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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

We are rapidly approaching the most important Club meeting of the year. It has been made even more significant as it will be the first AGM that we have been able to hold for some time because of Covid-19. Despite all the lockdowns, isolation periods and other distractions, the Club has emerged on the other side. It is quite apparent the pandemic is not over yet. The future is uncertain but what we have achieved over the past two years or so show how resilient we can be.



In large part the survival of the Club has been down to the commitment of Board members. I sometimes wonder when members are using the workshop, or taking part in a meeting or sale, if they are aware what has been done behind the scenes to make that even possible. We currently have a Board of eight people. I am not going to give names as they do not expect praise. Some of them are instructors who give up two or three mornings a week to be in the workshop. When we are operating at near capacity, they do not have time to turn themselves. They freely give up their time to show new members how to turn and also to advise more experienced turners. Two volunteers act as treasurer and secretary; again, jobs that can be quite onerous. Another Board member looks after the shop three mornings a week. Since the last AGM we have lost two instructors who also looked after the shop. We are in the process of training new instructors. We have the Toy Fund, which requires management. The Board organises timber sales. We are asked to manage the clearance of workshops and wood stores when they are no longer required. The list is endless.

I say all this because the AGM is the time that we elect the Board who will manage the Club for the next year. Apart from the fact that the current Board has been in place for the last four years, some familiar faces have been Board members for many years, over a decade in one or two cases.

The Club does not exist on its own. The workshop does not just open miraculously three times a week, nor does the equipment get mended, replaced or repaired, all by itself. Sales don't just appear in the calendar nor do rooms just be available when we want to have a meeting. This all happens because some members are prepared to give their expertise and services freely for the Club.

Now perhaps it is your turn. Think what you can offer the Club in relation to time and expertise. When you next use the workshop, be it turning, carving, scroll sawing or pyrography, think whether you have more to offer the Club. As President I have no expertise in turning but I did learn a thing or two about organisations while I was working. When in the workshop I may not offer advice on wood matters but I can make certain the machines are being operated in a safe and sound way.

If you want the Club to continue it's time that we had some new people on the Board. Fresh blood with new ideas can revitalise the Club after the period of disruption we have just endured. During almost four years as President, I have tried to ensure the workshop stayed open as much as possible. I helped to manoeuvre and manipulate the Club through unprecedented difficulties not related to the normal experience of a Club like ours. Now is the time for a new President who has some exciting ideas for the future. Most importantly as

President of the Club, as well as learning a little about turning, I have made new acquaintances and some good friends among those who have taken part in all the Club activities.

In every President's Report, and at all the meetings we have managed to hold in the past couple of months I have urged members to nominate someone for a Board position. I would even encourage you to nominate yourself. I would not be insulted or disappointed if there were more people throwing their hat in the ring for the position of President. It is much better to present members of the Club with a choice rather than embarrass ourselves at the AGM with an embarrassed silence followed by begging and coercion to fill vacant Board positions.

This will be a topic at the next Club meeting, followed by our AGM in the first Saturday in September.

Once again, our thanks must go to Alan who continues to produce an amusing and informative Hobby Turner.

Peter



WE ARE A GENERATION THAT WILL NEVER COME BACK.

A generation that walked to school and then walked back.

A generation that did their homework alone to get out asap to play in the street.

A generation that spent all their free time on the street with their friends.

A generation that played hide and seek when dark.

A generation that made mud cakes.

A generation that collected sports cards.

A generation that found, collected and washed & returned empty coke bottles to the local grocery store for 5 cents each, then bought a Coke and lollies with the money.

A generation that made paper toys with their bare hands.

A generation who bought vinyl albums to play on record players.

A generation that collected photos and had albums of clippings.

A generation that played board games and cards on rainy days.

A generation whose TV went off at midnight after playing the National Anthem.

A generation that had parents who were there.

A generation that laughed under the covers in bed so parents didn't know we were still awake.

A generation that is passing and, unfortunately, it will never return!

I loved Growing up when I did.

