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Newsletter of the

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AGM OCTOBER 2nd 2002 PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The last twelve months have been very rewarding. We have seen the club membership grow to 155 and I welcome all new members and hope that they are enjoying their time at the club. The toys for the Christmas Appeal were a great success as we look like doing even better than last year. Thanks to all those who gave of their time and efforts to help make a child happy this Christmas.

Joe Semenov, Allen Brookes, and all the others who hopped in and helped with the rocking horses throughout the year, - thanks for a mighty effort. To Paddy, Bruce, Jim, Peter Horsburgh and their helpers, thanks to you too for another mighty effort in making the kits for "Kids Corner," it has been a very busy year. Many of the kits were sold prior to the Festivals and they have been flat out making up extra kits to meet the demand.

This year we have started to clean up the grounds in preparation for a BBQ area. Thanks to all that came along to the working bees and helped out.

To Paul Phillips and Jim Gay, thank you for your help in organizing our two bus trips during the year. What great days they were, everybody enjoyed them and they encouraged us to get to know each other more. We look forward to more of the same.

To our mayor and councilor, Karin Orpen, thank you for being so willing to come along and officiate and help at club functions. We really appreciate the time and effort you put into the club.

Our newsletter editor Bob Plant, has also worked very hard throughout the year and I thank him for his time and the effort he has put into the task. Bob can't do the newsletter next year so we are in need of a replacement for him. If you can help please see Charles Bruckner for more information.

I apologize to anyone I may have omitted thanking, I do appreciate all the help I've been given over the past year.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the committee members who have worked tirelessly throughout the year for the benefit of us all, and make this club so good for us all.

I wish the new committee every success and encourage all members to give you any support needed in your term of office.

Peter Sleeman.

Around The Club

Merv Kann is not in the best of health at the moment on behalf of the members we wish him well.

It is good to see Jan Brown up about again and look forward to around the club again and giving her wise council (and particularly to keep the woodturners in line)

Reminder: -Annual Subscriptions Are Now Due

While Doug Dell is away on holidays, Peter Sleeman and Charles Bruckner will be available to collect subs.

A reminder that to vote at the AGM or be nominated for a position on the Executive Committee, you must be a financial member.



Raffle Tickets

A reminder that all monies, raffle tickets butts or unsold tickets need to be returned by 1pm on October 20th. It is important that all unsold tickets are accounted for. The raffle will be drawn at the Stringybark Festival at 3.30pm on Sunday 20th October.

Stringybark Festival 19th & 20th October

Yes is it almost upon us, and thanks to the hard working members who have got the kits together, we are looking well prepared for the weekend. What we do need is plenty of assistance on the days, please indicate on the notice board when you are able to help or contact Paddy McCann and let him know.

As well as the "kid's corner", there will also be demonstrations in carving, woodturning and pyrography so we will need plenty of support to run these activities.

We will also be selling raffle tickets at the Ferntree Gully on Sunday 6th of October and again on Saturday 12th of October. If you can help, please contact Bruce Allen (97545774).

This is one of our main fund raising activities, so it would be great to have your support.

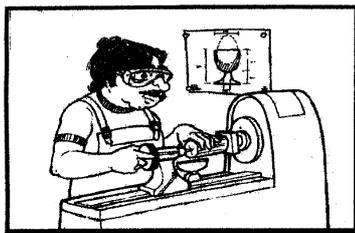
Thought of the Month

On Diplomacy: -

An ambassador is an honest man sent abroad to lie for the good of his country

Henry Watton

Turner's Talk



We have had a busy year in woodturning with lots of new members becoming involved and enjoying it.

We now have quite a supply of wood turning blanks in "John's Shed"; these have been prepared in various sizes for both spindle and bowl turning. Species include: - coastal Banksia, Blackwood, camphor laurel, red gum, various types of pine and some we are not quite sure of. Payment for these is by way of the donation indicated on each turning blank and the money placed in the donation box. The money raised will go to help purchase more equipment for the club.

We are demonstrating at the Stringybark Festival so we will need some volunteers to show their skills, a list of times will be placed on the noticeboard for members to indicate their preference.

Frank O'Connor and myself attended the recent Phillip Island Turnaround and had a great time, lots of turning, lots

of talking, great meals and not much sleep. It is really a great experience and a chance to make more friends and catch up with old one's. If members are interested in attending next year's event, I have applications forms, if you are interested then you need to book early, spaces are limited.

Wagga Wagga also has a great Turn About. It happens between the 14th and 16th of March 2003 (the weekend after the Labour Day) There is already interest from several club members, it's another turning event not to be missed if you have the chance, I can vouch for that I have application forms for anyone interested.

