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	Other	Barry Peick	4372 2069
		Assisted by Jim Christie	
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

This is not so much a report but **very important information regarding the AGM.**

Clearly, the last general meeting of the Club was not a success. We only had 17 members attending, whether because of continuing fear of Covid-19 or the timing of the meeting in the middle of a Saturday afternoon. Either way it is not enough members to make an AGM possible. During the past couple of weeks Ron and Janine Gibbs have been able to negotiate a new venue and time for our AGM.

Please read the following details carefully.



CCWC AGM 3rd September 2022.

Venue	Elderslee Foundation, known as RED TREE THEATRE
Address	2/160-162 Pacific Highway, Tuggerah
Time	10.00AM



The Red Tree Theatre is behind Beaumont Tiles on Tuggerah Straight and there is more parking around the back to the right

WORKSHOP CLOSED MORNING OF 03/09/2022

Following the AGM members are invited to drive to the workshop where we will hold the usual BBQ and hold a show and tell.

In the afternoon, starting about 1.00pm Brian "Skeeta" Wilson will give a demonstration on sharpening chisels. Many people who use the workshop sharpen chisels, resulting in a multitude of different angles and facets on our club chisels. Skeeta will demonstrate the correct way, using club chisels.

A reminder that at the AGM the new board is elected. The current board have now served a term of four years and some members of the board would like a rest. As the previous board operated short of the numbers permitted in our constitution, we would like to see some new faces this time around. Please consider yourself, or any other member, for the board.

We have had a number of new members start learning the various crafts we offer. The workshop has operated at full capacity on several occasions recently. This is good news but we can still accommodate more beginners.

Finally, I have to report that Ron Gibbs recently suffered a heart attack and, at the time of writing, is in Gosford hospital. We wish Ron a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to the workshop when he is feeling well again. Clearly, we will miss Ron's expertise and advice but would prefer to see him rest up and get better.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM
Peter



"Father Michael!" I shouted to the elderly priest, "Father Michael! It's good to see you again."

"Hello" he responded by taking my outstretched hand. "It's been a long time. I'm surprised you seem so pleased to see

me... after... well, you know what happened the last time we were together."

I sensed his apprehension. "It's ok, Father, I don't blame you. It was my fault."

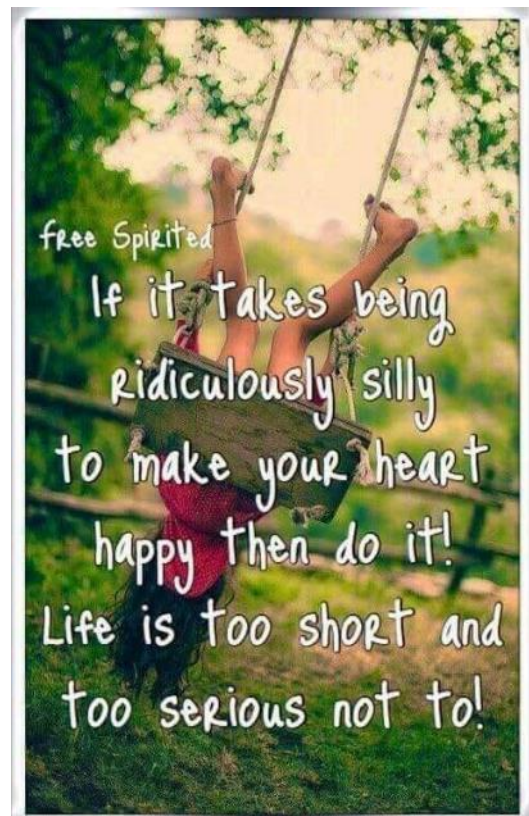
"I wish I could feel the same," he said quietly. "But I should have known better."

He turned his head away from me slightly and said quietly, "I'm really sorry. If it's any consolation, I ask God for forgiveness every single night."

"Seriously Father, it wasn't your fault."

"It's nice of you to say so, but I still feel terribly guilty." he said.

"Don't," I replied, "I was the silly bugger who asked her to marry me."



**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting
held on Saturday 6th August 2022 at Wyong Milk
Factory**



The meeting was opened at 2.10 pm by Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo

Meeting time changes.

