers only did part of the work namely they only make part of the chair but not the whole article.

Turned articles have been very important to many generations consisting of such things as pulley blocks, staircase parts, farm equipment, drinking vessels , furniture and musical instruments.

Believe it or not but there were standards to be adhered to when making measuring vessels that were implemented by the city of London in 1347. Each turner had to place their identification mark on these vessels for examination purposes.

Leonardo Da Vinci around 1480 was also credited sketching a form of a mechanical lathe with a crankshaft plus a large fly wheel. It can be assumed these designs were the forerunners of the lathes we have today.

The industrial revolution with population explosion led to the manufacture of high output machines which became the basis for main stream industrial woodturning with specialised Companies spring up. Today woodturning is very much a hobby and enjoyed by thousands of people such as us.

David Searle

Note. As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of wood turning. These articles are the results of my reading article publications.

Question 4: How many cents in a Bahamian dollar?

”Phil Spencer of Knox District Woodturners in Victoria provides inspiring technical articles for this regula r Technical Column.

This month, Phil is sharing his passion for a “good finish”. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Hi Gary, Had a friend in Sydney ask some advice on what finish to put on a chair he is restoring. His question and my reply might go well in the newsletter Reg ards,

Phil Hi, Just a favour (Thought I should ask someone who knows.) Am restoring an old dining chair, and have nearly stripped/sanded all the old paint away. The timber looks to be maple, or something similar. Was going to try the BLO finish, and then had second thoughts, it is so fiddly, maybe a spray can of a clear satin finish might be better.

Your preference?

Still have a few broken dowels to drill out.

Went to the men's shed again yesterday, very well managed unit. No -one is allowed to operate a machine until they have been instructed on it, and ticked off. So to speak.

Everything has high capacity exhaust fans sucking the dust away. Definitely better than coughing in my garage....My Reply personally prefer a hand rubbed finish, BLO will highligh t the grain and make it glow, to make it dry quicker mix it 50/50 with shelite (first coat) and let it dry overnight, you can then:1.apply more neat coats of BLO letting each coat dry over night.2. apply a few coats of Shellac the stuff at Bunning’s called French Polish is really Garnet Shellac and is OK I have used it.3. apply wiping varnish (wipe on poly) you can buy this already mixed or make your own by using an oil based polly and mixing it 50/50 with turps Use a lint free rag like linen available by t he metre at Spotlight, for all finishes two to three coats and then finish off with wax, the feel will be as soft as silk, and you will get an even coverage (if you spray you can get high spots and runs).

You can mix the above finishes i.e..a coat of BLO followed by a few coats of shellac or BLO, shellac and wipe on poly, a coat of wax with '0000' steel wool and a final polish is what will make it have that silky-like feel. Sometimes I can spend more time on applying the finish than restoring and making th e piece, but it is worth taking your time, the thrill of running your hand along the finished item years after you have applied it is really something to experience. Guess I am now touching on the ZEN of woodwork, but there is nothing like the feeling of r unning your hand along a nicely finished piece, it is really something to admire! Hope that helps. .....

.[Phil]Another TIP from Phil : This tip is short but some might find it relevant. If you use dowels to make joints (like strengthening edge joints, or s imply joining two pieces of wood at right angles)and you find that the dowel is too tight in the 'correct sized' holeyou have drilled, the dowel might be swollen because of humidity .A microwave oven can be useful here. Just set the microwave oven on high and nuke the dowels for 30 seconds, this should dry the dowel out enough for it to shrink a little bit and it should then fi tin the drilled hole easier (no wayward puns here please!) If the dowel is still too tight nuke it for another 30 seconds (only do this a maximum of twice). The glue will then swell the dowel to allow a tight fit once the glue has set. The risk of hammering in a tight dowel is that you might split your good bit of wood.

Question 5: Where did Louie the fly go after visiting the rubbish tip?

Annual General Meeting 21st July 2019

Please note the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at the Club on 21st July 2019 at pm after the July Maxi day. As normal all positions will be declared vacant and nominations are called for President, Vice-President x 2, Treasurer, Secretary/Public Officer, Editor, Librarian, Catering Officer, and Maintenance Officers.

Nomination forms have been included in your membership renewal notices and are to be made in writing by 2 financial members of the Incorporation (club). Candidates must be financial members of the Incorporation (club).

Duty Statements for each position are also available at the Club.

You are all encouraged to participate and share any ideas that you may have which would improve and benefit the Club. These would be most welcome.

Question 6: What Tudor Warship was raised from the Solent in 1982?

Humour from a recent Face book submission...

.Lena passed away and Ole called 911.The 911 operator told Ole that she would send someone out right away."Where do you live?" asked the operator.

Ole replied, "At the end of Eucalyptus Drive."The operator asked, "Can you spell that for me?"There was a long pause, and finally Ole said, "How 'bout if I drag her over to Oak Street, and you can pick her up there.

Club Shop

For those members who like to make Cheese plates or Pot Pour**ri** bowls etc the shop now has an excellent stock of Cheese Plate tiles and bowl lids which have recently arrived.

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- Cast iron table tilts 45°
- 0.5hp, 240V motor

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- 55mm cut depth @ 90°
- 45° saw head tilt
- 1.2kW/1.6hp, 240V

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The Back Page

Cut off dates for articles

Please note the cut off date for articles to be included in the Newsletter is the last day of the month. All members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion. PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE Editor at searleds77@bigpond.com.

Articles For Newsletter

Could I please ask those members who attend our demonstrations, maxi-days etc, if you could take some photographs and a brief description of the event so these can be published in the newsletter I am sure all members would be interested in reading about the events of the day. Thankyou Editor.

QUESTIONS FROM THE QUIZMASTER:

This month's questions are scattered throughout the pages. The answers are as follows.

Question 1: One Percent

Question 2: Fifteen

Question 3: Elmer Fudd

Question 4: One Hundred

Question 5: To You

Question 6: The Mary Rose

Important Notice to Members

In order that we may keep our records up to date would you please let Raymond Saich or a member of the Club executive know of any change of address, Telephone number, Email address etc.

Change in Club Operating Hours

Please note that following the June 2019 meeting a motion was passed that the Club will not be open on Public Holidays.