**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting
held on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at Wyong Milk Factory**

The meeting was opened at 12 45 pm by President Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo



Guest Speakers: Rob and his wife Chris.

Rob represented the charity -We Care Connect – which is operated entirely by volunteers. The organization provides assistance for needy women and children in the community. Single parents and victims of domestic violence are the main groups supported by We Care Connect. It is estimated that almost 10 000 children are living below the poverty line on the Central Coast which has eight of the most disadvantaged suburbs in Australia. We Care endeavours to provide basic necessities to the above groups to assist in keeping at-risk children safe, warm and cared for and to give families confidence that support is available. Most of the women and children in need of support are referred by case workers from DOCS. We Care Connect are given a list of specific items needed by the mothers and children referred by DOCS and these items are sourced and packaged by We Care and distributed by the DOCS case workers.

Mark Board thanked Rob for his talk about the charity - We Care Connect – and presented him with a pen made by one of the members.

Show and Tell: There was no Show and Tell as only one member had brought an item for S & T.

Attendance: Fifteen members, three apologies (Alan Smith, Steve Farr, Carol Jennings), no associates and two (Rob and Chris) visitors. (Membership was down due to the weather.)



Welfare: As reported in the Hobby Turner Kerry Robertson was able to visit the workshop two weeks ago. His condition has not improved. Laurie Luthje is not well and his condition is deteriorating. Kerry and Laurie would enjoy a phone chat from members who wish to call.

Minutes: It was moved by Graham Craik and seconded by Mark Board that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4th June be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

John (Rooster) Lea investigated the purchase of new barbecues. He was advised to replace the burners in the Club barbecues as the BBQs are of solid construction. He purchased four burners for this purpose.

Mark Board replaced the burners and repaired one of the wheels. The new burners operated satisfactorily for the sausage sizzle.

Phil Clements expressed his disagreement with Peter Kun's comments last meeting regarding the organization of the Craft Extravaganza. Garry Buckman explained how and why he chose the format of the sale.

Garry was congratulated for his initiative and work in organizing the event which was supported by acclamation.



Correspondence:

Inwards: Numerous e-mails dealt with by President Peter and Brian "Skeeta" Wilson.

Wood (camphor and hoop pine) was offered to the Club. President Peter checked its suitability and will arrange for some to be collected and stored at Alan Smith's place.

Outwards:

Answered lots of email enquiries re: membership, opening hours etc.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Web site has been improved, thanks to Don Crittenden.

It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by Ian Stokes that the correspondence be accepted. Passed



Financial Report: Garry was unable to prepare the report for the meeting. He will complete it and forward to the executive members over the next two weeks.

Garry informed the meeting that the Club remains financially sound although income has reduced due to lack of sales and fewer members. Cost of electricity has increased considerably.

There was considerable discussion relating to increasing membership fees. This will be on the agenda for the AGM in September.

Lucky Door Prize: Won by Ron Gibbs who received a \$10 shop voucher.

Other Reports:

Workshop:

John Lea reminded members of the usual issues relating to the need to thoroughly cleaning equipment and workshop at the end of each session and using equipment safely and correctly. Some items are still going missing – especially chuck screws (some damaged). Long screws should be used in soft timbers and the short screws used with hardwoods.

Carvers: No report.

Scrollers: Bryan Lydford informed the meeting that pinned blades are needed for the scroll saw. He will arrange for them to be purchased. It was proposed that the Club sell the scroll saws and purchase Laurie Luthje's – as it is a superior machine. John Lea to investigate further.

Toys: The Toy Fund is going well. It was decided at the last Board meeting that \$3,000 from the Toy Fund be allocated to purchase items as requested by We Care Connect. Over \$1,100 has been spent on these items which have been delivered to the charity by Mark Board.

\$2 000 has also been allocated to purchase vouchers for children who cannot manage mainstream schooling and attend Alesco special school. This is being co-ordinated by Ron Gibbs.



Library: Members are encouraged to borrow books and magazines.