A reminder while using the lathes, PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE SAFETY GEAR, this should include some form of dust mask.

Invitation From Forest Hill Wood turners

We have been invited to an Open Day at the Forest Hill Woodturners Club on Saturday 5th of October. It is a great chance to meet turners from other clubs, swap ideas and get to know them. Woodturners are well known for their friendliness and Shari ring of ideas. It will run from 10.00 in the morning until 4.30 in the afternoon.

If you are interested, there is a list on the noticeboard, A great day if you can make it.

Bob Plant

Working Bee Saturday 5th October

We will be having our regular working bee on the above date starting at 8.00am. The jobs to be done include: -

- finishing the barbecue area (grass and garden rakes needed)
- tidying up around the storage sheds (grass cutters, picks, rakes and shovels needed)
- other jobs as required

If you can spend a few hours that would be great, if there are any questions, contact Paddy McCann who is coordinating the working bee.

Marooned on a South Seas island, a man with a beard down to his knees is walking on the beach. Suddenly a beautiful woman emerges from the surf. "Been here long," she asks, "since 1981," he replies. "How long is it been since you have had a cigarette?" "Eleven years." She unzips a pocket in the sleeve of her wet suit, pulls out a packet of cigarettes, lights one and hands it to him, he inhales greedily. "How long is it since you have had a glass of whisky?" "Eleven years" She unzips the other sleeve and gives him a flask. He takes a long pull and looks at her adoringly. "How long" she asks coyly, "since you have played around?" "Eleven years" he says wistfully. She starts to unzip the front of her wetsuit. "Gosh" he says, "have you got a set of golf clubs down there?"

From Ballarat Woodworkers



Auction Auction Auction

Our December Monthly Meeting will include an auction, so now it is time to search out those tools or items that you no longer use and bring them along. It should be a great night.

Glue Brush Tip

Recently, I went to glue up a project and realized I was out of glue brushes. Instead of driving to the hardware store to buy some new ones, I decided to try an old toothbrush.

It worked great. The bristles pushed the glue around well. And the brush was wide enough to cover the entire edge in one pass.



Speeding!!
My son-in law was pulled up for speeding on a

country highway.

"It's a good thing that I am driving my own car", he confessed.

"The company I work for frowns on speeding"

The officer replied, "The company I work for does too"

Pyrography Tuition

Lis and Chris Potter are offering FREE pyrography tuition to club members at the clubrooms

This applies to member's items that have been carved, turned or made from wood.

Just ring us on 9725 0140 to arrange a mutually convenient time, preferably in the daytime and we will come with our equipment.

The tuition will provide members with confidence to use the clubs pyrography tool. Beginners who want start out in Pyrography are most welcome to contact Lis and Chris.

Editors note: - Lis and Chris will be demonstrating and helping the children decorate their "kids corner" projects at the Stringybark Festival.

Tips for Making Bread/Cutting Boards

Bread/cutting boards are quick and easy projects that make great gifts for birthdays, holidays, house-warmings, weddings, and more. Here are 11 great tips for doing a better job when making these boards.

1: Choosing the right wood. When making bread/cutting boards, choose close-grained hardwoods such as maple, cherry, walnut, birch, etc. for maximum durability. Using strips of contrasting woods enhances the appearance of these boards.

2: Grain direction. For stability, it's best to arrange your boards so the wood grain of each is going in the same direction. Vertical annual rings, where possible, are best.

3: Cutting your wood strips. Rip all wood strips to exactly the same width, making them about 1/16" wider than the thickness of the cutting board you're making. Once they're ripped, run each edge over the jointer, removing 1/32" in each pass.

4: For added strength...it's sometimes a good idea to run a 1/4" - 20 threaded steel rod through your cutting board from side-to-side. This is especially important to help avoid warpage and separation when making large, countertop boards that are over 15" wide. A rod every 6" to 8" is a good idea. Drill all your rod holes on a drill press, using stops to be sure each hole is in exactly the same location. On your two outside pieces of stock, do not drill a 1/4" through-hole for your rod ends. Instead, drill a 3/8" to 7/16" deep counter bore to conceal the tightening bolts on each end of each rod.

5: Choose the right glue. Always use a waterproof glue for bread/cutting boards. Titebond II® makes a good choice, as does two-part resorcinol epoxy glue. If you're using resorcinol, be sure to scrub all excess glue off your surfaces before it dries. If you leave hard glue on the surface, then run your assembled board through a thickness planer, it could nick your planer knives.

