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Western Sydney Woodturners Inc

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Western Sydney Woodturners Programme 2010

Workshops: Every **Monday** 8.30am—3.00pm \$5
Tuesday from 8.30am, \$5
Wednesday from 8.30am \$5
Thursday from 8.30am, \$5
Friday Night from 7.00pm. \$3

Maxidays: Third Sunday every month from 9.30am.
There is usually a demonstration by a guest turner then Show & Tell. Lunch is provided. Cost \$6.

Club Meeting: The club meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums. All members are welcome to attend.

Coming Events:

Saturday 3rd September
Sunday 11th September
Tuesday 13th September

St Marys Festival
Linwood House
Club Meeting

Presidents Report

Well, what a few weeks this has been. I find myself doing the Presidents report after almost three weeks in the job. There is so much to say but I intend to keep things as brief if possible.

The first thing I have to say is a big thank you for all your support shown these last few weeks. I consider myself very lucky as from the first time I walked into the Club, I felt right at home and now, almost two years hence, I got the big job, of which I am very proud and will work hard for the club as much as required.

Secondly, I must thank Wayne Hipwell, Bob Young and Eddie Cafford for their dedicated loyalty to the Club, stepping down from the Executive committee after a number of years service and by all accounts it has been a time of growth and expansion.

Thirdly, I have to say, I am looking forward to working with the new Executive committee, consisting of John Lane, Paul de Belle, Paul Collins and Ron Devine, plus all the other members who have put their hand up for the important jobs to be done around the Club.

To all the members of Western Sydney Woodturners, I am here to blend your wishes together so we go forward in a controlled manner.

On a personal point, I have a brief wish list on things I would like seen done around the Club, which is on the notice board for all to see. I invite all members to have their say, so come along to the monthly Club meeting on the second Tuesday of the month and be heard. We are going to have executive meetings, held on the first Tuesday of the month so some of the little things can be sorted out and it becomes a team effort.

There is a lot of things going on at the Club over the next month, please be involved, it will benefit Your Club. The following reports give you the details so I will leave it at that for now. See you around the club.

Cheers Ken

Thank You

My heartfelt thanks to the departing President and Treasurer for all their hard work and a warm welcome to the new members of the team - without your support the Club will not be able to grow!
Editor

Blacktown Workers Presentation.

On the 9th July, I had the privilege of being at Blacktown Workers Club Diamond Auditorium to see Raymond Saich and Eddie Catford presented with an enlarged cheque equivalent to the grant we received from the club a month or so back. They were invited to a meal with the directors, before the presentation which was held in the auditorium. After the initial chat, Eddie (poor bugger) had to give a short..... speech. Nervously, Eddie did very well once the spot light hit him and 700 pairs of eyes landed on him. It was a fantastic achievement for the pair of them and Eddie goes out a winner. Good on you mate. Ken

Visitors from afar

At the clubs July Maxi day we had a visit from the Central Coast Woodturners cooperative, 14 members joined us Trish, Kevin, Laurie, Rob, John, Geoff, Ron, Denis, Steve, Reg and Gerry including Ron and Kerry who did the demonstrations. The Central Coast team took the opportunity to hire a mini bus for the day and we gave our visitors an excellent lunch which was enjoyed by everyone who attended that day.



We proudly showed our Central Coast colleagues our facilities and talked of the challenges and success each club has achieved. Ron kindly did our 'show and tell'. Our visitors also brought with them a 'show and tell' selection of their own which was closely examined by many.

It was a great day and we undertook to return the visit to their club in the future. Raymond

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NEW MEMBERS

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SICK LIST

Frank Hicks

Get well soon, we miss your smiling faces!

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Please return your borrowings in the correct numerical order and remember that the lending period is ONE MONTH.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Colin Neal	Ray Brooks
Desmond Gay	Alfred Kaldass
Daryl Richards	Ray Smith

Happy birthday to all, we hope that you had a great day with many more to come.

Linwood House

A cold morning welcomed us to Lynnwood House on Sunday 12th July. Dave Matthews, Bob Young and I quickly set up our display so as not to turn into an ice block and make some sales for our charity.

Dave has made 24 of his banana hangers and organized a loan so he could purchase 3 bananas to demonstrate the use of them. All jokes a side Dave does a marvellous job in making these items all expenses out of his pocket.

Bob Jarvis joined us a little later and helped with our stand and answering questions about wood turning.

Dave was involved with the children's tops, base ball bats, bag carriers happily giving about 30 away to all the children. The theme for Lynnwood was old American cars and there were many of these about with plenty of interest being shown by the enthusiasts.

The theme for the next showing is old war vehicles to celebrate seventy years of jeeps, should be interesting. Lynnwood House is being restored to its original splendour with the next project being the restoration of the fountain and gardens.

