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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone, and welcome to the new club year. There were a few significant events during the past month including the Annual General Meeting, a celebration of the Club's 40th anniversary, a very successful Bunnings BBQ, and some changing of the guard.

The month got off to a very good financial start with another Bunnings BBQ on the Labour Day public holiday Monday where net profits exceeded \$2,100. My thanks go to Ian Stokes for, yet again, managing the event / day, and to The Team for their valuable assistance before, during, and after the day. It runs like a well-oiled machine, and not only generates great revenue, but enhances the Club's image in the wider community and within Bunnings.

There were a few new members introduced and welcomed, and a last-minute trickle of membership renewals. Attendance at the workshop on turning days and evenings is steady and pleasing to see.

It was quite a pleasant day (weather-wise) for the Annual General Meeting, held at Alison Homestead on 18th. This is a lovely venue, with its relatively spacious areas and welcoming vista. The gardens looked particularly nice with plenty of new Spring growth evident.

A record of the minutes from the meeting appears elsewhere in this edition but in summary I can say that it was good to see 28 members attend and be involved in the Club's activities. I was very pleased to present Peter Hamilton with a Certificate of Appreciation, a token of our thanks for his seven years of service as President.

With the mandatory retirement of the existing Board of Directors the election of the new Board was ratified, and I was delighted to introduce two new members, Nathalie Lamond and Lachlan

Bowtell. The remaining positions were taken up by those who stood for re-election, namely Ian Stokes (Treasurer), Steve Farr (Secretary), Chris Strong (Assistant Treasurer), Mark Board (Vice President elect), Richard Waterfield, Dom Pirlo, Bernie Careil and Peter Hamilton. Richard Alexander stepped down from the Board, and I thank him for his term of valuable service.

You'll get to know Nat and Lachlan, and non-Board member Adam Tandowski sooner rather than later I suspect, as they have all hit the road running. They have a penchant for promoting the Club and have some great ideas.

On that subject of promoting the Club I can tell you that a new committee has been formed to investigate and manage all aspects of our social media presence. It comprises Nat, Adam, Lachlan, Don Crittenden, my daughter Nicole, and me. Everyone (except me) has vast experience with the technology behind the various social media platforms, and you can look forward to a vastly broader presence out there in the community. We have a new Facebook



page (Central Coast Woodturners), and I encourage each and every one of you to “Like”, “Follow”, and “Share” the page. No pun intended but I shall keep you “posted” on progress.

Following the AGM, we spent a pleasant couple of hours celebrating the Club’s 40th anniversary. It was particularly interesting for me to talk about some of the Club’s history and to mingle with many of the members who have been an integral part of where we are today. Most of those in attendance have been members

for many, many years, and I appreciate you all making the effort to come along. I’d particularly like to single out Barry Carson, who has been a member since the second month of its existence and so for forty years... amazing. Thank you, Barry.

I had the opportunity to welcome Emma McBride, our local Federal member for Dobell, who had a few words of congratulations to convey, and David Mehan, the State member for The Entrance. Emma subsequently donated to the club. David posted the event on his Facebook page so that generated some good publicity for us.

I also had the opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to our wonderful sponsors and supporters.



Janine Gibbs, wife of our Ron, was present on behalf of The Elderslee Foundation (she is the Chairperson). Over the past few years, they have donated more than \$70,000 to basically equip the workshop. Most of what we use there today was donated by them. Creighton's Funeral Service are also very generous supporters and have been for many years. Lyn Parkes and Erin Harris, our local community liaison managers, in addition to a very generous donation recently, provided the anniversary cake for the celebration... it was very delicious.



Janine Gibbs and Barry Carson jointly cut the cake. A photo of that, with a short story, recently appeared in the Central Coast Community Newspaper. They cropped the photo image, so the context is not quite right, but it was good to see anyway. If you go to the newspaper's website and search on "woodturners" the article will appear.

There are many others I would like to thank for helping on the day. Bernie for making a remarkable croquembouche, Mark and others who assisted with setting up the room and generally managing the logistics, and my wife, Carol, daughter, Nicole, and grand-daughters Mia and Amy for looking after the catering.