Merchandise:

Store is going well with some items re-stocked and others discontinued. Members are asked to list specific items they would like available from the shop.

There are lots of items for sale in our shop. See Skeeta or Phil for details.

General Business:

Mark Board was thanked and congratulated for initiating, and following through with, arrangements for the Club to support We Care Connect.

Brian “Skeeta” Wilson will commence the Train the Trainer program for interested members on Monday 4th July from 1.00 to 4.00. He will probably also run it on Friday afternoons from 1.00 to 4.00pm – depending on demand.

Arrangement will be made with the Milk Factory to print ten copies of the Hobby Turner each month for members who don't have an e-mail address. These can be picked up from the workshop. Costs to be decided.

Members are encouraged to provide Alan with items suitable for the Hobby Turner.

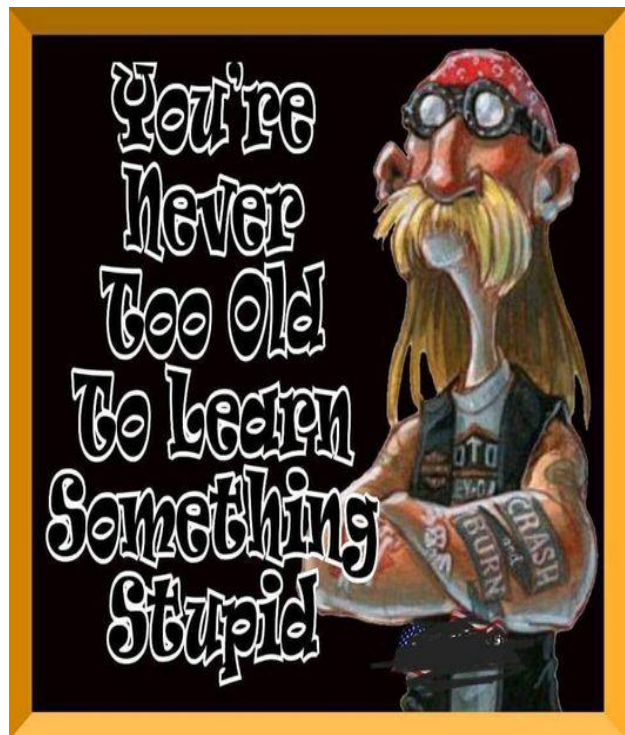
Members are encouraged to make lolly bowls for distribution at Christmas.

Additional Board members are needed. All Board positions will be vacant at the AGM and members are strongly encouraged to stand to fill these positions.

Don Crittenden has prepared a flyer to promote the Club and encourage new members. Members can assist in distributing these to suitable locations.

Next Meeting: Saturday 6th August

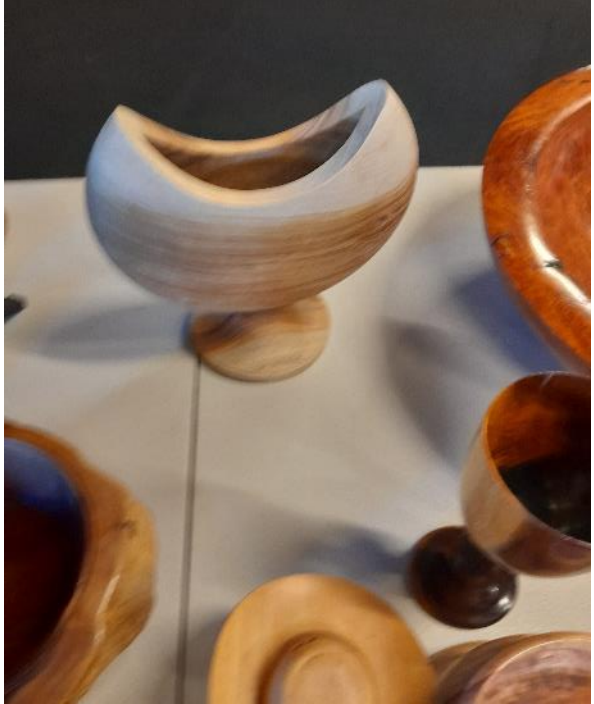
The meeting closed at 2.00pm



These Show and Tell items are from our June meeting.



