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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 9th September. Our previous two BBQs have raised significant funds. They are 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



My best friend's wife found letters he had been hiding, proving that he was cheating on her. Now she refuses to play Scrabble with him.

Hobby Turner Deadline: All reports, minutes, articles, advertisements etc need to be with me by the 15th of each month to assure their inclusion in the HT... Editor.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd September 2023 @ Alison Homestead

Meeting opened at 10am by President Peter Hamilton, who welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

Attendance: 32 members, 0 associates, 6 apologies and 0 visitors.

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM of 3rd September 2022 were accepted as read. (Published in HT).

It was moved by Mark B, seconded by Richard A that the minutes be accepted. Passed.

President's Report: Peter Hamilton read his report for the year 2022 / 2023. It was moved by Ross Gordon, seconded by Richard Alexander that the report be accepted. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Garry Buckman tabled the Financial Report for 2022/2023. Garry gave some pertinent figures for the financial year. The club had an operating loss of \$5,522.07. It was moved by Don Crittenden, seconded by Ron Gibbs that the report be accepted. Passed.

Election of Office Bearers: The President declared all 11 positions on the Board vacant and as there were exactly 11 nominations for the new Board, there was no need for a ballot.

The roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer were filled by Peter Hamilton, Alan Smith and Garry Buckman respectively as there were no other candidates.

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

The new Board is as follows:

President: Peter Hamilton

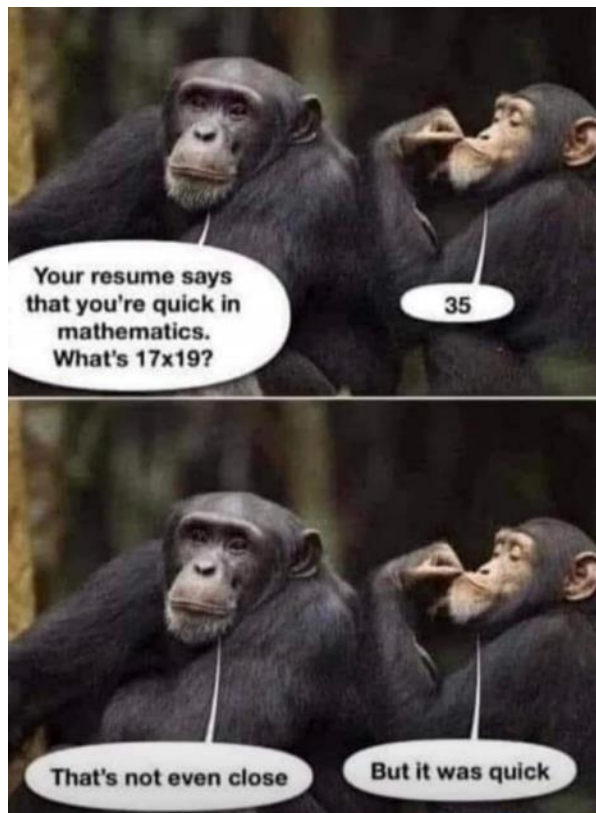
Secretary: Alan Smith

Treasurer: Garry Buckman.

Directors: John Lea, Mark Board, Richard Alexander, Brian Wilson, Phil Clements, Ian Stokes, Chris Strong and Dom Pirlo.

- Brian W thanked Peter H on the great job he was doing as President.
- John Butlin that Mark Board on the good work that he was doing with relocation of the club.
- Mark B noted that a lease had been signed with Alison Homestead today. A very brief discussion followed.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.30am.



Minutes of the General Meeting @ Alison Homestead held on Saturday 2nd September 2023

The meeting was opened at 10.30am by Peter Hamilton.

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

Show and Tell: Conducted by: Don Crittenden



Name:

Richard Alexander

Item:

Large bowl with spalting
Bowl
Vase
Small bowl

Woods used:

Camphor Laurel
Red mallee burl
??? but very hard
Peppermint gum

Winner: Richard Alexander for burl bowl

Attendance: 32 members, 6 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

Welfare:

- + Dom's wife, Barbara is going through a hard time.
- + Howard Oxley's wife, Joyce, passed away. Howard is from the Elderslee Foundation
- + Alan Smith has been in hospital with heart problems but is recovering well.

Minutes: It was moved by Mark Board and seconded by Richard Alexander that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in August be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

- + We still need a sponsor for the shirt badges.
- + Our postal address is officially c/o Alison Homestead 1 Cape Rd Alison 2259.
- + We are definitely accepting new members.
- o Refer all prospective turners to Skeeta.



Correspondence:

Inwards: Nil

Outwards: Nil

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

It was moved by Bill Allen and seconded by Ross Gordon that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report: Garry presented the report for August 2023.

Income \$1,145 and Expenditure \$2,651.10, leaving a Debit Balance of \$1,196.10 for the month.

