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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Well, another month has sped past. Where does the time go? I have barely got used to it being 2024 and we are nearly half way through.

I think everybody is satisfied that the workshop is beginning to function as it should. As I said in my last report all we need now is members to use the facility. The Monday workshop is well attended and Fridays had picked up, though today was a little disappointing. Saturday is the least well attended. If we are to have a workshop it must be used in order to raise the money needed to meet running costs.



On the subject of money, the Board have agreed to a motion raising the annual fee to \$60. The daily cost for using the workshop remains at \$5. Remember we have a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday June 15th. There is still time to volunteer to help on the day. Even just for few hours will give someone a rest. We will also have another sale of product, so as well as people to help man the stall, we need donations of items to sell on behalf of the club.

Don Crittenden is working hard to get the new shop organised and ready to open. He has already made a few sales but is preparing an order to go to Timberbits. Whilst he will stock up on the usual items, such as glue and sandpaper, he needs to be told if you regularly bought some other item from the shop.

Following on from the motion passed at the last Club meeting, we will hold next Saturday's meeting at the workshop, **not at Alison Homestead**. We will begin the meeting at 10.00 am following our board meeting beginning at 8.30am. Because of the meetings the workshop will be closed on Saturday 1st June. If this meeting is successful, I would like to go back to the arrangements we had at The Milk factory, that is normal workshop until 12.00 mid-day followed by a BBQ and the Club Meeting at 12.30 pm.

The board have agreed to building a small woodstore behind the container at our new premises. We have placed some plastic pallets to keep the wood off the ground. In the first instance we will cover the wood with some iron sheeting left at the site, but in due course we



will construct a roof over it. This is timely as we have received several offers of wood but it is always difficult to recover it. Currently those of us who are members of Erina Men's Shed are busy cutting up some large camphor laurel logs left at the shed. Clearly some of this wood must be left at the Men's Shed for the wood turners there. As camphor goes this has good colour. Hopefully I will have sent some photos to Alan for inclusion in the HT.



The workshop is keeping those Board members not on holiday, very busy. We are still sorting boxes and trays of 'stuff' that we accumulated during our time at the Milk Factory. As well as sorting the 'useful' from the 'old and no longer used' there is much discussion as to where to store these treasures. It is most important if you are in the workshop and use a tool that you put it away in the same place you found it. If you need a tool, please ask one of the Board at the workshop who might be able to save you time looking for it.



We have a special event at the workshop on Monday June 17th. Gosford North Rotary Club (my Rotary Club) will be visiting us in the evening. The workshop will be open for their visit at 6.00 pm., finishing at about 8.00pm. They want to see our new workshop and see the sort of things we make. I will shortly be asking for volunteers to demonstrate some aspect of woodturning, carving and maybe pyrography. After the demonstration we will have a BBQ. Bernard is planning the menu to hopefully include a dessert. At this

point I don't know how many visitors we will have, as this is the meeting before their 'change over dinner' the following Monday.

As we head into winter, I look forward to seeing many of you at our Club meeting at the Ourimbah workshop on Saturday 1st June.

Happy turning, carving and burning!
Peter.

Dad jokes:

- 🚩 What's an astronaut's favourite part of a computer? The space bar.
- 🚩 Keep the dream alive, and hit the snooze button.
- 🚩 Someone stole my mood ring. I don't know how I feel about that.
- 🚩 Do you know why Grandparents and grandchildren get along so well? A common enemy.
- 🚩 What kind of award does the world's top dentist get? A little plaque.

Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting @
Alison Homestead
held on Saturday 4th May 2024

The meeting was opened at 10.00am by
Brian Wilson

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

Guest Speaker: Nil



Show and Tell: Conducted by:
Bill Allen

Name:

Skeeta

Richard Alexander

Peter Cosgrove

John Butlin

Michael Dahl

Item:

Chair Spindle

Carver's Mallet

Jewellery boxes x 3

Small bowl

Textured bowl

Sanding stick

Scalloped bowl

Segmented bowl

Arabic Coffee Pot

Woods used:

Western Red Cedar

Hardwood

Manchurian Pear

Jacaranda

Jacaranda and Merbau

Jacaranda and Merbau

Bottle Brush

Winner: Paul Cosgrove. \$10 gift voucher.