There are a few events coming up. We have an Open Day in conjunction with the Lapidary Club on Saturday 8th, a market stall at the Toukley "Fair by the Lake" on Saturday 15th, and another market stall at Henry Kendall Cottage on 30th being

organised by the Brisbane Water Historical Society. Your support, in the form of attendance, donation, or contribution is, as always, welcomed and appreciated. Some of you enquire from time to time about what progress is being made on becoming a charitable organisation; well, I can advise that our illustrious secretary, Steve Farr, is ploughing headlong through the process of making the application, so it is much closer to becoming a reality. Thank you, Steve. His ability to do so has been very capably supported by Chris Strong who has pulled together a very presentable set of financial records. Thanks, Chris. As I've said on a few occasions these are some of the vital steps necessary to further our ability to apply for grants, especially government and philanthropic ones. That's it from me for now... see you in the workshop!!... Terry





The day was extremely well organised; the food was great and a very big thank you must go to Terry, and his lovely family, for the huge effort that went into catering and setting up on the day... Alan

A good turn-out, on a great day!





Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th October 2025 at the Alison Homestead.

Meeting opened at 11:44am by Acting President Terry Jones, who welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes taken by Steve Farr

Attendance: 28 members, nil associates, 8 apologies and nil visitors.

Minutes: the minutes of the AGM of 7th September 2024 were asked if read. It was moved by Graham Craike seconded by Alan Smith that the minutes be accepted as read. Passed.

President's Report: Peter Hamilton read his report for the year 2024 / 2025. (See attached at the end of these minutes)

It was moved by Ron Gibbs seconded by Dom Pirlo that the report be accepted. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Chris Strong tabled the Financial Report for 2024 / 2025. Chris provided figures for the financial year. The club had an operating gain of \$11,655.65. Our Current Account Balances as of 16th October 2025 were also stated.

Election of Office Bearers: The Chairman declared all 11 positions on the Board vacant.

Peter thanked those who were stepping down from the Board for their efforts this year and took the opportunity to gift each board member with a named pen of his making.

Terry Jones stated that there were only 11 nominations to refill the Board positions, therefore no election was required.

The roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer were filled by Terry Jones, Steve Farr and Ian Stokes respectively with Chris Strong assisting Ian in the role of Treasurer.

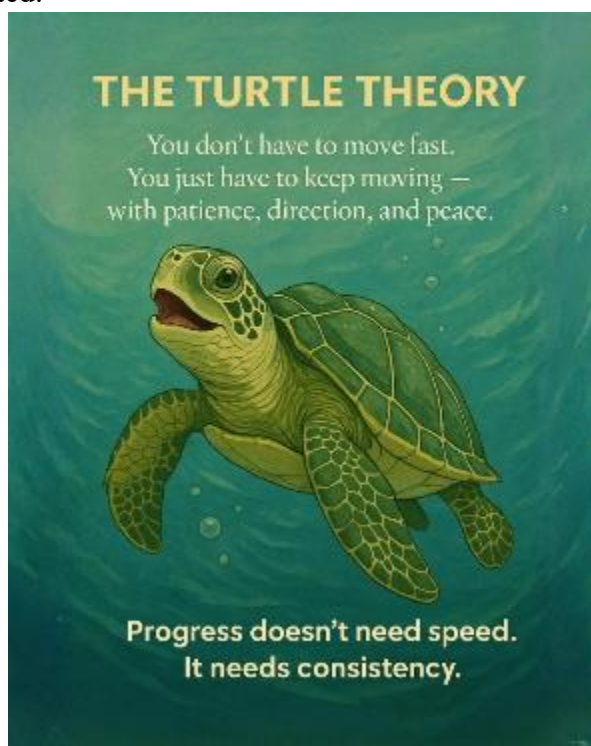
As a result, our Board and elected officers for the coming year are:

President Terry Jones, Secretary Steve Farr, Treasurer Ian Stokes, Assistant Treasurer Chris Strong,

Directors, Peter Hamilton, Richard Waterfield, Bernie Careil, Dom Pirlo, Mark Board, Nathalie Lamond, Lachlan Bowtell

Terry congratulated the new Board, and thanked Peter Hamilton for his service as President during some very trying times for the club by presenting him with a framed Certificate of Appreciation.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12:10pm.



Annual President's Report 2024-2025

As an eventful year draws to a close with our AGM it can be said a lot has happened over the past twelve months.

