



# The HOBBY TURNER

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| <b>Exhibitions:</b>        | Position vacant   |              |             |
| <b>Centres</b>             |   |              |             |
| <b>Other</b>               | Barry Peick   | 4372 2069    |             |
|                            | Assisted by Jim Christie  | 4388 9148    |             |
| <b>New Member Liaison</b>  | Position Vacant   |              |             |
| <b>Trainers</b>            | G. Buckman, R. Gibbs, J. Lea and B. Wilson.   |              |             |
| <b>Refreshments</b>        | Valda Barton  |              | 0439 901804 |
| <b>Board Members</b>       | Richard Alexander, Mark Board, Garry Buckman, Phil Clements, Peter Hamilton, John Lea, Dom Pirlo, Alan Smith, Ian Stokes, Chris Strong and Brian Wilson.  |              |             |
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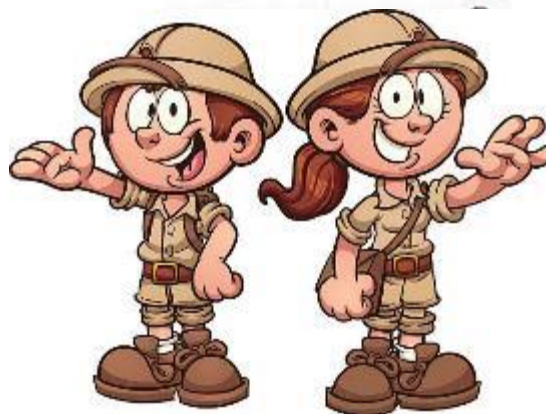
**EDITOR'S REPORT:**

Well, our fearless leader and his wonderful wife, Jill, are off galivanting through the wilds of Australia, again.

This time they are having a well-deserved break in sunny Queensland.

This morning they were in The Town of 1770 and were, unfortunately, almost surrounded by distant bush fires.

For the moment though, they are safe and enjoying the balmy 30°C weather and a glorious view of the ocean.



It's been left up to me to bring you up to date with the latest news.

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Things are progressing with the lease on the Guide Hall and, no doubt, Mark B will have more to tell, about this, at Saturday's meeting.

The amendments to our Club Rules have been accepted and registered by Fair Trading.

I have also retyped, reformatted, corrected and tidied up the old Constitution document and we will have a short Special General Meeting immediately prior to our December meeting in order to ratify this for Fair Trading. More details about this will be sent out to members soon.

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Finally, our Editor / Secretary, (aka ME), has been down with covid for the past two and a half weeks. I'm slightly improved but still testing positive and feeling like &%#\$, so I won't be at Saturday's meeting. Lynda has had it too but she is now testing negative and on the mend.



**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd  
Minutes of the General Meeting @ Alison  
Homestead  
held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The meeting was opened at 10.03am by Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

**Guest Speaker:** Nil



**Show and Tell:** Conducted by:  
Robert Pike

| <b>Name:</b>      | <b>Item:</b> | <b>Woods used:</b> |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Richard Alexander | Burl Bowl    | ???                |
| Ron Gibbs         | Platter      | Mallee Burl        |
|                   | Bowl         | Coolabah Burl      |
|                   | Bowl         | Coolabah Burl      |

Winner: Ron Gibbs for his Coolabah burl bowl.

**Attendance:** 18 members, 8 apologies, 1 associate and 0 visitors.

**President's Report:**

I would like to say there is little happening in regard to finding a new workshop. We continue with two avenues, the Girl Guide Hall at Ourimbah and T Alison Homestead. Both are progressing and an update on the Homestead can be found in the minutes of the last Club meeting in September. The lease for the Guide Hall has gone back to the guides for redrafting. There was one clause in the lease allowing the owners, namely the Guides, to terminate the lease without any reason. Despite assurances from the Guides that this would never happen we felt this gave us no security. Having the cost of adapting the hall, as well as the cost of moving all our equipment in, this clause was a deal breaker. The Guides are looking at this again and I am waiting for them to forward me a new agreement. As soon as this is settled, we will be able to put the wheels in motion.

