



# The HOBBY TURNER

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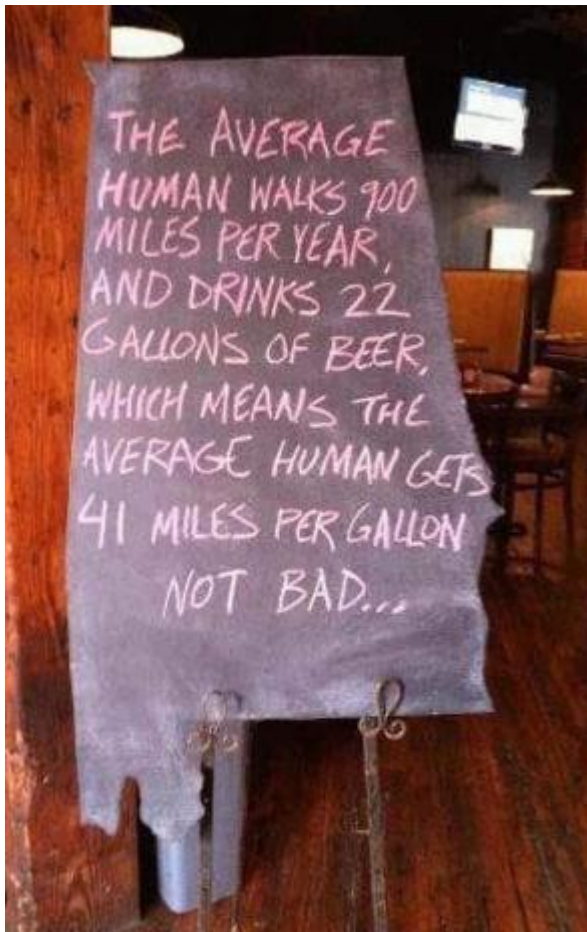
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

In the last couple of weeks, I have attended two memorial ceremonies for partners of two of our members. This brings home the importance of keeping our priorities clear. Family and health must be top of our list with hobbies and volunteer work further down. Sometimes we get carried away, taking for granted things that are close, and not noticing the contribution others around us are making.



Time is passing all of us by. Already we have been at the Guides Hall for six months. Things are settling down but we are still tinkering with the set up at the workshop. The biggest problem is storage. Things are put away in one place and after use some one puts them in a different place. This results in time wasted for those looking after the workshop session as they search for misplaced items.



The one of the greatest dangers at the workshop is dust. We recently were able to put a large amount of camphor laurel, still very wet, into a make shift storage at the workshop. Some of us have been turning this wood green, roughly shaping the wood before sealing the end grain and putting the blank away to dry further. It was mentioned to me that perhaps the dust from camphor laurel could be dangerous to health. I have not researched this but dust, from any wood, will always be a health hazard. Despite the two extractor fans at the workshop, we do get a buildup of dust. To this end, at a recent board meeting, it was agreed that once a month we would call an early end to the workshop session and spend the last 45 minutes or so with everybody present cleaning the workshop. It is not just the floor around your lathe that needs attention but the whole workshop space. We had our first clean up this Friday and the workshop did look tidy for our board meeting. Next time we need to start higher up as dust accumulates on shelves, window sills etc.

As we move into July you are reminded that annual fees are due. This year the annual subscription is \$60. As well as members paying promptly, we are constantly looking for new members. So far, we have a few new members since opening again. The numbers using the workshop are gradually increasing. Saturdays have been the slowest but this Saturday bucked the trend with a good turnout of people turning. It is cheering for those of us who spent so much time getting a new workshop to see all the lathes busy and 'lively' conversation at morning tea.

One word of warning to members who are considering returning to the workshop is the current cold snap. On Friday the temperature when I arrived at the workshop was four degrees. This was beaten on Saturday when it was three degrees. Make sure you are well rugged up and a pair of light gloves or mittens would not go amiss.

