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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Due to Peter's absence (he is off having a well-earned holiday), I am reporting on the month's activities.

It's good to see Skeeta back at the Club and recovering from his recent procedure.

A month ago, the Club decided to open the workshop on a Wednesday evening for a trial period. This has so far proven not to be popular, as there has been only one or two members attending each evening.

The Thursday afternoons for experienced woodturners has proven to be very popular, with a good regular attendance. Just a reminder that the Club is holding another Bunnings BBQ on Easter Monday. Please see Rooster if you can help on the day.

Two loads of tallowwood have been collected and delivered to the Club. Richard Waterfield and Richard Alexander have kindly offered to cut it ready for sale.

Also, two loads of Australian red cedar have been donated by Phil Clements and are now ready for purchase with all donations going to the toy fund. In light of these donations

of wood, along with our present stock pile, we now have ample for the time being. Can we ask that members do not commit the club to donations of timber before running it past the Board. It has become a massive job for a few of the board members to organise and carry out these collections. If any members have an available trailer and are willing to help with wood collections in the future, or with trips to the tip, or whatever the club requires, please contact Mark.

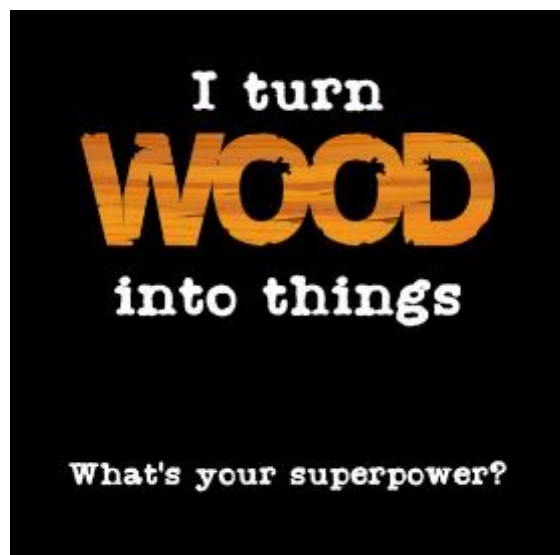
It is with great relief/pleasure that we can inform you all that the poly tunnel has been SOLD!!! Our thanks must go to Vicki and Phil for their donation. Its new home will be in Camden and is to be used as an aircraft hangar. We also wish to thank the Ourimbah RFS for helping the Club to clean the cover with their high-pressure hoses ready for sale.

The RFS have also generously offered the use of their carpark should our club require additional parking space at any time, e.g. our General Meetings etc.

The sale of the poly tunnel has enabled the club to now purchase a much-needed shipping container to store equipment and wood supplies. This will be arriving over the next couple of weeks.

It has been a busy month of meetings in regard to obtaining new premises/new build. Ian and Richard spoke with Laurie McKinna, the Mayor of Central Coast Council, but the meeting was quite disappointing. However, Mark and Chris had a very productive meeting with David Harris MP who is very keen to assist in any way possible, including grants. The discussions included the Girl Guides Hall, the Alison Homestead site and the possibility of relocating to the Pioneer Dairy. The Crowns Land Manager of the Dairy has indicated his willingness for further discussions, which is very encouraging.

Mark Board... Vice-President



**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting
@ The Workshop
held on Saturday 15th February 2025**

The meeting was opened at 12.30pm by Mark Board

Minutes taken by Steve Farr



Guest Speaker: Grant Gordan (The Men's Shed Association) & Wendy Symons (Toukley Art Gallery & Information Centre)



Show and Tell: Conducted by:
John 'Rooster' Lea.

Name: John Butlin	Item: Segmented Bowl	Woods used: Silky Oak, She Oak, Jacaranda New Guinea Rosewood Camphor Laurel / Poly Clay Not sure from Op Shop in Saratoga Pine, Merbau, Meranti Tas Oak
Nat Lamond	Box	
Skeeta (Brian Wilson)	Burl Bowl	
Terry Jones	Segmented Bowl	

Winner: John Butlin and highly recommended going to Nat Lamond for her artistic work



Lucky Door Prize: went to Richard Waterfield



Attendance: 22 members, 6 apologies, 1 associate and 1 visitor.