Lucky Door Prize: Richard Alexander. \$10 gift voucher.

Attendance: 20 members, 7 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

Welfare:

✚ Sadly, Dom P lost his lovely wife, Barbara. Our condolences go out to Dom and his family.

✚ Kevin West is in a nursing home but doing OK.

Minutes: It was moved by Bill Allen and seconded by Skeeta that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in March be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

✚ We need to chase up a copy of the Guide lease.

Coming Events:

- ✚ Bunnings BBQ 15th June. Contact Ian Stokes if you can help out.
- ✚ Harvest Festival. Sue and Dom are organizing.

Correspondence:



Inwards:

- ✚ Fair Trading acknowledging receipt of Club Rules. All finalised now.
- ✚ Elaine Helyard. Lots of small cedar pieces to a good home... Carvers contacted.
- ✚ Margaret Robertson asked to be removed from the mailing list... Done.
- ✚ 4 new membership enquiries.

Outwards:

- ✚ Contacted Elaine and Margaret.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

It was moved by John Butlin and seconded by John Lea that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.

Financial Report: Garry presented the reports for February 2024.



Income \$780.20 and Expenditure of \$350.34 leaving a balance of + \$429.86 for the month.
Toy Fund \$0.00 out and \$0.00 added leaving an overall balance of \$2,190.42.
Building Fund \$530.66 out and \$0.00 added leaving an overall balance of \$11,013.50.

It was moved by Dom Pirlo and seconded by Bill Allen that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

New Members: We have 4 new members.

- ✚ Hailey Peslev... also Cessnock member.
- ✚ Jim Richards rejoined as he's back from New Zealand.
- ✚ Ian Baxter... into IT.
- ✚ Walter (Wally) Dixon.

Welcome to the Club folks.

Raffle: Won by Robert Pike Second prize: John Butlin.

Other Reports:

Workshop:

- ✚ Clean up all your mess after using the equipment.
- ✚ New members are doing their Workshop Orientation prior to starting.

Carvers:

- ✚ Going well.
- ✚ 1 new member.

Scrollers: Nil**Toys:**

The following Motion was passed at this morning's Board meeting:

- ✚ **"Motion:** Re-instate the Toy Fund so that money raised from cans, raffles and donations go into this fund. Moved: Garry B and seconded: Dom P. Passed.

**Library:**

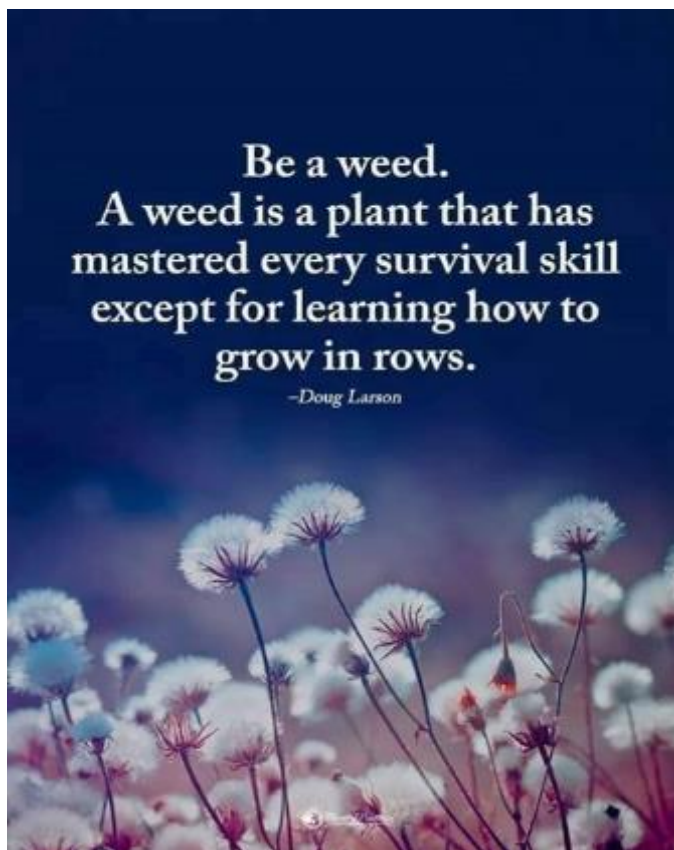
- ✚ Going well but there are still lots of surplus magazines available for free.

