



# The HOBBY TURNER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

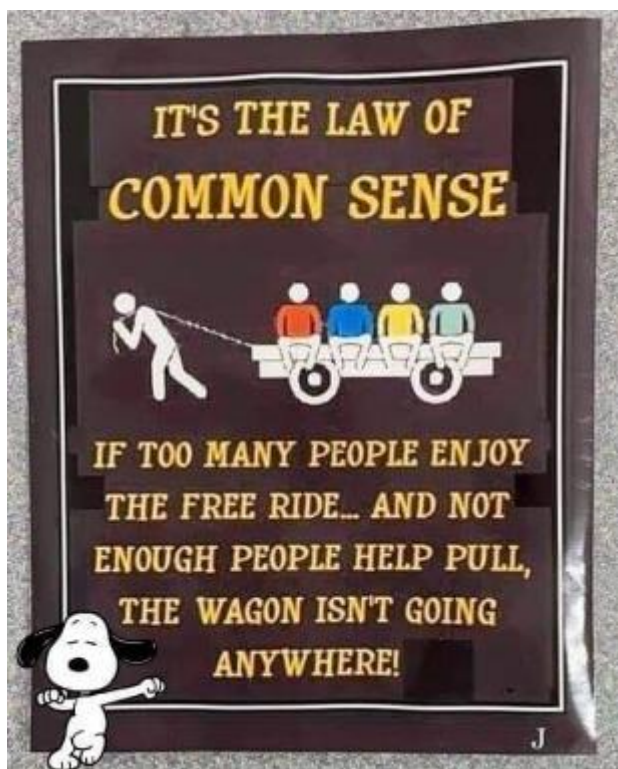
Well, here we are at the time for the AGM. This will be my last report as President of CCWT. It is six years since I was elected and what a ride it has been. In 2018 I was still fairly new to the Club and took a while after the election to get a grasp on matters in hand. I visited the sales offered by the Club in shopping centres and other venues. I attended the workshop at Wyong on different sessions in order to get to know as many members as possible.



Soon after becoming President Covid-19 started to be a huge news event and it wasn't long before it arrived in Australia. Before the pandemic hit us, we had a healthy membership well in excess of 100. I don't need to remind members of the effects of Covid on the day to day running of the Club. The Board was kept busy organising and reorganising workshop sessions in order to keep as much of the club open as possible. Lathes were mothballed in order to comply with distance regulations etc. Though the membership dropped during Covid we came through it and were able to open again and continue with our hobby.

The next hurdle put in our way was a huge increase in rent for our workshop at the Milk Factory. This required us to move out and find new site. This left us homeless for 14 months but thanks to the diligence of members in seeking new facilities we were able to negotiate a five-year lease with the Girl Guides for the disused guide hut in Ourimbah. So, it was on

January 1<sup>st</sup> this year we moved into our new workshop. The amount of work put in by the Board and Club members has given us the facility we enjoy today.



The reason I remind you all is to show that a Club like ours is only as good as its members. We currently have a membership just over 50. Just last week we had four new members begin their introduction. Too many people to list were involved in getting us to the point we are today. Unfortunately, we are able to look into the future and realise all too soon our tenure of the Guide Hall will be over. Even though that time looks a long way away Board members are busy trying to negotiate with the Guides the possibility of extending our lease or even of purchase of the property. Fund raising will become a major part of our future growth and sustainable future.

I have mentioned the Board several times already in this report. I could not have continued to be President for the length of time I have without the continued commitment of Board members and their fantastic support. Some of the Board are stepping down at the end of this month. Some of those members have been on the Board, guiding the Club, for many years.

Now is the time for other members to reflect on what they might be able to offer the Club. If you belong to any organisation, it is important to contribute, as well as take from the Club. Some new faces, and therefore new ideas, are needed. I personally want to thank all those Board members, past and present, who have made this Club we all enjoy the way it is.