Welfare:

- ✚ Phil Clements and his wife are moving to Victoria to be closer to their daughter, who will be their carer. Our thoughts and well wishes go out to Phil and Joan.
- ✚ Brain Wilson (Skeeta) is having his pacemaker operation next Friday and will be on very light duties until given the all clear by his doctor. Our wishes for a speedy recovery and thanks for all his hard work was shared with Skeeta during the meeting.

Minutes: It was moved by Ron Gibbs and seconded by John Butlin that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in January 2025 be accepted. and was Passed unanimously



The normal schedule of the meeting was changed to accommodate two visitors Grant Gordan from the Men's Shed Association and Wendy Symons from Toukley Art Gallery & Information Centre Grant Gordan gave a short talk on the Men Shed Association and how, our club, being a member can benefit from the experience, knowledge and savings in area such as:

- Cost of Insurance for the club
- Help with Grant Applications
- Men's Health fund raising, understanding and training

With over 30 years' experience in 12 countries and 22 Sheds in our zone alone, Grant was sure we will benefit from our membership of the association going

forward. The meeting attendees thanked Grant for this visit.

Wendy Symons gave an introductory talk about the Toukley Art Gallery & Information Centre, explaining how the Centre has 180 + members who attend various Art and Craft courses and how they showcase, and sell, their works in the Galley. The Gallery and

Information Centre contains a workshop, coffee shop and large Galley space with very little, to no, wood craft currently on show.

Wendy suggested there could be an opportunity for our members to exhibit works at the gallery, by either, members joining, or our club joining and members showcasing though the club. This will be a discussion point at the next Board Meeting. The Meeting attendees thanked Wendy for her visit and information flyers provided.

Business Arising: See General Business

Coming Events:

- ✚ Ian Stokes has organized the next Bunnings BBQ and Sales this will be on Monday 21st April at the Tuggerah Bunnings more information will be provided closer to the date.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- ✚ Men's Shed Information register of Contact Details
- ✚ Membership Enquiries
- ✚ Wrong email addresses notice of some members

Outwards:

- ✚ Answered several emails re: new workshop and opening times.
- ✚ Setup Not-for-Profit Self-Review Return online

Business Arising from Correspondence:

- ✚ Steve Farr will answer the Men's Shed Information Register
- ✚ Steve Farr / Richard Waterfield will finalize the membership list and update email groups

It was moved by Mark Board and seconded by Richard Waterfield that the correspondence be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Mark Board presented the reports for December and January 2025:



CCWT FINANCIALS Bendigo Bank:

December 2024:

Operating A/C ...	profit of \$728.60
Savings A/C...	profit of \$9.93
Toy Fund A/C...	profit of \$198.79

January 2025:

Operating A/C ...	profit of \$646.49
Savings A/C...	profit of \$10.15
Toy Fund A/C...	profit of \$246.08

Our Thanks to Chris Strong for putting together these details.

It was moved by Steve Farr and seconded by Brain Wilson that the Financial Report be accepted. It was passed unanimously

New Members: We had 1 new member during this month.

Raffle: Won by Alan (Cedar) Smith, Second prize: Chris Strong.

Other Reports:

Workshop:

Rooster (John Lee) is now the Workshop Manager and reported he will be fining members who leave their machines / workspace dirty. He also reported, due to items going missing there is now a new padlock on the teacher's cupboard. He also noted "it is also important that tools are replaced into the place that they came from (i.e. racks, boxes, cupboards) and if items are being borrowed the workshop manager should be informed and this noted and recorded when returned" (It appears a large box of Forstner bits have been misplaced).

Carvers: The Carvers are meeting on Tuesday between 8:00am and 2:00pm

Scrollers: No update at this stage

Toys: Rooster (John Lee) reported some toys have been donated by Don. Money is continuing to improve. Ron Gibbs is investigating details of a Women's Refuge at Berkeley Vale, and also the Toukley (Elandra) Women's and Children's Refuge, with the idea we would donate to these groups in our area.



Library: It was reported that we have lots of Books and Magazines for our members. The library works on an honesty system, anyone wanting to borrow something from the library cupboards please see a workshop supervisor for assistance


I like to make lists.

I also like to leave them in the kitchen and then guess what's on the list while in the supermarket!