In relation to the Guide Hall, Mark has already obtained some quotes for electrical work. Mark and Skeeta have looked at the floor and drawn up a suggested plan for positioning our equipment. These will be discussed at the next board meeting and reported to members at the following Club meeting.

Whilst mentioning the next meeting can I remind members that this meeting is a Special General meeting and you have been given notice of a motion to change the constitution removing all reference to an annual audit as this is no longer required. This meeting will also

discuss board decisions regarding affiliation to the Men's Shed Association of Australia and possible charity status. Both these might facilitate fund raising.

You have already been notified of another Bunnings BBQ on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Our previous two BBQs have raised significant funds. They hare hard work but can also be very enjoyable but it must not be left to the 'usual few'. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours get in touch with Mark and let him know. The two sales arranged at local Men's Sheds also raised \$1400 between them. These sales only sold product donated to Club so all that money was profit. Thanks to Erina Men's Shed and Bateau Bay Men's Shed.

We are entering a time when we are looking at raising significant amounts of money, very large sums of money. This is going to require a great deal of effort by everybody concerned with the Club. It is not just the job of the board that are already giving a lot of time to club business. If we are to grow the Club back to pre-Covid numbers we need a base, a workshop. Once we have somewhere to meet and practice our various crafts, we would hope that precious members will return and we will be able to attract new members.

Just before Covid-19 closed us down Skeeta was running a course to train up new instructors. With advancing age some of our previous instructors were no longer with us. This has left



too much dependence on the few trainers left. Covid meant that Skeeta had several false starts to the course and numbers dwindled. I am certain once we have a workshop up and running Skeeta will start again so if you are interested in sharing your hobby with people just starting out on their turning path watch this space.

I am writing this report whilst staying right by the beach in Jervis Bay. My wife and I decided we need to break and what better way than a few days by the sea. This is not entirely a random choice of location as it near where our daughter and grandchildren live. We were also able to drop in on a Rotary friend who has moved to Bowral. This fantastic weather has added to the enjoyment and relaxation.

Until our next meeting, stay safe... Peter

**Welfare:**

- ✚ Bill Allen and Peter Kun are both unwell.
- ✚ We wish them both a speedy recovery.

**Minutes:**

It was moved by Ron Gibbs and seconded by John Butlin that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in September be accepted. Passed.

**Business Arising:** Nil**Coming Events:**

- ✚ Bunnings BBQ at Tuggerah 09-12-2023 plus Demo (Skeeta) and sales table (Sue and Peter Woods).
- ✚ Bateau Bay Men's Shed sale 02-12-2023.
- ✚ Toukley Art Gallery sale 04-11-2023. \$25 exhibitor's fee.

**Lucky Door Prize:** Nil**Correspondence:****Inwards:****Alan S:**

✚ Email from Dom. Having a great time in Europe with Barbara.

✚ Email from Bill Allen.

**Peter H:**

✚ Email from Don Crittenden re: method for handling website enquiries update.

✚ Email re: Yukka wood available... see Peter for details.

**Outwards:** Nil.

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil

It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



**Financial Report:** Garry presented the report for September 2023.

Income \$155.00 and Expenditure \$490.10, leaving a Debit Balance of -\$335.10 for the month.

It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

**New Members:** Nil

**Raffle:** Sue Wood won the \$20 gift voucher; Garry Buckman won the \$30 gift voucher.

**Other Reports:**

**Workshop:**

**Peter H:**

- ✚ We purchased a new dust extractor for half price.
- ✚ We still need to pay for a Heritage survey and a septic survey for the new workshop.
- ✚ A Go Fund Me site will be established but we need someone to manage it.
- ✚ The Board has decided that the Guide Hall will be a temporary home (lease agreement pending) whilst we build at Alison Homestead.
- ✚ Skeeta reported that Walker's Timbers are donating the yellow tongue flooring that will be used to support the machinery at the Guide Hall.
- ✚ Peter extended his thanks to all of those involved in our quest to relocate.