Merchandise:

- ✚ Don C is busy sorting out the new shop.
- ✚ Shellawax and EEE are on order.

General Business:**Skeeta:**

- ✚ We need lots of lolly bowls... around 200.
- ✚ Please take the time to make some for this great cause.

**Richard A:**

- ✚ Do visitors have to pay \$5 entry fee. Answer: No, just members.

Ferdie S:

- ✚ We could investigate using the meeting rooms at the Tall Timbers Pub is we need an alternate venue.
- ✚ Discussion re: medication and the need to update Club Medical Records.

Dom:

- ✚ **Motion:** That we have our next meeting at the new workshop to see how it goes. Moved Dom P seconded: Richard A. passed

Paul C:

- ✚ Wants to buy a good quality bandsaw, if anyone has one.
- ✚ Has a contact for getting some surplus timber for training purposes.

Skeeta:

- ✚ Timber size needs to be around 280mm and 330mm of 50x50 or 40x40.

Don C:

- ✚ Discussion re: website updates and email re: camphor available.

Ron Z:

- ✚ Would the Carver's be better suited using the storeroom? Answer: Probably not but we will investigate.

Alan S:

- ✚ I would like some articles, photos, links etc to use in the HT.

Allan S:

- ✚ We should reintroduce training sessions for school groups and continue to encourage younger members to join.



Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 1st June 2024. Venue: Workshop at Ourimbah.
Board meeting 1st June 2024 @ 8.30am.
The meeting closed at 11.09am.

GRANDFATHER of THE YEAR:

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly-behaved grandson. He has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, biscuits... all sorts of things. The grandad is saying in a controlled voice: "Easy, William, we won't be long... easy boy." Another outburst, and she hears the grandad calmly say: "It's okay William. Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout the little horror is throwing items out of the trolley. Grandad says again in a controlled voice: "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes, stay cool William."

Very impressed, she goes outside to where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She says: "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandad."

"Thanks," says the grandpa. "But I am William. This little bastard's name is Kevin."





Welcome to the Shop:



We are now up and running at the Ourimbah Guide Hall building. It is good to see the number of members (and new members) who are availing themselves of the lathes and woodworking equipment.

It certainly has been a change moving from our previous premises at the Milk Factory to our new digs at the Guide Hall. As time goes on, there are changes and modifications that have been made and will continue to be made to improve our operations.

In the moving process, many of the resources have been moved and it has been necessary to do some re-organisation. This has been evident in shop supplies.

Earlier in the year, Phil Clements stepped down from the role of 'shop supervisor' and this has been taken over by Don Crittenden and John Butlin.

New Member's:

There have been several new members welcomed to the club (and hopefully many more). For wood turning in particular, once the skills needed for turning (turning between centres, using tools and gouges, beads and coves, sanding) have been learned it will be important that turners should have a basic set or kit, which will probably comprise some of the following;



Selection from;
80 grit
120 grit
180 grit
240 grit
320 grit



CA glue
Thin or
medium
'Super
Glue'



EEE Ultra Shine
is a cut and polish
wax paste



Shellawax Cream
is a friction polish
for timber



General purpose
food safe paste
wax

Projects:

Common projects undertaken include bowls, live edge bowls, platters, lidded boxes, lolly bowls, vases, mugs, segmented bowls, pens, potpourri bowls, chess pieces, honey dippers, spinning tops, salt and pepper grinders, candle holders, bottle stoppers, Christmas trees, tool handles and much more. All of these will use the above items to some degree.

