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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Nearly, nearly there!

One or two more sessions at the workshop and we will be ready to open. I hope that some photos taken this week at the workshop will accompany this report. Anybody visiting the workshop will see we are just a whisker away from being ready to open. Many hours of hard work, by some dedicated members, have got us to this position.

Basically, everything that we stored from the Milk Factory was moved down to the Guide Hall. We had hoped to sort equipment as it came out of the containers but this did not happen and everything was transported. Unfortunately, there was not time to sort it this end, as we had to get everything put away somewhere.



Hopefully members will recognise the need for neatness in our restricted space. Why is our space restricted in the new premises? At the Milk Factory we enjoyed a workshop plus two additional

Further working bees, using small groups, have got through all the work. All that remains is to sort the small equipment and get it out to the lathes, or put away neatly in the cupboards. Equipment used regularly will be stored in cupboards facing the lathes. Bulky specialist equipment will be kept in lockers at the end of the hall.



Following a visit from Sue the carver's benches have been erected to make the most of the space. The library will be housed in cupboards facing the tea area. There will be a small shop stocking those essentials most often purchased by

rooms. At the Guide Hall, although the workshop space is larger, we have had to include the carvers/pyrography, as well as the tea area, in the one room. Hopefully, when you see what we have done you will be pleased with the result.





members. The garage space will house the display cabinet, facing out through the roller door, with storage space behind, accessed through a door connecting the shop and the garage.

One element of our Club has been emphasized. During our working bees those working have enjoyed our 'morning

tea'. It has been one of the elements of woodturning that I have missed during the 15-16 months that we were without a workshop. As usual discussion was wide-ranging but always good-natured. That more than anything, to me, shows we are back.



So, as I said there is still a little more to do. We want to make sure that when we open everything will be available and, more importantly, safe. We will need to try the new layout for a while and see what works and what, if necessary, needs to be changed.

We will only know this when we try. As soon as we are ready, we will inform members of our first opening day. An imminent Board meeting will decide on the date and confirm days and hours we will open. Later, when the Club is fully operational, we will have a formal opening when we will invite a number of dignitaries to the club.





Although I am writing this report to meet the HT deadline, I am in fact going on a short holiday over the next couple of weeks. If ready, this will not prevent the opening of the club if the Board approves.

What remains unsaid is the enormous effort that has been put in by club members to arrive at this point. I remember the meeting with the District Officer for the Guides when the possibility of leasing the hall was first

mentioned. Since then, too many people to mention by name, have worked tirelessly to achieve what is an exciting future of our club. My thanks, and I know the thanks of all members, must go to all those people.

I don't mean to labour the point but please remember only financial members of the club will be allowed to use the equipment when we open. This is partly to be fair to those members who have maintained their



membership despite the club having no workshop. It is also to comply with our insurance that only paid-up members are covered by the club insurance policy. We already have been pleased to welcome back a number of returning members. I hope to see as many of you as possible in the next week or so.

Stay safe.
Peter



ANNUAL FEES:

For anyone who has forgotten to renew their Annual Fees. It's still \$45 (but next year it will rise to \$50... which is still very cheap). If you want to pay electronically then the details are as follows:

Our bank details 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

Medical Form, and have their application approved by the Board, before they can use any equipment.



“Who, me?”

Please note:

✚ If you are NOT a financial member, then you will definitely NOT be allowed to enter, or use, the workshop.

✚ All new members must fill out the appropriate paperwork, including our

New . . . For Senior Travel



ROMANCE, SENIOR-STYLE:

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk.

She said: “You use to hold my hand when we were courting.”

Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second, and tried to get back to sleep.

A few moments later she said: “Then you use to kiss me.”

Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek, and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said: Then you use to bite my neck”

Angrily, he threw back the bedclothes and got out of bed.

“Where are you going?” she asked.

“To get my teeth!”

**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting @ Alison
Homestead held on Saturday 3rd February 2024**

The meeting was opened at 10.30am by Peter Hamilton...

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

Guest Speaker: Nil



Peter stated that Phil Clements had unfortunately resigned from the Board due to health reasons and thanked Phil for all of the work that he has done over the years.



Show and Tell: Conducted by:
Phil Clements

Name:

Richard Alexander
Paul Cosgrove
Bernard Careil

Item:

Large vessel??
2 x hollow forms
Potpourri
3 x bowls??

