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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Happy New Year to all members and their families.
I hope 2020 will bring you all happiness and good fortune.

Well here we are at the start of not just a new year, but a new decade as well. I hope you all had a good Christmas and an opportunity to relax over the holiday period.

The New Year is a time for resolutions and perhaps we could make some in relation to our club. It would be great to see members taking a more active involvement in the club. Can I suggest attendance at a couple of our monthly meetings, or turning up at the workshop one morning, even if it is just for morning tea? There are many members who we never get to know. Many of you are turning at home but we never see anything you make. Participation in 'Show and Tell' each month would be a good way to show your skills to other members.

Another good resolution, for those of us using the workshop, would be to ensure that we look after the club equipment. Make certain we clean up after use, not just the lathe we have used but other areas of the workshop as well. Return all equipment to its correct place.



This is Buddy , I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he's allergic to dogs . So unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for him , and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help ? . His name is Alan, he's 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.



There are many books and magazines available for members to borrow. Greater use of the library would reward the person organizing this area of the club.

My thanks go to Mark Board for his excellent idea in collecting up unwanted tools for distribution to people who have lost everything in the bush fires. I also put this out to my Rotary Club and have received a number of useful items.

OK... the workshop is now open after the holiday period. A number of members have already attended and we look forward to full use of the lathes and other machinery. The usual reminders about wood stockpiled at Alan Smith's yard. Some of the wood has split beyond use for turning but Alan would welcome anyone who wants to start his or her firewood pile for next winter.

Happy turning

Peter H.

**Nothing is more Aussie than telling flies to #^%* off...
... and expecting them to listen.**

**Minutes of the General Meeting
held on Saturday 14th December 2019**

The meeting was opened at 1.00pm by Peter Hamilton
Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo



Show and Tell

Show and Tell:
Conducted by: Ron Gibbs

Eric Charles brought in a large collection of wood items that he has produced. The items covered a very extensive range of

skills and an incredible variety. All of the items were of an exceptionally high standard from a true artisan. Eric started turning at age 15 and joined the Club in 1988. He learnt a great deal from Club members and always tried to be innovative with his wood creations – always thinking outside the square!

Name:	Item:
David Farrell	Music Cone
Ron Gibbs	Manta Ray
Ron Gibbs	Hawaiian Calabash
Ron Gibbs	Vase – Off Centre
Ron Gibbs	Vase – Mallee Root
Ross Gordon	Three Lidded Boxes
Bob Chivers	Bowl
Bob Chivers	Bowl
Bob Chivers	Bowl
John Butlin	Three Trinket Boxes

- Woods used:**
- Camphor
 - Jacaranda
 - Plum
 - Eucalyptus
 - Mallee Root
 - Camphor & Jacaranda
 - Red Cedar
 - Banksia
 - Jacaranda
 - Various Woods.

Attendance: 34 members, 9 apologies, 1 associate and 0 visitors.

Apologies: Mark Board, Bob Bamford, Laurie Luthje, Louis and Reg Watt, Steve Farr, Bob Norris, Alan [Cedar] Smith.

Sales Team Presentation: Brian Duncan presented June Barton with a gift in appreciation of her wonderful work associated with sales at Club events.

Welfare:
Arnold Oostendorp is home recovering from a quadruple bypass.
Reg and Lois Watt have moved to a retirement village.
Reg is also recovering from a severe skin condition.
Phil Clements asked that members inform him when they become aware of other members experiencing ill health or other problems that the Club may be able to offer them some assistance if necessary.