July means it is very nearly time for our AGM, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We will need to have serious discussions about the direction the club intends to go in relation to long term occupation of workshop space. I have been president now for nearly six years. In that time, we have dealt with a pandemic. We have had to leave our workshop and find new premises.



All this has been accomplished by a hard-working board. Now although we have a short period, five years, of stability we cannot afford to let the time drift by. We have to start now securing the future of the club either at the Guide Hall or somewhere else. I refer to my opening remarks concerning health and family. After six years in the position, I feel it is time to step down. My wife and I have plans to undertake more extensive and longer travels in Australia, as well as returning to see family and friends in the UK. I know there some other long serving board members who are considering standing down. This is a good time to elect a new board who will pick up the challenge of securing the future of CCWT. In summary I shall not be standing for the position of president at the next AGM.

In the mean time we have our next monthly Club meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> in the workshop starting at 1.00 pm. This means we will have our normal workshop in the morning and reintroduce our sausage sizzle at 12.30pm. Please bring your own chair, just in case we have a turn out larger than the number of chairs in the workshop.

Happy turning and stay warm, dry and healthy... Peter



**Central Coast Woodturners  
Co-operative Ltd  
Minutes of the General Meeting @  
Alison Homestead  
held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

The meeting was opened at 10.00am by  
Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

**Guest Speaker:** Nil



**Show and Tell:** Conducted by:  
Ron Gibbs

**Name:**  
Richard Alexander

Michael Dahl  
John Butlin

**Item:**  
Large bowl  
2 x bowls  
Water Vessel x 2  
2 x bowls

**Woods used:**  
Cheesewood  
Chinese Elm  
Swamp Mahogany  
She Oak  
Camphor laurel

**Winner:** John Butlin.

**Lucky Door Prize:** Chris Strong

**Attendance:** 24 members, 4 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

**Welfare:**

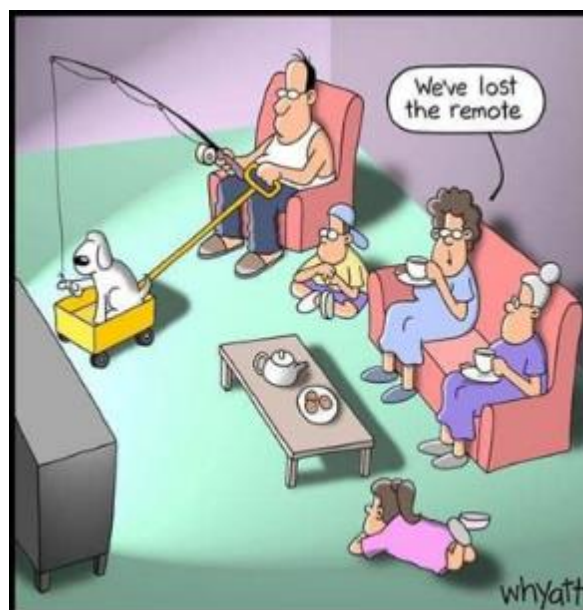
- 🚩 Bryan Lydford
- 🚩 Barry Peick

**Minutes:** It was moved by Rob Zwart and seconded by Bob Bamforth that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in May 2024 be accepted. Passed.

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Coming Events:**

- 🚩 Bunnings BBQ 15<sup>th</sup> June: Volunteers needed.
  - Contact Ian Stokes if you can help out.



- ✚ Harvest Festival: Sue W and Jack C are demonstrating.
  - Donations of sales items are needed.
  - Thank you to Robert P for the lovely items that he donated.



### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards:**

- ✚ School enquiry.
- ✚ Turn Up 2024 info available.

#### **Outwards:**

- ✚ Answered several emails re: new workshop and opening times.

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil

It was moved by Ron Gibbs and seconded by Dom Pirlo that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



**Financial Report:** Garry presented the reports for May 2024.

- ✚ Income \$1,060.95 and Expenditure of \$354.18 leaving a balance of + \$706.77 for the month.