The Milk Factory and Gym have new managers and they were unaware of our Club's previous arrangements to use the gym for our meetings. Following an objection from a gym patron and subsequent meetings between John Lea, David and the new managers, an agreement was reached for the Club to use the gym from 2.00pm for meetings. While this is not ideal for our needs, it will have to do until we find better arrangements. There is a possibility that we might be able to use the old boxing ring area.

Show and Tell: Conducted by: Ron Gibbs

Unfortunately, a record of the members who submitted items and their creations was not completed.

President's Challenge: Won by Ross Gordon for his lidded box. He won a \$10 gift voucher.

Attendance: 19 members, 8 apologies, no associates and no visitors.

President Peter – presented his report which will be attached to the minutes.

Welfare:

Kerry Robertson – his condition is unchanged.
Would love a phone chat with fellow members.
Laurie Luthje – at home. Struggling with health issues – eyesight and mobility.
Bill Allen is currently unwell.

Minutes: It was moved by Carol Jennings and seconded by Barry Pieck that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4th June 2022 be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

John (Rooster) Lea – will have further discussions with David and the milk factory and gym managers to agree on a meeting place and times for future CCWT Monthly Meetings.

Over \$1200 of the allocated monies has been spent to date to purchase items requested by "We Care Connect" to help meet the needs of the people in their care.

A special thanks was expressed to Ron and Janine for their donation of clothing and Mark Board was thanked – in his absence – for organizing the purchase and delivery of the items.



Coming Events:

Barry Peick requested that the Club participate in the Wyong Orchid Festival on 9th to 11th September. Barry has offered to co-ordinate the sale. The request was approved by the Board and the general meeting. Members who wish to participate are asked to contact Barry Peick.



Correspondence:

Inwards: Letter from Barry Peick requesting Club approval for interested members to participate in sales at the Wyong Orchid Festival.

Numerous e-mails and phone calls dealt with by Peter Hamilton and/or Brian (Skeeta) Wilson.

Outwards:

✚ Answered lots of email enquiries re: membership, opening hours etc.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Barry Peick's request was approved.

It was moved by Bob Chivers and seconded by Ross Gordon that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report: Garry presented the report for Income \$2 014 00 and Expenditure \$1 368.06, leaving a Credit Balance of \$645.94 for the month.

Garry informed the meeting that he will present an overview and summary for the past three years at the AGM.

It was moved by Carol Jennings and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

Lucky Door Prize: Won by Peter Hamilton who received a \$10 shop voucher.

Other Reports:

Workshop:

Good to see that more and more members are utilizing the workshop -especially on Fridays and Mondays. Members are reminded of their responsibility when using the workshop – especially in relation to care of equipment, cleaning up and safety awareness – and safe practice.

David Farrell has spent considerable time repairing the green lathe which is now operational. He is making a cover for the control panel to exclude dust.

Carvers:

Thanked the Board for cleaning and reorganizing the craft room. Plans for more to be done to make it more functional.

Scrollers:

Going well with several new “learners” – producing some great work!

Toys:

“Rooster” is always appreciative of toys or other donations which will be distributed at the end of the year.

**Library:**

Members encouraged to borrow books etc from the library cupboard. Numerous woodworking magazines that have been donated are available for members.

Merchandise:

There are lots of items for sale in our shop. See Skeeta or Phil for details.

Pyrography:

Valda encouraged members doing pyrography to prepare items for sales – especially the Christmas Fair in Gosford.

Lolly Bowls:

More are needed before our Christmas distribution. Members can collect blanks from the workshop to make them.

General Business:

Thanks were expressed to Alan Smith for another excellent issue of the Hobby Turner. Members were strongly encouraged to submit suitable items to Alan for inclusion in the Hobby Turner.

Sales of finished items submitted for the sales cupboard in the lunch room and in the restaurant are going well.

Interested members are encouraged to operate a sales table in front of the workshop, with their finished items on Saturday mornings. Valda and Kevin will stay back on Saturday afternoons from the end of October to promote sales.

David is trying to get Sunday Markets operating from the front of the Milk Factory. Members are invited to have a table of woodwork items for sale at this market – when it is up and running.

