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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Once again, I must start with an apology. I am afraid I will miss the next Club meeting and Christmas Party. As I write I am still in Queensland, though we are on our way back to NSW. Jill and I had carefully worked out traveling time and route, planning to be back in late November. We booked caravan parks accordingly, intending to arrive in Terrigal 27/28th November. All this was before the date of the meetings was moved to 25th November.



With regard to our new workshop things are moving forward at a snail's pace. You notice I used 'moving forward' rather than progressing. The Council have raised a number of objections to our proposed workshop. It has now become necessary for us to bring in a Heritage consultant. In regard to the Guides, we are moving forward but there are certain agencies which need to be involved, who progress at their own pace... not with the urgency we would prefer. The lease is now in the hands of the lawyers and the Guides are insistent we cannot move in until the lease is signed. The district officer is more amenable and we can access the hall to discuss work needed, layout of machinery etc. Closure on this deal is very close, I hope.

This leads naturally onto a discussion of finance. As you can see both options are going to require expenditure of Club funds. The Homestead requires various reports, the guide hall will need some alterations. Currently expected expenditure exceeds the funds we are holding in the bank. We will need serious discussion and serious commitment from members in order to raise the funds that we need immediately, let alone for future plans.



On a brighter note, I have two memorable and enjoyable encounters whilst on holiday here in Queenstown. While we were staying in Hervey Bay last week, we went to the local Saturday market in Urangan. There I came across a familiar (to me) looking stall called the "Pen Man". The stall was totally devoted to pens of all shapes and sizes, many of them made from kits new to me. I was unable to speak to the turner, as he was busy demonstrating turning pens... rather helping children turn blanks into pens. For these he used slim line kits and gave the pen to the child when it was finished. My feeling was these children would never forget the experience and maybe, one day, they would remember and take up woodturning in their adult life.

The second experience was here on Bribie Island. We detoured to this location on the advice of Dom Pirlo.

He guided me to the Bribie Woodies. I arranged with their President to tour their workshop. Well, all I can say is I oozed jealousy from the beginning. Having met him in their tea room/gallery, about the size of our last workshop, we proceeded to their turning workshop. This alone was about 200m². They had nine lathes plus all the usual equipment. To cut the story short, they had two more workshops of similar size, plus various outside, covered areas for general woodwork. In one covered area they had a slabber. Similar to ours, but much bigger. This could take 2.5m logs and each blade cost about \$350. I have never seen so much wood, all slabbed and stacked with the name of the wood and the date slabbed on the end. There were several open sided sheds just given over to slabbed wood. There were all different thicknesses so they catered for everybody. What I have forgotten to mention is they pay \$1 a year rent to the council, on a permanent lease. They also have 200 members.

As I have very limited Wi-Fi here, I am sending this report to Alan as an attachment. I will also send him some photos as another attachment. Let's hope I am up to the technology.

Once again, I am sorry to miss the meetings and the Christmas Party but can I wish all the members, their families, and the friends of CCWT a very Merry Christmas and a happy and settled New Year... Peter

Things that used to hurt my back:

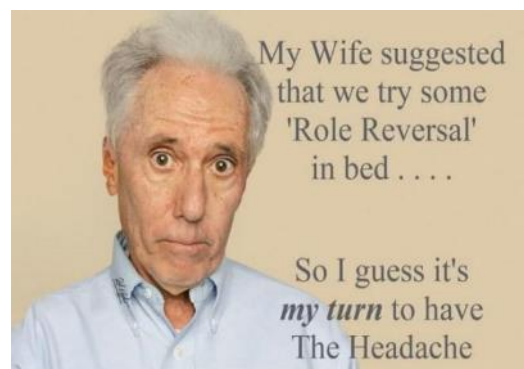
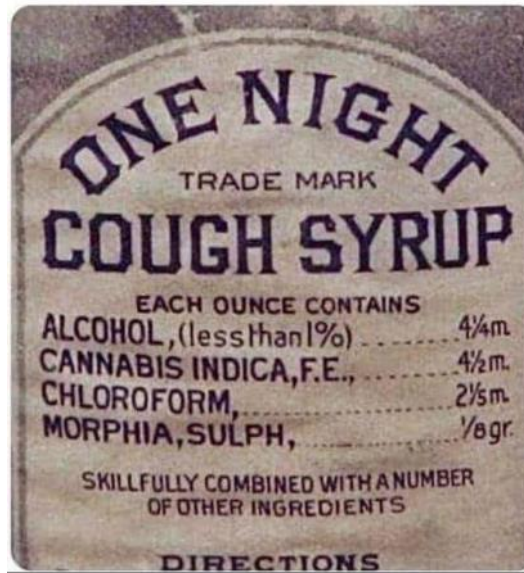
- Jumping off garages
- Crashing my bike
- Falling out of trees
- Diving into the shallow end
- Contact sports

Things that hurt my back now:

- Sneezing
- Mopping the floor
- Washing the dishes
- Cooking huge meals
- Brushing my teeth
- Tying my shoes
- Rolling over in bed

Cough syrup from 1888

The nighttime, sniffing, sneezing, coughing, aching, stuffy head, fever, how the hell did I wind up on the kitchen floor medicine.



**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting @ Alison
Homestead
held on Saturday 4th November 2023**

The meeting was opened at 10.00am by Vice President Mark Board

Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo



Show and Tell: Conducted by: Ian Stokes

Name:	Item:	Woods used:
Richard Alexander	Large Bowl	Camphor Laurel
Dom Pirlo	Rectangular Bowl	Blackbutt
Paul Cosgrove	Turned and carved Bowl	Jacaranda

Won by Paul Cosgrove.

Ian commented on the high quality of workmanship evidenced in this piece – inspired by the shapes of the eroded rocks at the beach.

Attendance: 25 members, 6 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

Welfare:

A number of members are experiencing health problems – including Alan Smith, Phil Clements, Laurie Luthje and Ron Gibbs (who had a fall).

Minutes: It was moved by John “Rooster” Lea and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in October 2023 be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

Coming Events:

Saturday 2nd December – Sales at Bateau Bay Men’s Shed - Graham Craike co-ordinating.

Sunday 3rd December – Central Coast Christmas Fair – Mingara – Dom co-ordinating



Thursday 7th December – Bunnings Christmas Party – sales for Building Fund – Mark Board co-ordinating

Saturday 9th December – Barbecue at Bunnings Tuggerah – and sales for the Building Fund – Ian Stokes co-ordinating

Members will be notified of the above events and members who can assist/participate will be asked to contact the co-ordinators.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

✚ Alan has had lots of correspondence back and forth with Fair Trading. The result was that all submissions and amendments have now been accepted and registered. Alan will give more details at the next meeting.

✚ Peter and Dom have had e-mail and phone calls with the Region manager and the Property Compliance Manager of the Girl Guide Association concerning the Ourimbah Guide Hall

lease agreement.

Outwards:

✚ Answered lots of emails via email and phone calls - especially in relation to the above.

Business arising from Correspondence:

✚ CCWT and the Girl Guide Association have basically reached a lease agreement.



- 5year lease (The option to extend the lease period, and have the first option to buy if it is put on the market will not be in the lease agreement, however Elizabeth Baker, the Regional Manager, informed Dom that this would almost certainly be agreed to by the Girl Guide Association.)
- CCWT will have exclusive use.
- \$350 per month rent, plus utilities.
- CCWT to carry out the works required at the property to improve drainage in the carpark area and upgrade the electrical switchboard. Work to be carried out by appropriately qualified, licensed, insured tradies. These works to be detailed in the lease.
- A formal lease to be drawn up between the parties with the CCWT to cover the legal costs - estimated at around \$1,000. ((The GG Assoc. wish to use their solicitor but have agreed for their solicitor, and the solicitor nominated by the CCWT, to liaise and arrive at a more acceptable amount.)

