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Presidents Report December 2024:-

December is here and we are rapidly approaching Christmas with plenty of presents being made for family and friends. This year seems to have come and gone faster than the last one, but I have been told that we have had the same number days as last year hmmm.



On Tuesday the 3rd we had our annual Christmas social with dinner and a trivial pursuit quiz from Peter Hurcum, which was well received and a lot of fun. Our Christmas raffle was a great success with special Thank You to Cheryl and Bevan Seymour. Cheryl spent many hours gathering bottles and cans to make money which

paid for the hampers and the scratches, Bunnings, over the last 12 months, have given us gift cards which we were able to use as prizes in the raffle. One of the functions as President is to announce 2 new life members of our club and they are Doug Hayman and Tom Goring. I had the honour to present these two gentlemen with certificates and their name plaques which now have been added to the Life Members Honour Board.

I do have a few people to thank for their support and help over the last 12 months Thank You. The committee for all your work in the running of our projects and events Thank You.

Last Monday 2/12/24 when I opened up the workshop, I checked the dust extractor waste bin and it was full so much so that it was up inside the unit. This dust extractor is the most expensive piece of equipment in our workshop as well as one of the most important pieces of safety equipment. It is important that ALL GROUP LEADERS AS WELL AS KEY HOLDERS check the waste bin of the extractor when opening the workshop. If you are not sure about how to do this, please contact me or Lex and we will be available to instruct all on the procedure required.

As the 25th approaches all that is left for me is to wish everyone A Happy Christmas and A Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Martin Lawley.



Group Reports December 2024

Cottage:-

November sales were almost \$4,800, plus some \$690 in sales of Club items and donations. This was achieved thanks to the help of 14 members who manned the Cottage for the 33 shifts (assuming 3 people are required for Saturday mornings) - thanks again to those few members.

During the coming twelve months I sincerely hope we can both significantly: -

- increase the pool of members manning the Cottage.
- increase the quantity and variety of goods offered for sale – stock is running down.

As regards manning the Cottage, doing a shift can be both fun and provide an opportunity for you to “catch up” on some personal time, whilst minding the “shop”. Those in fulltime employment cannot easily help on weekdays, but there is a great need for help on Saturdays. As best I’m able to understand, for too long, manning the Cottage on Saturdays has fallen to a very few who have turned up week after week. Let’s give them the opportunity of have some relief.

As for “stock”, the Cottage offers you opportunity to get a little pocket money, have the pleasure of knowing your handicrafts are providing pleasure to so many people and helping the Club’s financials. I look forward to seeing us achieve both in the coming months. Want to help – give me a call 0414 982 213 anytime.

Warren

Furniture Group:-

For now, that we are on the countdown towards Christmas, I hope that the made presents are nearly or are finished, I am in the middle of making a Christmas present, at the moment, which I’ll will have finished soon. Barry has been working on a stool which is a little unusual in shape.

Tom was in machining timber for his usual projects and last Monday. We had quite a few members in for a cuppa and a chat, which was great and good discussion on the set up of the CNC engraver, which is up and running.

Dennis came in to show Barry how to cut mitres and other angles with a router and using jigs. Thank You Dennis, this was very informative. Until next month lets keep making saw dust and we do it all again next year and we wish you all A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Martin.

Pen Making:- No report.

Carving:- No report.

Woodturning Group: -

As has been the norm of late, all our Lathes have been in use with a waiting line for some of our machines. With the increase in numbers of the turners we now have, we are looking at an extra night during the week and will ask members which would suit them the best.

We have had 4 new turners join over the last few weeks and welcome Rod L, James W, Neville Y and Luke B to the group, they are showing not only great interest but all learning very quickly.

The rest of our band (Pam, Jodie, Katie, Mark, Bob, Chris and Marshall are all producing Christmas items and other various projects that will be completed before the years end.

Harry has been keeping busy passing on his knowledge to the newer members of our group and covering a fair amount of distance during a night up and down the workshop.

Unfortunately, we are losing Faith as she has taken up a reporters role with the ABC to cover the rural area of Gippsland – we wish her all the best.