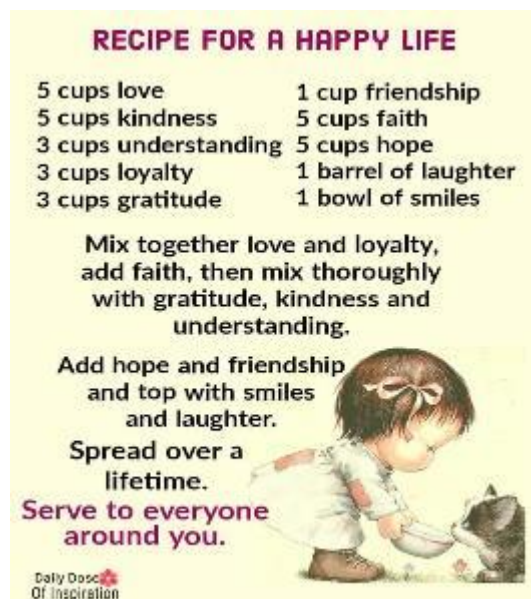


For me this not a 'good bye' just a stepping down. As President I have attended too many funerals and memorials on behalf of the Club. None of us know how much time we have left and so I want to spend more time on my own projects and travel with my wife while we are still able. Rest assured I will still be a regular attendee at the workshop. As well as great equipment, 'morning tea' is an important part of woodturning. I have very recently returned from a weekend at Lake Keepit where I was able to spend the equivalent of two whole days just woodturning. OK, there was a bit of downtime as well as after dinner discussions and a tippie or two, some of slightly dubious nature.

During the past six years I have been exposed to and introduced to many new experiences. During this time much of my interest has shifted from photography to wood turning. Initially, when I joined the Club, it was, like many people, to revisit some crafts I had experienced as a child or early adulthood. I am thankful that some of the skills developed during my working career were of benefit to the Club and helped us survive the two great upheavals of the past few years and, not only to survive, but emerge much stronger in our belief that there is a future, not only for our Club, but also for the craft of woodturning.

Many thanks for the past six years. Here's to the future of CCWT.

Peter... President (retiring)





**Central Coast Woodturners  
Co-operative Ltd  
Minutes of the General Meeting @ The Workshop  
held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**

The meeting was opened at 12.30pm by Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

**Guest Speaker:** Nil



**Show and Tell:** Conducted by:  
Ron Gibbs

**Name:**

Rob Zwart  
Mark Board

**Item:**

4 pens  
Lidded bowl

**Woods used:**

???  
Camphor laurel

**Winner:** Mark Board

**Lucky Door Prize:** Peter Hamilton

**Attendance:** 18 members, 3 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

**Welfare:**

- ✚ Barry P is back in hospital
- ✚ Corina B is recovering well from extensive back surgery.
- ✚ Kevin W is not well.

We hope that all of our sick and injured friends get well soon.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Ian Stokes and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in July 2024 be accepted. Passed.

**Business Arising:** Nil



## Coming Events:

- ✚ Yarn Show in Nov.
- ✚ Fair Trade sale... 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. Members are able to sell their own works at the sale.
  - Commission will be 20%, where 10% goes to the organisers and 10% comes to our Club.
- ✚ Pre-Father's Day Sale was proposed by Valda and the Borad agreed in principle.
- ✚ Family Day @ Bunnings Tuggerah. 29<sup>th</sup> August. 2 – 3hrs in the evening.



## Correspondence:

### Inwards:

- ✚ Gordon Reid. Grants available but we are not eligible.
- ✚ Guides. Will talk re: lease and purchase.
- ✚ Pioneer Dairy. Making changes and extending. Will keep us advised.

### Outwards:

- ✚ Answered several emails re: new workshop and opening times.

