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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

August!... where has the rest of this year gone.

The main benefit of this time of year is it is time for all those sporting events I looked forward to in the UK. It was no surprise to tune in to the 1st round of The Open from Scotland to see it was raining and the crowd are all rugged up in the stands. It makes the cold weather here more acceptable.



Despite the cold mornings we have enjoyed reasonable attendance at the workshop. Remember we are a 'not for profit' organisation and we are dependent on good use of the workshop in order to pay our way.

A while back the Board agreed to suspend the Toy Fund while we set up the new workshop and covered our costs in establishing a new base. In the future one of the questions asked in relation to the granting of funds will be to show our contribution to the local community. The Toy Fund has been our main charity action and as a result the Board has reinstated the Toy Fund. Be warned this decision means Rooster will be after your loose change. The generous donation of vouchers by Creighton's, which Rooster raffles at our Club meetings, together with timber sales, will kick start the fund again. In tandem with the Toy Fund comes the drive for 'Lolly Bowls'. Each year members turn lolly bowls which we then fill with lollies and distribute these in approved aged care centres. Next time you don't know what to turn on your lathe speak to Rooster. He will provide you with the timber and approximate sizes for a lolly bowl.



Members often ask where they can find wood to turn. Now that we are settled in Ourimbah, we will start a stock of wood available to members. Currently we have

both Camphor Laurel and Swamp Mahogany. These trees were only recently felled and though the timber has been cut into manageable sizes (just) it is still very wet and heavy. It needs to be turned green and then stored for a few months. This is not to say we are not offered wood fairly often. We are still unable to store a lot of wood but it is always worth asking.

Recently the cold mornings have made members reluctant to start turning. Often the machinery has been too cold to touch when we first arrive at the workshop. This has necessitated the introduction of pre-workshop 'morning tea' as well as mid-session 'morning tea' and off course one or two of us have a post-session cup of tea.



Two matters have been brought to my attention to pass on to members using the workshop. There is a problem with the toilet in the 'ladies' toilet. The other day when the carvers arrived for their Tuesday workshop, they found the toilet in the right-hand toilet was flushing. The flush button had been pressed hard enough to make it jam in the open position, consequently the toilet had been flushing since being used sometime on Monday morning. If using the toilets please ensure the buttons return to their proper position before leaving the room. Secondly, the area opposite the tea tables is an area designated for the carvers and pyrography. Please ensure you leave it completely clear, both floor and worksurfaces for them. The carvers meet on Tuesday and pyrography on Saturday.

Last Saturday several people parked their cars in the carpark of the Lapidary Club. Previously we had been informed this would be all right. Unfortunately, this proved not

to be the case, as the club is used on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of each month. This will prove a problem as parking in the road could prove difficult for some of our members who are not up to a long walk from their car to our workshop. There are a number of options open which we will be discussing at our Board meeting prior to the next Club meeting.

In the mean-time happy turning and stay warm.
Peter



Gosford North Rotary:

(An excerpt from the President's Report... reprinted with permission.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"This week we were educated and entertained by our very own Peter Hamilton. "The Gov" gave an extensive description of both the Woodturners Central Coast as an organisation and the intricacies of the art, and science, of woodturning. There were pictures of the new Woodturners home at Ourimbah arrayed with wooden floor, safe pedestrian demarcation, band saws, lathes, thicknessers and bench drills – all the toys we would love to have in our own garage or back yard shed.

And no surprise that Peter's backyard shed has all that gear and more. I'm pleased to see that health and safety is taken seriously at home and 'work' with the dust collectors in place.



Peter had more than a boot-full of exhibits arranged at the Golf Club side tables that represented every step of the process with physical samples of the raw timber in slabs of various sizes right through to some very well finished bowls, unusual burlled masterpieces and, of course, the range of pens. Peter would be happy for you to make a reasonable offer on these items!

**MY PLAN FOR TODAY?
SAME AS ALWAYS.
DRINK COFFEE AND BE SEXY!**



So, what did we take away from Peter's presentation. Some of the interesting points were:

- We now understand the difference between a hardwood and softwood
- We now appreciate the ways in which the raw materials are cut to give the most interesting shades of colour and texture despite those outcomes not being a certainty.
- There are a variety of different hand tools for turning, sculpting and fine chisels for finishing.

Thanks, Peter, for your preparation and it was really interesting to view, and touch, the vast array of products." ... President Brad

Well done, Peter... Editor.

**Central Coast Woodturners
Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting @ The Workshop
held on Saturday 6th July 2024**

The meeting was opened at 1pm by Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

Guest Speaker: Nil



Show and Tell: Conducted by:
John Butlin

Winner: There were two winners today: Valda B and Dom P.