We haven't seen any new Bigfoot pictures for a while. I hope that he's OK.



Minutes from our last AGM... in 2019.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 5th October 2019 at the Old Dairy Co-op Wyong.

Meeting opened at 1pm by President Peter Hamilton, who welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo

Attendance: 37 members, 1 associate, 8 apologies and 1 visitor.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM minutes were published in the August edition of the Hobby

Turner.

It was moved by Ray Grennan and seconded by Frank Barton that the minutes as published in the August hobby Turner be accepted. Passed.

President's Report: Peter Hamilton presented his report for the year 2018/ 2019.

The Club has had a very successful year following Ron's previous outstanding tenure when much of the Club's major items of equipment were upgraded.

There has been a steady stream of new members, although, sadly, some long-time members have been lost to the Club.

The large number of people who make significant contributions to the Club were acknowledged. The vital contribution made to the Club by the trainers was especially acknowledged. There is an urgent need for more trainers and a program will be organized early in the new year for interested members to undertake the necessary training. A brief report was included in the September edition of the Hobby Turner.

It was moved by Bob Norris, seconded by Alan Smith that the report be accepted. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Garry Buckman tabled the Financial Report for 2018/2019. Garry gave some pertinent figures for the financial year. The club had a good year with considerable income and expenditure and has an overall balance of \$6 654.61 in the operating account. The Financial Report for the year is attached.

Election of Office Bearers: The Chairman declared all positions on the Board vacant and asked for nominations for the new Board. As there were less nominations than Board positions to be filled, it was not necessary to conduct a ballot.

The roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer were filled by Peter Hamilton, Dom Pirlo and Garry Buckman respectively as there were no other candidates.

The new Board for 2019-2020 is as follows:

President:	Peter Hamilton
Secretary:	Dom Pirlo
Treasurer:	Garry Buckman
Directors:	Dave Farrell, Mark Board, John Lea, Tony Hartman, Dom Pirlo, Phil Clements and Brian Wilson.

Nominations for an additional Board member were called from the floor. As there were no nominations the position will be filled as soon as possible by the president approaching potential members.

Life membership:

It was reported that Kevin West and Brian Duncan had been nominated for Life Membership of the Club.

As they met all the criteria for Life Membership of the Central Coast Woodturner's Co-Operative Ltd, the Board voted to bestow this honour on these two members.

This was announced at the AGM and the decision was acclaimed.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1.30 pm.



WANTED:

We are in need of:

- ✚ a new President
- ✚ a new Secretary
- ✚ and several new Board members

for the coming financial year.

All come with “on the job training” and ongoing support from the current board members who hold these positions.

We aren't going anywhere... we just need a break.

Talk to Peter Hamilton, Skeeta or any Board member if you want more information.

CHANGE.

Something to weigh our pockets down or throw into charity jars. This is now a thing of the past. So, we must progress.

I made a comment at the last Board meeting that I had been asked to assist a member to help relocate his workshop items and only one other knew this man. My comment was that we have a lot of young blood in the club now and they were unaware of what past members have done for the club. The reply was “Isn't this what you want?” Yes... definitely.

Our club was instigated and formed June 1985. I joined 1986/7. At that time a clubhouse was out of reach. We eventually got a clubhouse 2003/4 at Kariong thanks to the inspiration of Ron Gibbs and others. Working bees were an inspiration to members and tuition was made available. Circumstances saw us having to relocate and our current workshop was born.

Restarting remotivated us and a lot of CHANGE has, and still is, happening.

We have now been through a pandemic that changed the world. We are flourishing with enthusiastic old and new members in every craft that we promote.

Currently we have a Board that has helped us through this difficult time. We are tired and would like to hand the reins to newer members. You will not be dumped into the deep end as plenty of expertise is available when and if required.

