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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The idea that this has been an up and down year is a gross understatement. Just as we were finally over Covid-19 restrictions and starting to get the Club back to what was going to be a post-lockdown existence we were shocked by a rent increase from the Milk Factory. Because the original lease had lapsed some time in 2006 there was no legal document preventing the Milk Factory increasing our rent ten-fold. So, on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 we finally left our workshop. This year has therefore been largely dominated by our search for new premises



As we debated at our last AGM where we might go one avenue after another was closed to us. We looked at schools, which had been empty for a decade. We looked at guide, scout and church halls which were all unsuitable for our needs. The Central Coast Council had nothing. Requests and meetings with Federal, State and locally elected politicians all came to nought. During all this time we never lost our optimism that we had an opportunity to come back as a larger and improved Club.

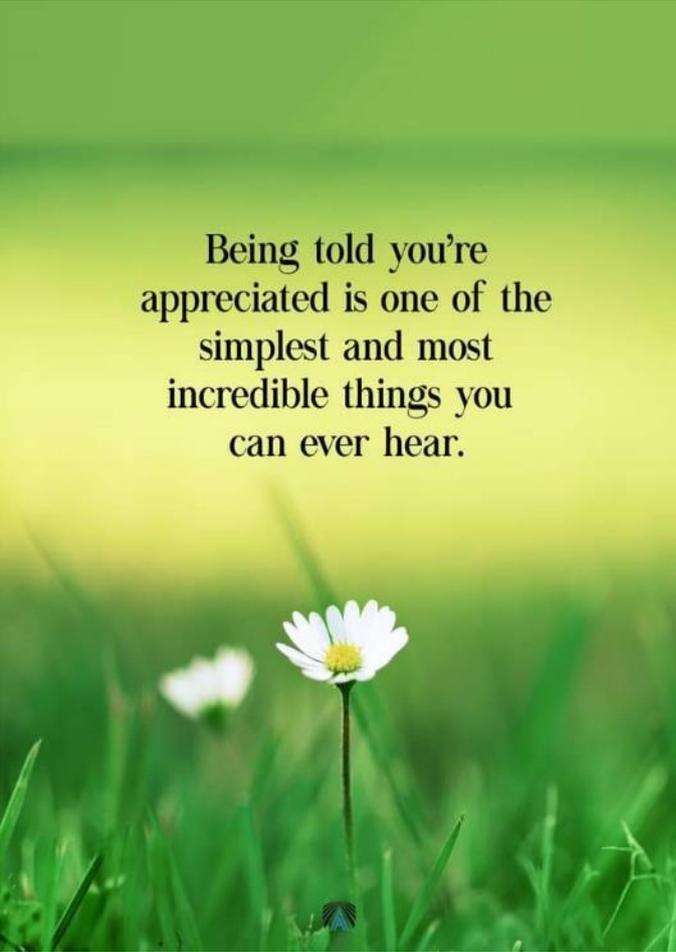
We were fortunate to have a generous offer from Alan Smith. He agreed that we could position two containers on his property. One was purchased by the Club and the other by



Alan. All our equipment has been packed into these containers but maintenance is out of the question without completely unpacking the equipment.

I don't want to jump the gun but there is a distinct possibility that our search may be at an end. We are currently negotiating two possible leases. Central Coast Council, having at first nothing to offer, have given us verbal permission to build a workshop at the Alison Homestead Museum. The delay in proceedings here is that we will have to get a sub-lease from the Museum who have only just finalised their own lease with the Council. Now that has been done, we are already in discussions with the new President of the Museum. You will understand that any conclusion to negotiations and the completion of any workshop on this site is some time down the line.

After initially discounting the Guide Hall in Ourimbah because of the upfront costs to the building and grounds the situation changed. The Guides, having at first wanting to sell the property, came back to us with the possibility of a lease. Whilst the same issue of repairs



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can ever hear.

still exists the time frame has been altered. We have verbal agreement to a three-year lease, with the possibility of a further three years. At the moment we are in discussions over the wording of any lease and trying to ensure that we have security of tenure over the period of the lease. The rent requested is in the range we can afford but that also has to be agreed on paper.