It was moved by Rob Zwart and seconded by Richard Alexander that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

#### **New Members:**

- ✚ Ian Baxter from Umina... WT; C; Pyro.
  - ✚ Walter (Wally) Dixon from Woy Woy... WT; SS; C.
  - ✚ John Phillips from Mardi... C; SS; Pyro.
- Welcome to the Club, guys.

**Raffle:** Won by Bernie C, Second prize: Rob Z

### **Other Reports:**

#### **Workshop:**

- ✚ The workshop is getting dirty and we will be implementing random clean-ups each month, where we stop work an hour early and do a thorough clean.
- ✚ We need more people on Saturdays.
- ✚ Equipment is disappearing from the workshop.
- ✚ We have lost 7 pairs of scissors, several chuck screws and a few other small items.
  - If you have accidentally taken something home, then please return it asap.
- ✚ Also, when you use something, put it back in the correct place.
- ✚ The Teacher's Cupboard is only to be opened by the teachers.
- ✚ Be very careful when walking around the workshop that you don't bump into others who are using machinery.
- ✚ **Remember: SAFETY FIRST.**

#### **Carvers:**

- ✚ All going well.
- ✚ **They meet on Tuesdays @ 10am at the Workshop.**

**Scrollers:** Nil

### Toys:

- ✚ We need to start making toys for Christmas.
- ✚ All money raised through raffles, cans and donations goes to this very worthy cause.

### Library:

- ✚ There is a wonderful collection of books and other items available to borrow.
- ✚ Dom has a large amount of first aid stuff available for members.
- ✚ **IMPORTANT:** Dom's personalized cup has gone missing. It has great sentimental value to Dom. If you know of its whereabouts, please send it home.



### Merchandise:

- ✚ Check out what's available and let Don C know what do need.

#### SAY IT

Never be afraid  
to let someone know  
if they brightened the room  
they just walked into.

Or if something they said  
inspired you to change.

Never be embarrassed  
to share a compliment with a stranger  
and don't ever fall into the trap of believing  
that the people you love *know* that.

Say it.

Always say it.

Your words may land a little awkwardly at first  
but in the dark of the night  
those seeds will plant themselves  
into someone's mental garden  
and start to germinate  
gather strength and bloom.

Sow seeds  
wherever you go.

There is nothing better you can do with your words  
than plant a precious seed.

### General Business:

#### Peter H:

- ✚ New meeting times.
  - Next General Meeting will be at the Workshop on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July @ 1pm.
  - There will be a sausage sizzle beforehand at a cost of \$5.

#### Bill A:

- ✚ We need timber to make lolly bowls.
  - Solution: There will be timber available asap.
- ✚ We need to wear our name tags at meetings.

#### Robert P:

- ✚ Will we be shut Monday for the King's birthday?
  - Answer: Yes!

#### Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 1pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Venue: The Workshop.  
Board meeting 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 @ 1pm.

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

# 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.**

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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.

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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](mailto:gjbuckman@live.com.au)**

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

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# Harvest Festival @ Jilliby School.



We had a good display at the Jilliby Public School, Harvest Festival on the long week-end, June.

Jack Carruthers worked hard for 2 days on his scroll-saw which attracted a lot of attention. The kids loved the cut-outs & puzzles.'

Jane Mackay (Margaret Deacon's daughter) came along to do some pyrography & was

excellent in promoting our club. Sue & Peter Wood managed the sales of items donated to the club. Sales were slow but reasonable.

There was a lot of friendly & interested people the whole weekend... Sue Wood.



Don't you just hate that moment when you are so tired but as soon as you get in the bed you are so wide awake.





# “What happened to my SWAMP?”

We need to thank Mark B, and the team from Bennet Construction at Lisarow, for helping to drain the swamp in our carpark.



## Warming the cockles of our hearts with “Gourmet dining @ The Workshop”:



After our latest, very successful Bunning’s BBQ, there were some onions left over. So, on a bitterly cold winter’s morning, club member and top chef, Bernie C, whipped up a batch of fresh homemade French onion soup and grilled cheese on slices of fresh bagette.