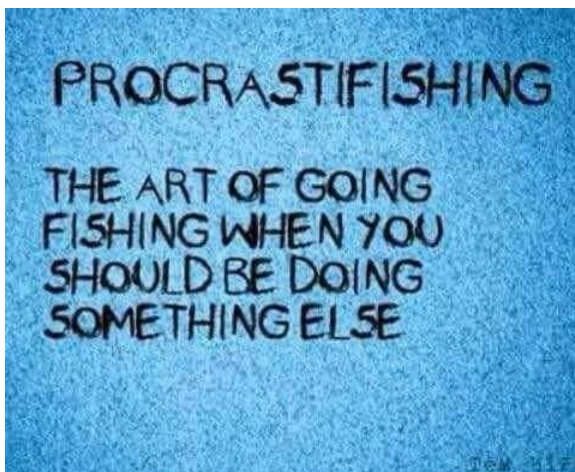
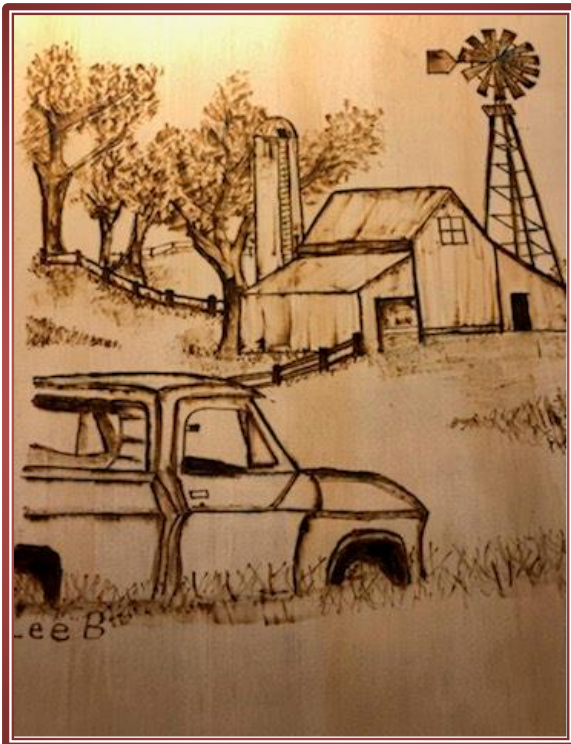
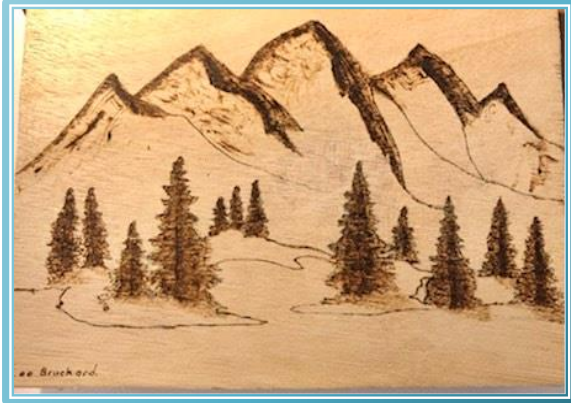
I have gotten so much out of the friendship and comradery of the members. Giving back in some small way invigorates the mind and enables the progression of a well-established and grounded club. Note: We own everything and are a stand-alone club.

Please speak to a board member if you have any questions.

Namaste Skeeta... aka Brian Wilson.

PYROGRAPHER'S REPORT:

Our Pyrography group has taken off and now operates every Saturday in the CRAFT Room from 8am to 12 noon. Here are a couple of works completed by our new member, Lee. This mountain scene was her first work.



**That's the last time I say
surprise me to my barber!**



Note from the Treasurer:

Annual Membership Fees are now due!!!

I would like to remind you all of the methods that you can use to pay your dues.

Membership fees are still unchanged at \$45.

The first method is, find me at the workshop and pay me directly by cash or a cheque made out to Central Coast Woodturners. I am usually at the workshop on Fridays and the Saturday of the monthly meeting. I will write a receipt for you then and there.