## Business Arising from Correspondence:

It was moved by Ron Gibbs and seconded by Graham Craike that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



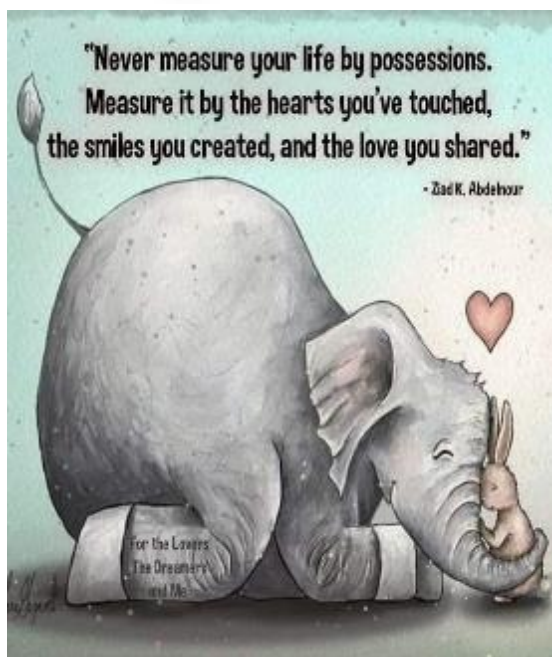
## Financial Report: Garry presented the reports for July 2024.

Income \$1,443.87 and Expenditure of \$754.36 leaving a balance of + \$689.51 for the month.

Toy Fund \$108.00 out and \$0.00 added.

Building Fund \$0.00 in and \$578.00 out.

A waste tipping exemption certificate is available. We will look into it.



**New Members:** Nil

**Raffle:** Won by John B Second prize: Ron G

**Other Reports:**

**Workshop:**

**Skeeta:**

- ✚ Going well.
- ✚ The cleaning session was a success.
  - Don't tell your wife that you know how to use a vacuum and broom.

**Carvers:** Nil

**Scrollers:** Nil

**Toys:** Going well.

**Library:**

- ✚ Lots of books and inspiration available.
- ✚ Some surplus books are for sale and some magazines etc are free.

**Merchandise:**

- ✚ Lots available including sandpaper, polish etc.



**General Business:**

**Peter H:**

- ✚ There is a problem with one of the toilets continuously flushing. Will get it looked at.

**Ron G:**

- ✚ We need timber for teaching.

**Ross G:**

- ✚ We need to have an open day to attract more members.

**Garry B:**

- ✚ We could put info on the local radio.

**Ian S:**

- ✚ Don't ask what your club can do for you. Ask what you can do for your club.

**Ron:**

- ✚ We need to get school groups back.

**Dom:**

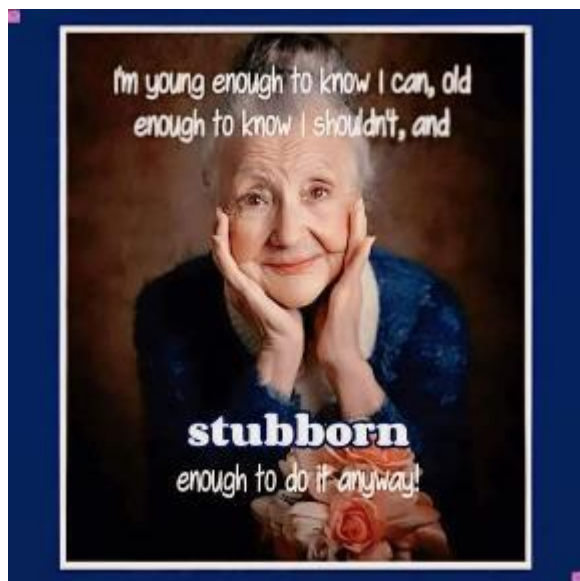
- ✚ We should invite the local Men's Sheds to learn turning and collect a tuition fee. This may lead to new members.

**Next Meeting:**

General meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024. @ The Workshop.

Board meeting 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 @ 12.30pm.

The meeting closed at 1.33pm.



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd September 2023 @ Alison Homestead

Meeting opened at 10am by President Peter Hamilton, who welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

**Attendance:** 32 members, 0 associates, 6 apologies and 0 visitors.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the AGM of 3rd September 2022 were accepted as read. (Published in HT).

It was moved by Mark B, seconded by Richard A that the minutes be accepted. Passed.

