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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presidents Report February 2020

It's that time again! The mentoring for the High School has begun again with Les Coombes and Rod Brown doing their best to train the three students.

We need more of our members offering to help in the future to ease the load, as you can all turn how about helping some young ones to learn. See any of the following:

Your Committee, or your Convener, or if you would like to volunteer.

The Stitches and Craft Show is on in Wollongong at the end of this month and as usual very few have offered to go, even for one day. Remember our Charity benefits greatly from these events.

You will see the new extractor hoses on the lathes and this will help greatly in keeping the dust down in the Club.

John Connaughton is still busily building boxes for the bushfire affected possums to have a new home. Thanks John.

Not much this month, see you next month.

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Keep on Turning

Bob Young

Club Committee

President: Bob Young (0408760131)

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Les Coombes and Bob Young

Stores, Equipment & Maintenance: Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews, Graham Dawes (JP), Bob Young, Steve Attard and Ron Devine.

Welfare Officer: Robert Stewart
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If you have any suggestions or information concerning the club please contact any of the above committee members.

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

Shop items

Triple "P"

Friction Polish

Sanding Sealer

Sandpaper

Club Shirts

Dust jackets

Club Badges

Pen Kits

Pen Blanks – Acrylics

Many more items available



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

Saturday Turning
3rd Saturday of Month

9am – 3pm $5

Contact: Les Coombes – 0404 001 562

Ladies Day – 2nd Saturday $5

Contact: Anna Dawes – 9638 6995
tandawes@optusnet.com.au

Maxi Day – 3rd Sunday

From 11:00am $6
(Lunch included)

March 15th 2020 Maxi Day will be Anna Dawes who will be demonstrating turning Square Bowls .

This will be followed by Show and Tell.

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month 7pm

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

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 January and February 2020. We hope you have a great day with many more to come.

Name	Member Since
Andre Quityn	Feb-18
Jeannette Hitchcock	Jul - 14
John Lane	Dec-13
Kevin Hilton	Aug -08
Les Pritchard	Jul -09
Lindsay McEwan	Feb- 11
Lois Janik	Jul - 16
Nial O",Rouke	Apr -18
Pauline Narao	Feb -19
Peter Bland	Jan 04
Rob Wilks	Jul -16
Roger Perera	Feb -19
Ron Devine	Mar- 05

New Members

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

Mr Ben Nobbs 11th March 19.

Mr Patrick Szewczuk 8th March 19

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 family who are sick or in hospital please tell the welfare officer Rob Stewart or any member of the Committee.

Upcoming Events

Wollongong Crafters March 25th to 28th 2020

Cnr Crown and Harbour Streets Wollongong

Set up Wednesday 24/3/2020

Linwood House 10Th March 2020

Byron Road Guildford

Set Up 8.30AM TO 9AM.

Blacktown Show 14th & 15th March 2020

Demo, sales and Turning Competition

Trevor Toms Pavillion Set Up Times TBA

Enter via Kent Street Gate

31st MAY 2020
Equestrian Centre Wall Grove Road Set up 8.30am
Demo and Sales.

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.**

MENTORING REPORT

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

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

Club Library

We have an extensive Library available to members on all aspects of woodturning and woodwork. These items are available for borrowing for maximum of a month at no charge.
Please see the Convenor of the day/night.

Question 1 Which river does Story Bridge span?

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Members Welfare

February 2020

The welfare of members and their families is important to our club. Please let me know if you or someone you know, is unwell, or worse still no longer with us. Let me know at email address robandgail@hotmail.com or SMS to 0409 450 776.

Since the last newsletter your club has sent cards to the following members:-

- Ron Fathers
- Alan Eipper
- Bob Taylor

We wish them all well. If anyone is missed be assured the good wishes and sympathies of our Club are with you and your family.

Rob Stewart

Welfare Officer.

Question 2: How many fingers are used to draw a bow?



