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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Please accept my apologies for the Club meeting on Saturday 15th February. My wife and I are leaving early that day to commence our caravan holiday delayed owing to a twice postponed medical procedure due on January 8th and finally performed on the 30th. We were further delayed for a follow up check-up by the specialist this Tuesday and my own GP on Friday.



As with so many of us, we are getting older and our joints and ill health are causing us more issues. Several people have had problems since our last meeting and we wish them all well. It becomes more important than ever that we continue to attract younger people to join our club. We have continued to sign up new members and to aid this the Board has agreed to open the workshop on Wednesday evening. Richard Waterfield has agreed to be workshop manager and he is also one of our new instructors. The purpose of the evening opening is to attract working people who cannot attend workshop sessions during the day and are busy with family/sporting arrangements at the weekend. Existing members are free to attend on Wednesday evening but if numbers build up and you attend on other days you might be asked to give up your lathe.

You will remember references to the training programme run by my 'Skeeta' on Thursdays. If you were able to attend the lunch, organised by Rooster, certificates of completion were given to four new instructors. It has been great to see our new instructors getting involved with new members. Of course, the draw back for them is they now don't get time to do their own turning as they are busy helping others. Again because of this the Board has agreed to open the workshop on Thursday after noon, the same time as the training session used to be held. This session is limited to board members and instructors only. This is to give them time when they can do their own turning. There must be at least two members present at all times and there will be no tuition given.



So, all things considered the Club is going well. As I said we are getting new members. Income is covering expenses, so, financially we are good. New systems for cash control are bedding in well. The workshop is being well used.

Despite all the above we must look to the future. To this end we arranged a meeting with the Guides. The representative in charge of all Guide properties in Eastern Australia, and a bit beyond, met with Ian Stokes, Mark Board and myself. Before the meeting Barbara toured the workshop and at the meeting expressed her delight at how

well we had designed the workshop. She was pleased to see the hall being used once again. On the down side she made it clear that the guides still intend to sell the property and that there was no way they would extend our lease beyond the current agreement.

This means, having already been here for a year, we have less than four years to find another venue. Having to leave the hall at the end of our lease is quite a long way off. Allowing for the year we have already used it is alarming how quickly the remaining four years will pass. Both the Board and building committee are not being complacent. Currently we are trying to set up meetings with the mayor and local MP. We have had numerous discussions with council employees but now we want the opportunity to state our case to elected officials. We also need to gain the support of local MPs in order to discuss the frequency and scope of grants. Nothing is off the agenda in relation to where and what we will consider for a venue but, given the problems we had getting the guide hall, we recognise the need to get the process under way again.

At the last board meeting some dates were agreed. We will be holding another Bunnings BBQ on Easter Monday. I know the date might not be suitable for many of you and we already have most of our regular team signed up to staff the event. If you might be able to spare a morning or afternoon to help out, then please contact Ian Stokes. Another event still a long way off is another open day and sale with the Lapidary Club next door. This will be sometime in November. The last event was successful and attracted a lot of interest in the two clubs. Valda has agreed to run this event.

You will shortly be hearing from the Secretary regarding a new membership form. In the move from the Milk Factory to the Guide Hall, as well as the interim period of storage, we don't seem to have membership forms for everybody. As well as being asked to complete a new membership form you will be asked for a more up to date medical form. This form is important, particularly if you are using the workshop. Should there be some sort of accident, or medical emergency, we would be able to inform any paramedics of your current health and medications.



Also pertaining to a new form. I have a couple of requests for a contact list of members. It has always been the policy of the Board to protect members privacy. To this end you will be asked if you would agree to sharing your details, address, phone mobile etc. or not.

Lastly in this report I want to urge members to use the wood we store at the workshop and at Alan Smith's property. We have a large quantity of camphor laurel at both places. We also have swamp mahogany, mango, river gum and black wattle at the workshop. Recently Ron and Rooster have been cutting blanks out of other timbers. All are available at the workshop

for a donation to the toy fund. Currently I am turning down offers of camphor laurel but we have just been offered a tallowwood tree which is being taken down. After asking those experts on timber at the workshop I visited the tree. It is well worth collecting as we won't be offered the same timber again. I will be sending out details once I know the tree is down and organising a working bee to cut, collect and store. If you are interested in getting some tallowwood, check your emails.