Dom suggested raising the annual membership fees to \$50 as the income from sales has decreased, whilst costs are increasing - and the fees have been \$45 for a number of years. This will need a motion at the AGM for the proposal to be passed. Treasurer Garry felt that the Club is doing OK and an increase should not be necessary.

Brian (“Skeeta”) Wilson has been commissioned to make a large finial from Australian Red Cedar to replace a broken one from Yarramalong Hall. “Skeeta” has recommenced his “Train the Trainer” program – currently Friday, Saturday and Monday afternoons. Interested members are asked to contact “Skeeta”.

Money from the “honesty” jar in the fridge will be used to purchase cans of drink.

Ron Gibbs asked what is happening with our training of school students. With disruption due to Covid and staff changes at schools, new contacts will have to be made to facilitate this important commitment from our Club. The Board will endeavour to make contact with the schools and re-commence these training sessions.

Next Meeting: This will be the AGM on Saturday 3rd September.

The meeting closed at 3.05pm



A mature and well-educated woman loved her veggie patch and particularly growing tomatoes, but couldn't seem to get her tomatoes to turn red.

One day, while taking a stroll, she came upon a gentleman neighbour who had the most beautiful garden full of huge bright red tomatoes.

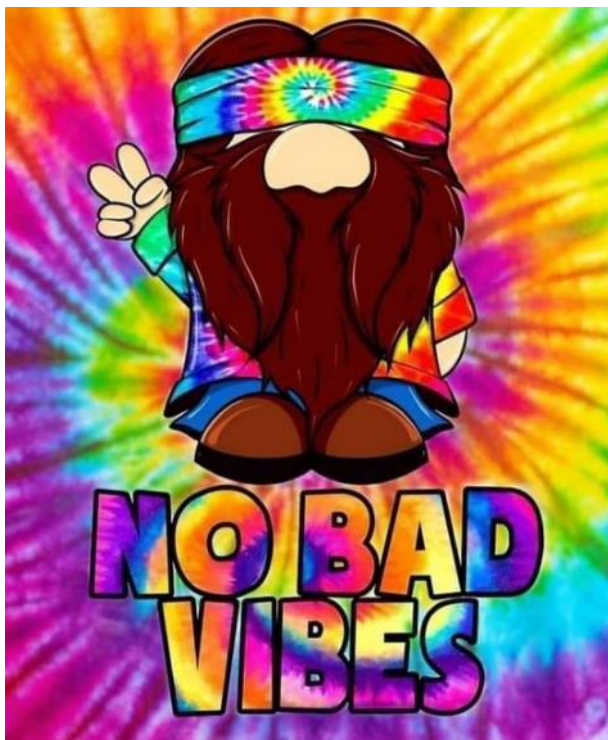
The woman asked the gentlemen, "What do you do to get your tomatoes so red?"

The gentlemen responded, "Well, I know this will sound strange, but twice a day I stand in front of my tomato garden naked in my trench coat and flash them. My tomatoes turn red from blushing so much. Somebody else told me this and I don't know why, but it seems to work".

Well, the woman thanked the man and as she walks away, she thinks to herself this is absolutely ridiculous but at the same time she is so impressed; she decides to try doing the same thing to her tomato garden to see if it would work. So twice a day for two weeks she flashed her garden hoping for the best.

One day the gentleman was passing by and asked the woman, "By the way, how did you make out? Did your tomatoes turn red?"

No", she replied, "but my cucumbers are enormous."



"I'm home...What a terrible day...I took your ladyshaver to work instead of my taser!"

Minutes from our last AGM... in 2019.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 5th October 2019 at the Old Dairy Co-op Wyong.

Meeting opened at 1pm by President Peter Hamilton, who welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo

Attendance: 37 members, 1 associate, 8 apologies and 1 visitor.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM minutes were published in the August edition of the Hobby

Turner.

It was moved by Ray Grennan and seconded by Frank Barton that the minutes as published in the August hobby Turner be accepted. Passed.

President's Report: Peter Hamilton presented his report for the year 2018/ 2019.

The Club has had a very successful year following Ron's previous outstanding tenure when much of the Club's major items of equipment were upgraded.