An Obituary – For Someone We Should All Mourn

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.
He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job, they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death:

- By his parents, Truth and Trust,
- By his wife, Discretion,
- By his daughter, Responsibility,
- And by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren;

- I Know MY Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay Me For Doing Nothing.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, please pass on his passing. If not join the majority and do nothing.

Quote for the Month: The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything. – Albert Einstein

Must Fly
Woodchip

Urgent Important Notice

As you are all aware the Club uses kitchen bench top timber for Charity Bowls and sales to members. Unfortunately Ron Fathers is no longer able to collect this as he is to enter hospital shortly. Ray Smith is also unable to continue also.

Therefore, I am asking for Volunteers who have a trailer to collect this on behalf of the Club. The situation is that if we do not get any Volunteers then **we will no longer be able** to supply bench tops for both our Charity and our members. **Let's not let this valuable resource be lost to the Club and its members**. If you can assist in this regards please come and see me so we can discuss further.

Thank you to both Ron and Ray for your assistance in the above to date which is very much appreciated by the Club Committee and the Club Members.

Looking forward to your replies

Bob Young

President.

Question 3: What are Love Apples?

Mensa v. the waitress

(Mensa is a national organization for people who have an IQ of 140 or higher.)

Several of the Mensa members went out for lunch at a local café. When they sat down, one of them discovered that the salt shaker contained pepper & the pepper shaker was full of salt

.How could the contents of the two bottles be swapped without spilling any & using only the implements at hand? Clearly this was a job for Mensa minds.

The group debated the problem, presented ideas &finally came up with a brilliant solution involving a napkin, a straw & an empty saucer.

.They called the waitress over, ready to dazzle her with their solution. "Miss," they said, "We couldn't help but notice that the pepper shaker contains salt & the saltshaker"...

. But before they could finish, the waitress interrupted, "Oh! Sorry about that." She leaned over the table, unscrewed the caps of both bottles & switched them.

There was dead silence at the Mensa table. Kind of reminds you of the government, doesn't it. Don't confuse IQ and education with common sense.

Sanders

What is the difference between an orbital sander and a finishing sander?

*Random **orbit sanders** are the choice of woodworkers because they use a round disc of sandpaper to sand in both an **orbital** as well as rotary motion. ... The holes allow the **sander** to remove dust from the **sanding** surface. Palm **sanders**, also known as **finish sanders**, move the pad in small, circular **orbits**.*

What is a finishing sander used for?

*A **sander** is a power tool **used** to smooth surfaces by abrasion with sandpaper. **Sanders** have a means to attach the sandpaper and a mechanism to move it rapidly contained within a housing with means to hand-hold it or fix it to a workbench.*

Is an orbital sander better than a sheet sander?

***Orbital sanders** (many times called quarter-**sheet sanders**) have a square pad that moves in a consistent **orbital** motion. These sand more slowly and less aggressively **than** a random-**orbit sander**, but they do have the major benefit of being able to sand into corners, which a random-**orbit** machine cannot do.*

What kind of sander is best for refinishing furniture?

*The **best sander** for **furniture** is likely a palm **sander**. A palm **sander** will hold a quarter to half sheet of sandpaper. It's used for wide, flat surfaces. Detail **Sanders** – If you're looking to purchase a **sander** for **furniture** restoration, this is the one you'll want to look forward to buying.*

What kind of sander is best to sand old wallpaper?

***Sand** the wall using a hand **sander** and 120-grit drywall **sanding** paper to smooth rough areas and remove any remaining backing or paste. Then prime the walls with an appropriate primer.*

How much should you sand before staining?

*On most raw woods, start **sanding** in the direction of the grain using a #120-150 grit paper **before staining** and work up to #220 grit paper. Soft woods such as pine and alder: start with #120 and finish with no finer than #220 (**for** water base stains) and 180 grit **for** oil based stains.*

QUESTION 4: How many stars appear on the flag of the Eureka Stockade?

Show and Tell 23rd February 2020

Some of our members displayed their handiwork at the Maxi day and here are some examples of the excellent work being shown on the day.