I am sorry to be missing the meeting but I have to leave a.s.a.p. as I am meeting friends in Geelong who are over from England. As they are due to leave for the UK later this month, and we have been delayed by three weeks, a hasty departure is necessary... Peter

**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting @ The
Workshop
held on Saturday 18th January 2025**

The meeting was opened at 12.30pm by Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Steve Farr



Guest Speaker: Nil



Show and Tell: Conducted by:
Richard Waterfield

Name:

Nathalie Lamond
Richard Alexander
Richard Alexander
Richard Alexander
Richard Alexander
Peter Hamilton
Don Crittenden

Item:

Pyrography Rooster
Chalice from a log
Shallow Plate
Viking Figure
Large Bowl
Large Platter
Potpourri Bowl

Woods used:

Basa Marine Ply
Needle Wood
New Zealand Kauri
Camphor Laurel
Australian Cedar
Camphor Laurel
Camphor Laurel

Winner: Richard Alexander – Chalice from a log in Needle Wood.

Lucky Door Prize: Won by: Richard Waterfield

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

Welfare:

- Phil Clements is having some back problems and is planning to move closer to his daughter for support, our thoughts and best wishes go out to him.
- We are pleased to see both Ron Gibbs and Brian Wilson (Skeeta) are on the mend after a bit of a rough Christmas period.



Minutes of the last Meeting: It was moved by John Lea (Rooster) and seconded by Richard Alexander that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in November 2024 be accepted. This was passed unanimously.

Business Arising:

The Boat Cover: The Board decided the Boat Cover was too big to use for a wood store, and Vicky has agreed to the club selling the cover and using any money to create a lean-to extension (Wood Store) for one of the containers. A discussion took place on the value of the cover and using social media (Market Place) to put it up for sale. The Board will review and report back progress. They will also organize the cleaning of the cover before it is sold.

Coming Events:

- ✚ A meeting with the Guides on Friday 24th January at 11:30am to discuss our lease and the opportunity of a further 5year extension and what are the Guides long term goals for the site.
- ✚ Ian Stokes is working with the Bunnings Team to organize our next BBQ and Sales day.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- ✚ Men Shed Club register of Contact Details update
- ✚ Membership Enquiries
- ✚ Creighton's Sponsorship Agreement Jan-Dec 2025
- ✚ Paperwork and Agreement for TYPO EFPOS Square

Outwards:

- ✚ Answered several emails re: new workshop and opening times.
- ✚ Setup of Agreement for TYPO EFPOS Square

Business Arising from Correspondence:

- ✚ The Club now has a TYPO EFTPOS Square which was used successfully at the recent Bunnings BBQ and sales day, our thanks to Peter H and Chris S for their help in setting this up for the club.

It was moved by Ron Gibbs and seconded by Don Crittenden that the correspondence be accepted. it was passed unanimously.



Financial Report: Chris Strong presented the reports for December 2024 to 16th January 2025

CCWT FINANCIALS Bendigo Bank:

Operating A/C ...	profit of \$2,640.71
Savings A/C...	profit of \$20.01
Toy Fund A/C...	profit of \$233.69

Any questions on these accounts, Chris can provide the detailed information. The members acknowledged the great work Chris has done in providing these records for the meeting.

It was moved by Ron Gibbs and seconded by Ian Waterfield that the Financial Report be accepted. It was Passed Unanimously.

New Members: We have had 2 new Members this year and both have provided positive feedback to their Trainers or Workshop Managers of how enjoyable they find working with Wood.