Other Shop Supplies Worth Considering:

At the time of writing for this Hobby Turner, in the workshop store we have some basic supplies for most people. It is necessary to supplement existing stock with new supplies as needed.

Currently we have at least:

i)	Sandpapers ranging from 80 grit up to 400 grit (limited).
ii)	Sandpapers (hook and loop / Velcro type) suitable for attaching to discs
iii)	Variety of pen kits and some refills
iv)	Pen bits and pieces, variety of pen cases
v)	Clock mechanisms, parts, numbers and numerals, faces, some inserts
vi)	Range of Lazy Susan mechanisms (different sizes)
vii)	Patterned circular ceramic inserts for platters
viii)	Some salt and pepper grinder mechanisms, salt and pepper shakers
ix)	Variety of knives (cheese, pate)
x)	Salad servers
xi)	Brass candle holder inserts
xii)	Variety of thermometers from larger to small, perpetual calendars
xiii)	Glass beakers for flower inserts
xiv)	Some PPE including masks and glasses
xv)	Limited 'super glue' and epoxy and 1L Titebond, PVA

If you need a project or supplies for an idea or existing project, come and have a look at what is available.

Out of stock items include the all-important finishes of EEE cream and wax. It is hoped that an excursion to Timberbits in the near future (early June) will see this being available at the club.

Important Note for All:

Central Coast Wood Turners attempts to get materials at the best possible price for all members and items are generally sold at or near cost price. Most retailers will charge for freight and where possible we try to limit this cost.

We do not stock all items and if you want to check out many more items from a variety of retailers check out the following selection of suppliers (of which there may be more);

TimberBits

Located at 6/8 Wilmette Place

MONA VALE 2103

Web: <https://www.timberbits.com/>



Carroll's Woodcraft Supplies:

Located at Unit 2, 10-14 Capital Drive,
Grovedale
Victoria 3216
Web: <https://www.cwsonline.com.au/>

Tasmanian Turning Supplies:

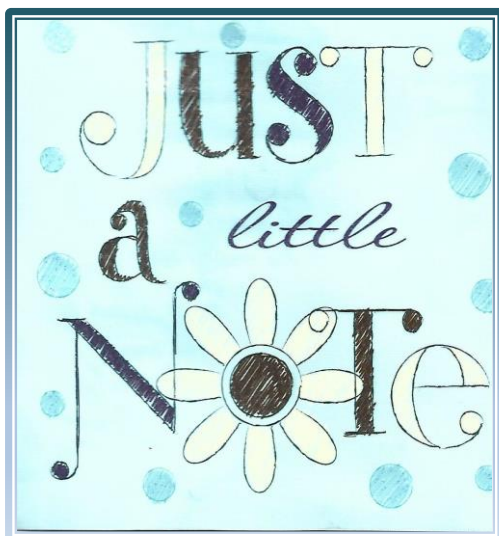
Located at: Call us on (03) 6229 1345 or
0407 274 294
Web:
<https://www.tasturningsupplies.com.au/>

Pop's Shed:

Unit 10b
Rear of 286 to 288 Maroondah Highway
Chirnside Park, VIC 3116
Web: <https://popshed.com.au/>

Timbecon: Web: www.timbecon.com.au/

I hope you find this helpful for your current and future projects.
Don



A Message from Dom:

"Dear Alan, Lynda and CCWT members.
Thank you for your kind thoughts and words of
condolence at this most difficult time.
Barbara was indeed a very special person and all
who knew her valued her friendship and the many
and varied skills she generously shared.
That she will be greatly missed is a huge
understatement. She bravely suffered pain and
discomfort for a very long time and that she is now
at peace is a small consolation.
We plan to arrange a small celebration of Barbara's
life on Saturday 22nd June in the Gwandalan
Community Hall from 2.00 to 5.00pm.

Family and friends who wish, and are able to attend, are welcome.
... Dom, Mark, Steven, Katrina and Lesley."

Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
still loved, still missed and forever dear.



THESE ARE PICTURES OF THE GREAT BANYAN, A SINGLE TREE IN INDIA. IT IS 3.5 ACRES IN SIZE, MORE THAN 250 YEARS OLD AND IS 80 FEET TALL.



