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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (for March Meeting):

At last, we seem to be getting back to consistent routine. Whilst preparing for yesterday's Board meeting, looking for the last minutes, I realised we had not had a board meeting since last November. Last month's Club meeting was the first for a while but I hope as many of you as possible will attend our next meeting on Saturday, March 4th.



One reason for attending the Club meeting will be a full report on progress in our search for a new workshop. Members of the board have been busy following up every possible avenue of workshop possibilities. We have been met with almost complete failure for a number of reasons. However, following a zoom meeting, last week things may possibly have started to move in our favour. The idea of building a workshop at the Alison Homestead is a possibility. As an alternative, still at the Alison Homestead, we may be able to acquire an existing building that we can move. There will be a full report on all possibilities.

At our last Club meeting there was much discussion on sales. This was raised at the Board meeting and will be a topic for further discussion on Saturday. This is an opportunity for members to join the sales group. There are a number of possible sales in the area and now, more than ever, members need a way to dispose of their product.

Many of our members have their own lathe and are still turning at home. Please bring one or more items for our 'show and tell' at Saturday's meeting. We like to see what you are doing in your home lathe, as well as the wood you are using. Remember the best source of wood at the moment is Alan Smith. He also has a stack of firewood available, so now is a good time to build up your winter fuel supply, for those of you with a fire of course.

Should you have any wood surplus to your requirements you can always advertise it in the Hobby Turner. Remember also, Alan would welcome articles from members to include in the HT. Photographs are good as well.

Another possibility mentioned at the last meeting, and at the Board meeting, is organising some demonstrations. We have an offer of a workshop suitable to hold a demonstration so please tell us what you would like to see demonstrated. We have a wealth of talent and skill within the club that needs to be shared. Our newer members, as well as some of the older hands, would enjoy sharing skills in our craft.





I know some of our members have joined various local Men's Sheds. I have joined (am joining) the Erina shed where there is a variety of equipment hitherto unavailable to me. People are not necessarily using lathes in these sheds but have embarked on numerous other wood related projects. Please feel free to bring these to our 'show and tell' as we are interested to see these projects. Please also feel confident enough to write up your project for Alan to include in the HT. I recently saw some photos taken by a member whilst on holiday in Tasmania and also in NZ. These included photos of rare trees and 'the Wall', both wood related and interesting to include. Whilst the HT is a good read it is hard work for Alan to consistently find good articles. Don't be shy; share your projects, travel and research. We would all like to see what you have

been doing.

I hope to see you on Saturday. Until then happy turning and wood related projects... Peter



Hi Alan

I have two of these mitre saws for sale, proceeds to the Club.

These have been given to me from deceased estates. I don't need three.



I will bring both saws to the Club meeting. No price just best offer.

Regards... Peter



**Every relationship is psychological
One is PSYCHO, and one is logical.
Which one are you?**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (for December Meeting):

Thank you to all those members who were able to attend the funeral of Kerry Robertson. I am told his coffin had to be seen to be believed. Brian 'Skeeta' Wilson delivered an address on behalf of the Club. This really marks the passing of one of the prominent members of our Club. I still have a number items turned by Kerry, so if you want to own a piece of his work please speak to Valda or myself.

I have just returned from a short break on the North Coast. Thank you to Mark Board for stepping in whilst I was away. Mark chaired the last board meeting and many important decisions were discussed and agreed. Much has happened at the workshop.

I am afraid our search for a new venue has not progressed very far but we are still actively pursuing Dooralong School and a place at the Alison Homestead. Alan Smith has given an update on this in the Hobby Turner and if there is any more news, we will share it at the Club meeting.

While talking about the Club meeting it is important that we hold the Club together and ensure we continue as an entity on the Central Coast. Many of us have our own lathes at home so will be able to continue our hobby. However, it has become clearer than ever that we also have a social side to our Club. It is vital that we keep this alive, so monthly Club meetings will continue, together with a 'Show and Tell' for our home-produced projects, as long as we can continue to find a venue. There are more details on this in the HT but there are discussions about arrangements for meeting up for coffee or lunch. If you have any views on this please contact a Board member.