Raffle: Won by: Ferdie Sulick and second prize: Richard Alexander

Other Reports:

Workshop:

- 2 New Japanese Saws have been purchased for the workshop
- Ron reported - The Workshop needs a good cleanup. This will start on Monday

Carvers:

- No details from the Carvers

Scrollers:

- No Details

Toys:

- Toys are continuing to be donated to the fund, it was suggested that any old (no longer needed), good working order toys of members children or grandchildren would be appreciated by the toy fund.



Library:

- Dom reported there are plenty of books for members to borrow. The process is working on an honesty system now, with members expected to return the books when read

Merchandise:

- John is going to Timberbits on Friday 24th anyone who has something they would like him to pick up please contact him with the details

General Business:

- Working with Children Certificate - Skeeta explained the need for renewal of the members Safe Working with Children Certificate, the register of this will be kept on the membership list.
- Australian Wood Review Subscription: It was Moved by Dom Pirlo and Seconded by Steve Farr
 - The club should have a Subscription to the Australian Wood Review Mag which would be available in the workshop for members to read, This was passed by the attendees
- Large Woodfast Lathe and Bench: Richard Alexander explained there was a large 3 phase Woodfast Lathe available from an old professional turner> After discussion it was decided the Club would not be interested in this machine. However, this highlighted that both Small Workshop Lathes needed some Electrical Maintenance. This will be organized by the Workshop Managers (Richard Waterfield volunteered his help to diagnose the problems).

- ✚ Club Business Cards: It was Moved by Dom Pirlo that the club needed some new Business Cards with correct Workshop opening times, location and contact details. This was discussed and it will be taken to the next Board Meeting for actioning with options such as a flyer or information sheet discussed.
- ✚ The Bunnings BBQ and Sales Day on 12 January 2025: It was reported by Peter that the Bunnings BBQ was another very successful day and he, and the meeting, thanked Ian Stokes for all his hard work in organizing and delivering another great result for the club and its members. Ian thanked all those who helped on the day explaining it was a great team effort
- ✚ Using social media to help show and sell club members work on-line: Don Crittenden and Nathalie Lamond volunteered to look into how best to use the Club's Webpage in this area.
- ✚ Christmas In July: John Lee (Rooster) asked members if they would be interested in him organising a Christmas in July for the club. All the attendees agreed this would be a great idea.
- ✚ 40th Anniversary of the CCWTC – It is the 40th Anniversary of the club in June this year, a team will be set up to organize some recognition of this

Next Meeting:

The General Meeting will be at 12.30am on Saturday 15th February 2025. @ The Workshop.
The Board Meeting Friday 7th February 2025 @ 12.30pm. in the Workshop

The meeting closed at 2:00pm.

Sent in by Dom.

A Woodworkers Poem:

David

By Annette and Janice Nelson

<p>There are two types of wood in the world According to my brother, Wood you turn or wood you burn, There is not any other.</p> <p>He started with a little lathe But needed one much stronger He wanted to do bigger work So needed one much longer.</p> <p>And then he needed fancy tools To get in crannies and nooks So he can make the wondrous things He's seen in woodwork books.</p> <p>The wood he turns must be the best It must have fine clear grain With quilting, burl or knots he likes The best he can obtain.</p> <p>He likes to use the jarrah He will not touch mere pine Tho' camphor laurel or silky oak He thinks they are divine.</p>	<p>He roughly cuts the blocks of wood Then seals the ends with wax He leaves them sit upon the shelves To help prevent the cracks.</p> <p>He works them with his whirling lathe He really makes them spin He works them with his chisels He makes them paper thin.</p> <p>He turns out bowls and platters He turns out knobs and handles He turns out little bottle stops And holders for your candles.</p> <p>And when the lathing work is done Its varnish, wax or oil To show the beauty of the wood The product of his toil.</p> <p>Willy is a woodworker It fills his life with joy And to pass on all his knowledge He taught his girl and boy</p>
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Caution: Men at Work...

Some woodworkers will travel anywhere for good quality timber.

A few of our members recently set off to visit Dom's brother at his property in Casino.

Apart from the opportunity to visit wonderful people, the other lure was some beautiful mango timber.