Woods used:

Manchurian Pear
Jacaranda & unknown
Unknown
Manchurian Pear

Winner: Paul Cosgrove.

(A request from the Secretary: We encourage everyone to bring items for Show and Tell, but when you fill out the sheet to say what you have brought in, could you please make the writing legible so that I can accurately record your piece without having to guess what you wrote.)

Attendance: 26 members, 3 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

Welfare: Nil

Minutes: It was moved by John Lea and seconded by Dom Pirlo that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in

December be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising: Nil

Coming Events:

Bunnings BBQ 16th March. Contact Ian Stokes if you can help out.

Lucky Door Prize: Nil



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- + Cub Group (as per HT). We will politely decline.
- + Request for help making gym equipment. Skeeta to follow up.
- + Sue Wood has a TV, BBQ and microwave to donate.
- + Creighton's re: ANZAC day ceremonies.

Outwards:

- + Peter and Dom have contacted the Guides several times regarding details to pay rent etc. No suitable response yet.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by Bill Allen that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report: Garry presented the reports for December/January 2023.

December:

Income \$20.00 and Expenditure \$46.75 leaving a Debit Balance of -\$26.75 for the month.

January:

Income \$65.00 and Expenditure \$46.75, leaving a Credit Balance of \$18.25 for the month.

Peter thanked Allan 'Cedar' Smith for his kind donation to the Building Fund.

It was moved by Bill Allen and seconded by Don Crittenden that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

New Members: Nil

Raffle: Won by Bob Bamforth. Second prize: Ron Gibbs.

Other Reports:

Workshop:

- + Getting very close to re-opening.

Carvers:

- + Peter will discuss layout of tables etc with Sue.

Scrollers: Nil

Toys: Nil

Library:



- ✚ With Skeeta's help he will be picking up the library books etc from Alan's home.
 - They will be sorted, culled and stored in the cupboards at the workshop.
 - Any culled items will be made available to Club members.

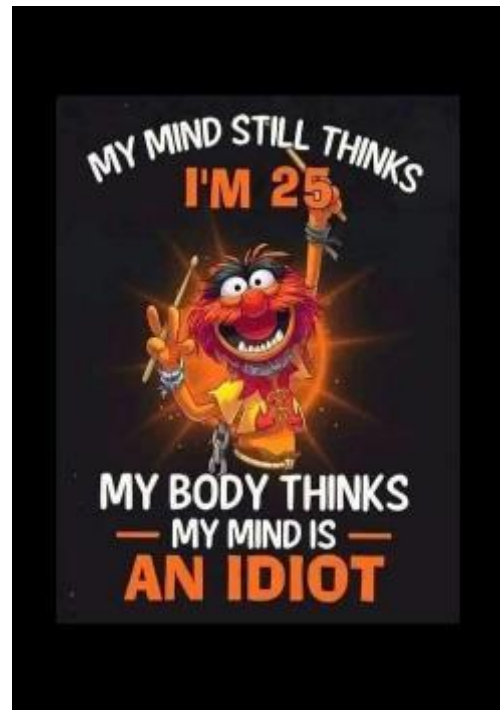
Merchandise:

- ✚ The office at the workshop will become the store and we need two people to run it.

General Business:

Peter H:

- ✚ Everything is now at the workshop.
- ✚ Ducting will stay in storage at Alan's.
- ✚ A huge thanks to everyone who helped during the move.
- ✚ The remaining tasks will be done by small specific groups. This also avoids arguments.
- ✚ Workshop update: At the moment we only have a 5yr lease and we need to look at what to do after that.
- ✚ Thanked Alan Smith for storing all of the equipment at his property for the past 15months and also for assisting in transporting equipment to the workshop.
- ✚ Ron G made a lovely burl bowl that will be given to the solicitor who acted pro bono on our behalf in drawing up the lease.
- ✚ Membership has dropped but will pick up again.
- ✚ All meetings will stay at Alison Homestead.
- ✚ Discussion re: electricity costs at Ourimbah.
- ✚ When we open it will be Mon, Fri and Sat to start with and we will add days when needed.
- ✚ The club will be purchasing Bev's dust extractor.
- ✚ Contact Peter if you want to help at Ourimbah.



Roger:

- ✚ Has eggs for sale.

