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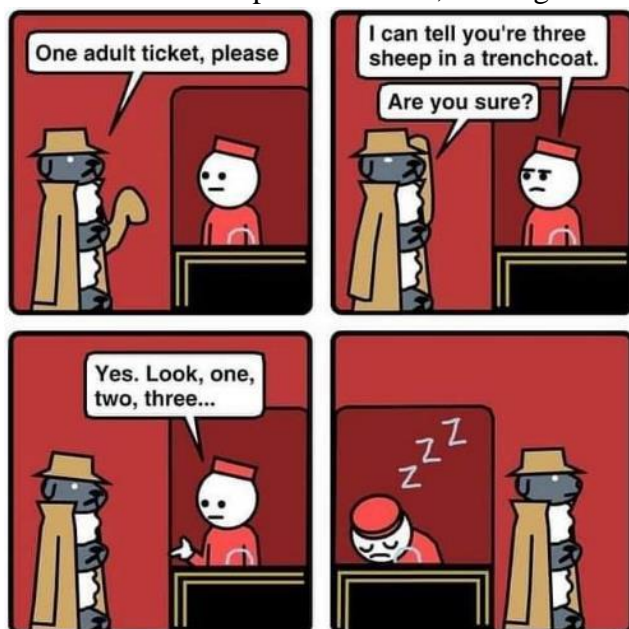
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am afraid there is little to report this month. We are into the period where we just have to wait for others to sort themselves out. The state election has caused a pause in negotiations with local elected members, but now that the results are in, we can start to meet with our local MPs and discuss grants. We are also waiting for the Alison Homestead and Central Coast Administration to settle the lease. Once this has been agreed we can then begin discussions with the Homestead regarding our building.



In the absence of a workshop, it is good to see that there are still groups meeting up for morning tea. It is the social aspect of the CCWT that we are missing. Many of us have lathes at home so we are able to continue with our hobby. However, it was the informal gatherings before, during and after the workshop sessions that I miss. I am a little concerned however that we may be guilty of putting the cart before the horse. Until the Alison Homestead have negotiated their lease, we can't begin to discuss what we may be allowed to build and whether we can afford any running costs that might be involved.

I am told the CCWT existed for many years before we had a workshop. The Club existed simply on monthly meetings. That is why our monthly meetings have once again become so vital. If we are to maintain our membership, or attract new members, we need to invigorate our meetings with interesting speakers and demonstrations. We have several offers of venues but it would be helpful if members told us what would be helpful to them. I have recently been able to team up one member, looking for instruction on sharpening a chain saw, with



another member with just such experience. The two got together and now we have another member with skills in sharpening. Maybe such a demonstration would appeal to more members.

Until we had to put everything into storage, we were able to offer a door prize and 'Show and Tell prize', of a voucher for the shop. As we no longer have a shop, we have ceased these prizes. In order to increase the number of items members display in 'Show and Tell' I am donating a burl blank as a prize, if we have sufficient numbers of people showing items that they have recently turned at home.

As we approach the beginning of a new month can I urge members to attend the CCWT monthly meeting? This will be held at the Alison Homestead on Saturday 1st April at 10.00am.

I look forward to seeing you all there... Peter

**Minutes of the General Meeting
held on Saturday 4th March at
Allison Homestead.**

The meeting was opened at 10.00am
by Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Carol Jennings



Show and Tell: No items.

Attendance: 21 members, 8 apologies, 1 associate and 0 visitors.

Welfare: Alan had a call from Phil Clements as he has had a fall but is now doing ok.
Kevin has also been unwell and was at the meeting stating he is feeling better.

Minutes: It was moved by Alan Smith and seconded by John Butlin that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in February 2023 be accepted. Passed

President's report:

At last, we seem to be getting back to consistent routine. Whilst preparing for yesterday's Board meeting, looking for the last minutes, I realised we had not had a board meeting since last November. Last month's Club meeting was the first for a while but I hope as many of you as possible will attend our next meeting on Saturday, March 4th.