Members will be aware that there was a change of President. After nearly seven years I had made the Board aware that I did not wish to continue in the post of President. Fortunately, Terry Jones put up his hand. Thankfully the Board agreed to my resignation and accepted the nomination of Terry.

As I have been President for most of the year the writing of the report has fallen to me, for the last time.

Terry threw himself energetically into the post. I am pleased to say he has indicated he will be standing for the President's position next year and I have no hesitation in nominating him, backed by members of the Board.

The AGM is, of course, the time to elect our Board for the next year.

You will see later in this report that we have achieved a great deal in the past twelve months. Despite this, there is still a lot to do, chiefly finding a new location for the workshop. Our lease from Girl Guides Australia was for five years. We have used nearly two years of that already. Members of the Board are working very hard on this matter. We are still dealing with all parties in an effort to resolve this matter.

The beginning of the year saw the introduction of a new accounting system. If we hope to get grants to help with securing our workshop for the future we needed totally transparent accounts.

Various systems were introduced in relation to money in and out of the workshop. We closed the card collection as it was costing us money each month and instead obtained a Tyro card reader / EFTPOS machine. This method charges on each transaction with no monthly fee. We moved the bank accounts to Bendigo Bank. The card payment system is now in the workshop as well at Bunnings BBQs and Club sales. Terry has computerised sales in the workshop.

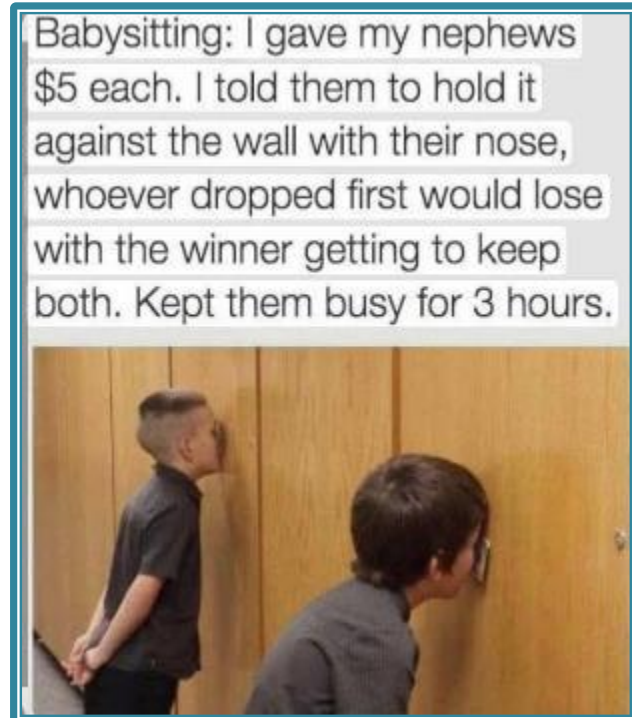
There were several successful sales events during the year.

We attended the two days of the Gosford Show, had an Open Day in conjunction with the Lapidary Club next door, and attended the two days of the Artisan Harvest Festival at Jiliby School.

At events where both club and member items are being offered for sale new rules from both the Charity Commission and Men's Sheds Association prohibit the transfer of money from Club accounts to members. Terry has solved this problem by privately purchasing a Square EFTPOS device, with the associated separate bank account. In this way all members private sales are dealt with outside Club finances. As well as this Don Crittenden has devised a spreadsheet to help deal with paperwork and accounting at private members' sales.



Whilst we are still fine tuning the layout in the workshop there is a lot to see in the workshop yard. The second container is in place and completely fitted out with shelving. A team of builders led by Mark Board has now built a roof spanning the new container and the gap between the two containers. Shelving in the second container and the space between the two containers was donated to the Club via Rob Zwart.



Bernie Careil is in the process of making labels for the different types of wood. There is still a lot of wood donated to the Club which needs to be cut. Members of the club, with the necessary skills, are slowly getting this cut and stored. All this wood is available to Club members at a fraction the cost of buying wood on the open market.