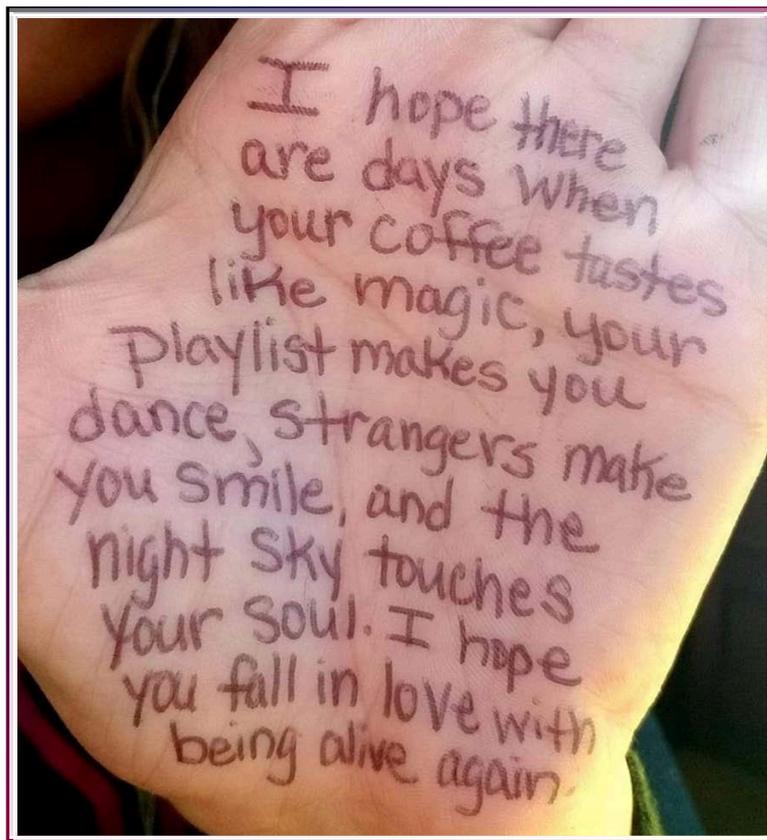
Minutes: It was moved by Frank Barton and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in August be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

Nil

Coming Events: A list of coming events is printed in the Hobby Turner each month.

Two Craft Extravaganza events are planned for next year – subject to approval from the Milk Factory management. Care will be taken to ensure that the dates do not clash with other significant events. Moved Ron Gibbs and seconded Alan Smith – “That the Club proceed with the above plan”. Carried
Frank Barton informed members that the weekly Tuggerah markets are not working and next Saturday will our last participation in this event. With a 600% increase in rent, Gosford is no longer a viable venue for us. Tuggerah Super Centre management has invited our Club to have an additional sale at the centre next year. This was approved. All sale dates for 2020 will be in the Hobby Turner.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- ✚ Garry Buckman – evaluation of the Craft Extravaganza and proposals for the events next year.
- ✚ Numerous e-mails and phone calls.

Outwards:

- ✚ Answered lots of emails via email and phone calls re: membership, opening hours etc.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil



It was moved by Peter Kun and seconded by Kerry Robertson that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.

Financial Report: Garry presented the reports for November 2019

Income \$3 565 and Expenditure \$5 189 leaving a Balance of - \$1 623 for the month.

It was moved by David Farrell and seconded by Frank Barton that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

New Members:

Five new members were welcomed to the Club.

Geraldine Tugue, Robert Velovski, Tony Bruckard, John Desborough and John Sleep. Members were made aware that John Sleep is hearing impaired and special considerations are needed when communicating with him.

Other Reports:

Workshop:

David Farrell: Working bee went well last Wednesday. We need to make this a regular event and more members are encouraged to participate. Members using the workshop are again reminded of the importance of using equipment correctly, returning all equipment to its correct place and leaving the work area and workshop clean and tidy.

Members who use the workshop are also reminded of the importance of using suitable protective gear when using equipment in the workshop.

Dave has been busy undertaking repairs and maintenance on lathes and lights during the past month.

Carvers:

Nothing to report.

Scrollers:

Laurie Luthje has donated a scroll saw to the Club.

A new co-ordinator for this section will be needed for next year.

Toy Fund:

John (Rooster) Lea – Has received good feedback about the Club Christmas luncheon. He thanked members for assistance with toy purchases etc.

Angel Azzurie at Yarramalong Inn have offered to keep two donation boxes for the Toy Fund on their premises next year.

John – one of the driving forces at Outreach – is very unwell and was unable to attend our presentation and Christmas luncheon due to his ill health. There was great appreciation for our Club's support of the Women's refuge through the purchase of vouchers and toys and the numerous wooden toys made by members. The Elderslee Foundation has been of tremendous support to our Club and charities.

Monthly raffle: Scotch – Tony Hartman, Port – John Butlin, Wine – Bob Chivers, Chocolates – Pierre Mefflin.