Merchandise: Skeeta (Brian Wilson) reported we have a new bottle of glue that he, or one of the supervisors, will decant into old sauce bottles for \$10 as required

General Business:

 Guide Workshop Lease update: It was reported to the members, during the recent meeting with the Guides regarding our lease. The Guides will be looking to sell the property and therefore will not be looking to extend the lease passed the current 5 years (four years remaining)



With this new understanding the Board is vigorously working on our Workshop options for the future.

✚ 40th Anniversary of CCTWC – Committee will report back in next meeting of plans any ideas or volunteers please come forward

✚ Christmas in July – John Lea (Rooster) will report back closer to the July date

✚ Phil Clements Wood donated to the club – Mark and Alan will work to move this to the club for Phil in the next few days – most of the wood in Cedar.

✚ Alan Smith reported he still has a lot of wood at his place plus there is a Silky Oak tree about 15” in diameter if anyone wants the timber. If it is not taken soon, it will all become firewood.

Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 12.30am on Saturday 15th March 2025. @ The Workshop.

Board meeting Friday 7th March 2025 @ 12.30pm. @ The Workshop

The meeting closed at 2:00pm.

We must send a big thank you to the fire brigade for their help:



Notes from the Secretary:

Hi All CCWT's

As you all know, the Workshop is now open on a Wednesday Evening from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Two Board members Richard Waterfield and Bernard Careil have volunteered their time to open the workshop.

Over the last 3 weeks there has only been 1 attendee each week, so to be fair to our two supervisors, we have decided only to open, if 3 or more people register with Richard or Bernard by each Tuesday evening before attending on the Wednesday.

Richard and Bernard will coordinate the members wishing to attend and let them know if the Workshop will be open

The contact details are:

- Richard Waterfield - Mobile Phone 0414 652 323 email richardwater@hotmail.com
- Bernard Careil - Mobile Phone 0425 222 933 email kbcareil@bigpond.com

If you have any questions please let us know

Note these times are in addition to our normal club opening times

Regards

Steve Farr

CCWT's Co-op Secretary.

A walk in the park:

A couple of shots of the Toukley and Districts Art Gallery,

It's in the park next to Toukley bridge... on the Gorokan side.

Please read the minutes on pages 4 and 5 if you want more information about displaying your items there for sale.





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.







... Richard
Waterfield of course.



No, we don't have a ghost problem but we did have a problem with a dangerous, wayward tree.

In a recent storm, one the big pine trees near our front gate, developed an ominous lean.

This created several problems for us. Firstly, it was leaning towards the driveway and Lynda, with no sense of adventure, was reluctant to drive near it.

Secondly, the previous owners of our house had thought it wise to install a garden tap about 30cms from the base of the tree.

Now, I could have cut the tree down but I couldn't guarantee



the continued well-being of the tap.

So, of course, I needed an expert, and there was only one person to call... Richard.

He completed the job in no time and the garden tap survived without a scratch.

At one stage Richard needed to put a rope around a high branch, so, he stepped into the tractor bucket, got lifted up and did a brilliant job.

Thank you, Richard, for a job well done!... Alan.

What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting Woodturning Carving Scroll Sawing Pyrography	Third Saturday each month @ 12.30pm @ the Workshop. Mon, Fri and Sat mornings from 8.30 until lunch. Tuesdays @ 10am at the Workshop. TBA	Peter Skeeta, Ron Gibbs Sue TBA Valda Barton



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, the weather has been crazy and the state of play throughout the world is in turmoil at the moment.

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Many of you know that two of our kids, and their families, live on the Gold Coast and with the recent cyclone emergency we were extremely concerned for their safety.

After a few sleepless nights, for them, and us, I'm very pleased to say that they got through it without a scratch and there was no damage to their homes either.

Our hearts go out to those who were not so lucky though.

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Those of you who know me, will know that I never talk politics... and I'm not going to start now... but the craziness that is happening overseas brings home something that I've always known. We are so incredibly lucky to live where we do and we are so incredibly lucky to have the way of life that we do.

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So, cherish your loved ones. Tell them that they are special to you and that they will always be loved.

Don't put it off. Do it today.

Also, be proud of being Australian. Our country is not perfect... but it's bloody close!

Take care and stay safe... Alan

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You are a child of the universe.
No less than the trees and the stars.
— Max Ehrmann