Man Uses Piece Of Wood He Put In Garage In 1982 'Because It Might Come In Handy In The Future'



Although next Monday is officially our last day for the workshop, there is lots of work already done. The workshop is unrecognisable, as much has already been accomplished. Much of the shop is already packed up. Carvers, scrollers and pyrographers have already packed most of their belongings and these went off to the containers this morning. As said in the HT, there are five lathes and equipment available for hire. Three of these are claimed and two left the workshop today.

Next week we close the workshop on Monday 7th November. The workshop will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday but Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th.

we require ABLE BODIED members to help dismantle and pack. I expect this to be the case for

the whole of the following week. Wednesday 16th the removal company are coming in to take the heavy equipment to the containers. We need to have everything that we want them to move ready as we are paying by the hour. The quicker we can get loaded and unloaded the other end the more money we will be able to save. Once again, we need as many people as possible who can lift and carry divided into two teams. One team at the workshop loading and the other at the containers packing away.



Looking further to the future we will need to turn our minds to fund raising. No matter which of the possibilities becomes a reality we do not at this time have the necessary funds. Even if we were to get Dooralong School, there will be a lot of alterations needed. If we are to build at the Alison Homestead, we will be into grant applications etc.

As Alan has said in the HT, this is an exciting time for us. Yes, it is inconvenient to have to leave the workshop after 16 years but it is a great opportunity for us to re-establish our Club at a new venue. We hope to have the chance to put our own design stamp on new premises and grow the membership back to our pre-Covid days



I look forward to our next meeting at the home of Richard Alexander. This will be the last meeting of the year, so we will be able to give you all the details of our Toy Fund gifts. I know we require loads more 'lolly' bowls but, unfortunately, we are now without a supply of blanks. If you have wood at home, please think about producing 'lolly' bowls for our Christmas gifts.

In the meantime, please stay motivated, inspired and excited. We enter a new chapter in CCWT history and I am certain it will be 'onwards and upwards'. Please ensure that you stay in touch, particularly with people who you know do not have contact

through electronic channels.

Stay safe and stay healthy... Peter

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 3rd December 2022

Venue: 18 Longview place,
WAMBERAL.

Time: 10:00am start.

Meeting opened at 10:10am by President Peter Hamilton.
Minutes taken by Carol Jennings.

Attendance: 16 Members, 0 associate, 6 apologies and 0 visitor.



Minutes: Previous minutes were read by President Peter. It was moved by Mark Board and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th November be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Phil would like more lolly bowls; they can be delivered at Alan's house. Not sure where it is going to be distributed at this stage.
- Carol to pick up spare postal keys from post office.

President's Report: See attached. Peter read out the report.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Carol has organised the distribution of the Toys to Coast Shelter. This will be done on Monday 12th December at Gosford. Rooster (John Lea), Skeeta (Brian Wilson), Clare and Carol will attend to hand over the toys and partake in a photo with Coast Shelter. Toys will be distributed to the Women's and children's refuges on the Central Coast.
- Skeeta stated that his email has been archived re: Antique table leg and will be contacted if needed for the repairs.

Outwards: Numerous emails sent to appropriate people in regards in establishing new premises.

Business arising from Correspondence:

- All keys have been handed in to the Milk Factory. The Milk Factory has sent a rates bill for the month of December. This will be followed up by Peter.



It was moved by Richard Alexander and Skeeta.

Financial Report: Nil (Garry... an apology)

- Peter to follow up with Garry.
- \$4000 was spent on public liabilities and insurance. This cannot be cancelled as it covers members who attend sales and visiting other member's homes. This will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting by Peter.

- There is **approximately** over \$6000 in the investment fund and \$600 in the general fund.



Lucky Door Prize: No prizes currently.

Show and tell: Was conducted by Mark Board. No prizes were given. However, special mention was given to the jewellery box.

Name	Item	Woods used
Richard Alexander	Ironbark bowl	Ironbark
	Rosewood end grain bowl	Rosewood
	Pestle and mortar	Needle wood/red wood
	Bird mouth vase	Jacaranda
	Jewellery Box	

Other Reports:

Workshop: Everything was moved on 16/12/22 at the workshop by 9:30am and completed at Alan’s house by 11:30am.