Both arrangements have advantages and disadvantages. The museum means we could build a workshop to our specification. The disadvantage is we would only ever have a five-year lease, which would need to be constantly renewed. The Ourimbah Guide Hall, while on the small side, would provide a larger workshop area than we had at Wyong. While it does have a small kitchen area and garage, which would make a good shop, it does not have separate rooms for other crafts. There is also a large outside area for parking.

I have to commend the work done by the members of the Board and others in reaching this stage. There have been many visits to possible sites. Members have been falling back on friends and acquaintances that might know of suitable premises. Meetings of small committees and morning tea meetings in local cafes to discuss information and leads. The optimism and belief that this would lead to better things was never in doubt. The possible demise of the club was never a thought and so, thanks to all that effort, we have reached our present position.

What I didn't say earlier is that we would have instant access to the guide hall as soon as we have signed the lease. Indeed, so confident are the guides that we have even been given a key for the hall so we can gauge what we will need to do before moving in. This work is already under way and visits to the hall, for the purpose of pricing electrics and flooring, have already taken place. A second advantage of the guide hall is we would be able to get all our equipment out of storage and begin maintenance and repair. While we might have instant access it would be a short while before we would be ready to start Club activities.

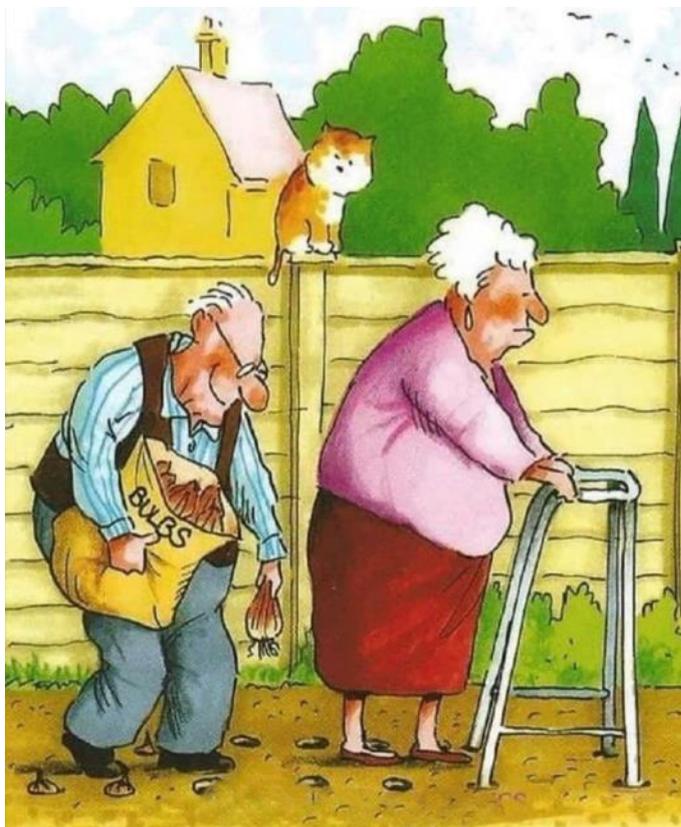
So, our feeling is, at the moment, we go with the lease for the guide hall. While not perfect it means we can be up and running again in the near future. This will give us time to complete negotiations with the Museum and fundraise for our new workshop. Also, we could always accept the offer from the guides of the option to purchase the Ourimbah site.

While a new workshop has occupied much of our time, what else has been happening over the past 12 months. Without a workshop many members have retreated to their own workshops and continue to turn wood. Members have stayed in touch and we have continued

our monthly meetings. The Alison Homestead have generously allowed us to hold these meetings, plus Board meetings, at the Museum, even furnishing us with a key so we could use the facilities at the Homestead.

As well as a number of workdays to clear and tidy our old workshop before leaving, we have had other days. These include sorting and restacking the wood at Alan's yard. People were quick to unstack wood to find the best piece for their project, but reluctant to restack. Some of the wood was past its best, to say the least, so this was set aside in a separate pile for firewood. We have also been out collecting wood. A recent acquisition was some Chinese Elm, something I had never heard of before.

A new venture, now that the Club had no income, was to provide a Bunnings BBQ. Our first such event was on a Sunday at Tuggerah. This raised nearly \$2,000, while the second on a Saturday at the same venue raised \$2,300. While these are quite intense workwise, they were good fun and raise considerable funds.