There has been a steady stream of new members, although, sadly, some long-time members have been lost to the Club.

The large number of people who make significant contributions to the Club were acknowledged. The vital contribution made to the Club by the trainers was especially acknowledged. There is an urgent need for more trainers and a program will be organized early in the new year for interested members to undertake the necessary training. A brief report was included in the September edition of the Hobby Turner.

It was moved by Bob Norris, seconded by Alan Smith that the report be accepted. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Garry Buckman tabled the Financial Report for 2018/2019. Garry gave some pertinent figures for the financial year. The club had a good year with considerable income and expenditure and has an overall balance of \$6 654.61 in the operating account. The Financial Report for the year is attached.

Election of Office Bearers: The Chairman declared all positions on the Board vacant and asked for nominations for the new Board. As there were less nominations than Board positions to be filled, it was not necessary to conduct a ballot.

The roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer were filled by Peter Hamilton, Dom Pirlo and Garry Buckman respectively as there were no other candidates.

The new Board for 2019-2020 is as follows:

President:	Peter Hamilton
Secretary:	Dom Pirlo
Treasurer:	Garry Buckman
Directors:	Dave Farrell, Mark Board, John Lea, Tony Hartman, Dom Pirlo, Phil Clements and Brian Wilson.

Nominations for an additional Board member were called from the floor. As there were no nominations the position will be filled as soon as possible by the president approaching potential members.

Life membership:

It was reported that Kevin West and Brian Duncan had been nominated for Life Membership of the Club.

As they met all the criteria for Life Membership of the Central Coast Woodturner’s Co-Operative Ltd, the Board voted to bestow this honour on these two members.

This was announced at the AGM and the decision was acclaimed.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1.30 pm.



WANTED:

We are in need of:

- + a new President
- + a new Secretary
- + and several new Board members

for the coming financial year.

All come with “on the job training” and ongoing support from the current board members who hold these positions. We aren’t going anywhere... we just need a break.

Talk to Peter Hamilton, Skeeta or any Board member if you want more information.



Sherwood variable speed wood turning lathe it is in excellent condition rarely used, I'm asking \$400.00 or near offer.

Contact Bev on: 02 43858 851



Note from the Treasurer:

Annual Membership Fees are now due!!!

I would like to remind you all of the methods that you can use to pay your dues.

Membership fees are still unchanged at \$45.

The first method is, find me at the workshop and pay me directly by cash or a cheque made out to Central Coast Woodturners. I am usually at the workshop on Fridays and the Saturday of the monthly meeting. I will write a receipt for you then and there.

The second, put your cash or cheque into a sealed envelope, print your name clearly on the outside and hand it to one of the shop keepers or any board member. I will collect these, write receipt's and put those receipts on the spike outside of the shop for you to collect next time you're in the workshop. The third is to transfer your dues directly into our bank account and ask for a copy of the transaction to be sent directly to my e-mail account.

I will write a receipt once I confirm the transaction has been successful and put it on the spike outside the shop and per option 2.

The e-mail and account details you will need for this are:

Account name: Central Coast Woodturner Ltd	
BSB	032564
Account Number	135409

Don't forget to send a copy of the receipt to:

Corina.buckman@bigpond.com

The fourth, as most will be aware we have this year introduced EFT-POS into the workshop and now you can also pay your dues using this method, if you want to do this, please see me or one the store guys and pay.

Make sure you get an EFTPOS receipt for your records and ensure that whoever takes your payment writes your name on our copy so I can update my records.

The Pending Coffee

We were in a small coffee shop when two customers arrived. "5 coffees. 2 for us, 3 pending." They paid for 5, and only received 2. "What's a pending coffee?" I asked. "Wait and see." More customers came. Two others got their coffees and paid normally. After a while, 3 more came in, asked for 7 coffees, they only drank 3, but paid for 7. While we were talking, a homeless man entered the shop. With a soft voice he asked, "Do you have any pending coffee?" This type of charity was born in Napoli (Naples, Italy). People pay in anticipation for the coffees, and even meals, for others who can't.