Lex



Pyrography:- No report.

Box Making:-

We have had steady attendance for box making with several projects nearing completion.

We will change our box making sessions to Saturday mornings, starting 4th January, starting at 8.30 am. This will facilitate some of our members who work during the week.

Shepperton Woodworking Show was on late October which was a great opportunity to catch up with other Woodies and see what was trending in box making. Overall, it appeared that smaller cheaper boxes were the most popular. Customers were certainly looking for bargains.

Colin Rhodes



Sawmill Report:-

Terrible weather and a few people going off on holidays stalled the mills in November, but we got a few tasks done, and some people have dropped off a goodly amount of lumber.

We're planning on a few days of work before it gets too hot.

A note to all groups: we're doing some limited dressed timber work, so taking slabs and boards to the point through to bandsaw/jointer/thicknesser. Please let me know (email me at dave.vandamme+wood@gmail.com) of specific sizes of timber you'd purchase. ie 10mm thick by 150mm wide, white wood with no knots boards

for box making? 25mm square profile pen blanks? 100mm diameter round stock for the turning? Tell me what these dimensions are, and we'll start to put those requested sizes into our milling day tasks and put those requests into the timber sales racks.

Dave

Scroll Saw:-

We have all been very busy leading up to Christmas and attendances have been excellent. Fiona is progressing very well and producing some lovely pieces which she is selling in the cottage. Loretta is hooked on doing 3D pieces especially after seeing Fiona's duck with boots on, you can't stop her now. The rest of us are busy with Christmas decorations and gifts. It is great to have Warren back with us after he took time out to build his house.

Our last Scrolling Day and breakup will be on the 18th December and we will resume again on the 1st January 2025, yes I know its New Years Day but I will be there to open up for those who want to come.

Take care over the Christmas period and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Heather C

Workshop Report:- No report

Saturday General workshop: - No report



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

14

JANUARY

COMMITTEE MEETING @ 7PM

11

FEBRUARY

COMMITTEE MEETING @ 7PM

18

FEBRUARY

GENERAL MEETING
DAN CLANCY TALK ON NEPAL TRIP

11

MARCH

COMMITTEE MEETING @ 7PM

Workshop Christmas Closure

Workshop closure for Christmas/New Year period:
23 Dec 2024 to 1 Jan 25 Inclusive.

If you would like to use the workshop during this closure period, please contact:

- Paul Kohl 0419 555 357
- Ross Graham 0427 237 531



****Reminder** Workshop can be opened outside group listed times as long as there are two members on site at all times.**



It is that time of the year again when we put our hand into your pockets for 2024/2025 annual membership renewal.

2024-25 Membership Fees are:

- Family \$100
- Single \$70
- Junior \$30

Your fees can be paid via Eftpos at either at the Workshop/Cottage or by direct deposit .

Bank details are: BSB 64000 Account: 111172575 Ref: Your name and the word membership

If you do not wish to renew your membership, please advise the Secretary.

Many thanks, Lex

For Sale

Dust Jacket—
\$10 proceeds
will be donated
to the club



Around the Workshop

New equipment has been purchased for the workshop:

New Laser engraver—Located in club room

The club now has a Laser Printer set up and ready to enhance/add value to your project. If anyone is wanting a demonstration, instruction in its operation or something done please get in touch with me, very happy to help out. Please call Paul Kohl on 0419555357 to organise a time.

Vicmarc VL240 ASM EVS + Outboard attachment

A new lathe has been installed into the workshop. This will allow a small lathe to replace the one at the cottage for demonstrations. This new lathe is designed to allow for turning large projects.



Carbatec Scrollsaw ss400

New scroll saw purchased for the ever increasing members attending scroll sawing Wednesday Mornings.

Potential for this group to run on an additional day to accommodate growing numbers.