Peter would like to give a special thank you to Skeeta and Rooster and thank all members that helped on the day and the days leading up to the move. Skeeta would also like to thank the members that participated in the move.

Carvers: Equipment is all stored in container. Sue has stated that the carvers have planned to meet in a location such as a park to continue to complete projects. They are planning to do this twice a month.

Scrollers: Equipment is all stored in the container.

Pyrography: Equipment is all stored in the container.

Toys:

- The toys were purchased by Rooster, Clare and Skeeta. They received a 10% discount from Casey’s Toys! A lot of fun was had by all!! Toys will be distributed to Coast Shelter on 12/12/22. 177 toys were purchased costing approximately \$2500. Also \$400 worth of \$20 vouchers will be given.
- Peter thanked Carol for organising the link with Coast Shelter for the toys to be distributed to the Women’s and Children’s Refuges on the Central Coast.



Library: All books are now boxed and at Alan Smith's house.

Merchandise: The shop is now closed. The gallery is still selling items at The Milk Factory, Valda is looking after the cabinet and has spare items from the Toy Fund and Kerry's items.

General Business:

- Mark Board forwarded a letter from the Department of Education that was sent in response to David Harris regarding the Dooralong school site. The final response stated that the Dooralong School site is **NOT** available for us to use.
- Mark Board is still following up Wyong Racecourse as a possible venue. A proposal was sent to their Board members to discuss this matter and then the proposal will be sent to another meeting to occur in December. Mark will follow up on their response. The Board will send a letter stating we are interested in a 3-year lease whilst our building is being built at Allison's Homestead.
- Chris asked about whether we are a registered charity and how that may affect our applications. Skeeta stated we are a non-for-profit group and he has had negative dealings with being a registered charity. Peter will raise it at the Board meeting re pros and cons.
- There was a meeting at the Homestead with Chrissy and Peta from Council and the following Board Members: Peter Hamilton, Mark Board, Alan Smith, Skeeta and Greg from Alison Homestead. There were concerns raised such as the size of the building, not allowing verandas and the exact location of the site to be used. The objections from council were that the building must look like a shed belonging to the Homestead.

Mark Board has submitted plans to council with and without the veranda and is still awaiting feedback.

Peter stated that we still need a firm commitment from council that the building is going to go ahead.

Chris stated that he has spoken to a Men's shed who has stated that the biggest delays were getting council approval.

Mark Board is speaking with Greg about the Rates in arrears and that council is discussing a new lease agreement.

- There are 3 lathes available for hire – See Skeeta if you are interested.
- Ron Gibbs stated that he had an email from TLK Youth College thanking the Club for the vouchers.
- Richard raised the Kirribilli markets that have over 220 stalls. They have 2 markets a month. To find out more information go to: www.kirribillimarkets.com to see how you can sell your items. It cost \$130 for a table in the tunnel for two people.
- Alan Smith will continue to publish the Hobbyturner.
- Richard offered his house as a possible location for the next general meeting. Peter gave a special thanks to Richard for the use of his premises for today's meeting and BBQ lunch.
- Mark will follow up venue at Alison's Homestead

Next Meeting:

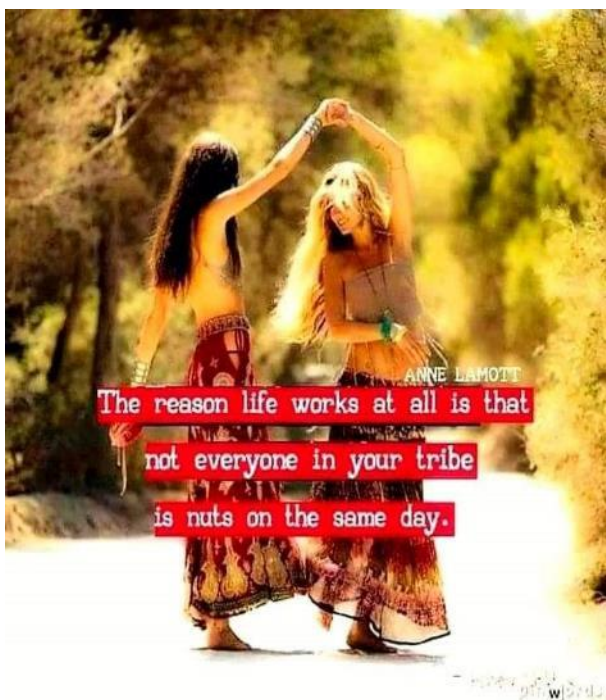
General Meeting will be on Saturday 4th February 2023 (Venue to be advised)