6: Smooth all board surfaces. If you have a thickness planer, run both surfaces of your board through the planer before proceeding. If you don't have a thickness planer, you can smooth your surfaces with a [Hand Scraper](#), Belt Sander, Pad Sander or any combination of these tools.

7: Round all board corners for a softer appearance. Once you've glued your board together and allowed the glue to set-up thoroughly, it is recommended that you radius all board corners to help avoid chipping them or breaking the corners off your finished project. Do this on your bandsaw or scrollsaw, then smooth them carefully on the disc sander.

8: Add a gutter to contain liquids. Use a ["3-in-1" Router Bit](#) or unpiloted core box bit to form a gutter around all sides of your board, about 3/4" in from its edges. This gutter will help contain blood from meats or any other liquids.

9: Round-over all board edges. Use a [Round-Over Router Bit](#) to 'roll' all board edges for an improved appearance and better feel when handling the board.

10: Perform a final, light hand sanding...to remove any "fuzzy" surfaces or edges. Follow-up by using a tack cloth to remove any dust or residue before applying your finish.

11: Apply the correct finish. Always finish boards such as these (and all wooden utensils that are designed to come in contact with food products) with an appropriate finish such as [Salad Bowl Finish](#) or [Preserve Oil Finish](#)

Workshop Hours

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| Monday (Nb day is for woodturning only) | 9.00 am | - 2.00 pm | Bob Plant | 9754 5920 |
| | 6.30 pm | - 9.30 pm | Bill Longden | 9758 2438 |
| Tuesday | 9.30 am | - 3.00 pm | Peter Sleeman | 9758 1390 |
| | 6.30 pm | - 9.30 pm | Bruce Allen | 9754 5774 |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | - 3.00 pm | Peter Sleeman | 9758 1390 |
| | 6.30 pm | - 9.30 pm | Paddy McCann | 9758 3920 |
| Thursday | 9.30 am | - 3.00 pm | Paul Aminde | 9758 1733 |
| Friday | 6.30 pm | - 9.30 pm | Bruce Allen | 9754 5774 |

Saturday Mornings

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| October 5 th | 8.00 am | - 12.30 pm | WORKING BEE | ALL WELCOME |
| October 12 th | 9.30 am | -12.30 pm | Reinier Lolkema | 9754 4567 |
| October 19 th | 8.00 am | -12.30 pm | <i>StringyBark Festival</i> | <i>All Most Welcome</i> |
| October 26 th | 9.30 am | -12.30 pm | Chris Smith | 9729 6515 |
| November 2 nd | 9.30 am | 12.30 pm | Jan Brown | 9762 1063 |
| <i>Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10.30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the clubrooms</i> | | | | |

Regular Club Group Activities

| Day | Time | Regularity | Group | Contact |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|---|--|
| Monday | Day at 9.00 to 2.00 | Every week | Day woodturners | Bob Plant 9754 5920 Jan Brown 9762 1063 |
| | Evening | Every week | Carvers & Burners Festival kit development | Willy Schlaf 9762 2206 |
| Wednesday | Evening | Every week | Evening woodturners | Frank O'Connor 9879 7512 |
| Friday | Evening | Every week | Rocking horse group | Joe Semenow 9758 6024 Allen Brookes |

What's Coming Up

At The Club

Wednesday 2nd October
Annual General Meeting

Saturday 5th October
Working Bee

Saturday & Sunday 19th & 20th October
Stringy Bark Festival at Rowville

Wednesday 23rd October
Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday December 7th
Christmas Break Up

In The Big "Woodies" World

October 12th
Eildon and District Steam and Wood Show
Alexandra

October 25th – 27th
Timber and Working With Wood Show.
Jeff's Shed

November 9th – 10th
Eltham and District Woodworkers Annual Show

Eltham Community Centre
Pitt St. Eltham
10am – 5pm

On Sale At The Club

Pen kits

- Slim \$14
- Fatter centre \$18.50

Pen display boxes

- Plastic single pen \$1.00
- Velvet covers pkt of 10 \$4.00

Clocks

- 50 & 65mm \$14.50
- 30mm \$13.50

Letter Openers \$6.00

Super Glue

- thick & thin \$12.00

Accelerator \$13.00

Ubeaut Polishes

- Shellawax cream \$26.40
- EEE-Ultra Shine \$16.50

To purchase these items, contact Peter Sleeman, Bill Longdon, Doug Dell or Bob Plant

Club Caps and polo shirts are still available.

Contact Charles Bruckner if you haven't ordered yours. It would be great to see as many as possible in them at the Stringybark Festival

Lathe for Sale

TEKNATOOL NOVA 3000
Two years old
In excellent condition
Price negotiable
Contact Jan Brown
9762-1063