John will try monthly raffles of meat trays for the Toy Fund next year.



Bob Bamford is unable to continue making toys in 2020, however, he has offered to run a workshop in the coming year for interested members wishing to learn this craft. He will provide samples, templates and tuition. Suitable dates will be decided next year. The Club thanks Bob for his wonderful contribution of toys in the past and thank him for his kind and generous offer.

Library:

No new books this month but members are encouraged to borrow from the Club library. Members are reminded to return books they have finished with or re-borrow books they need for a longer period. Please follow the procedure for borrowing and returning Club books.

Dom would like to thank the many members, ex members and others who have donated books and magazines to the Club library during the past year. They are much appreciated and have been a great enhancement to our library.

Merchandise:

There are lots of items for sale in our shop. Members are encouraged to support their Club by purchasing items from the shop. Let Laurie Luthje or Kerry Robertson know if particular items should be added to the store stock.

General Business:

Garry Buckman: Garry had a call from John Redman – an ex member of our Club. He offered the Club his Jet wood lathe – for use in the workshop and not for resale. The Board asked Garry to accept John’s generous offer on behalf of the Club It will replace one of the smaller lathes which will be mounted on a trolley with castors so that it can be moved as necessary.

Meeting Times: Following discussions with the Milk Factory management the Board decided to change the start time for the Monthly Meeting to 12.30pm – commencing next year.



Donation to Farmers:

Kerry Robertson expressed great concern for the plight of Australian farmers due to the unprecedented drought and bushfires currently affecting much of our nation. Kerry moved that Central Coast Woodturners Co-op donate \$4 000 for the purchase of hay to help provide some relief. Following considerable discussion, it was moved David Farrell and seconded Ron Gibbs – “That the Club allocate \$2,000 from general funds and \$ 1,000 from the Toy Fund to purchase hay through Rotary International.” The motion was carried with one vote against. David Farrell will donate \$500 of his own to this humanitarian gesture. The hay

will be purchased through Rotary to obtain best value for the monies donated.

As our Club has already donated significant amounts during the year, the President and Treasurer will check our constitution concerning the total amount of money our Club can give in donations during one financial year.

Member Discounts:

President Peter has been in touch with many of the suppliers of woodworking materials and most will provide discounts to members on production of proof of membership by showing their membership receipt. Personal membership cards would prove too expensive.

Current Membership Lists:

Brian Duncan inquired about membership lists. Brian Wilson explained that due to legal requirements, the lists cannot be made available to all members. However, membership lists will be provided to members running sales, to Board members and a list will be available in the Club store.



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Wood for Members:

Alan Smith reminded members that a good supply of wood from various species of trees is available from his place. Members are asked to contact him to make a suitable time to go and collect it. A donation to the Club Toy Fund is expected.

The workshop will be closed from 21st December and re-open on 10th January

The meeting closed at 2.20pm

Next Meeting:

General meeting will be on Saturday 1st February 2020

Board meeting on Friday 31st January 2020



- ✚ So what if I don't know what apocalypse means?? It's not the end of the world!
- ✚ I've always pictured myself taking selfies.
- ✚ I saw a sign that said "Falling rocks", so I tried and it doesn't.
- ✚ What do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?
- ✚ I started to write the beginning and the middle of my story, but I forgot the...

Slabbing a Cedar Stump:

About 15 – 20 years ago Brian Duncan had the opportunity to purchase a large Australian Red Cedar stump from the Forestry commission. With all of the correct paperwork in hand he had it delivered to an acreage that Terry Cochrane owned at McMasters Beach.



The first challenge was to cut it into slabs without butchering the timber. Who better to do the job that Brian 'Skeeta' Wilson... (Skeeta asked me to make sure that you noticed his beard).

The job was completed and then the challenge was for Brian to turn it into a desk.

The timber is absolutely beautiful and, I'm sure that you'll agree, Skeet's beard looks good too!



Letter to the Editor:

Hi Guys,

An idea was put forward to me by Mark Board to help the victims of the bush fires. Some people have lost everything, they only have the clothes they are standing in and a few belongings they were able to pack in their cars before evacuating.