It was moved by Rob Zwart and seconded by Don Crittenden that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

✚ Brief discussion re: Income from BBQ's and Fair-Trade Stall.

Raffle: \$30 Creighton's gift voucher won by Clarry R and \$20 voucher won by Phil C.

Other Reports:

Workshop:

Peter H:

- ✚ Still in negotiations with the Girl Guides.
- ✚ The moving costs are anticipated to be \$8,000+.
- ✚ The guide hall is 97.5m2 plus kitchen, office, store room and a leaky 20ft container.
- ✚ Mark B is getting a second quote on upgrading the electricity.
- ✚ Comparison: Alison Homestead @ \$200,000 to Guides @ \$300,000 + need to extend.
- ✚ The building fund is sacrosanct and cannot be used for other purposes.

Carvers: Are doing OK.

General Business:

- ✚ Valda is teaching pyrography and she sold \$15 worth of plants for our building fund.
- ✚ We had sales at the Fair-Trade Stall at Erina and at Bateau Bay Men's Shed.
 - All sales money goes to our building fund.

Chris S:

- ✚ General discussion re: difficulty in getting grants.

Mark B:

- ✚ Members can meet at the Guide Hall at 1.30pm next Monday and have a "guided" tour.
- ✚ The land at Alison Homestead has been surveyed.

Skeeta:

- ✚ V.W.A. are offering home workshop insurance for \$250 p.a. with \$20million cover.
 - Insurance period runs from 1st Sept – 1st Sept. See Skeet for details.

Garry B:

- ✚ Toukley Art Soc. @ The Bridge are having a Market Day.
 - Cost is only \$25 but we need a Co-ordinator.

Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 7th October 2023 @ Alison Homestead
Board meeting 7th October 2023 @ 8.30am.

The meeting closed at 11.25am

Robbie Graham...



We have been very fortunate to have Robbie visit us over the years and he has been a real inspiration to anyone who has been lucky enough to watch him work and teach.

His work is unique and his attention to detail is exceptional.

It's great to see that his talents are being recognised and rewarded and on behalf of the Club I would like to congratulate him on his recent award.

In Robbie's words: "Phi" is designed using the ancient golden ratio, turned and carved from one piece of Black Maire 225mmH x 325mmL, with the sphere wall turned to 3mm thick and base walls 10mm thick, then textured including the Phi symbol. The sphere is lightly sandblasted and the overall texture is pyrography with an oil finish.

Supreme award in The Art of Wood Exhibition put on by the National Association of Woodworkers NZ Inc.

You can view the exhibition here: [Awards | The Art of Wood Exhibition 2023 \(naw.org.nz\)](https://www.naw.org.nz)."

Robbie and his lovely wife, Sue, own the Wildwood Gallery in Waitahanui, NZ.

Sue is a very talented and successful artist in her own right. She paints amazing landscapes, birds, wildlife etc.

So, do yourself a favour and check out more wonderful work by these very talented couple.

Robbie and Sue are both on facebook, where you can see more photos of the making of "Phi".