Evidence suggests that highly intelligent people often have a messy house.

Letters to the Editor:



Our next CCWT Bunnings BBQ and sale at Tuggerah is on Saturday 15th June.

Please contact: Ian Stokes on 0408 242 668 if you have quality items that you can donate for the sale or if you are available to help out for a few hours on the day.

We are the first group that Bunnings have allowed to have a sale whilst running the BBQ, so we want to make the sale spectacular.

If we don't get enough quality items then we will have to cancel the sale and miss the opportunity to make much needed funds for our club.

Please don't just leave the work to others. We need everyone to step up and help out now.

If you can help out by donating some sale items, could you please contact Ian asap so that we can confirm our intentions with Bunnings.



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1300 130 955

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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 @ 10am @ the Workshop.	Peter
Woodturning	Mon, Fri and Sat mornings from 8.30 until lunch.	Skeeta, Ron
Carving	TBA	Gibbs
Scroll Sawing	TBA	Sue
Pyrography	TBA	TBA
		TBA

EDITOR'S NOTE:



Hi Folks,

Well, the cold weather is here for a while and there's rain in the distance again, but it's all good.

We're all very lucky that we have warm, dry homes and we can rug-up against the winter chills.

It's a good time to stay inside, read a good book, watch a good movie or spend time in the workshop.

Please spare a thought though at this time for those who are not as fortunate as us and if you are in a position to help, then please do so.

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Many years ago, I attended an executive training day for Head Teachers. These days rose their ugly heads several times a year and they were usually as boring as...

On this particular day though, we were on the shores of Lake Macquarie at Nord's Wharf and the guest presenter after lunch was a lovely old man in his 80's. He was a practitioner of the ancient art of Tai Chi and he was going to teach us how to relax.

He started us off though, by sitting us down and asking a simple question: "How long would it take you to prepare to go on a holiday, if you could go anywhere in the world and do anything?"

Some said that they would start preparing months in advance as they would need to organise time off work; babysitters; pet sitters; travel documents; travel insurance; money, and the list grew.

He smiled at us and said that we were all making life too complicated

He said that rather than taking months of planning, a huge financial outlay and many headaches, we could go on a holiday anywhere we wished in a matter of few seconds.

All we had to do was completely relax and imagine ourselves there.

He went on to say that whenever we were stressed, upset or worried, we could have a short holiday on the Great Barrier Reef, or a Swiss mountain top, or we could travel the Silk Road to China.

He was absolutely right, of course.

When Covid hit us and we were all locked down, it was obviously a really stressful time for everyone. We had no chance of conventional holidays and we had to amuse ourselves at home. One of the pastimes that Lynda and I came up with was doing online jigsaw puzzles. Pretty boring you might say, but wait, there's more.

Whenever I did a puzzle of a building or castle, I made a point of using Google Earth to find that exact spot where the photo for the jigsaw had been taken. Sometimes it was easy, sometimes it was very difficult, but in doing so I learned a lot about the sights and culture of these areas. If it was particularly interesting, I would research the area or country until I was satisfied with my 'visit'. I then "dropped a pin", i.e. added a placemark, on the site, and moved on.

I did all of this from my office, sitting in a comfy chair, with hot/cold drinks, a refrigerator and bathroom facilities nearby.

There were no expensive flights, no standing in queues, no crowds and no noise.

I've now spent many hours travelling the world. Just this week I've been walking the streets in the little seaside town of Bokevic, Sweden. I've sat next to a tranquil pond in the Chinese Gardens in Montreal's lovely Botanic Gardens and I spent time strolling along the shores of the isolated West Wallabi Island in the lovely Abrolhos Group off Western Australia.

All of the places that you've seen in the movies and documentaries, and thought, "I'll go there one day", are as close as your fingertips.

Take the time to visit and enjoy your holidays!

Take care and stay safe.
Alan

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My wife just turned to me and said: "I was talking to you and you yawned six times, am I boring you."

I said: "Those were not yawns Those were six unsuccessful attempts to speak."

