



Hi Folks,

This is the 200th edition of the Hobby Turner since I took over as Editor in February 2007.

It has certainly been a journey and we've come a long way over the years.

The format has certainly changed and we've made the transition from a black and white version to full colour.

Our very first colour image was Bob the Builder and we received so much positive feedback that we ran with it, despite the increased cost of printing back then.

I still enjoy putting the HT together and I hope that you still enjoy reading it.

Please remember that this is the Club's newsletter and all members are encouraged to contribute. So, if you have made some works of art that you're proud of, take some photos, add a description, and send them to me. Also, if you come across articles or interesting works from other artisans, please send them in as well.

I also encourage you to send me jokes, cartoons, stories etc, but they must be suitable for printing. I have received many 100's of these over the years that are unsuitable for polite company.

Take care everyone, stay safe and keep up the good work.

Alan... Editor.





The HOBBY TURNER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi All,

Well, another month has passed quickly and a lot has been happening.

I am going on holidays as of early April for a month and Peter will be returning from his break mid-April, relaxed and ready to take over the reins once again.

Our General Meeting held on 15th March was well attended.

The members were kept up dated on the sale of the poly-tunnel and the decision to purchase another container with the sale funds. As you are all aware we are short on storage space so the new container will be a godsend. Our sincere and grateful thanks to Vicki and Phil for their generous donation.

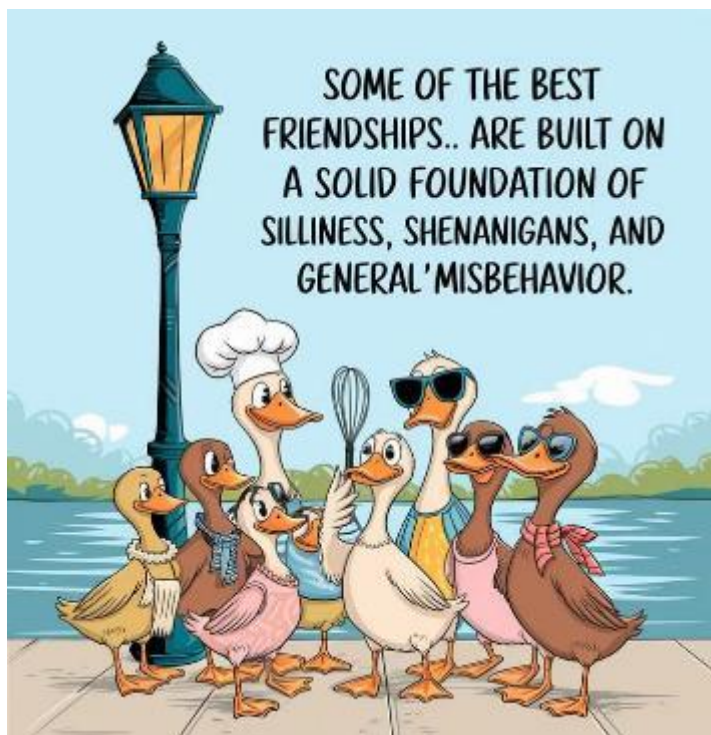
I can now report that a new container has been purchased and delivered to our premises and Peter has kindly offered to donate some shelving.

We are steadily increasing our numbers with a few new members joining the club this year. We welcome them warmly and trust their time in the Club meets their expectations.

All the timber has now been collected from Phil Clements' home and is now available for purchase at the Club. So, if you require any nice red cedar for your projects see Rooster. Dom and Terry collected a load of pencil pine from up north and that too is now available for sale.

We have had little response to opening the workshop on a Wednesday evening so at this stage the Board is considering whether this is still a viable option.

We are still waiting on information from David Harris, MP, who is contacting Crown Lands Dept in relation to the Pioneer Dairy site.



We are holding a Xmas in July lunch on the 17th. If you are interested in attending, please see Rooster with your money (\$45 pp). See the details at the front door.

A working bee needs to be organised soon... and it will definitely be held in April while I am on holidays... ha, ha, ha!!! Seriously though, we do need to tidy up all the timber and to build a roof over the new container and the space beside it. If anyone has access to some good second-hand corrugated iron roofing sheets, we would be happy to know about it. There is also some mowing and brush cutting that needs to be attended to as well.