- Provision in the lease for annual rent increase – likely CPI increase or 4% p.a.
- Any increase in cost of building insurance for the property, owing to the activities to be engaged in by the CCWT to be covered by them.
- Rates will be covered by the Girl Guides Association.

It was moved by Chris Strong and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report:

The following accounts were presented for payment approval:

02/10/2023	Merchant Services	\$46.75
23/10/2023	Fair Trading Document submission.	\$325.39

Income \$438.00 and Expenditure of \$377.84 leaving a balance of +\$60.06 for the month.

Toy Fund – overall balance \$3250.42

Building Fund - \$152 added, leaving an overall balance of \$5331.60

Total balance as at 26/10... \$13,148.63

Cash \$690

It was moved by Brian “Skeeta” Wilson, seconded by Roger Dixon that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

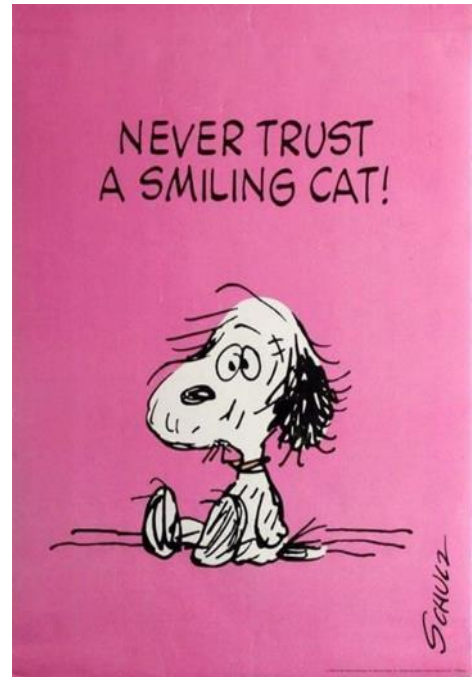
General Business:

- ✚ CCWT have been invited to participate in the Central Coast Christmas Fair to be held on the oval at Mingara on Sunday 3rd December from 9.00am to 4.00pm. A 6 x 3 area will cost the Club \$280. Dom has offered to co-ordinate if sufficient members wish to participate.
- ✚ Mark is meeting with a representative from Central Coast Council to discuss the exact requirements for lodging a D.A. for a workshop at Alison Homestead. Allowable size especially to be clarified.
- ✚ Rooster will arrange to place water absorbent crystals in the containers.
- ✚ Mark has collected roofing iron from Dom’s to fix over the roof of the container at the Ourimbah Hall.
- ✚ Allan “Cedar” Smith informed meeting that he will honour his promise of \$10,000 donation – subject to CCWT obtaining building approval.



- ✚ Bob Bamforth has donated his woodworking equipment to Clare Buckingham to help her to establish a “Women’s Shed” on the Central Coast.
- ✚ Dom brought timber off-cuts to the meeting for members to purchase for the building fund.
- ✚ The next Board meeting and the Monthly meetings have been brought forward to Saturday 25th November due to the Club’s many commitments in early December.
 - Mark will see the Alison Homestead manager to see if we can have our Christmas Party
 - (Sausage Sizzle ++++) after the meetings.

Meeting closed at 10.45am



Greetings from Urangan Markets at the beautiful Hervey Bay, Qld.

(Peter has detailed this visit in his President’s Report)



Travel Reflections:

While we departed Gwandalan under a health cloud, we proceeded with our planned travels. Dom flew from Brisbane to Milan on 3rd September and met his son Steven and his wife in Milan. We enjoyed some spectacular scenery on the roundabout drive to Ono Degno - the village where Dom was born.

We were made very welcome by our cousins. The next day we explored the spectacular environs of Ono Degno and visited summer mountain pastures in Gardo.

The next day we travelled to Lago di Como where Steven did a Via Ferrata Cima Capi accompanied mountain climb. Tracey and I walked along the lake shore and explored some of the old fortifications and tunnels from the wars. Had to imagine how they managed such difficult constructions!