CARVER'S REPORT:

What a lovely day we had carving at Canton Beach, on Monday. The weather was kind to us & there was a lovely breeze keeping us cool. We had a lot of people stop & have a chat about what we were doing & wished us luck finding a new premises. All in all, we had a great day & got a fair bit of carving done. We have a special project going but will not be able to show pics until we all finish each piece. Weather permitting, we will continue to meet here every Monday. We start at 9.30 am to approx. 2 pm (no limit on hours.)

The weather has a lot of bearing if we go there or to someone's house... so we work from week to week... Sue

(Contact Sue Wood if you would like to join them... Editor)





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









*I came, I saw,
I forgot why I came
into this room.
I retraced my
steps, got lost on
the way back.
Now I have no idea
where I am and
now I have to pee.*

**AND THEN ONE DAY
WE DECIDED WE WERE
TIRED OF SLEEPING IN
& DOING WHATEVER
WE WANTED IN A CLEAN
HOUSE, SO WE HAD KIDS.**



**“When the power of love overcomes the love of power,
then the world will know peace... Jimi Hendrix**

Featured woodworkers:

Brian 'Skeeta' Wilson:

G'day Al.

This is my latest project. A Bowls Trophy with five clubs competing.

Silky Oak (segmented drawer fronts).

Silky Oak drawer front bowl is on a Qld walnut plinth. Core of bowl is Crows Ash 30mm dia. Finish sprayed Style wood cut back with liquid soap and sponge backed abrasive.

Set on bias and size 2 to prevent accidents when being handled incorrectly.

For the doubters, Yes!, I do turn bowls.

...Skeeta



Richard Alexander:

Hi Alan, here are some recent items that you might like for the HT.

They are: A yellow box burl bowl; mahogany lidded box, maple egg cups; red mallee nut bowl; 3 iron bark bowls and a large camphor bowl... Richard.



The picture at top-left is a good scroll sawing idea from NZ. It separates into 3 trivets (pot stands).

Employer (conducting job interview):
“We’re looking for someone who can do the work of six men.”

Woman: “That’s a shame. I was hoping for full-time work.”

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

**Note: The Club's Workshop is currently closed but we are searching for new premises.
Check with organizers for details.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, summer is almost over but the warm weather will be hanging on for a while yet... I hope.

You would think that, with Lynda and I both retired now, that life on the farm would be quiet, relaxed and peaceful... sleep-ins rolling into carefree days; birds singing; wildlife visiting and an air of harmony and tranquillity.

Not so!

The housing developments have slowly been creeping closer, and closer, every week and now we have huge, noisy machines with a multitude of huge, noisy men starting work every morning at 6.30. All of the men seem to drive white work utes and we have 30+ parked outside our house every day.

On a positive note, though, the workers all seem very polite and accommodating and we have heard no bad language.

The development is now directly across the street and only 50m away.

The beautiful bush across the road has all been bulldozed and the wildlife has scattered.

Our small group of kangaroos that often spend their days in our paddocks has swollen to a family of 40+ and the nesting pair of wedge-tailed eagles have flown off to parts unknown.

As Obi Wan Kenobi says in Star Wars: "There appears to be a disturbance in the Force, Luke."

Speaking of Luke... our youngest son Luke, his wonderful wife, Belle, and their three gremlins (twin 6yo boys and an almost 3yo girl) have temporarily moved back in with us. They have sold their home and are after another one at Toukley that better suits their needs. To say that life is noisier and more hectic is an understatement, but I'll save that story for next month.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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Q: My grandchild will not eat fish.

What can I replace it with?

A: Cats. Cats love fish!