One reason for attending the Club meeting will be a full report on progress in our search for a new workshop. Members of the board have been busy following up every possible avenue of workshop possibilities. We have been met with almost complete failure for a number of reasons. However, following a zoom meeting, last week things may possibly have started to move in our favour. The idea of building a workshop at the Alison Homestead is a possibility. As an alternative, still at the Alison Homestead, we may be able to acquire an existing building that we can move. There will be a full report on all possibilities.

At our last Club meeting there was much discussion on sales. This was raised at the Board meeting and will be a topic for further discussion on Saturday. This is an opportunity for members to join the sales group. There are a number of possible sales in the area and now, more than ever, members need a way to dispose of their product.

Many of our members have their own lathe and are still turning at home. Please bring one or more items for our 'show and tell' at Saturday's meeting. We like to see what you are doing in your home lathe, as well as the wood you are using. Remember the best source of wood at the moment is Alan Smith. He also has a stack of firewood available, so now is a good time to build up your winter fuel supply, for those of you with a fire of course.

Should you have any wood surplus to your requirements you can always advertise it in the Hobby Turner. Remember also, Alan would welcome articles from members to include in the HT. Photographs are good as well.

Another possibility mentioned at the last meeting, and at the Board meeting, is organising some demonstrations. We have an offer of a workshop suitable to hold a demonstration so please tell us what you would like to see demonstrated. We have a wealth of talent and skill

within the club that needs to be shared. Our newer members, as well as some of the older hands, would enjoy sharing skills in our craft.

I know some of our members have joined various local Men's Sheds. I have joined (am joining) the Erina shed where there is a variety of equipment hitherto unavailable to me. People are not necessarily using lathes in these sheds but have embarked on numerous other wood related projects. Please feel free to bring these to our 'show and tell' as we are interested to see these projects. Please also feel confident enough to write up your project for Alan to include in the HT. I recently saw some photos taken by a member whilst on holiday in Tasmania and also in NZ. These included photos of rare trees and 'the Wall', both wood related and interesting to include. Whilst the HT is a good read it is hard work for Alan to consistently find good articles. Don't be shy; share your projects, travel and research. We would all like to see what you have been doing.

I hope to see you on Saturday. Until then happy turning and wood related projects... Peter

Business Arising: Nil



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Sally Ogilvie from Knitter's Guild spoke with Alan Smith re: Fibre Festival to be held on Sunday 10th September at Wyong racecourse, 10am – 4.00pm offering us a stand on the day. They stated yarn bowls are very popular to sell.
- Garry spoke about an email he received from Jilliby PS re: us participating in the Harvest Festival 10th – 12 June 2023.
- Email from Australia Post re renewal of the mailbox.

Outwards:

- Alan Smith will correspond with Sally Ogilvie.
- Garry will follow up re Harvest Festival.
- Carol will follow up Postal box at the end of March to close the box,

Business Arising from Correspondence:

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



Financial Report: Garry stated we are no better off than last month, we need to find ways to bring money into the club. Current costs are the EFTPOS machine which is about \$45-\$50 a month, the cost of this is being covered by the lathes being leased out to members. Garry is looking at alternatives to use instead of the EFTPOS machine. We need to pay \$4000 at the end of the year for insurance costs, we currently have the money, but it will be borrowed by the toy fund. If we get new members and fees from members (between 70-80 current members) this should also cover the cost.

We have been unable to get an auditor to go through the books. If any members know of one that can assist the club, please contact Peter Hamilton. Mark Board has spoken with David Harris' Office who stated we do not need an auditor to apply for grants. Garry stated that he has previously received a letter from the taxation department stating that we do not need to be audited as we are a "not for profit" organisation.

Other Reports:

Carvers:

Carvers are meeting at various venues and are looking for ideas for the winter months.

Other groups have been meeting up for coffee across the Central Coast on a regular basis. All members are encouraged to make arrangements to stay in contact with members.

Valda has organised a luncheon at Club Wyong on 11/3/23 at 11:30 am. Please contact Valda if you would like to attend.



Brian (Skeeta) Wilson has offered training at Copacabana's men's shed.

John Butlin has welcomed 2 new members onto the Facebook page.

Toy Fund:

John (Rooster) Lea has asked for donations from aluminium cans to be given towards the Toy Fund. Either the cans or funds from the cans can be given to Rooster.