In addition to new machinery,

- Material to be purchase for steam box for use by members. Gerard to organise.
- Air conditioner replaced in Club Rooms. New unit works incredibly efficiently!
- Box making will move to Saturday mornings, starting at 8:30am as at 4th January

Show and Tell

Bob Shepherd

Today, 7/8 ths of the way through an egg cup for a Christmas present, my lathe decided to have a heart attack, haemorrhage, hernia etc. The variable speed motor pulley has broken, so with all the head-stock dismantled, I'll replace the bearings as one is dry and starting to rattle. I was hoping someone would be at the shop on Monday so that I could finish sanding said egg cup. Alas, the shop is closed starting tomorrow, (Dec 22). So now to come up with some way of completion here at home.

NO DRAMAS, I have a small tenon between the scroll chuck/tenon and the cup base that I can arrange to fit in my bench drill chuck for final sanding of the piece. The Dremel will sort out the tenon removal near enough.

The job is done – just. Despite Weeping Myall wood being hard, the drill chuck was no match for a good scroll chuck. The job is complete and wrapped ready for Christmas.

Murphys Law states that: Something will go wrong at the worst possible time!

O'Tool's Law states that: Murphy was a bloody optimist!



Show and Tell Cont.

Juliana Vaughan

A couple of the Saturday arvo guys..
Helped me prepare this decoration made for the Altar at Sacred Heart Church Wodonga..



Fiona Charousek

(Below) Pyro clock I made for my daughter who loves horses & sunflowers :)

(Right) Happy Monkey pyrography



Woodcrafters Christmas Dinner

Thank you Cheryl for these images.



WEEKLY WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	Co-ordinator	Phone	Email	NOTES
Monday	9:00am - 12:00pm	Furniture & General Workshop	Martin Lawley	0412 385 184	martin lawley@optusnet.com.au	Work on your furniture project
Tuesday	9:00am - 12:00pm	General Workshop	Paul Kohl	0419 555 357	collin-class@hotmail.com	All welcome to come and join in and work on your own projects
Tuesday 1st/3rd	8:30am - 12:00pm	Timber Milling	Ross Graham	0427 237 531	rwgraham12@bigpond.com	Located at the Club in the Wodonga showgrounds. Except on HOT DAYS (35°+).
Wednesday	8:00am - 8:00pm	General Workshop	Lex Manning	0418 627 911	manningjanelex@gmail.com	All welcome to come and join in and work on your own projects
Wednesday	8:00am - 12:00pm	Scroll Saw	Ed Kilo	02 6024 2482		Come and learn how to Scroll saw
Wednesday	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Carving Group	Box Cox	0408 700 660	bobmolly6@gmail.com	Come and learn how to hand carve
Wednesday	3:00pm - 8:15pm	Woodturning	Harry Dennis	0428 578 859	dennispastoral@bigpond.com	Learn the art of Woodturning
Thursday	9:00am - 12:00pm	General Workshop	Paul Kohl	0419 555 357	collin-class@hotmail.com	All welcome to come and join in and work on your own projects
Friday	9:00am - 12:00pm	Box Making	Col Rhodes	0418 691 997	crhodes@bigpond.net.au	Come and learn how to make a finely crafted box
Saturday	9:00am - 4:00pm	General Workshop	Lex Manning	0418 627 911	manningjanelex@gmail.com	All welcome to come and join in and work on your own projects
Saturday	9:00am - 12:00pm	Pyrography	Kim Young	0403 126 816	kimandhaydon@gmail.com	Come and learn the art of wood burning
Saturday	1:00pm - 4:00pm	General Workshop	Ross Graham	0427 237 531	rwgraham12@bigpond.com	All welcome to come and join in and work on your own projects
Saturday	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Pen Making	Katie Hardman	0428 598 191	news@awwinc.com.au	Learn how to turn a fine handcrafted pen

All Times Are Subject To Change Based On Group Leaders Availability

Merry
Christmas



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Club Shirts, Caps and Logos.

These items used to be obtainable at J&M Clothing who have sold their business to B-Cut located at 176 High St Wodonga on corner of Sesame St. They now have all the designs that J & M used to have.

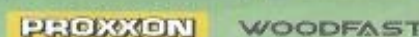
Subsequently if any members require any of these items they can be ordered directly through B-Cut

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