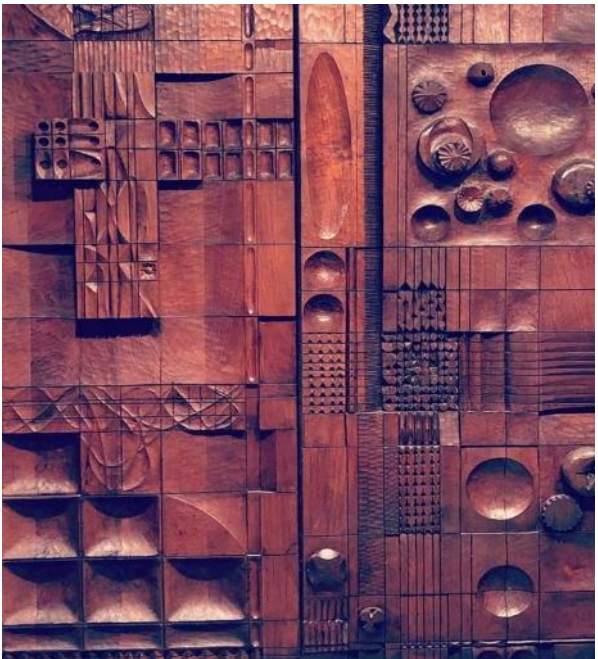
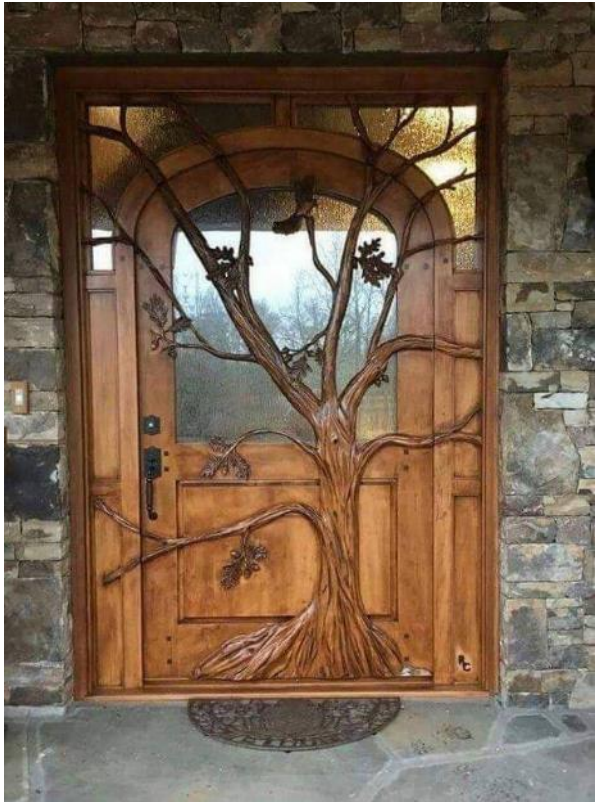
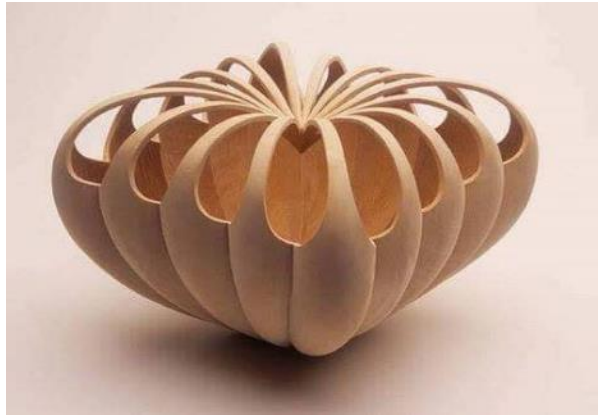
Here are some more inspirational pieces from my:

“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:

Hi Alan

Could you put a thank you to Barry Hunt in the Hobbie Turner for do the survey drawing for the council plans.

Mark

 Barry Hunt
associates
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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:

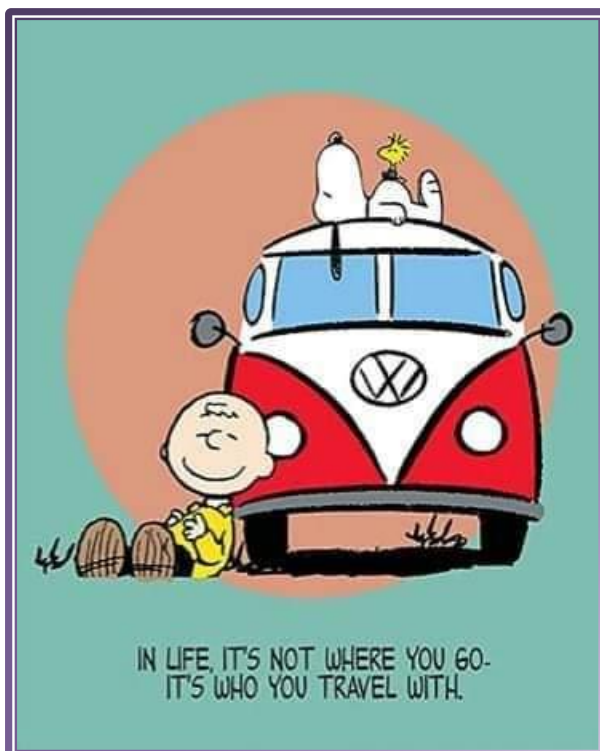
Mark Board on 0414 435 709

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.



Show and Tell:



**Member's
work...**

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



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,
Well, since my trip to hospital I was feeling a bit fragile and overwhelmed.
I was now playing it too safe and not seeing what I could achieve.

I've been telling you folk, over the years, that we all need to get of our bums and do the things that make us truly happy.

So, with encouragement from Lynda, I took my own advice and we went away for the weekend to the re-opening of the Old Bar Beach Kombi Festival. There were: 300+ VW Kombis, 100+ classic cars, huge markets, wonderful food and non-stop live entertainment.

We had an absolute ball.

We went on both Saturday and Sunday and it was wonderful. I surprised myself, and Lyn, with how well I got around. Walking and breathing are so much easier now.

I still have some work to do, but I need to say a huge thank you, again, to all of the super heroes in my life who have aided my recovery: doctors, nurses, ambo's, paramedics and, of course, my wonderful wife, family and friends.

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Lyn is off visiting family in Qld this week, so I've had more time to relax, read and listen to some good music.

I discovered a new singer yesterday, who is wonderful, but the thing that impressed me most was the slogan on his range of shirts. (Google: Dan Vasc)

It says: **“Dan’s Law: Shut up; get up and do something.”**

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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