General Business:

- **Membership:** John (Rooster) Lea had received a call re: membership to the Club. This raised a discussion around that since we are in a more stable situation now, whether new members can now be accepted into the club even though there is no club house. It was also discussed that members can open their homes to assist new members that wish to learn more skills. Garry stated this will be covered by our insurance. Brian (Skeeta) Wilson stated we have trained members and if other members wish to become trainers, they are to contact him. Ron also stated that we can possibly do demonstrations at schools. Garry also stated that we could ask the men's shed at Allison's Homestead to hold demonstrations. Peter stated all these ideas would need to be explored further. Alan will send out an email to all members to ask if any members will be willing to open their workshops to assist less skilled members/new members. Peter Hamilton will discuss this notion further at the next Board meeting.
- **Bunnings:** Dr Ian Stokes stated he has approached 2 Bunning stores (Tuggerah and Lake Haven) for sausage sizzle days. This will not take place until the second half of the year. The application needs to be in writing to Bunnings and there is an introductory course that will need to be completed. There will need to be 12 members to man it, to operate 2 shifts. The consensus was to proceed with the application.
- **Workshop:** Peter has a letter to go to Federal MP Dr. Gordon Reid. Alan Smith had drawn up a previous document and Peter has refined the letter. The only realistic option for a new club house, at the moment, is Allison's Homestead. Nicola McNamara (Town planning, Wyong Council) had a zoom meeting with Peter

Hamilton and Mark Board, and she was very positive about the build. Nicola will be discussing our plans with other departments within council.

- Our last Board meeting was attended by Cassie Field (Wyang Council) and she shared a draft letter for them agreeing to the new building at Alison's Homestead. The council just needs to finalise the 5-year lease with the Homestead, then they can negotiate a sublease with Allison Homestead. This process may still take months to finalise. The moving of an old building from Wyong Grove PS site was also discussed. It was stated that this may be a longer process but will be looked at.
- John (Rooster) Lea has also spoken with David Harris re: old Antique building near Wyong bridge, as it has been gazetted for Mains Rd, Rooster will continue to follow this up.
- Mark Board followed up with Cassie re: the need for a bush fire report for the site. This has now been completed.
- After the last board meeting Peter Hamilton and Mark Board went and look at the proposed site for the new Club house, it discussed that the site may need a surveyor. Bill Allen stated his son is a surveyor and he will ask him if he is available to do it.
- Dr Ian Stokes said that he has contacts with engineers and John (Rooster) Lea also stated that we are accessing Dave Farrell. Mark Board has met with Dave Farrell who is doing the drawings for the plans in conjunction with his son to finalise the plans.
- Peter raised his concerns about who is speaking to who. John (Rooster) and Mark Board are the only contacts speaking with David Harris. Dr Ian Stokes and Mark Board are liaising with Dr Reid. If members have any enquiries, please contact Peter Hamilton or direct them to the main contact involved.
- Mark Board is organising a meeting with Allison Homestead for a discussion.
- **Sub- Committee to raise funds:** Peter Hamilton raised that if any members wish to be part of a sub-committee to raise funds, please contact him. Mark Board presented paperwork from David Harris on "How to apply for grants".
- Peter Hamilton spoke about possible donations from Bendigo Bank who can donate \$5000 that needs to be matched by another group. Peter also spoke about approaching local clubs for donations.
- We currently get a donation from Creighton's Family Funerals as we put their ads in the Hobbyturner. Alan Smith will make sure the ad goes in the next Hobbyturner.
- Alan "Cedar" Smith generously donated \$10,000 to start the donations off for the Club. Peter thanked Alan for his very kind offer on behalf of all the members.
- **Sales:** Ron Gibbs suggested that members can donate items to be sold at sales/fairs to go towards the club's funds. Alan Smith has offered to store any items members would like to donate for the Club. Any other items can be given to a Board member to be sold for the Club.
- John Butlin raised his concern for the lathes and rust in the container. Alan Smith and Mark Board did open the container; however, the lathes are too far at the back of the container. John (Rooster) Lea spoke with Dave Farrell about the equipment in the container, it was discussed that due to the weather that the container should be fitted with Damp Rid/ Hippo to combat condensation affecting the equipment.
- **Building:** It was raised that the Club approaches the likes of Stratco, BHP sheds etc to see if they are willing to donate us a shed (must be in Heritage style) or if a cancelled order may be available at a discounted price.

