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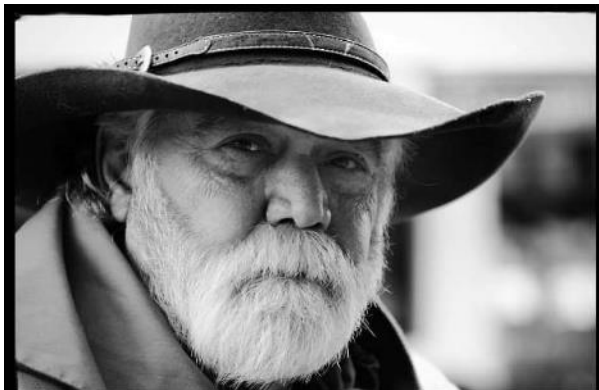
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

It is now almost two months since we opened the workshop at Ourimbah. Everyone who has seen the workshop has expressed very positive comments and we look forward to a successful rejuvenation of CCWT. We are still in the process of sorting through boxes and crates of "stuff" that we accumulated during sixteen years at the Wyong Milk Factory. We are still not up to speed on some issues, one of which is our monthly meetings. For the time being they will continue at The Alison Homestead though it is my intention, when we can organise it, to return the meetings to the workshop... in this case Ourimbah. This would enable us to keep the workshop open in the mornings, followed by a BBQ and our Club Meeting. Perhaps members could discuss this at the next meeting which is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately, I am an apology for this meeting, as I am holiday.



We were able to hold our delayed Board meeting last Wednesday. Following the Treasurer's report, the Board discussed our annual membership fee. Garry presented some possible future finance figures based on an assumed membership and assumed numbers using the workshop each week. This was very hard to predict as we had been closed for a period of 14 months that followed the uncertainty of Covid restrictions. Whilst we would be able to continue as we are at the moment, we cannot rely on the good nature and hard work of the few people who regularly put their hand up for money raising opportunities. We cannot rely on Bunnings and BBQs and sales to avoid a hand to mouth type future. The annual fee has stood at \$45 for some years now, as well as the \$5 fee for using the workshop. Whilst we have decided to keep the workshop fee at \$5 per session the Board felt it was necessary to

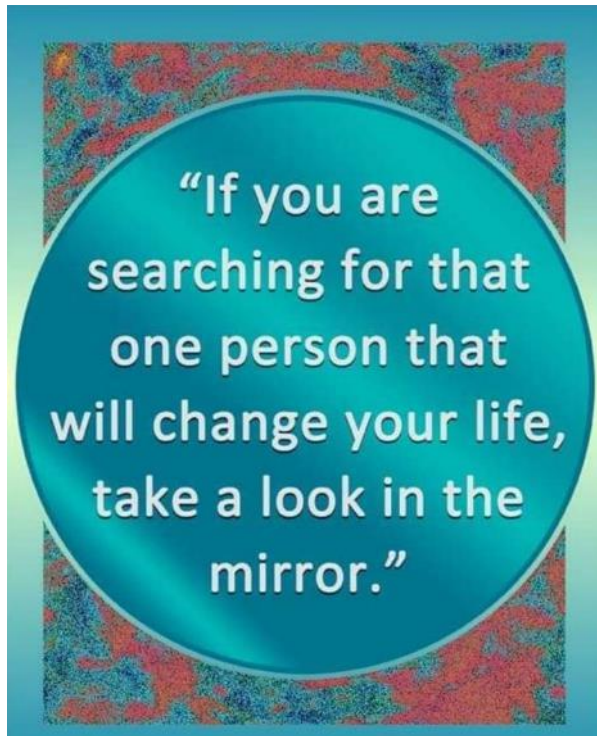


**MY ABILITY TO REMBER SONG  
LYRICS FROM  
THE 60'S, 70'S AND 80'S  
FAR EXCEEDS  
MY ABILITY  
TO REMEMBER WHY  
I WALKED INTO THE KITCHEN.**

increase our annual fee to \$60. Research of other similar clubs show that on the whole our fees are well below other groups. This increase will secure the clubs finances and ensure that we go forward in a strong position. I believe that most members will happily accept this increase but should it prove particularly difficult for anybody please speak confidentially with any member of the board.