Lucky Door Prize: Garry B

Attendance: 28 members, 2 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

Welfare:

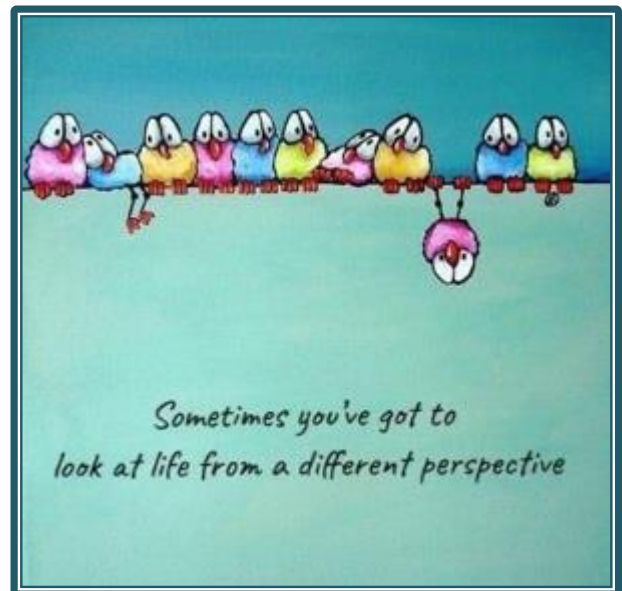
- ✚ Robert Pike is not well.
- ✚ Corina Buckman (Garry's wife) had a bad fall and needed extensive surgery but is on the mend.

Minutes: It was moved by John L and seconded by Brian W that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in June 2024 be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising: Nil

Coming Events:

- Yarn Show in Nov.
- Fair Trade sale... 31st Aug.
 - Members are able to sell their own works at the sale.
 - Commission will be 20%, where 10% goes to the organisers and 10% comes to our Club.
- Pre-Father's Day Sale was proposed by Valda and the Board agreed in principle.
 - After discussion this has become a Pre- Christmas sale on 09-11-2024.
- Family Day @ Bunnings Tuggerah. 29th August. 2 – 3hrs in the evening.





Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Steiner School invitation. After discussion, the decision was to decline their offer.

Outwards:

- + Answered several emails re: new workshop and opening times.
- + Contacted Margaret at Alison Homestead re: trialling holding meetings at our workshop.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

It was moved by John L and seconded by Brian W that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report: Garry presented the reports for June 2024. Income \$2,597.10 and Expenditure of \$5.70 leaving a balance of + \$2,591.40 for the month.

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

New Members:

- + Lester Pearce's membership form is not on file.
- + Jim C asked about a new membership list.
- For privacy reasons we are no longer producing these but contact Alan or Garry if you need to contact another member.

Raffle: Won by Vicki R Second prize: Richard W

Other Reports:

Workshop:

Peter H:

- + The inaugural workshop clean-up went well.

Skeeta:

- + Train the Trainer sessions are starting this Thurs @ 1pm.

Garry B:

- + We should open for an evening session with just the Board members, to see if lighting etc is adequate for evening opening.

Carvers:

- + Meet Tues 10am @ the Workshop.

Scrollers: Nil



Pyrographers:

- ✚ Are back and meet on Saturdays 8am-12noon.

Toys:

- ✚ We have Camphor Laurel and Red Mahogany available for sale... proceeds to the Toy Fund.
- ✚ Don't forget to collect all of your aluminium cans and plastic bottles. Give them to John L... proceeds to the Toy Fund.
- ✚ We will be having a working bee at Al Smith's place very soon to cut, sort and transport timber that has been stored there.



Library:

- ✚ We have a fantastic collection of books available for members to borrow.
- ✚ There are also some duplicate/surplus books for sale... see Dom.
- ✚ Dom's cup was returned... thank you.

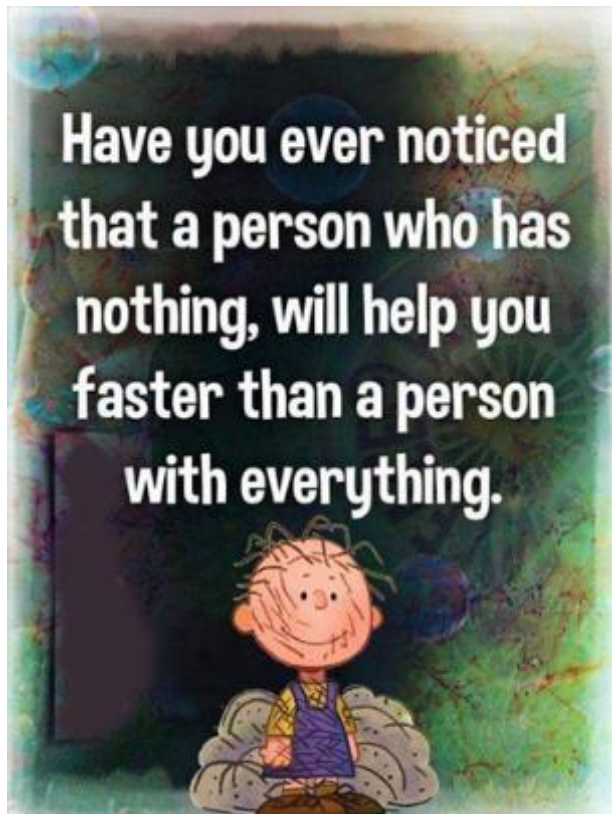
Merchandise:

- ✚ Sandpaper, glue and polish has been restocked.