"Trips like this are not just about wood. Seven hours in the car with Richard Alexander is quite an experience! Plus, meals out with Dom's brother and sister, and three different bottles of whisky to choose from!

40°C in the afternoons where hard to handle... Peter."



The cowboy lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh Amarillo theatre.

When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the cowboy, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The cowboy groaned but didn't budge.

The usher became more impatient.

"Sir, if you don't get up from there, I'm going to have to call the manager.

The cowboy just groaned.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle.

In a moment he returned with the manager.

Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the cowboy, but with no success.

Finally, they summoned the police.

The cop surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?"

"Sam," the cowboy moaned.

"Where ya from, Sam?"

With pain in his voice Sam replied.... "The balcony."

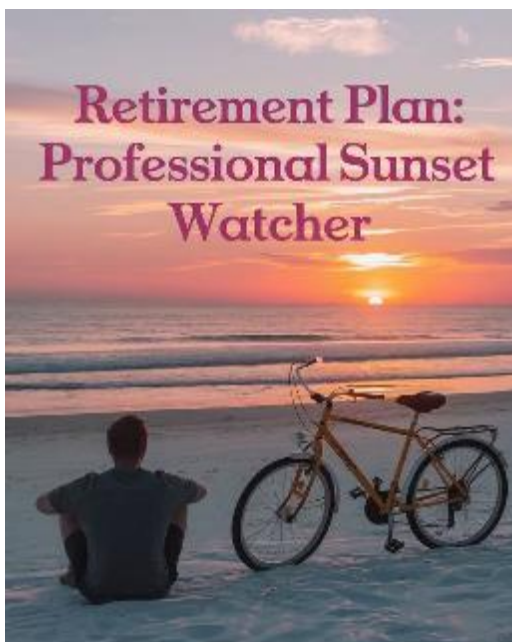
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Tallow wood:

Some photos of the tallow wood that has been donated to us.

Despite the weather the tree was felled this morning. Everything you see in the pictures has been saved for us. I have to admit standing beside the felled log it seemed much bigger than when it was standing tall.

More details to follow, working bee etc.
Contact Mark for info.





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.



**“Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I’m not sure about the universe.”
Albert Einstein.**



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,

Unfortunately, I've reached that age where my mind still says: "Of course you can do that. You don't need help. You can do anything. You're still 25 and bulletproof." Meanwhile my body is saying: "Don't be a bloody idiot. Last time you tried that, and got in that position, you needed three visits to the chiropractor before you could stand upright and walk properly again. Get someone younger and fitter to do it for you. Lynda won't mind."

I am of course talking about getting down in the dirt and working under the car.

Lynda's car has always been a very reliable little beast but, coming home from Queensland recently, the engine light came on during a huge thunderstorm near Taree. We made it home OK and I went to see my auto-electrician the next day. He scanned the car and it just needed an oxygen sensor. It took less than 5 minutes to fix and cost \$130.

That night I thought if I bought a scanner, I could do that myself; so, I did.

Anyway, during the next couple of weeks the engine light came on again three times. I scanned the codes each time and was happily able to fix the first two problems very easily and cheaply.

The third one, though, was a different story. It was small sensor that was relatively cheap but it was located in the most inaccessible, impossible position under the car. I didn't get under the car. I googled it to find where it was. I ordered the part though and thought "Yep, you can do this." Well, my body definitely panicked, because the day before the part arrived, I put my back out just twisting to retrieve my phone from the floor. I took this as a sign i.e. DON'T GET UNDER THE CAR.

My auto-electrician came here and did the job today, in all of the heat, and it turned out to be a job that I couldn't have done anyway. He's much smaller than me and his arms and hands barely got in there to get the sensor out. He had to remove a lot of other engine bits first just to get close to it.

The job took three hours and was worth every cent.

The moral is: "We are older now, and a lot wiser. So, use your wisdom to know when to say No! and farm the job out to someone who is younger and fitter. Pick your battles."

Take care and stay safe... Alan

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"Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person that you always should have been." – David Bowie