**President's Report:** Peter Hamilton read his report for the year 2022 / 2023. It was moved by Ross Gordon, seconded by Richard Alexander that the report be accepted. Passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Garry Buckman tabled the Financial Report for 2022/2023. Garry gave some pertinent figures for the financial year. The club had an operating loss of \$5,522.07. It was moved by Don Crittenden, seconded by Ron Gibbs that the report be accepted. Passed.

**Election of Office Bearers:** The President declared all 11 positions on the Board vacant and as there were exactly 11 nominations for the new Board, there was no need for a ballot.

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

As a result, our Board and elected officers for the coming year are:

The new Board is as follows:

President: Peter Hamilton

Secretary: Alan Smith

Treasurer: Garry Buckman.

Directors: John Lea, Mark Board, Richard Alexander, Brian Wilson, Phil Clements, Ian Stokes, Chris Strong and Dom Pirlo.

- Brian W thanked Peter H on the great job he was doing as President.
- John Butlin that Mark Board on the good work that he was doing with relocation of the club.
- Mark B noted that a lease had been signed with Alison Homestead today. A very brief discussion followed.

A yellow and black advertisement for Creightons Funeral Service. The top section features the company logo and the text '100% Locally owned and operated'. Below this, there are three black boxes with yellow text: 'PRE-PAID FUNERALS AVAILABLE', 'LOCK IN THE PRICE TODAY!', and 'DOCUMENT YOUR WISHES'. To the right of these boxes, there is a list of office locations: '326 The Entrance Road, Erina Heights', '14 Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi', '2 Viewpoint Drive, Toukley', '41 Palmdale Road, Palmdale', '460 Asoca Drive, Green Point', and '1083 Pacific Hwy (near Telegraph Rd), Pymble'. At the bottom, there is a yellow box with the phone number '1300 130 955' and the website 'creightonsfuneralservice.com.au'.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.30am.

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**Never argue with someone whose TV is bigger than their book shelf... Emilia Clarke.**



# Taming the Beast...

Some of you will remember that about 5 years ago a friend contacted me and said that he had a “bit of camphor” that he would drop off for me. He’s an arborist.

Anyway, this is what I found in my yard when I came home.

It’s hard to tell from the photo, but it was around 11 feet high and about 12 feet around the base.

With the pandemic, and everything else that’s been happening, we finally got around to starting to cut it up last month.

It had started to regrow and had many healthy green shoots and branches.

Richard W did most of the work, with Peter H and myself being his cheer squad.

I did help with my tractor to roll and move the heaviest pieces.

The fork of the tree was full of bricks, light globes and kid’s plastic jewellery.

I’ve given most of the timber to the Club and it will be transported there for storage very soon. It has beautiful colour and really clears the sinuses.

Pieces will be available for sale soon, with the money going to the Toy Fund.

Thanks need to go to Richard and Peter for a job well done.

There’s about 12 – 14 hours of work that’s gone into this so far.

I know that a couple of people were “miffed” that they weren’t included on the 3 days but too many silly old buggers with chainsaws is a very dangerous thing.







**A job very well done. Thank you!**

The Hobbyturner

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# Annual Membership Fees were due at the end of June!!

If you want to pay your fees now, or make a donation, then the options are listed below.

**Annual membership fees are \$60.**

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I would like to remind you all of the methods you can use to pay your dues. There are two methods available.

**The first method is:** Pay by EFTPOS, or cash, if you are at the clubhouse. Ask for a receipt.

**The second, and preferred, method is:** Transfer your dues (\$60) directly into our bank account and ask for a copy of the transaction to be sent directly to Garry's e-mail account.

Garry will then email you with confirmation of receipt.

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

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

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

**[gjbuckman@live.com.au](mailto:gjbuckman@live.com.au)**

**Note: If you have only recently joined, or rejoined, the club, then we don't expect you to pay again!**

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# Turn-Up... 2024... Lake Keepit.