Next Meeting: 1th April 2023 at Alison's Homestead starting at 10:00am.

The meeting closed at 11:15 am

Letters to the Editor:

Pam Burgess, and family, have asked that their thanks be passed on to all of the club members who attended Jeff's memorial service.

Our thoughts are with his family, and friends.
He will be sadly missed.

We were very sorry to hear that some members did not get our invitation to the Woodturners Friendship Lunch.

Those members who did get the invitation and came along had a lovely time catching up with those present. We may have been smallish in numbers but we were great in enthusiasm and friendly greetings.

Most took advantage of daily special Barramundi with either chips n salad or mixed fresh veg. The others all took a liking to the beef pot pie n veg. Wonder what the winter specials will be at our next get together on Saturday 10th June? Same location Club Wyong (part of the Masters group of clubs) meeting there at 11.30am for greetings and a chat before lunch (at own expense). Please let Valda know on 0439901804 or email vb549art@gmail.com that you are coming so we can let club know for staffing purposes. See you all then... Valda





Here are some more inspirational pieces from my:

“Projects: To Do” folder.

All of these beautiful projects have been made from discarded pallet wood.



A few days ago, I was cruising along through a neighbourhood in my wheelchair when I noticed a young boy sitting on the retaining wall in front of his house, crying as if his heart was breaking.

I pulled alongside the youngster and asked, “Son, what’s the matter? Why are you crying so?”

“I’m... cry... crying ’cause I can’t do all the stuff my 20-year-old brother does,” he said.

So, I thought about it for a moment, and then I sat there and cried with him.






In 1978, astrophysicist Brian May, assisted by F. Mercury, postulated that the Earth's rotation was due to 'Fat-Bottomed Girls'.







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Friendships must be built on a solid foundation of alcohol, sarcasm, inappropriateness, and shenanigans.

What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month. Alison Homestead, Alison.	Peter
Woodturning	<p>As we are temporarily homeless, we are searching for new premises and there are no set workshop times at present.</p>	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling		Tony Bruckard
Carving		Sue Wood
Pyrography		Valda Barton

****Note:** The Club's Workshop is currently closed but we are searching for new premises.
Check with organizers for details.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

An important note to all members:

Our club is in a position now where we need to grow, increase our membership and work towards a bigger, better and brighter tomorrow.

Unfortunately, though, a few things are temporarily holding us back:

We have no workshop/clubhouse.

We are obviously doing everything that we can to remedy this situation. If you have constructive ideas or suggestions then please let me know.

We are currently not accepting new inexperienced members because we have no clubhouse.

This needs to change now.

I'd like to remind folks that in the formative years of our club we had no workshop/clubhouse but the club grew and grew.

This growth was based on the enthusiasm and determination of just a few people. Two of our members initially trained as instructors, they passed on their skills and knowledge, and the ball got rolling.

Where did this instruction take place?... I hear you ask.

It took place in our home workshops.

Groups got together at member's homes. They listened; they learned: they practiced and they became wonderful turners in their own right.

The learners then also became teachers and the cycle perpetuated itself.

We need to go back to basics and follow the tried and proven teaching techniques that made our Club one of the most successful, sought after, woodworking groups in all of Australia.

Sure, we don't have a clubhouse... but that not so important. It is only temporary and the circumstances will change.

What we have instead, though, is even better.

We have not one, but 50+, workshops at member's homes and the best news is that these members are very keen to pass on their skills.

So, if you are a trainer; someone who wants to be a trainer or just a keen member who is happy to have others teach in your workshop, then please let me know asap so that we can get the Club out of hiatus and rolling forward again.

Please do get in touch and don't assume that I already have your name down.

Come on folks. It's time to get off our bums and get things moving.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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When I woke up today
I had no plans to be
sexy, but it happens.