Too soon the day come to a close and at the end we managed to raise \$97.25 for the "Children's Ward at Mt Druitt Hospital"

Rohan McCardell

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on the 17th July 2011 in the club rooms at Lalor Park with 34 members in attendance. The outgoing Presidents Report was presented by Eddy Catford, outlining the clubs achievements over the past 12 months. Some of the highlights were the new Container Workshop; the imminent installation of a central dust extraction system and the school student mentoring program to mention just some. Eddy thanked the club for the support he had received during his time as President. The outgoing Treasurers Report was presented by Bob Young outlining the healthy state of the clubs financial position. Both reports were proposed, seconded and accepted by the meeting. A special thanks was extended to Raymond Saitch for his efforts throughout the year in obtaining financial support for the club through his work as Grants Officer.

As there was no general business for discussion the meeting was continued under the chairmanship of Rohan McCardell. All executive and committee positions were declared vacant. Nominations received for the new 2011/2012 executive and committee were announced. As no multiple or further nominations were received all those nominated were elected unanimously. Nominations for the positions of Training Officer and Welfare Officer were not received and these positions remain vacant.

The club members were addressed by the incoming President, Ken Vodden. Ken thanked the members for their vote of confidence in his ability to steer the club through the next 12 months. Ken proposed a vote of thanks, in particular to Eddy Catford and all of the outgoing executive and committee members for their work over the previous 12 months for the betterment of the club. This was carried by acclamation.

Rob Stewart

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Erich Aldinger



Steve Hitchcock



Manny



Andy Tappouras

Maxi Day

Sunday the 17th July 2011, was a fine sunny day on which the Western Sydney Wood turners had their "Maxi Day". Members from the Central Coast Wood Turners and two demonstrators had been invited. The Minibus arrived and some twenty members piled into the Twin Gums Retreat. Lots of coffee etc. helped both groups to "stir the shavings" as it were, there being some twenty or so of our members to talk to.

Bang on ten o'clock the President; Eddie Catford struck the gavel and welcomed both groups and the nominated demonstrators. Many pleasantries were communicated to all assembled.

Ron Gibbs was first to demonstrate the art of making a "Burl". He opened with an interesting dialogue on various types of wood that were best for the purpose of his task. His dexterous use of his personal tools had to be seen to be believed, culminating in a very fine example of what appeared to be a bowl worked out of the bark of his stock. The effect, to my mind, was very artistic and the item would look very aesthetic in any location.

The speed and accuracy demonstrated by Ron, just

showed what fine skills for wood turning he possessed. As time had marched on, after Ron's demonstration a break for lunch was declared by the President.

Lunch took the shape of a B.B.Q type fare, chicken, sausages and several selected salads. Many congratulations were bandied about to the Twin Gums Retreat catering volunteers, well done.

Part two of the day commenced with Kerry Robinson, who demonstrated the art of turning wooden vases in the form of a 'Folded Leaf'. Also a fine explanation on finishes for wood.

The large column of rounded wood for use in the demonstration was first drilled with a hole cutter to a good depth. After this, a small electric circular hand saw was used to cut away half of the column at an angle to expose the drilled part. Then with deft strokes with the saw, the existing angles were cut away, finally using a wood file to thin down the rear part of the column. A pencil line depicting the line of the leaf fold had been drawn from top to bottom of the column. This line was made clearer with a split wood file. To deepen the look of the line, wood was carefully shaved away all down the pencil line, the contour now depicting a folded leaf. When completed and set in a good position, with a couple of long stemmed flowers placed in the throat, a very nice vase in wood was established.

Kerry then went on to emphasize the importance and care that must be taken in finishing, polishing and buffing polishes to get a long lasting lustre of the wood.

Conclusion:- A very happy and enjoyable "Maxi Day" with a lot of smiling and well fed faces. Showing just how well a mixed get together of likeminded people can be. Congratulations to all organizing Parties.

As a very new member to the wood turning fraternity, I was very impressed with the fine professional execution of the demonstrators and the remarkable 'togetherness' of all the members involved. J.M.S



A REMINDER ABOUT SHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of SHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times.