Mark came up with the idea of putting out an appeal to members for tools, any tools no longer used or needed, which can be donated to someone who needs them to rebuild or sustain their business. Tools can be brought to the workshop on the days we are open. If people have larger items we can probably organise transport, there are enough of us who own, or have access to, trailers. Once we have a collection Mark has a community in mind which he will be visiting in the near future. Other than that I don't mind delivering to a different community.

... Peter Hamilton (President)



The recent bush fires impacted several of our members, ourselves included, but I am very happy to say that, at this stage, everyone is OK.

Summer is not over yet though and we still have a lot of very hot weather to come, so get prepared and keep your fingers crossed.

For those that don't know, Lynda and I are very lucky to have a small farm which is not far from a well established residential area at the north of the Central Coast in NSW. We are not far from everything but we are totally surrounded by bush.

Throughout most of the year the bush is a real blessing and it provides a sanctuary away from the hustle and bustle of suburbia. The Australian bush is amazing with its diversity of trees and wildlife and we love being able to live in our little part of one of the prettiest areas in Australia. We constantly get visits from the local eastern grey kangaroos and wallabies... sometimes as many as 25 – 30 at a time. We have a pair of wedge tailed eagles nesting in the bush across the road and we love the sounds of all of the birds as the sun comes up each morning. Today we even had a large blue tongued lizard come through the cat flap in the back door to help him/herself to the cat kibble.

[Life is good in our little haven!](#)

During the bushfire season, however, the beautiful trees and bushes take on a much more sinister role. They become a potential threat to our very existence and the only thing to really do is to have a good Bushfire Survival Plan in place.

With the recent fires Lyn and I thought that we were prepared but, in retrospect, we really weren't. We had our escape route planned... not too hard when there is only one road... and we had somewhere to go to that was safe, but that was about it.

Things have changed now though.

We are cleaning up the acreage to remove as much combustible material as possible. There is always plenty of that around when you are a Woodturner. We have cut down several pine trees that were too close to the house and we are generally doing a huge tidy up. We're going for the minimalist look around the house. We're not there yet but definitely on the way.

I was going to put together a detailed Bushfire survival plan to publish here but there are some brilliant ones on the Internet. **If you're in a fire prone area you must take the time to visit:**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/plan-for-an-emergency/bushfire/>

Here are some basic ideas to get you started but please don't be one of those who say "I'm fine. It couldn't happen to me" or "What are the chances?" We thought we were OK too until we got a call from the RFS on New Year's Eve saying that an out of control, catastrophic fire was headed our way.

Important things to remember in case of a bushfire:

With bushfires currently affecting many parts of Australia, it's important to be prepared for potential threats to your home or family. If you live or work in or near bushland here are some safety tips from the NSW Rural Fire Service:

1. Prepare a [bushfire survival plan](#) to help you assess whether to leave your home or stay and defend during a bushfire and how to prepare and protect your family and property.
2. Be aware of the [fire-danger rating](#) each day. It is recommended you don't stay to defend your home if there is a catastrophic or extreme-fire-danger rating.
3. Keep informed on [major fire updates](#) and be ready to act. If you receive a [bushfire alert](#), take it seriously and act promptly. Updates on the fires in NSW are available by calling 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737).
4. Prepare an emergency survival kit that includes a battery-operated portable radio, waterproof torch, spare batteries, first-aid kit, candles with waterproof matches, woollen blankets, emergency contact numbers, waterproof bag, cash and credit cards, medications and toiletry items, mobile phone and charger, pocket knife, important documents/photos in a waterproof bag, a change of clothes for every member of the family, and drinking water.
5. Contain pets so they can be easily found in case of evacuation, and provide them with water, shade and a safe place. Prepare an emergency survival kit for pets that includes a basket/cage/leash, medications or dietary supplements, food and drinking water, and a familiar toy or item to help reduce stress.
6. Identify a [neighbourhood safer place](#): a building or open space away from bushland that can provide some protection from the immediate threat of a bushfire.
7. Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
8. Wear protective clothing such as denim jeans, leather boots/shoes, a wide-brimmed hat, glasses/goggles, gloves, a non-synthetic mask/cloth, and a cotton or wool long-sleeved shirt.

To report all fires, call 000 (Triple Zero) or SES 13 2500

Bushfire Warnings – What Do They Mean?

Advice: There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

Watch & Act: Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.