George Hulme Burl Carving





Les Pritchard Clock



Cannon





Meet a member

With so many members and the different days members attend, it's often difficult to meet everyone in the club. This is the ninth in a series of interviews that Westurn is doing with members.

Paul de Belle member since August 2010

Wes: What things do you make?

Paull like to have a go at most things, but of recent times I have been making items that are associated with sewing such as pin cushions and sewing boxes. My wife is a sewer and knitter and has come up with suggestions that she finds useful in her craft so if she comes up with a suggestion, I try to make it. Happy wife, happy life. So far these items have proved popular at sales and demos that I have attended.

Wes: When did you learn to turn?

Paul: My wife and children gave me a Record lathe for my birthday about 12 years ago. I just played around with it at home for about 18 months, not having a clue what I was doing. (Some might say: "What has changed?) In 2010 I joined Western and Manny Farrugia took me under his wing and on the first Friday night as a member we (mainly Manny) turned a slim line pen, which I still have and cherish greatly.

Wes: What do you like about the club?

Paul:When I first joined the club the camaraderie and willingness to help that was displayed by the members was something that just blew me away. If I had a problem or sought advice, members were willing to assist any way they could. The information, guidance and their genuine friendship was very evident. That is still there today to some extent. The club's standing in the community through the Charity work, especially is something that all members should be commended for. The mentoring program is another fine achievement. The undisputable fact that the club continues to grow each year is indicative that the executive must be doing something right.

Wes: What do you see for the club?

Paul: I have noticed a slight change in some club member's attitudes to others. Particularly those who have become aware of some things that need to be addressed or corrected for the betterment of the club. I don't see the need to belittle, or disdainful of the member for raising the point. Everyone should be treated with respect and have a right to be heard. This is what I would like to see disappear from the club. If that occurs, then the club can only go forward.

Wes: Are you still working?

Paul: I retired about 5 years ago. My wife and I operated our own business for about 8 years until we sold it. I then embarked upon a 30 year legal career in criminal investigation and prosecutions with a number of State and Federal Government agencies. Since I retired, my family have seen to it that I am not bored and I often wonder how I found the time to go to work and do all these other jobs that they find for me.

Wes: Do you think the club's charity makes a difference?

Paul: Most definitely. In my previous position as a member of the club executive, I have attended Mt Druitt Children's Ward for the handover of the items that the club has purchased. To see the appreciation from the nursing staff for what the members have done in raising funds for the items purchased is rewarding in itself. The fact that these items are going to make a difference to a child's life is something that all members can be proud of and take credit for their contribution to the charity fund.

Wes: Do you have a lathe at home?

Paul: Yes, I have a Cougar EVS400, a great lathe. It is usually where my wife and grand kids will find me creating shavings and dust.

Wes: How many days a week do you come to the club?

Paul: Prior to suffering some health problems I was there fairly regularly, at least twice a week. Lately that has reduced much to my regret, but hopefully that will change very soon

Wes: What are your other interests?

Paul: Where do I start. I am particularly interested in Australian history, especially colonial times, and Early Australian architecture. I think this also contributed to my interest in genealogy. I have a lot of sporting interests. My mother's family and my dad owned several racehorses so I have taken ab interest in the racing game for many years but not as a punter. My brother played rugby league for Canterbury Bankstown for 9 years, so I have always been a fan of that Rugby League team. I was involved in motor racing back in the 70's, 80'sthrough a good friend and met some very interesting people. I have maintained an interest there as well.

Maxi day Photos 23rd February 2020

On Sunday 23rd February 2020 Lindsay Skinner demonstrated the decorating and turning of Platters and here are some photos of his work on the day









Question 5 : Who wrote "They're a Weird Mob"?

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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.

Question 6: What are the Colours of the five Olympic Rings?

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.

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.

Buy and sell

Should you have any items that you want to buy or sell please submit these to the editor by the cut-off date and include full details and a photo if possible?

Answers to the Quizz Questions Brain Busters.

1. The Brisbane River 2.Three, 3.Tomatoes 4.Five, 5. Nino Culotta