It is up to all of us to fulfil our commitment by wearing at all times:

- DUST MASKS,
- PROTECTIVE GLASSES,
- SUITABLE CLOTHING,
- FOOTWARE ETC.
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Joels Revenge

Joe was yearning; ever yearning
To excel at his wood turning
So he entered competitions with his work
But his rival old Dan Binning
Tried to stop our Joe from winning
He was always getting up to some weird lurk

Joe would smile about it grinning
Cause he knew that Dan was sinning
And he didn't want to spoil the fellow's game
Joe was sometimes just beginning
And the lathe would just stop spinning
And he knew just who it was he had blame

Sometimes things were disconnected
Leaving things quite unprotected
And this was simply called a little joke
And you couldn't be a whinger
You just had to hold your ginger
Grin and bear it just like any other bloke

But there comes a time for squaring
It was just no time for swearing
Make him realize his jokes are on the nose
Something simple but demanding
With a gentle softer landing
For Joe didn't want this thing to come to blows

Dan had bought a metal tool box
With two very sturdy pad locks
And it really was his latest pride and joy
So a small twelve volt condenser
Joe thought just might be the answer
Was attached to Dan's new double padlocked toy

We all knew what Joe had plotted
Cause quite frankly he'd been spotted
And we wished him all the best to get Dan back
Dan must surely get the message
He'd be frizzled like a sausage
For sometimes the best defense is to attack

In came Dan quite unsuspecting
Without first his box inspecting
And on it just sat down without a thought
Then he shot up like a rocket
As Joe pulled the plug from socket
And the fellows laughed to see this bit of sport

While it isn't recommended
Though the idea is quite splendid
Dan still hasn't pulled a joke since that sweet day
Though our Joe is sometimes grinning
Nothing's said about him winning
And the story's often told I have to say

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I am always on the look out for new articles and would appreciate any contributions from members - remember that this is your newsletter! - editor

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That is funny!

A blond calls her boyfriend and says, 'Please come over and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started.'

Her boyfriend asks, 'What is it supposed to be when it's finished?'

The blond says, 'according to the picture on the box, it's a rooster.'

Her boyfriend decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and asks...

'First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster.'

He takes her hand and says, 'Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea and then ...' he said with a deep sigh, 'Let's put all the Cornflakes back in the box.'

OFFICE WORKS

The day started out as a crisp morning, the sun was beginning to shine the air was crisp but the day promised that good things were to come, slowly there were some people turning up and thanks to the good work by Ken Vodden, Paul Collins, Manny Farrugia and Andy Tappouras we were set up and we were "fine by nine: (to quote Ken) and were up and running with our inaugural sausage sizzle at Office Works Third Avenue Blacktown.

Ken, Manny and Paul were soon joined by Paul de Belle, Fiona Deane, Robyn, David Solbel and Bob Jarvis. Suddenly the peaceful Saturday morning was shattered by the roar of a chain saw nearby.

Not a lot was made of the chain saw noise initially but then some one said something along the lines "They are cutting down the tree in the corner house." Suddenly Paul Collins' ears pricked up and said "Not that camphor laurel, I have been watching that tree for years" and with that he was off to investigate. Shortly thereafter he was joined by Paul de Belle, Robyn and David Solbel, Meanwhile Ken, Manny, Fiona and Bob were left to handle the stall.



The Investigation proved worthwhile as after some discussion with the tree loppers, Paul had obtained the rights to the cut down tree, the first load in Robyn's car was reasonably straight forward but then the bigger stuff started to come down and we could only struggle to get three pieces in to one of the other vehicles. These pieces took two guys all their strength to lift them.

Once this was accomplished it was back to the job that we had arrived for and that was the Sausage Sizzle at Office Works. Sales were going along fairly slowly initially, but Robin seemed to be doing a reasonable trade with the Charity Bowls, Paul Collins was doing his best to promote sales, and with reasonable success, whilst Fiona had taken over the role as Head Chef while Manny with his sore finger and Paul de Belle were busy buttering the bread.

Sales were fairly consistent and by around 11.00 o'clock the pace started to pick up with Lunch time sales, although I am assured that the pace was not like we have

experienced at Bunnings, but we still making sales of sandwiches and charity bowls. After the lunch time rush sales were beginning to slow remarkably and it was decided that we had just about exhausted our potential for more sales and we started to pack up when we were joined by Wendy and Liam just in time to knock off.

All members present had a most enjoyable day with a lot of light hearted banter and jocularly. Once the site was cleaned up and all traces of our presence had been removed it was back to the club house to unload what was left of the day and for our new treasurer to do a tally of the day. Whilst the sales may not have been as spectacular as some of the Bunnings sizzles it was none the less a reasonably successful day with some funds received for the club and our Charity that we would not have received otherwise.

Paul de Belle



Eddy - back making wood dust!

Christmas In July

Christmas in July 2011 at Seven Hills—Toongabbie RSL. 44 people attended. We live within 5 Km radius of the Club so Ken was paged to come and sign Margaret in. Several other people were in the same boat, a cheer went up each time he was paged. Ken worked up an appetite running back and forth!

Ken thanked Eddy and Bob (ex President and Treasurer) for their commitment to the Club and presented them each with a bunch of flowers to be passed on to their wives for their understanding and support.

The venue was popular (200 plus) hence a little cramped. So it's no surprise the food was good with a large variety to tantalize the taste buds.

Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves and it was a chance for the ladies to get together.

Hope to see you next time!

Ray and Margaret Smith

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