As you can see... we do it tough at the Workshop.

**When a woman asks  
you to guess her age,  
it's like deciding  
whether to cut the  
blue, red, or green  
wire to diffuse a  
bomb.**

**My mate just found out  
that he failed the RAF  
entrance exam.  
Apparently the bomb  
bay doors are not an  
Indian tribute act.**





These two grinders are for sale at The Workshop.  
See Brian 'Skeeta' Wilson for details.

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I recently received a call from a gentleman who was clearing out some wood.  
He is a retired professional turner who has no further use for it.  
It's white cedar, rosewood and some pieces of red cedar.  
I went and checked it out.  
It all looks good!

Contact details are: Peter Simpson @ 31 Nambucca Cr. Blue Haven... 0417 684278.







People are going to talk about you, no matter what you do. *So* you might as well do whatever brings you joy and love your best Life.



Married life ain't so bad once you get used to it.

Alex: 26





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.











## Never give up:

4000year old olive tree in Greece! This tree started growing around 2000 BC, during the Bronze Age, around the time the last woolly mammoth was hunted, the 7th dynasty of Egypt was over and humans discovered the existence of glass.

This tree has seen humans go from the Bronze Age to the Atomic Age.

It has witnessed our changing world and lived through many wars.

It has seen many kings, politicians, warriors, and prophets go from birth to death, and it still continues to produces olives annually!



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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, it's almost that time of year again.

Our Annual General Meeting is on the first Saturday in September and it's a wonderful, exciting time for our Club.

Our Board was worked extremely hard over the past four years to keep our Club running and to keep our members interested.

We've battled through a devastating Global Pandemic, which absolutely shattered some clubs, and indeed, some countries too.

We've been through the heartache and anxiety of losing our longtime workshop and the stress involved in finding our new venue.

I'm very happy to say that those problems are now behind us.

I am very proud of our Board who have all given above and beyond to ensue the future of our Club and

I am also proud of the members who have supported us on every step of the journey.

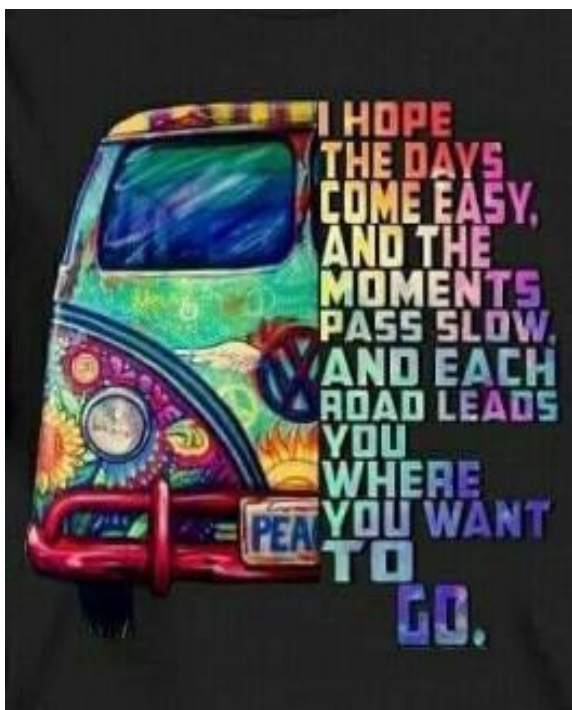
After almost 8 years as Secretary, I've decided not to stand for re-election this year, as Lynda and I are planning to do some travelling and we are also organising several extended visits with our family in Queensland, Tasmania and Victoria. I will just be a phone call away though if our new Secretary needs any help.

I still plan to do the HT at the moment though, as, in theory, I can do that anywhere.

I'm happy to say that since my heart attack and surgery almost a year ago, my health is still improving. I'm feeling much better and need to make the most of that while we're still young enough, and fit enough, to do it.

I'll still be around much of the time and I look forward to keeping in touch with everyone.

Take care and stay safe... Alan



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