Other points of discussion at the Board meeting included the agreement to build some sort of woodstore behind the container at the workshop. To this end we have already placed some plastic pallets in position. In the first instance the wood will be covered by some corrugated sheeting, currently leaning against the fence. This will be weighed down by the two rusting truck wheel rims. In due course we will construct a more permanent roof structure. The success of the woodstore rests with those

members who avail themselves of the opportunity to get wood. It must not be treated in the same way the wood seems to have been at Alan Smith's. Here people have destroyed carefully stacked wood in order to get the piece or pieces they want with no thought of putting the pile back together. This has resulted in once again the pile becoming unsightly and good wood left exposed to the elements.



Brian 'Skeeta' Wilson will be running a course to train instructors for the club. He tried several times to get this course started before the restrictions imposed during the Covid period kept shutting him down. If you think you might be interested in becoming an instructor, please get in touch with Brian or myself.

So here we are. I know the workshop is not everything we were hoping for but we are secure for the next few years. Work will soon commence of securing our even longer-term future. To do this we need committed members on the Board and get them in place so they can oversee the remaining years at Ourimbah. We cannot just sit back and rest for long because if we do, we will see time slip by very quickly and 2029 will be upon us. At this moment in time, we have no

carvers on the Board. We have no ladies on the Board. There will be vacancies on the board at the next couple of AGMs so think hard, could you have a part to play in the long-term future of CCWT.

In finishing my report for this month, it has been pleasing to welcome several new members as well as some returning members. Attendance at the workshop has been patchy and not nearly enough to sustain the opening hours we have at the moment. On the last two Saturdays we have had three people attend to turn. Last Friday two instructors and myself were there to greet three people. In my last report I invited members to get back to me if they would like to discuss a more convenient time for opening, perhaps an afternoon or evening. As yet there have been no requests.

**We have the workshop.**

**We have the equipment**

**We have the (unlimited) opening times**

**All we need now is... YOU!!**

In the meantime, happy turning/carving... Peter

**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd  
Minutes of the General Meeting @ Alison  
Homestead held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

The meeting was opened at 10.00am by Mark Board (Vice President)

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

**Guest Speaker: Nil**



**Mark B** announced that Bernie Careil had been elected to the Board and welcomed him.



**Show and Tell:** Conducted by:  
Dom Pirlo

**Name:**

Michael Dahl  
Bernie Careil  
Ron Gibbs

**Item:**

Lily pad  
Bowl  
Bowl

**Woods used:**

Huon pine and Teak  
Manchurian Pear  
Claret Ash

**Winner:** \$10 gift voucher went to Michael Dahl.

**Attendance:** 21 members, 7 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

**Lucky door prize:** \$10 gift voucher went to Graham Craik.

**Raffle:** First prize: Sue Wood and second prize: Roger Dixon.

**Welfare:**

- ✚ Bob Chivers is recovering from a lengthy time in hospital.
- ✚ Phil Clements is about to have further back surgery.
  - We wish them both a speedy recovery.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by John Butlin that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in February be accepted. Passed.

**Business Arising:**

- ✚ More correspondence with Fair Trading to finalise acceptance of “Club Rules” document. Still ongoing.

**Coming Events:**

- ✚ Bunnings BBQ 16<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Ian Stokes if you can help out.
- ✚ Official Opening of our new workshop is 10am on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Morning tea will be provided.



### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards:**

#### **Garry:**

- + Insurance \$1,195 paid.
- + We have a new Certificate of Currency and need to compile an Asset Register.

#### **Outwards:**

#### **Alan:**

- + Still trying to get Fair Trading to sign off on “Club Rules” document.
  - o More paperwork has been sent and more fees paid... \$238.00 all up.
- + Email from Peter re: Check list of things to do prior to Official Opening. This was discussed, along with the outcomes, at this meeting.

### **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by Dom Pirlo that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



### **Financial Report:** Garry presented the reports for February 2024:

Income \$380.00 and Expenditure of \$2,391.75 leaving a Debit balance of - \$2,011.75 for the month.  
Toy Fund \$0.00 out and \$0.00 in.

It was moved by Dom Pirlo and seconded by Brian Wilson that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

**New Members:** Rosie Stanford. Welcome aboard Rosie!

### **Other Reports:**

#### **Workshop:**

- + Opening to financial members next Monday.
- + The mill and timber are staying at Alan’s place for the time being.

#### **Carvers:**

- + Keen to get back into it and will be tidying up the area asap.