I got banned from Weight Watchers for dropping a bag of M&Ms on the floor. Was the best game of Hungry Hippos I've ever seen!!!

Letters to the Editor:

I'd like to thank the members who took time on Friday 15th July to make bowls that were subsequently filled with chocolates, wrapped and given to the ladies who were moving into Allawah House. Also thank you to Alan for designing and printing cards which were attached.

Allawah House is new to the Central Coast and is providing accommodation for older women in our community who are basically homeless due to financial difficulties, domestic violence, family breakups etc. These bowls were given from the Club as a small welcome gift to cheer up the ladies and to help them settle in and move on with their lives... Mark Board



The Board members of the Club decided to donate \$3,000 to help support the work of **We Care Connect** who are a voluntary organization based in Wyong. WCC collect and distribute items to needy children. To date we have spent nearly \$900 purchasing urgent and essential winter items for the vulnerable children of the Central Coast. Our purchases included warm bedding, warm clothing, nappies, wipes, personal care items like toothbrushes, toiletries etc.

Representatives of **We Care Connect**, Rob and Chris Wark, came to the monthly meeting on Saturday 2nd July, to share with us the work they are doing within the community.

We Care Connect began operation in 2016 by Derryck Klarkowski. Since then, WCC have helped 10,500 vulnerable and disadvantaged children with 316,000 items. 95% of the items are community donations. 10,000 children are living below the poverty line on the Central

Coast. 60% of these families are single parents, 40% domestic violence, 41% unemployed, 29% pregnant young women/girls, 38% have medical issues/expenses. Over the past 12 months **We Care Connect** have supported 3,800 children and the need is rapidly increasing. Our Club feels privileged to be able to help support these families... Mark Board



On behalf of the Board, and the club in general, I would like to thank Mark for the wonderful work that he has done, firstly, in bringing these organisations to our attention, and secondly, in being our liaison with the groups. Well done, Mark!

... Alan Smith (Editor)





Here are some more inspirational pieces from my “Projects: To Do” folder.



What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month. Old Milk Factory Wyong.	Skeeta
Woodturning	Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8 – 12	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling	Every Saturday of the month 8 – 12.	Clarry Rogers, Ron Dunn
Carving	Mondays 8.30 – 2.	Kevin West, Sue Wood
Pyrography	Every Saturday of the month 8 - 12	Valda Barton

**Note: The Club's Workshop is located in the Old Dairy Co-op premises at 141 Alison Rd, Alison (about two kilometres west of Wyong).

All of the above times are subject to change on long weekends and holidays.
Check with organizers for details.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

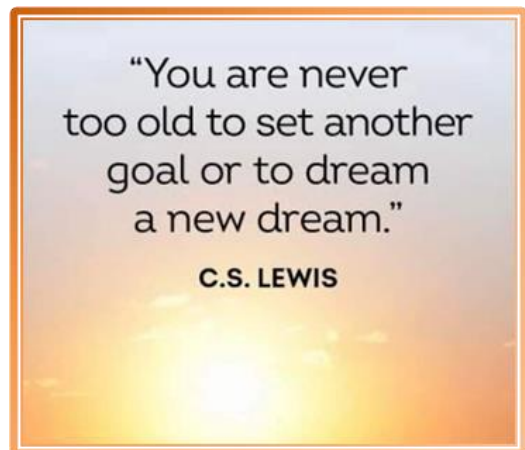
Hi Folks,
Well, winter is almost officially over.
The days are getting longer and the weather is very slowly warming up.
It won't be long and spring will be in full bloom.
Even our local families of kangaroos and wallabies are already carrying joeys around in their pouches when they come to visit.

So, it's time to dust off the cobwebs, both physically and metaphorically, and look to the future.

This winter has been particularly cold and I feel like we are butterflies emerging from a cocoon with a bright new world in front of us.

A world of change certainly, but also a world where we can work on setting new goals and fulfilling new dreams.

Many of us get complacent and keep digging our rut deeper but we know that there are things that we really want to achieve... someday.



Well... **if not now when?**

Don't be so afraid of the empty space between your dreams and your reality.

If you can dream it, you can make it so.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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**All of your dreams can come true
If you have the courage to pursue them.**

... Walt Disney.