Happy Easter... Mark

Minutes of the General Meeting @ The Workshop held on Saturday 15th March 2025

The meeting was opened at 12.30pm by Mark Board

Minutes taken by Steve Farr

Guest Speaker: Nil



Show and Tell: Conducted by:
Jon

Name:

Valda Barton
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Valda Barton
Richard Alexander
Bernie Careil
Bernie Careil
John Butlin

Item:

Pyro Picture of a Rhino
Pyro Picture of a Giraffe
Pyro Picture of a Cottage
Pepper Grinder
2 Bowls
Fancy Bowl
Segmented Vase

Woods used:

Framed Plywood
Framed Plywood
Framed Plywood
River Red Gum
Ironbark
Camphor & Unknown
Hardwood
Tas Blackwood, Tacca,
Bubinga,
Merbau, and Spotted Gum
Acacia (Wattle)
Camphor Laurel

Ferdie Sulick
Ferdie Sulick

Bowl
Bowl

Winner: Bernie Careil's Fancy bowl



Attendance: 18 members, 7 apologies, nil associates and nil visitors.

Apologies from: Peter Hamilton, Ian Stokes, Alan Smith, Allan (Cedar) Smith, Robert Pike, Ron Gibbs, and Dom Pirlo

Welfare: It's great to see Skeeta (Brian Wilson) getting better after his operation. Thanks to Phil Clements for his wood donation to the club and we wish him all the very best in his move to Victoria.
We wish Alan Smith a speedy recovery from his ear infections, it's affected his hearing and we wish him well.

Minutes: It was moved by Richard Alexander and seconded by John Butlin that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in February 2025 be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Business Arising: See General Business



Coming Events:

- The Gosford Show attendance by the club was explained to the members by Valda before the start of the meeting. The Club has the opportunity for an information desk and a Sales table, Dates for the Show are 3rd and 4th May 2025. There will be a flier in the Clubhouse and please contact Valda if you want to sell your items or would be willing to help on either of the days.

- The Bunnings BBQ on Monday 21st April (Easter Monday) at Tuggerah Bunnings Peter Hamilton

will run the day as Ian is on Holidays, currently have a full list of helpers, Rooster (John Lee) and Bernie Careil are helping with the setup and food for the day.

- Christmas in July – Rooster (John Lee) has finalized the date Thursday 17th July 2025 Lunch 11:30 for 12:00 meal. Cost per person will be \$50 for a 3-course meal, more details will be available in the next few weeks. As part of the lunch Rooster will ask for a Boy or Girl Toy donation, to the value of \$5, (age range 3 months to 12 years), wrapped and labelled, ready to be gifted.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

Details from Jenny Wells, her company Make a Clock supplies clock movements to clubs all around Australia

Owner, Make A Clock

Mob: 0428 818 772 | jwellsimporters@optusnet.com.au

Web Site: www.makeaclock.com

Outwards: Our details to the Men's Shed for their record

Business Arising from Correspondence: None

It was moved by Mark Board and seconded by Steve Farr that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report: Chris Strong presented the reports for March 2025.

Account Summary:

Income = \$2999.35, Expenses = \$3405.64 (which include \$2508 for annual insurance) Net = \$-406.29

It was moved by Mark Board and seconded by Richard Alexander that the Financial Report be accepted. Passed unanimously

New Members:

We had 1 new member for the month who is currently doing the introduction to woodturning Training.

Raffle: Won by Ferdie Sulick; Second prize: Terry Jones

Other Reports:

Workshop: Rooster reported all is going well and he has not needed to fine anyone so far this month. He did ask for SAFETY when turning off your lathes please turn the speed control down to zero. As in the past we have had incidents of large pieces of wood being thrown from the lathe due to the speed not being checked before startup.

Carvers: It was reported the Carvers have not been meeting due to sickness over the last two weeks. Hopefully all is well this week and carving will continue. The members wish all the carvers well

Scrollers: The Scrollers are currently not meeting

Toys: Rooster reported he has had a number of very good quality (as new) toys donated and they are packed and stored ready for donations to a charity to be decided.

Library: No report on the library, only to say books and mags are available for members for loan on the honesty system

Merchandise: All going well, the stores are well stocked. Skeeta is investigating Clock Tiles for a member and has located some in WA