**Carvers:**

- ✚ Having a short break due to illnesses.

**Scrollers: Nil**

**Pyrographers:**

- ✚ Valda has been teaching Dillon Lea the art of pyrography.

**Toys:**

**John L:**

- ✚ Thanked Bob Bamforth for making heaps of toys and donating them today.

**Library: Nil**

**Merchandise: Nil**

**General Business:**

**John L:**

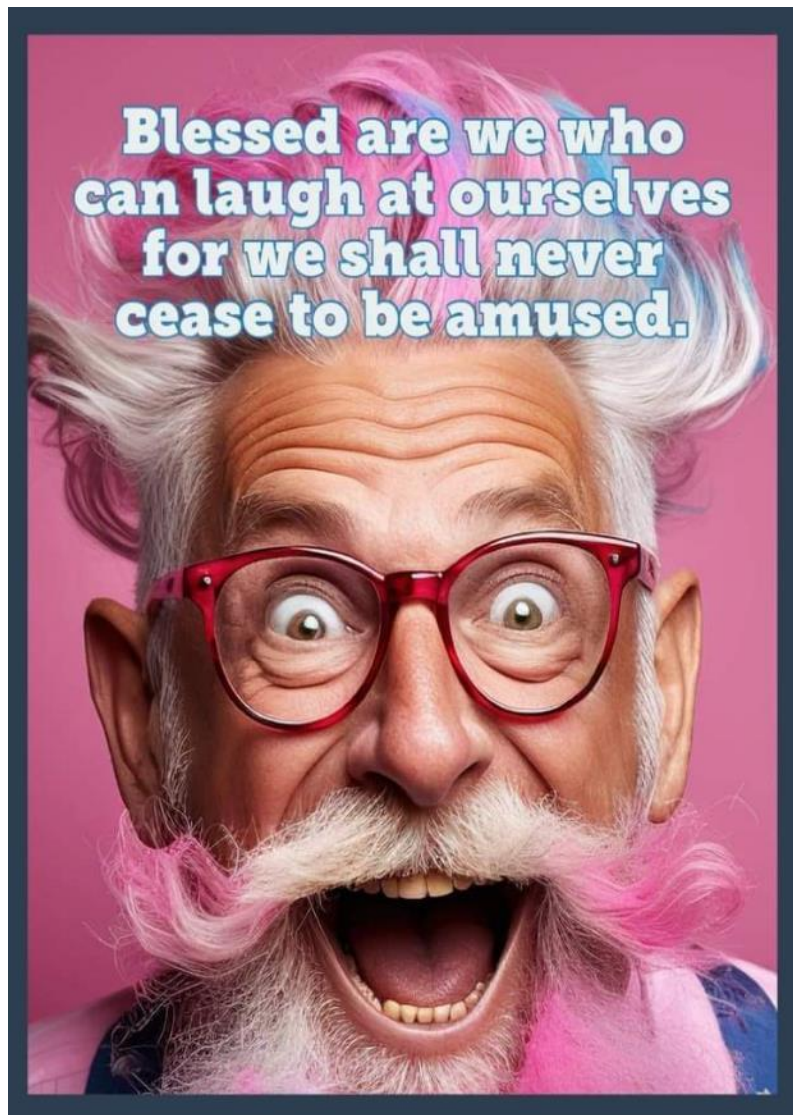
- ✚ Has built a "thermometer" to show the progress of our fundraising efforts.

**Next Meeting:**

General meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

November 2023 @ Alison Homestead

Board meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 8.30am.



The meeting closed at 10.52am

**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd**  
**Minutes of the *Special General Meeting* @ Alison Homestead**  
**held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The meeting was opened at 10am by Peter Hamilton.