The workshop is now open six days a week. As well as the previous opening times and days we added Thursday afternoon. This is still intended for experienced turners and affords board members and instructors a time when they will be free of administration and instruction in order to get on with their own projects. The opening time on Thursday has moved forward to 10.00am to 2.00pm. The Board also agreed to open

on a Wednesday evening. This was to cater for people who work full time and have family commitments at the weekend. On the first night of this new time slot five new members joined. Membership is slowly increasing and there is a steady flow of new members. Many of these are 'walk-ins' but others have learned about us from flyers at shows, radio adverts and word of mouth.

With all these new members it was timely that Skeeter was able to complete the training course he had been running. The need for new instructors was recognised some years ago but pandemic closures kept interrupting things. After three false starts Skeeta was finally able to complete the course and four new instructors were added to the list. When talking about instructors I must recognise the incredible contribution made by Ron Gibbs and John 'Rooster' Lea.



A feature of the year was two special events that took place. I have already mentioned the open day with the Lapidary Club. It was great to welcome the public into both workshops. This event is to be repeated in November. We also were able to help the Scouts, our neighbours on the other side. They were doing a project on wood and asked if we could do some turning. We welcomed a group of scouts 11-14 years old and they were all able to go home with a pen they had turned. Once again it was fantastic to see members giving up their own time to help with this event.

Thanks to Rooster we enjoyed a great Christmas lunch at Angel Sussuri (a local restaurant). This was well attended and repeated again for Christmas in July.

Thanks to our chief pie eater, we were invited to add a small table of our products to the art gallery at Heatherbrae's Pies. This allows two members to sell some of their creations. Sales usually attract a levy of 15%, 10% to the gallery and 5% to the Club. This has proved profitable so far and hopefully other members will want to take part. The table provides limited space, so we only allow two members at a time. These change every two months.

As I am reporting on events, I cannot leave out the Bunnings BBQs. As a source of revenue, they are second-to-none. Ian Stokes and his team of helpers operate a well-founded system that sees an average income in excess of \$2,000 on each occasion. This is a very popular fund raiser amongst local charities and fund raisers. Bunnings have promised us four sales a year.

Creighton's continue to support us though have changed from donating store cards for us to use as raffle prizes to one annual donation. There have also been other donations in kind from local outlets.

With the age range of our members, it is only natural that we will experience some loss. However, the passing of Brian "Skeeta" Wilson was a great loss to the Club. It was great surprise to those members actively involved at the workshop. One day Skeeta was with us and the next week he was gone.

Skeeta was an active instructor all the time I have been a member. On a personal note, I still feel Skeeta's presence and influence in the workshop. He will be greatly missed.

Lastly, I must thank all the members of the Board who have supported Terry and me throughout the year. There have been other members, not on the Board, who have also given a lot of time to making the Club a better place for members; thanks to them as well. Most of all thanks to all members and friends who have supported me through the ups and downs of the past few years

... Peter



Annual Membership Fees



Membership fees are now due. Our membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

So, you will need to renew our \$60 annual membership fees. 😊.

If you only joined in the last few months then we don't expect you to pay again.

Thanks to those who have already done this.

Fees can be paid by:

- ✚ Cash at the Clubhouse
- ✚ EFPOS at the Clubhouse
- ✚ Direct Bank Transfer to our New Bendigo Bank account. I've paid mine this way and the details are
 - Account Name - Central Coast Woodturners Cooperative
 - BSB 633000
 - Account number - 220952246
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Scroll Saw Shells:

Combining two of my all-time favourite hobbies: Shell collecting and woodwork.

If you check out the facebook group, there are many detailed photos of the steps required to make these wonderful pieces.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1896090167282074>









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.



Some Christmas Ideas:



Newcastle Woodturners demo day with Simon Beggs:



These are the two items Simon turned on the day, He talked about the blended profile of the square to round bowl, and how the outside bottom section must seem to blend with the top lip to form that flowing curve.

He gave some great tips on safety when turning a square or irregular shape. He used blue masking tape doubled over and sticking out about 25-35mm above one of the corners to act as a high protrusion, warning your arm or hands of a

high point when they get to close. It's a very simple but effective safety tip.

He also talked about slowly reducing the tip of the corners about 25mm at a time to keep the rigidity.

His whole demo was full of tips and safety information, not just the techniques.

It was well worth the \$30 fee... Steve



In the News:



Woodturners celebrate 40 years of craft and camaraderie.