**If you want to know where your heart really is... just look to where your mind goes when it wanders.**

**Scrollers:** Nil

**Toys:** Still collecting bottles and cans.

**Library:**

- ✚ Organised into categories and there are 100's of older magazines available to members.

**Merchandise:**

- ✚ Don Crittenden and John Butlin will be running the shop.

**General Business:**

**Dom P:**

- ✚ Harvest Fest is on the June long w/e @ Jilliby School. Dom is co-ordinating.

**Ian S:**

- ✚ We are having a sales table at the Bunning BBQ on 16-03-2024.
- ✚ Masterfoods have supplied the sauces and we are getting the bread from Woollies'.

**Mark B:**

- ✚ He and the Heritage Consultant met with Council and it was very disappointing.
  - News is not good re: Alison Homestead.
  - Council are being extremely difficult and rejecting all suggestions/applications that we make, even though they asked us to move here.
  - Decision was made to put it all in the Too Hard Basket and spend no more money on fees/searches/applications etc re: Alison Homestead.
- ✚ Lease documents have still not been supplied by the Guides. Mark to follow up.
- ✚ Also re-looking at The Pioneer Dairy and the vacant land adjoining Wamberal Fire Station, as possible permanent venues. Cost to build a purpose designed and built workshop is around \$200,000.

**Dom P:**

- ✚ Emphasised that no more money should be spent on Alison Homestead.

**Next Meeting:**

General meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Venue: Alison Homestead.

Board meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 8.30am.

The meeting closed at 11.20am.



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**Dad jokes:**

- ✚ What keys unlock a banana? **Mon-keys.**
- ✚ I used to hate facial hair. **Then it grew on me.**
- ✚ What do you call a magician who's lost their magic? **Ian.**

# Letters to the Editor:



Our next CCWT Bunnings BBQ and sale at Tuggerah is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Please contact: Ian Stokes on 0408 242 668 if you have quality items that you can donate for the sale or if you are available to help out for a few hours on the day.

We are the first group that Bunnings have allowed to have a sale whilst running the BBQ, so we want to make the sale spectacular.

If we don't get enough quality items then we will have to cancel the sale and miss the opportunity to make much needed funds for our club.

Please don't just leave the work to others. We need everyone to step up and help out now.

If you can help out by donating some sale items, could you please contact Ian asap so that we can confirm our intentions with Bunnings.

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Here are some more inspirational pieces from my:

**“Projects: To Do” folder.**

We should all have a folder on our computer where we can save projects that inspire and challenge us.

We should also keep a notebook beside our TV chair because you never know when inspiration will strike.



**More Dad jokes:**

✚ My wife asked me to stop singing “Wonderwall” to her. I said "Maybe..."

✚ I have an inferiority complex, but it's not a very good one.



What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month @ 10am. Alison Homestead.	Peter
Woodturning	Mon, Fri and Sat mornings from 8.30 until lunch.	Skeeta, Ron
Carving	TBA	Gibbs
Scroll Sawing	TBA	Sue
Pyrography	TBA	TBA



### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, winter is just around the corner and with it will not doubt come a few sniffles and colds, so take good care of yourself, rug-up and stay healthy.

As we approach our senior years though, we do tend to take a few more pills and potions than we did in the halcyon days of our youth. Some of us are lucky to have just a couple of pills to take each day but some of my mates tend to rattle when they walk and must independently fund the retirement nest-eggs of several local chemists and doctors.

Lyn and I always read the side effects of each pill or potion to ensure that we won't have adverse reactions. We were discussing it the other day and all of the side effects can often be more of a problem than the original complaint. You can develop cramps, wind, rashes, palpitations, double vision, itchy scalp, dry eyes, runny nose, stiffness in the joints, spots, wheezing, dry cough, wet cough, tickle in the throat, dizziness, hallucinations etc. You often need more treatment to overcome the side effects and the saga continues.



Just once we would like to read the enclosed leaflet and find side effects than warn: may cause feelings of euphoria; may give you X-ray vision; may cause awesomeness; may make you strong and handsome or may cause nymphomania.

What about extreme side effects like: may make you invincible; may make you immortal; may allow you to fly... or the most amazing side effect of all: may help you to understand how a woman's mind works.

Seriously though, I just want side effects that say: will improve your health; will relieve your pain; will definitely calm your anxiety; will cure cancer, diabetes, rheumatism, arthritis, heart and lung problems etc; will combat old age and will allow you to lead a happy and productive life.

Take care and stay safe.  
Alan

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