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

There is only one item on the agenda.

“Due to changes in the requirements for our annual return to Fair Trading, we no longer need an Auditor’s report.

We now need to change our Constitution to reflect this.

As a result, the following Notice of Motion has been proposed:

**Notice of Motion:**

That a Special General Meeting be called at the same time as our next General Meeting to consider a motion to remove from the Rules of the Central Coast Woodturners Co-op Ltd the requirement to appoint and maintain an Auditor and that a formal notice of the motion be forwarded to all members no later than 21 days prior to the meeting.

**This old man in his eighties got up and was putting on his coat. His wife said, "Where are you going ?" He said, "I'm going to the doctor." And she said, "Why? Are you sick?" "No," he said. "I'm going to get me some of those new Viagra pills." So his wife got up out of her rocker and was putting on her sweater and he said, "Where are you going?" She said, "I'm going to the doctor too." He said, "Why?" She said, "If you're going to start using that rusty old thing again, I'm going to get a tetanus shot."**

Moved by: John Butlin and seconded by Brian ‘Skeeta’ Wilson.”

**Note:** This matter was set aside at the last meeting, for attention today, as we needed to give our members 21 days notice.

This was done.  
...Alan Smith (Secretary)

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**Discussion:**

**Alan Smith:**

✚ Outlined the reasons for this motion.

○ No-one spoke against.

✚ Moved: John Butlin, seconded: Brian Wilson.

○ Vote: For: 20 Against: 0 Abstain: 0. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.03am.

**Motion:** It is moved that there be deleted from the “Rules of Central Coast Woodturners Cooperative Limited” the following:

**REMOVE**

1. From the Index:

APPOINTMENT, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AUDITORS... 30

REMOVAL OF AUDITORS... 32 and

RESIGNATION OF AUDITOR... 33 and

2. Delete from Definitions on page 1 of the rules;

“Auditor” means an auditor or auditors for the time being of the co-operative appointed in accordance with Rule 69.

3. Delete from Rule 34(a) 3rd paragraph the word “auditors” and

4. Delete from Rule 34 (a) the following: “to elect (if necessary) an auditor, or to determine the auditor’s remuneration or both”

5. Delete from page 21 of the Rules under the heading “Special Resolution” paragraph (c) the words “the removal of an auditor”

6 Delete from Clause 65 (a) 2nd paragraph the words “together with the auditors' report on those accounts,”

7. Delete from Rule 69 (page 30) the whole of contents under the heading “APPOINTMENT, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AUDITORS”

8. Delete the whole of Rule 70 and 71 together with the headings “Removal of Auditors” and “Resignation of Auditor” respectively.







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 at Tuggerah on Saturday the 9th December.

**We really need your help.**

We are in need of volunteers to help to man this BBQ. We need at least 6 each for the morning and afternoon shifts.

The last 3 BBQ's that we ran were a huge success and raised almost \$2,000 each time for our club.

If you can help out our successful team by donating a few hours of your time, then please contact:

Mark Board on 0414 435 709

If we don't enough helpers we will have to cancel 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, could you please contact Mark asap so that we can confirm our spot on the Bunnings roster.**



See what happens when you fall asleep with a ginger nut biscuit in each hand.

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



**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Hi Folks,  
 Just when we thought that covid was a thing of the past, it rears its ugly head again to remind us that it hasn't gone away.  
 Lyn and I came down with it few weeks back and it's been very hard to shake.  
 Luckily though, Lyn is feeling much better and on the mend.  
 I still have a little way to go yet but it could have been so much worse.  
 Anyway, enough complaining.

To quote the wonderful Dolly Parton: **“If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain.”**

We all have so many things to be thankful for in life, but some folks spend all of their time and energy stressing over what are essentially a few hiccoughs on their life's path.  
 We need to look to a positive and brighter future and work towards good times ahead.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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