General Business:

✚ Mark B:

- The swamp/carpark has been filled with 8 tonnes of recycled brick/concrete material.



✚ Ron G:

- We also need some gravel for the driveway.

✚ Peter H:

- The start time for the General Meetings should be changed to 12.30pm rather than 1pm. All agreed.
- Don't forget BYO chair.
- The AGM is only 2months away.

✚ Don C:

- Thanked Ian S for the great job that he has been doing with the Bunnings BBQs.

✚ Ian S:

- We **cannot** park in the Lapidary Club carpark on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of the month.

✚ Garry B:

- Membership receipts are on a clip, on the wall, near the front door.

✚ John B:

- What's happening with getting a permanent venue?

✚ Peter H responded:

1. We are approaching the Guides through our solicitor, to enquire about a lease extension, and what price they will sell for.
2. Re: Alison Homestead. We have decided not to spend any more money in pursuing this but Mark B is attempting to meet with Council one last time before we abandon the idea of building there.
3. There is a possibility that we may be able build at the Old Pioneer Dairy. Several problems exist here as it is flood-prone land and this probably means that we can't get insurance.
4. We ask ALL members to be on the lookout for other venues and contact a Board member so that we can check it out.

Dom P:

- We should contact the Guides and let them know about the repair work that we have done.

Peter H:

- Explained our Catch 22 quandary with grant applications. That is, that we can't apply for grants until we have a definite location to build on and we can't purchase a site until we have the money to do so.

Mark B:

- Council has suggested that we talk to a private town planner.

Peter H:

- We to make a concerted effort to increase our membership as we always competing with Men's Sheds.

Ron G:

- Agreed with Peter and added that we are just one club covering the entire coast, whereas Men's Sheds are local to where folks live.

Jim C:

- Reminded us of our history when there was no workshop and we met at The Entrance HS.

Steve F:

- Spoke very well, saying that we need to make our Club more interesting again e.g. have demos at every meeting and open nights so that those who work can attend. All agreed.

Dom P:

- We have been priced out of the big sales e.g. shopping centres, but the feedback and PR from the smaller sales is excellent.

Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 12.30pm on Saturday 3rd August 2024. @ The Workshop.
Board meeting 26th July 2024 @ 12.30pm.

The meeting closed at 2.15 pm.



Show and Tell:



Carver's Report:



The Carvers are doing well and meeting at The Workshop on Tuesdays @ 10am. Contact Sue Wood for details.

Lolly Bowls:

As most of you know, we make lolly bowls every year and fill them with lollies to give out at local nursing homes at Christmas.

In many cases these are the only presents that these folks get.

We need everyone to make us as many lolly bowls as they can asap.

Don't put it off or it won't get done.

The lolly bowls need to be 125 - 150mm diameter and 55 – 65mm high.

They must be very good quality and finished with a food safe finish, like Stylewood.

Imagine that you are making them for very special family members. That's the quality we need.

Contact Alan Smith (Editor) for more information.



“All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.”

Annual Membership Fees were due at the end of June!!

If you want to pay your fees now, or make a donation, then the options are listed below.

Annual membership fees are \$60.

I would like to remind you all of the methods you can use to pay your dues. There are two methods available.

The first method is: Pay by EFTPOS, or cash, if you are at the clubhouse. Ask for a receipt.

The second, and preferred, method is: Transfer your dues (\$60) directly into our bank account and ask for a copy of the transaction to be sent directly to Garry's e-mail account.

Garry will then email you with confirmation of receipt.

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

Account name: Central Coast Woodturners Ltd
BSB: 032564
Account Number: 135409

Don't forget to send a copy of the receipt to:

gjbuckman@live.com.au

Note: If you have only recently joined, or rejoined, the club, then we don't expect you to pay again!



Wanted compressor 10/12 cfm. Please contact Clare 0403 509 817

For sale. Lathe Hare And Forbes variable speed. Please contact Clare 0403 509 817.

... and she said, "Let them eat cake!"



Another tough day at the workshop. Nothing to eat for morning tea except...





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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.





What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month @ 1pm @ the Workshop.	Peter
Woodturning	Mon, Fri and Sat mornings from 8.30 until lunch.	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Carving	Tuesdays @10am at the Workshop.	Sue
Scroll Sawing	TBA	TBA
Pyrography	TBA	TBA



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, the recent cold snap has had us all digging out our winter woollies and winter has definitely come to stay for a while.

My current hero is George Crowley (born 1919) who invented the electric blanket. I think of him, and thank him, this time every year.

Most of us are very lucky that we have warm clothes to wear, plenty of food to eat and a warm place to lay our head at night.

Please remember those who are less fortunate and, if you are in a position to do so, reach out and help.

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Our AGM is only a month away and it's an exciting time for our Club.

We are looking for some motivated folks to fill a few vacancies on the Board.

If you might be interested, or have some questions, please ring Peter, or myself. We'd be more than happy to hear from you.

Take care and stay safe... Alan

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A secret to happiness is to be as weird as you like and the wrong people will leave the party but the right ones will join the dance.