With the workshop closed many of us miss the friendship and companionship of a group of like-minded people. To compensate for this some of our members, myself included, have joined a local Men's Shed. We now have about seven former CCWT members at Erina Men's Shed. Others have joined other Sheds. We have been warmly greeted and quickly settled into a familiar environment. The Erina Men's Shed recently took part in a Fair-Trade Market at the adjoining Baptist Church. I offered a woodturning demonstration and we had a sales table. Everything sold was for our building fund and we raised about \$1,000. On the same day as the AGM there will be another sale at Bateau Men's Shed. This is thanks to Graham Craike and all sales will go to our building fund.

In conclusion, I feel more than ever the Club has been presented with a new and exciting opportunity. Older members of the Club remind us that CCWT existed for quite a few years before they got a workshop. While it is exciting that we now have two opportunities to explore there still remains the mammoth task of fund raising. This is not just the job of Board members, or the few who put their hands up, but a task for all of us.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM on Saturday when we can explain and detail what exactly is being offered and negotiated. We will explain what this might mean for us in the future of CCWT.

... Peter

**Minutes of the General Meeting @ Alison Homestead held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

The meeting was opened at 10am by Mark Board

Minutes taken by Alan Smith



**Show and Tell:** Conducted by: John Lea



**Name:**

M. Board  
R.Gibbs

B. Careil

**Item:**

Bowl  
Manta Ray bowl  
Vase  
Bowl + inlay  
Large carved vase  
Small carved vase  
Small vase x 2

**Woods used:**

Banksia  
Camphor + pyro  
Camphor + pyro  
Juniper + paua shell  
Camphor  
Camphor

**Winner:** Bernard Careil

**Attendance:** 25 members, 4 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

**Welfare:**

- ✚ Bob Fischer passed away this month and had a private family service.
- ✚ Lois Watt passed away this month and her funeral is Thursday 11am at Palmdale Rose Chapel.
- ✚ Phil Clements is not well but improving slowly.
- ✚ Barry Peick and Robert Pike have both been in hospital.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Alan Smith and seconded by John Lea that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in July be accepted. Passed.



**Business Arising:** Nil



**Correspondence:**

**Inwards:**

- + Alan Smith: Discussed meeting with Karina Galey and looking at Shannon Rd building. Not suitable.
- + Mark Board: Discussed conversation with Council re: surveyors report for Alison Homestead. Mark to follow up.
- + Rob Zwart: Discussion re: Ourimbah Guide Hall.
  - o **Result:** Dom is trying to arrange a meeting with Barbara Baker but it looks promising

**Outwards:**

**Business Arising from Correspondence:**

- + Mark B: Discussion re: Alison Homestead lease. Mark to follow up.
- + Alan S: Will forward correspondence re: to Rob Z.

It was moved by Ross G and seconded by Skeeta that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



**Financial Report:** Garry presented the report for July 2023.

Income = \$110.00, Expenditure = \$806.75, leaving a Debit Balance = -\$696.75

Toy Fund had no deposits or withdrawals. Balance = \$3,250.42

Building Fund: Income = \$800.00 Expenditure = \$0. Balance = \$1,185

It was moved by Ross G and seconded by Phil C that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

**Raffle:** Rob Z and Ross G.

**Other Reports:**

**Workshop:** Nil

**Carvers:** Nil

**Scrollers:** Nil

**Toys:** Nil

**Library:** In boxes at my place.

**Merchandise:** Nil

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## General Business:

- + **Bunnings BBQ:** Discussion re: helpers.
- + **Mark B:** Bandsaw and thicknesser are available for use at his place.
- + **Allan S:** Offer of donation is still on.
- + **Mark B: Motion:** CCWT will join the Men's Shed Assoc. Moved: Mark Board and seconded: Ross Gordon. Passed: for 24; against 0; abstain 1.
  - o Discussion re: club insurance and why we still need it.
- + **Alan S:** New Women's Shed are after hand tools. Contact Alan is you have some to spare.
- + **Garry B:** BB Men's Shed. We need two members to attend sale.
  - o **Note:** We will only be selling items that have been donated to the club on the day.
  - o Barry Peick has given us 2 boxes of stuff donated from Jeff Burgess.
- + **Mark B:** Discussion re: Erina sale.



## Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 10.30am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 @ Alison Homestead  
Board meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 @ 8.30am.

The meeting closed at 11.10am.

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## DAD JOKES FOR FATHER'S DAY:

- + "I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator all along."
- + "What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie?" "Sofishticated."
- + "Have you heard about the chocolate record player? It sounds pretty sweet."
- + "My wife is really mad at the fact that I have no sense of direction. So, I packed up my stuff and right!"
- + "What kind of car does an egg drive?" "A yolkswagen."
- + "What do you call it when a snowman throws a tantrum?" "A meltdown."
- + "How does a taco say grace?" "Lettuce pray."
- + "What's the best thing about Switzerland?" "I don't know, but the flag is a big plus."

# Letters to the Editor:

Hi Alan,

## **FAIR TRADE MARKET:**

All in all, it looks as though we might have made nearly \$1K. This is after taking out the 10% promised to the Fair-Trade organisers.

It was an interesting day. Far fewer stalls than I expected but a steady flow of public. Skeeta demonstrated lathe turning during the day. As well as producing some tops and small lidded boxes, he turned some finials.



Mark, Ron, Carol and myself manned the stall. We spent a lot of time explaining the wood and how bowls were made. Quite a lot of interest, with a couple of people looking to learn once we have a base.

Graham Craike arrived promptly at clear up time and now has the rest of the product for the sale at Bateau Bay next Saturday.

Add this profit to the two Bunnings BBQs and we have put \$5K into the building fund in recent weeks.

## **CHINESE ELM:**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August five members arrived at an address in Erina Heights in order to cut and load a section of a tree felled by a friend of mine.

Peter, Mark, Richard, Bernard and Chris made up the party. The trunk section of the tree was about 2.5m by 30 to 40 cm in diameter. Our chainsaws quickly reduced the log to manageable pieces which were quickly loaded into Mark's trailer. The owner of the house was amazed how quickly we did the job, one to about one and a half hours and we were done.



The grain of the wood was quite remarkable and research shows this wood turns well and takes a good polish. Mark took the wood to his yard where he has painted the end grain. He will talk to the members about it at the AGM.... Peter

Hi Alan

As I explained in an earlier email, I was lucky enough to attend the 2023 Turn-fest at SeaWorld Resort on the Gold Coast.

The Presentations ran from 12:30pm Friday 24th to 12:40pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of March with 8 conference rooms running different 1.1/2hour presentations. On the Friday I attended 3 sessions, Saturday 6 sessions and Sunday another 3 sessions. The whole weekend was amazing, with presenters providing insights into their creative processes,



and technical hand skills as well as answering the many questions from the attendees.

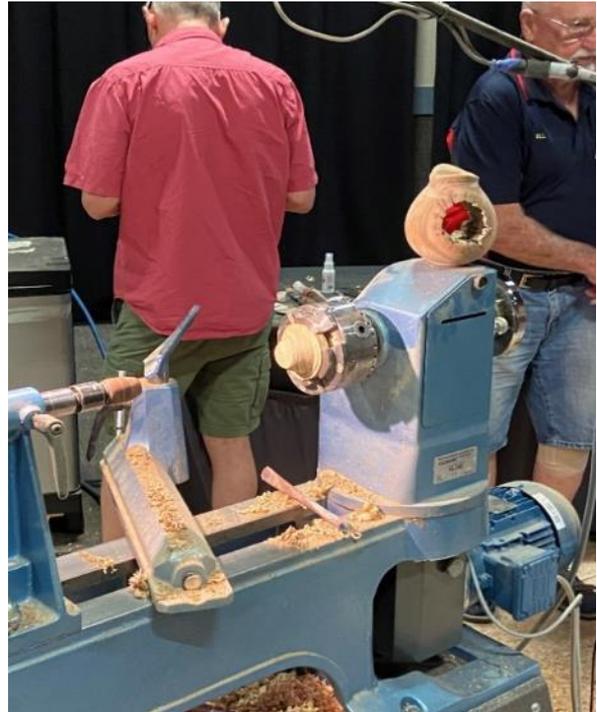
The presentations I attended where:

- Tom Wirsing on turning Platters,
- Judy Docen (pyrography) on Pets and People,
- Pat Carroll on Turning a Beaded Trinket Box,
- Neil Turner on Turning a Sea Urchin Box and
- Colwin Way on German Smoking Figures
- Nick Agar on Design and Inspiration
- John Beaver on Wave Bowls
- Neil Joynt on Lidded Box Turning
- Tom Wirsing on the Finishes he uses
- Guilio Marcolongo on turning a Vase from a Hollow Log
- Neil Turner Turning and Carving a Globose Pod
- Finally, Colwin Way on Taming the Skew, and how he came to use the German Skew, and work with Crown tools in Sheffield, to develop Colwin Way signature German Skew Chisels

#### The list of Presenters:

- ✚ Mike Darlow (NSW) (Woodturning & Sharpening)
- ✚ Ken Rays (Qld) (Woodturning)
- ✚ Jim McConnachie (Qld) (Woodturning)
- ✚ Gary Field (Qld) (Wood Carving Sculptor)
- ✚ Judy Docen (Qld) (Pyrography)
- ✚ Simon Begg (NSW) (Woodturning)
- ✚ Colwin Way (England) (Woodturning)
- ✚ Neil Joynt (NZ) (Woodturning)
- ✚ Guilio Marcolongo (Vic) (Woodturning) it was his last presentation
- ✚ Neil Turner (WA) (Woodturner and Sculptor)
- ✚ John Beaver (USA) (Woodturner)
- ✚ Nick Agar (USA / England) (Woodturner)
- ✚ Tom Wirsing (USA) (Woodturner)
- ✚ Pat Carroll (Ireland) (Woodturner)

The whole weekend was amazing with lots to see and learn. The Food and accommodation were first class and, for \$695 twin share or \$895 for your own room, both rates included all meals, it was a steal.



**Hobby Turner Deadline:** All reports, minutes, articles, advertisements etc need to be with me by the 15th of each month to assure their inclusion in the HT... Editor.





To the left is one of Neil's deep hole boring tools and how he uses a cable tie to work out the wall thickness  
 Below are some photos of attendees work that was showcased during the weekend.







Article submitted by our roving reporter: Steve Farr.



  
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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.



What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month @ 10am. Alison Homestead.	Peter
Woodturning	<i>As we are temporarily homeless, we are searching for new premises and there are no set workshop times at present.</i>	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling		Tony Bruckard
Carving		Sue Wood
Pyrography		Valda Barton



### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

I've had a very interesting few weeks to say the least and this is a quick note to fill you in.

For a couple of months, I felt that my asthma was getting much worse and I would get severely puffed just going to the mailbox.

I also thought that I had injured my left shoulder as I was getting a lot of pain there too, especially after walking.

The short story is, that I made a doctor's appointment a couple of weeks ago on the Tuesday at 5pm and I was admitted to hospital 2hrs

later.

They did all sorts of tests and they said that I had probably had a mild heart attack sometime in the preceding week.

On the Wednesday morning I was visited by a heart specialist who said that the ultrasound showed that I had **NOT** damaged my heart.

He also said that there was a build-up of fluid around my heart and this was causing the swelling in my legs and lower back and much of the shortness of breath.

I was sent to Nth Gosford Private on Thursday morning for an angiogram later that day.

During the procedure he found that "the main artery to the heart" was 90 – 95% blocked but he said that he would fix it straight away.

After clearing the blockage, he installed a stent.

He said that the blockage etc was not weight or health related and that it could happen to anyone, even professional athletes.

However, I have taken this as a serious wake up call.

Hopefully, I'll quickly get some energy back and get back into an exercise routine.

I have a few extra tablets to take each day but that's a small price to pay for a second chance at life.

There are three messages here:

- ✚ Firstly, superheroes are around us every day. They don't wear masks and capes, but they wear the uniforms of our nurses, doctors, police, firies, ambo's etc.
- ✚ Secondly, take care of your health and take notice of the warning signs that your body gives you. **We are no longer 25 and bulletproof.**
- ✚ Lastly, do all of the things that you have dreamed of NOW. Don't wait until things get better or the time is right. You may not be blessed with that opportunity... and for heaven's sake tell your loved ones how special they are to you. Do it today!

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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