The second, put your cash or cheque into a sealed envelope, print your name clearly on the outside and hand it to one of the shop keepers or any board member. I will collect these, write receipt's and put those receipts on the spike outside of the shop for you to collect next time you're in the workshop. The third is to transfer your dues directly into our bank account and ask for a copy of the transaction to be sent directly to my e-mail account.

I will write a receipt once I confirm the transaction has been successful and put it on the spike outside the shop and per option 2.

The e-mail and account details you will need for this 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

The fourth, as most will be aware we have this year introduced EFT-POS into the workshop and now you can also pay your dues using this method, if you want to do this, please see me or one the store guys and pay.

Make sure you get an EFTPOS receipt for your records and ensure that whoever takes your payment writes your name on our copy so I can update my records.

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT TODAY, WHEN I CAME HOME AND WAS TOLD BY MY WIFE THAT MY 5-YEAR-OLD SON WASN'T ACTUALLY MINE...

SHE SAYS THAT I NEED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION WHEN PICKING HIM UP FROM SCHOOL.

My wife and I have started role playing in the bedroom.

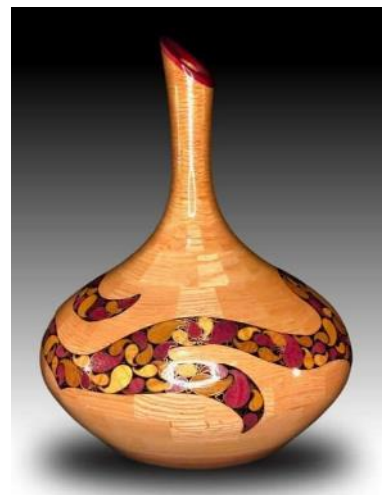
Her favourite is sexy librarian, where I have to sit quietly while she reads a book.

🚧 Due to rising costs, dirty deeds are no longer done dirt cheap.

Sorry for the inconvenience!



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



- ✚ Carbatec Benchtop Mini Lathe and 8 Chisels, 3 Nova Chucks, 1 Face Plate... \$500
- ✚ 1250W Planer Thicknesser... \$150
- ✚ Router Table with Router... \$70
- ✚ Slide Compound Mitre Saw... \$50

Contact: Peter Kun (02) 4392 6092

We have a lot of new members joining our club and many of them are chasing various tools and bits of machinery. So, if you have good items that are surplus to your needs why not advertise them here. It's free and the money could go to buy you some more tools; put it towards your next holiday or donate it to the toy fund. It's better than having it gathering dust or filling up valuable space in your workshop.

What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month. Old Milk Factory Wyong.	Skeeta
Woodturning	Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8 – 12	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling	Every Saturday of the month 8 – 12.	Clarry Rogers, Ron Dunn
Carving	Mondays 8.30 – 2.	Kevin West, Sue Wood
Pyrography	Every Saturday of the month 8 - 12	Valda Barton

**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).

All of the above times are subject to change on long weekends and holidays.
Check with organizers for details.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,
Well, it looks like we might finally have our AGM this year. Our last AGM was in 2019. The others were cancelled due to Covid. The fact that our club has survived a worldwide pandemic bears testament to the strength of our club and the determination of the Board of Directors to keep it running.

Even though the pandemic is not over yet, we are looking forward to a bright and enjoyable future for our group.

Many of our Board members are tired and need some time to recuperate and recover after several very difficult years. We're not leaving... just having a break.

So, we need some new faces to step up and take over some of the leadership roles within our club.

You definitely won't be thrown in at the deep end and won't be left to either sink or swim. We will be there to support you all the way.

No experience is necessary and any amount of on-the-job training and support will always be available. We are all just a phone call away.

So, now is the time for folks to step up and support your club, as it has supported you so well in the past. Be a part of your club's future and help to keep our craft alive.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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ME: ALEXA, REMIND ME TO GO TO THE GYM.

ALEXA: I HAVE ADDED GIN TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST

ME: CLOSE ENOUGH