Emergency Warning: You are in imminent danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

Don't expect warnings to be issued in any particular order — the first you hear about could be an Emergency Warning.

Fire danger ratings tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started.

Total fire bans tell you what you can or can't do on days where fire will spread rapidly and be out of control.





A group of graduates, who were very successful in their careers, decided to get together to visit their old university professor. After they all reunited, the conversation of the group soon turned into complaints about work, relationships and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups – porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite – telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all of his old students had a cup of coffee in hand, they sat down together and the professor said: “If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups have been taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is, of course normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that can also be the source of much of your dissatisfaction, problems and stress.

It’s important to know that the cup itself adds no real quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just chosen because it’s perceived to be more special or expensive. What all of you really wanted was the experience of the coffee, not the cup, but you unconsciously went for the best cups. Some of you tried to get the best cup first or began eyeing each other’s cups to see if yours was nice enough.

Now consider this: Life is a bit like the cup of coffee; the jobs, money possessions and position in society are the cups. They are just tools and structures that contain or hold together the current story of your life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live.

Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee. Here is my advice to you: Savour the coffee, not the cups! What you really want is to be happy and the happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

So live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly....and your life will be fully lived.”

Message from Rooster:

Toukley leisure Learning Centre has organised a trip to:

Rathmines Catalina Assoc. Base.

It’s on 27th March 2020.

Cost is \$48 and departure time is 8.30am.

Lunch is at the local bowling club and it will be a great day out.

For more details call John ‘Rooster’ Lea on 0428927241.



What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month. Old Dairy Co-op Wyong.	Skeeta
Woodturning	Mondays 8 – 4; Fridays 8 – 12 and Saturdays 8 - 12.	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling	Every Saturday of the month 8 – 12.	Clarry Rogers, Ron Dunn
Carving	Mondays 8 – 4.	Kevin West, Bev Clark
Pyrography	Not available at present.	

**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).

The 'SHOP' is open from 8am – 12noon Mon, Fri and Sat for those wishing to replenish supplies.

All of the above times are subject to change on long weekends and holidays.

Check with organizers for details.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

It's certainly been a very hot and dramatic start to summer.

We had a huge scare on NYE when an "out of control catastrophic fire" was bearing down on us and we were told by the firies that it was too late to leave and that we needed to seek shelter. Thankfully, though, a southerly wind change

eventually blew it back on itself and our danger eased. Unfortunately though, it then headed directly at a Rooster's house. He ended up OK but some neighbouring houses were lost.

When you are madly packing the cars to evacuate though and you're trying to gather up your most valuable possessions, it's really difficult to decide what to take. I got the wife and animals sorted, then we started with all of the important papers and photo albums, but what comes next. I just ignored the workshop and sheds, that can all be replaced, but we've been married for 45 years and over that time you collect a LOT of "precious" things.

Lyn grabbed two beautiful decanters that we bought with our meagre funds when we were still students on our honeymoon and then she stood staring at a wonderful cedar cabinet that her grandfather had made. It couldn't come with us. We all have so many precious things in our lives that even the thought of losing your house and all of your lifetime collection of household trinkets and possessions is devastating.



Thankfully, in the end, the fire left us alone but having been through the process of preparing to flee, I feel so sorry for those who have lost everything. I am so grateful though for the men and women of the fire services who literally put their lives on the line to help and protect our community. Unfortunately, some of our firies paid the ultimate price in the last few weeks. They died protecting property and lives of people that they had never met. When we were young we all looked on Super Man, Wonder Woman and their cohort as heroes but our real Super Heroes in life are the firies, police, paramedics, ambos, nurses etc. They need much more recognition and should have unlimited resources at their disposal. I am so grateful for their help.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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E-mail: smiff@bigpond.net.au

Come Visit My Shed:

These members have volunteered their services but please do them the courtesy of phoning up first to arrange a mutually beneficial time to meet. Don't just turn up.

Laurie Luthje	4390 3105	Eric Charles	4390 8460	Ron Gibbs	4388 2675
Kerry Robertson	4334 1565	Bill Allen	4328 3331	Barry Peick	4372 2069
Eric Lysaght	4339 3445	Bob Bamforth	4340 5262	Alan Smith	4392 1864