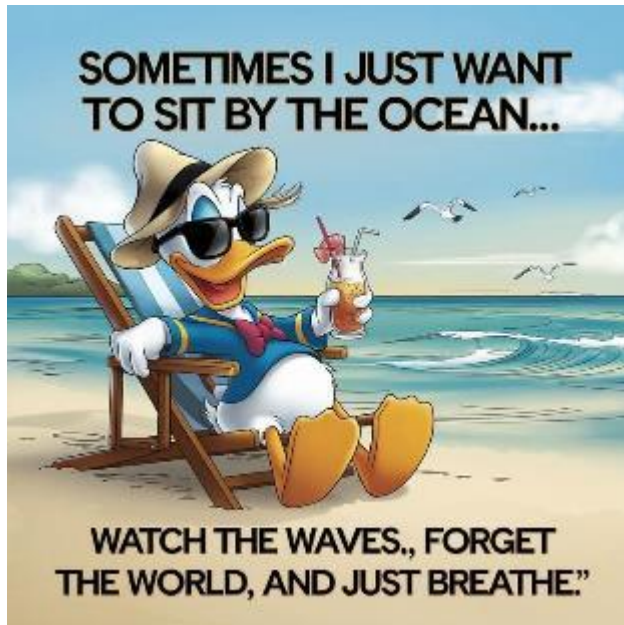
General Business:

Workshop Home Project: It was reported by Mark Board and Chris Strong that their meeting with David Harris (Minister for Central Coast NSW) went very well and they are working on an option of the Pioneer Dairy site. More details of this will be provided as the information becomes available. (A full report of the meeting was provided to the Board)

It was also reported by Richard Alexander, he and Ian Stokes had a meeting with Laurie McKinna (the mayor) and Melanie Smith, (Director of Community Recreation and Culture), introducing them to our club and explaining our current project to find a permanent suitable



home for the club. The mayor, and his associates expressed their gratitude, concern and their apologies, due to their inability to provide any form of funding for our club. Mel Smith strongly suggested we contact our Federal members Gordan Reid and Emma McBride to help with funding. This process has started and will form part of the project going forward. (A full report of the meeting was provided to the Board)



I need everyone to wish me luck. I have a meeting at the bank later and if all goes well, I will be out of debt. I'm so excited I can barely put on my ski mask.

Membership Card as part of this year's member renewal process... more information will be provided in the next meeting as details are worked out.

Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 12.30am on Saturday 17th May 2025. @ The Workshop.
Board meeting Friday 11th April 2025 @ 12.30pm. @ The Workshop

The meeting closed at 1:25pm.

People often mistake me for an adult because of my age...

Wood Available for Sales to members:

It was reported we have lots of wood for sale to members (the moneys from these sales go to the toy fund and club funds to help members) the prices are very good, and we don't want it turning into firewood. So please come and purchase it for your projects

Mark also asked if you hear of a tree being felled, and the owners want to donate the wood, please contact a board member or Workshop Supervisor to organize inspection before we commit to taking the wood, as it is important that we make sure that the timber is usable before organizing pickup or delivery to the clubhouse.

Training Records to be updated: It was explained, our Machine Training records need to be updated and recorded to meet our Insurers requirements and the new workshop layout. Over the next few months Skeeta and the workshop supervisors will hold re-training sessions on each machine in the workshop. Be prepared for this retraining when you next visit.

Membership Records: Richard Waterfield and Steve Farr have been working to update our current Membership List. It is also planned to introduce a



GOSFORD SHOW

3rd and 4th May, 2025

Central Coast Woodturners have booked a stall site at this event.

We are looking for members who would like the opportunity to sell some of what they are making either at the workshop, or from what they make at home, over this wonderful weekend. It was a great success last year.

We are also looking for members who are interested in manning the site for a day, or part of a day, on a roster at the Show

A notice will be placed on the noticeboard at club house where you sign in to put your name down to supply items for sale, or to be there on a roster system

Enquiries... contact Valda on... 0439 901804



OPEN DAY

8th November 2025

Central Coast Woodturners will again be holding an OPEN DAY in November in conjunction with the Lapidary Club next door

We are looking for members to come along on the day to help out.

A sign will be placed on notice board above the sign in book to put your name down.

This year we are also asking for members interested in putting up a marquee and selling their goods on the day.

There is limited space indoors for selling opportunities.

Enquiries... contact Valda on... 0439 901804



Christmas in July Luncheon

We have organised a Christmas in July Luncheon at:



Angel Sussurri Restaurant and Manor House at Yarramalong.

The date for your calendar is: Thursday 17th July, 2025. 11:30 for 12:00 start

There is a set menu and bookings are essential.



John 'Rooster' Lea will be taking bookings and collecting money prior to the day.

Main meals: \$45 (The menu is set and details are below)

We need to finalise bookings at our June meeting on 21st June. Or at the latest 5th July 2025

This is to allow for catering.

Please note that the staff are happy to cater for most dietary needs, such as gluten free, dairy free etc. but you must advise of these on Rooster's list beforehand.