October 28, 2025

The Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative marked a major milestone recently when it celebrated 40 years of craft, community and camaraderie.

Held at the historic Alison Homestead in Wyong on Saturday, October 18, the Annual General Meeting and anniversary luncheon drew members, friends and special guests including Federal Member for Dobell Emma McBride and State Member for The Entrance David Mehan.

Incoming President Terry Jones shared highlights from the club's proud history, dating back to 1985 when founding President Allan Godden gathered 16 local enthusiasts for their first meeting at The Entrance High School.

From those humble beginnings, the club grew, welcoming more than 100 members within a decade and earning a reputation for craftsmanship and community spirit.

Over the years, members have exhibited at local shows, run demonstrations, and learned from some of the world's best turners including Giulio Marcolongo, Neil Scobie, and their very own "Skeeta" Wilson.

The club also produces The Hobby Turner magazine, edited for the past 19 years by Alan Smith. The celebration honoured outgoing President Peter Hamilton, recognised for his calm leadership and tireless commitment to the club's success, particularly through recent challenges including the pandemic.

Terry Jones also paid tribute to generous supporters including the Elderslee Foundation, Creighton's, and Walker Bros, whose backing has helped keep the lathes turning and the doors open.

As the club looks ahead to its next chapter, newcomers are warmly invited to visit the Ourimbah workshop, see the craft in action, and maybe even have a go.

For more information, visit www.ccwt.org.au.



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We need your ongoing help and support please.

The Club recently ran a Bunning's BBQ on **Sunday, 2nd November.**

Ian also had approval for us to have a sales table there on the day.

Both the BBQ, and the sales table, were a great success, bring much needed funds into

the Club.

We really need a good quantity of quality items to sell for the Club's Building and Maintenance Funds.

We are in the process of applying for grants and we have to show that we are using every means available to raise funds for the Club.

Any items that we can sell for the Club on the sales days will be greatly appreciated.

Items can be left at the Workshop, or we are happy to pick them up.

We thank you in anticipation.

Take care, stay safe and keep smiling... Alan (on behalf of the Board).



What's on.	When.	Contact
Monthly meeting Wood turning	3rd Saturday of each month @12.30pm @The Workshop. Mon, Fri and Sat mornings 8am until noon. Wed evening 5 until 9pm. Thurs afternoon for Trainers and Board members only.	Peter H, Ron G
Carving Scroll Sawing Pyrography	Tues @ 10am @ The Workshop. TBA TBA	Sue Valda Valda and Nat

EDITOR'S NOTE:



Hi Folks,

The weather has been wonderful lately, and the night air is no longer cold, but it is still crisp. This makes it just perfect for a long, relaxed night's sleep. Gone are the cold winter nights and the hot, sweaty summer nights are still hiding around the corner but, as I get older, I've noticed that the days and nights seem to be rolling around much, much too quickly.

It seems that I put the weekly rubbish bins out every second night and our monthly meeting is just over and yet I'm already back here again.

My eldest grandson, who I'm sure was just born a few years back, has graduated from school, enrolled at Uni and has job. Lyn tells me that he's 25 already. Surely, she is wrong though. My youngest granddaughter, who I was sure was only 2 yesterday, is actually 5 and a half and going to school next year. The world must be going crazy and there must be "a warp in the time continuum", as they say in the movies.

To top it all off though, I found out a while back that we have a stranger living in my house, walking around in my clothes; using my tooth brush and sitting in my chair.

He's much older than me but still quite good looking in a wrinkled, hairy sort of way. He moves a little slower than me and seems to lack the energy that I have. His hair is turning greyer than mine and he wears glasses but my wife seems to like him, so he must be a nice guy.

I don't remember inviting him in, or saying that he could stay, but every time I walk past a mirror, he's there... just looking back at me. He reminds me a lot of my father but ... surely that grey haired older man who has come to live with us can't be me... I'm still only 25 after all... young, invincible, bulletproof and ready to take on the world.... well maybe after a short nap.

The bad news is that time does seem to fly, but the good news is that you are the pilot... so live every moment and love every day, because before you know it time does slip away.

Take care and stay safe... Alan.

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Time flies when you're changing the world!

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM.

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Please PRINT all information as this will assist us to keep accurate records.

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