The next day Steven and Tracey drove the Stelio Pass. I stayed with the cousins and watched the "spiedo" preparations and cooking! We had some great food experiences.



The Mille Miglia rally, involving almost three hundred cars went through the village the next day and the road was closed. We watched some of the rally and witnessed some very impressive driving skills.

We drove to Lake Como to visit cousins there. We explored parts of Como and had an enjoyable day cruising on the lake. We also visited the Alfa Museum in Milan which I found most impressive.

I flew from Milan to Amsterdam on 12th September to meet Barbara for a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest.



Thanks to Dom and Barbara Pirlo

Bribie Island Woodies:

Greetings from the lovely, sunny Bribie Island, Qld.

Our intrepid explorers, Jill and Peter, recent visited the Bribie Island Woodies, and Peter was very envious of their facilities. He has outlined their visit in his President's Report.





Exercise?
I Thought You Said "Extra Fries"



Peter was incredibly impressed by his welcome and said that the club facilities were extraordinary.

He was told that they are very well looked after by Council by only being charged a “peppercorn” rent and having a permanent lease.

They also have over 200 members.

We wish them well in the coming years and if you get up that way, pop in for a visit... Editor.



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.



Letters to the Editor:



CCWT Bunnings BBQ and sale at Tuggerah is on Saturday the 9th December.

Please contact: Mark Board on 0414 435 709 or Ian Stokes on 0408 242 668 if you have items that you can donate for the sale. We have just enough helpers for the BBQ but very few sale items.

This will be the first time that Bunnings have allowed a group running the BBQ to also have a sale, 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 Mark or Ian asap so that we can confirm our intentions with Bunnings.



Christmas is coming. Have you been good?

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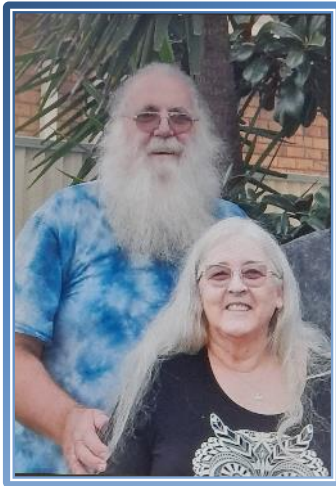
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What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month @ 10am. Alison Homestead.	Peter
Woodturning	<u>As we are temporarily homeless, we are searching for new premises and there are no set workshop times at present.</u>	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling		Tony Bruckard
Carving		Sue Wood
Pyrography		Valda Barton



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, the weather is wonderful, Christmas is just around the corner and we will soon be invaded by holidaying tourists again.

It's a very hectic time of year for many people and this year seems to have been particularly crazy for us and our extended family.

Lynda and I were talking the other day about how complicated life gets at times and we talked about the need to just be able to switch off at times and just totally relax... then we met a lovely lady called Isabella.

We were in our doctor's waiting room, waiting to get some scripts and all was quiet.

Then off to our right we heard an excited shriek of delight.

We turned to see a beautiful young blond lady, Isabella, who was about two and a half, standing near a shelf of stuffed toy animals. She yelled out "Hi guys!" a couple of times and excitedly waved to them. She then spoke to the elephants, cows and horses etc separately and she was having a wonderful time.

Her Mum called her over and asked her to sit down but she looked over at me and said "No! I'm going to talk to Santa."

Her Mum looked at me and I said that it was OK, but Isabella got distracted again and wandered off.

Our encounter with Isabella was far too brief but for a fleeting moment we recaptured, and admired, the innocence of children.

I'm sure that as we get older, we often take life far too seriously.

I was reminded of a group of busy, stressed women in NZ who formed a group called "Don't act your age... act your shoe size". They went on regular outings to the beach, parks, ice-cream parlours etc and for a few hours they got to relive their childhood with "young" friends.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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