All enquiries: ring Rooster on 0428 927 241

Below is the set menu for your convenience

Crispy pork belly, sage & thyme roasted chicken thigh cutlet served with baked pumpkin, crispy duck fat roasted potatoes, steamed greens & gravy.

Bread & butter pudding with a brandy custard

Rooster has suggested that our members may wish to bring a small toy donation for either a girl or boy [age 3 months to 12years] to help the Xmas toy fund appeal. It would be appreciated if these gifts were wrapped and labelled with gender and age.

There will be lots of fun and I'm sure a raffle and lucky door prizes –

Regards

Rooster and the Board



Once you get past
my charm, good
looks, intelligence
and my sense of
humor. I think it's
my modesty that
stands out.



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- ✚ My theory of evolution is that Darwin was adopted.
- ✚ I think it's wrong that only one company makes Monopoly.
- ✚ Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time
- ✚ Whenever I think of the past, it brings back so many memories.



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.





Not much on the supermarket shelves yesterday so I decided to improvise.

Dinner last night was a risotto I made with some mushrooms I foraged for locally.

Not only was it delicious, but soon after a Welsh male voice choir of purple elephants showed up and sang the whole of Meatloaf's Bat Out of Hell album, accompanied by a light show 😊



Pallets:

Cheap nasty timber that can become great works of art.







An American photographer on vacation was inside a church in Texas taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'.

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for.

The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God.

The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Boston. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it.

He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Texas and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was.

She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God.

'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled to Indianapolis, Washington, Philadelphia, Hawaii, Fiji and New Zealand.

In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same '\$10,000 per call' sign under it.

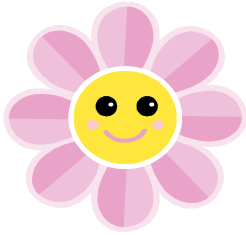
The American, upon leaving New Zealand, decided to travel over to Australia to see if Australians had the same phone.



He arrived in Sydney, and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '50 cents per call.'

The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. 'Father, I've travelled all over the world and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to heaven, but in the US the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'You're in Australia now, mate ... it's a local call.'



HOLY E-MAIL:

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the rascally behaviour that was going on. So, he called one of His angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time.

When he returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not.'

God thought for a moment and said, 'Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion.'

So, God called another angel and sent him to Earth for a time.

When the angel returned, he went to God and said, 'Yes, it's true. The Earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good.'

God was not pleased. So, He decided to e-mail the 5% that were good, because he wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?.....

No!!...Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in Australia.

Well, there's a very simple answer.

Nobody bothered to check the oil.

We just didn't know we were getting low.

The reason for that is purely geographical.

Our OIL is located in Bass Strait, East Queensland Shale Fields, Canning Basin, Perth Basin and the North-West Continental Shelf.

Our DIPSTICKS are all located in Canberra!!!

Any questions ??? NO? I didn't Think So!



The man who smiles when things go wrong
has thought of someone to blame it on.

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,

Thanks again to all of the wonderful members who have passed on their best wishes for a speedy recovery. I look forward to catching up with you again soon.

I'd like to share a true story from my teaching years from June 2010.

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I'd been feeling a bit sorry for myself and trying to get my head around this aging process. It took a wonderful young lady in one of my classes to put my life into perspective the other day. At the end of each lesson, I like to spend a few minutes chatting with the kids as they pack up. I asked the two kids in front of me what they wanted to do when they grew up. The young man didn't know, but Elisha (15) jokingly said that when she was younger, she had always wanted to be a monkey.

She said that she realised now that this wasn't possible, but now wanted to work with animals, either as a vet or as a zoologist.

I told her that she should research her goals and write them down. I told her to collect pictures and articles related to her future life, put them in a book with her goals and look at them every day to cement the thoughts in her mind. I said that by doing this she would certainly achieve her goals. I said that if you don't plan the direction of your future life then you may end up anywhere.

She thought about this for a moment, then stopped, looked me in the eye and said "Sir, what do you want to do when you grow up?"

She was serious and wanted an answer but I was speechless.

I mumbled something about retiring in a few years but she didn't accept this as my final answer.

She smiled and said "You need to think about that don't you. Retiring is not the goal, and it's not what you'll be doing."

We then had an in-depth conversation about motor homes and travelling the roads of outback Oz.

I've been teaching forever, but had just been taught a very valuable 'life lesson' by an intelligent, lovely 15year old girl who cared enough to ask me a very hard question.

So, I put Elisha's question to all of you: "What are you going to do when you grow up?"

Take care and stay safe... Alan

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