Some time ago a flyer turned up on the table at the workshop. Despite being the wrong year (Turn-Up 2021) and having the wrong dates it caused some discussion. Over the next few weeks, the flyers lay on the table until Ron Gibbs informed us, he had signed up and gave the correct dates for 2024.

In my teaching career I had attended many 'conferences' so Turn-Up 2024 interested me. "You will learn lots." said Ron.

Bring your own lathe and table. Bring your own wood and tools. Bring your own bed linen or sleeping bag. This was nothing like any conference I had attended in the past but even so I signed up and paid my money.



Ron and I decided we would share a car and therefore only take one lathe between us. The day before we packed the car at the workshop, and next day, Friday, put our clothes and bedding in the car and off we went.

A little over five hours later we arrived at NSW Sports and Recreational Facility. Two of our members remember this place from their teaching days. I am pleased to say, what is there now, bore little resemblance to the facility they remember.



On arrival we went straight up to the dining hall for lunch. More on the catering later. After lunch we went to the hall where the event was based. A large hall with a hard floor, high ceilings and numerous doors to the outside... so open that the swallows were flying in and out of the building.

Altogether there were about 20 attendees. There were other crafts, not just turning. Scroll-sawers, pyrographers and engravers were all there.



There were no demonstrations, workshops or commercial woodturning related sales. The whole two days were just individuals doing their own work. This resulted in me having the luxury of almost sole use of the lathe we had brought and my own individual instructor. When I needed a rest Ron did turn a bowl and started on a small vase.



But what of the weekend as a whole. \$350 dollars was the cost, plus our own travel expenses. We travelled in Ron's car and shared the driving. Sleeping arrangements had worried me until we arrived. Many people paired up as we had and were each allocated one of the rooms used by the children attending the facility. This consisted of a room with five double bunks. We had shower and toilet facilities next door, very handy for gentlemen of our age!

All food was included, three courses at most meals and a wide choice of meals. Morning and afternoon tea, cakes, buns and scones were also provided, with tea, coffee and soft drinks available all day. Basically, there was nothing to spend your money on and no facility to spend money.

In my opinion this was the best \$350 I have paid for two days full accommodation plus the ability to spend two days on the lathe. The people, both attendees and facility staff, were very friendly and helpful. There was a great deal of catching up, as well as the exchange of ideas. Word soon spread that I made a lot of pens and people were constantly bringing me off-cuts for pen blanks. In the evening, after dinner, you were still able to spend time on the lathe, or whatever, or most gathered around a table and enjoyed a general chat aided by the



consumption of various alcoholic beverages people had brought with them.







Like many events of this kind, the number of attendees is dwindling. As I made out at the beginning of this report, I had no idea what to expect. In the end the weekend surpassed all my expectations. The accommodation was good with air-conditioned rooms. The food was excellent and the facility staff generous with their time. Once we had braved the very large dog at the entrance boom, a dog call Rex who turned out to be a bit of a softy, things just got better and better.

I cannot praise this event enough and I am certainly hoping it will be offered again next year. If so, hopefully, we will have a few more people from CCWT making the journey with me. You would not regret it and we would have an enjoyable time.

...Peter.



**You don't have to be crazy to be our friend...**  
**... we'll train you!**



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 @ 12.30pm @ the Workshop.	Peter
Woodturning	Mon, Fri and Sat mornings from 8.30 until lunch.	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Carving	Tuesdays @10am at the Workshop.	Sue
Scroll Sawing	TBA	TBA
Pyrography	TBA	TBA



#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, Spring has sprung at last.

It's that time of year when Mother Nature wakes up and revitalises all of creation.

Our cedar trees have sprouted fresh new shoots, the kangaroo and wallaby herd that frequents our paddocks have grown in size, with some new babies, and the bird population has woken up after a winter nap and gone crazy.

I particularly want to thank the team of local kookaburras who think that 5.30am is wonderful time to be up and about, letting the whole world know that they're awake.

Seriously though, it is wonderful to see all of the new life blooming and squawking around us. It's a wonderful corner of the Earth that we live in and life is good.

Take care and stay safe... Alan

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