Sue W:

- ✚ Has a microwave, and BBQ available if the club can use them. She also has a scooter. See Sue for details.

Ferdy S:

- ✚ Are we still pursuing Alison Homestead as a future workshop venue?
 - The short answer is Yes but Peter explained all of the ongoing difficulties that we are facing when dealing with Council.

John B:

- ✚ We should wait until the new Council is elected.

Graham C:

- ✚ Are the slabbing machine and timber staying at Alan's. Answer: Yes... for now.

Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 2nd March 2024. Venue: Alison Homestead.
 Board meeting 2nd March 2024 @ 8.00am.
 The meeting closed at 11.30am.

Letters to the Editor:

Hi Alan,

I have a 7cfm air compressor for sale (\$495) and a Carbatec bench grinder (\$95).

Both in good working order and the proceeds all go to the Club.

Contact Mark Board on 0414 435709.



G'day Al,

I was at the clubhouse yesterday 19th February 2024. Still setting up ready to open. Two hardwood part turned finials were presented to me with a request to complete to the required design.

Thanks, Ron Gibbs, for cleaning up the mess.

Skeeta

Hi Al,

After many interesting and very frustrating times, our workshop will open in the near future. However, as we have been without a workshop for almost a year and a half, we have had no income from members using the workshop to assist with the club running costs.

To generate some income, we will be selling items made and donated by club members at the Bunnings barbecues. All proceeds will go to the club to assist with running costs.

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Members are invited to donate saleable items for these sales.

If you can assist with the next sale on Saturday, 16th March, please contact Dom Pirlo on 0413845810.

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Hi Alan,

I have 2 wooden trestle tables if anyone wants them, for free. If no one wants them then they're off to the tip.

The tables are at Wyoming.

Contact Bill Allen on 4328 3331.

Travel Reflections (2):

Hi Folks,

Dom and his lovely wife, Barbara, had an adventure in Europe at the end of last year and they were kind enough to share many of their photographs with me.

I'm sure that if you have a chat with Dom, that he would be very happy to explain in more detail exactly where they were taken. For someone who has never travelled outside Australia, it's all absolutely amazing to me... Alan





ANZAC DAY

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LAWN CEMETERY & MEMORIAL PARK



GREENWAY
CHAPEL & MEMORIAL GARDENS

The Palmdale Group will host ANZAC Day Ceremonies at both Palmdale and Greenway on 25th April, paying respect to the memory of our service men and women.

Services and Wreath laying ceremonies will be held at both Palmdale and Greenway.

Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park
57 Palmdale Road, Palmdale
Commencing at 9am, the service will be held adjacent to the Defence Force Memorial.

Greenway Chapel & Memorial Gardens
460 Avoca Drive, Green Point
Commencing at 11am, the service will be held adjacent to the Defence Force Memorial.

Palmdale Phone: 4362 1203
Greenway Phone: 4369 2013



LEST WE FORGET

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Exciting announcement:

Well, the time that we've all been waiting for is finally here!
Our new workshop will be open to members from next Monday 4th March.
Our Official Opening will be held at 10am Thursday 21st March.
 Thank you to all of those hard workers who made this possible.



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

Remember to always have a folder on your computer to save all of the wonderful pieces that you see online and have a notebook beside your arm chair to record ideas when inspiration strikes.



What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month @ 10am. Alison Homestead.	Peter
Woodturning	Mon, Fri and Sat mornings from 8.30 until lunch.	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Carving	TBA	Sue
Scroll Sawing	TBA	TBA
Pyrography	TBA	TBA



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,
 Well, it's been a long time since we became homeless, but there was always light at the end of the tunnel for us.
 We knew that our Club was strong enough to withstand this setback and we knew that we would eventually find a new home... after all we have been through this before.
 Many thanks must go to everyone who helped to make this happen. Teams of volunteers always showed up at working bees and they were always very keen to work hard.
 Then smaller groups were enlisted to sort and organise all of the equipment.
 The end result is that we now have a well organised workshop that is up and running, and ready to go.

Remember that, for insurance reasons, only financial members will be allowed to use the workshop.

The main thing that many of us have been missing though, is sitting around and having a chat at morning tea.

Well, here's your chance to sit down, have a chat and tell some stories.

Also note, that we now have a dedicated kitchen with fridge, full stove, microwave etc for members to use. Don't forget to clean up after yourself.

We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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