



NEWSLETTER

February 2025



Associate member



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Presidents Report Feburary 2025:-

Now we are into the second month of the year and we have several events happening over the next few weeks. The first one is Craft Alive on the 20th 21st and the 22nd of February. The next one is the Wodonga Show, we will have the Woodcraft Competition, there are entry forms in the clubrooms, so please enter some of your projects to make this event a great one.



With these events we will be calling on members to help with various duties needed to make these events successful, so if you think that you can help, please contact me.

We have the refresher training happening over the next 2 weekends, this has been found to be necessary as to the excessive wear on our machinery.

As many of you would have noticed that the big bandsaw has been out of action, this has been a major rebuild and unfortunately a quite expensive one. This is something that we all must be aware of, so if you see or hear something that doesn't sound right report to the group leader as it may be a minor fix and if it is done sooner rather than later it may only be a 5-minute fix, but if it is left it could be a major and expensive fix.

Remember the Wodonga Show on Saturday the 15th of March. Entry forms to be in on the 3 rd. of March, competition pieces to be at the clubrooms on the 13th of March.

Thanks to Mike Smith who brought in a large box of Bowl blanks and other pieces that can be used by our Box and Pen makers.

Martin

Group Reports February 2025

Workshop Report:

Workshop Re-Training: 68 members have been put through training over the past 2 weekends with feedback that most everyone has learnt something new. If anyone has not been re-trained, it is a requirement that all members who use the workshop will need to be retrained.

Cottage Report:

The new year has started with sales of \$4,294 at the Cottage. This included sales of \$890 from sales of “club” items and donations. Please understand that the only way we have items to sell as “club items” is because club members have done the work and donated their time. It will come as no surprise that most often, these kind soles are the very same people who are spending a lot of their time on many activities helping the club, including doing shifts at the Cottage. They deserve our sincere vote of thanks.



As I have reported previously, we desperately need to: -

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

Manning the Cottage for a three-hour shift is really no burden, indeed, if you bring some “spare time activities” with you, the time can be very productive, whilst helping keep the Club’s income.

PLEASE, IF YOU AREN’T DOING A SHIFT, THINK ABOUT HELPING. Give me a call anytime (0414 982 213) and I’ll be pleased to help you get started.

As for stocking the Cottage, we need as big a variety of goods as possible, both in size, complexity, etc. If you are happy using things you make, so will others be equally happy to use those items, so make two of whatever you are doing and sell the second at the Cottage.

Again, my thanks to those few members who are giving so much of their time helping to keep the Cottage functioning and hence supporting all members enjoying the fantastic facilities we have in the Workshop. Let’s spread the load!!

Warren

Box Making Report:

We have had another productive month with several projects completed.

Friday morning gatherings seem to suit us most, with two new members welcomed.

Thanks to Ross and his crew for supplying timber suitable for box making.

I am planning to have an "Introduction to box making" session in the near future.

Colin Rhodes



Scroll Saw Report:

Good to see everyone back from their holidays and getting into scrolling, we have had good attendances in the last couple of weeks with 8 and 9 scrollers attending. A lot of different projects are on the go and Loretta is nailing doing compound cutting as you will see in the coming newsletter.

We were delighted to have Allan come along with his piano and belt out a few tunes for us and it was good to see Ed and Lyn having a go as well. We also celebrated Ed's 89th birthday with a lovely sponge made by Lyn.



We are getting busy with Craft Alive and the Wodonga Show coming up, as well as our annual Scroll Saw Weekend which we will be holding on the 19th and 20th July, with Katie's help we will have the application form available soon.

Happy Scrolling

Heather

Pyrography: No report.

Furniture Group: No report

Pen Making:

Pen making has been steady over January with regular attendance on Saturdays.

It's great to see such interesting materials being used as pen blanks and how they're turning out.

We had a member who generously donated a shopping bag worth of pen blanks to the club. These will be used to teach members and for the pen project so with that, Thank you!

The club does have bushings for the pen project that raise money for the club. If you have borrowed any of the club's bushings, please ensure you return them. We recently had a set missing for the Panama pen kit.

Katie



Carving:

Following consultations with the carvers we are moving to Saturday mornings from now on.

Bob



Wood Turning:

Our turners are now back in full swing. The new Vicmarc has been put to use – with Harry D doing some demonstrations over the past 2 weeks showing how to use the outboard Tool rest and different angles that you can now turn from. It is a very nice thing to use, and members are encouraged to give it a go with bigger pieces than they are used to doing or were unable to do up until now (Burls, large diameter platters up to 1 metre diameter etc).

Lex



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

11

MARCH

COMMITTEE MEETING @ 7PM

08

APRIL

COMMITTEE MEETING @ 7PM

15

APRIL

GENERAL MEETING
GUEST SPEAKER + LOGO/BADGE VOTE

13

MAY

COMMITTEE MEETING @ 7PM

WORKSHOP CLOSURES

Following a discussion with the Secretaries of the Wodonga Show Society and the Racing Wodonga, we will now remain open with the exception of Race days and any other events that will require the whole area to be closed, we will be advised in advance.

Racing Closure dates :

- April 22nd
- May 24th
- June 28th
- July 13th

**** Safety Training ****

Over the course of 2 weekends we have been conducting short courses in the safe use of our machines in the workshop. This was to help in reducing maintenance and damage to the machinery.

Six members of the committee conducted the training sessions and 68 members, plus the 6 members doing the training, completed the training. If you haven't done this training, please contact any member of the committee to organize your training.

The feedback that we have had has been very gratifying, with comments to the fact that some members didn't know about grain orientation when putting a piece of timber through the thicknesser and the planer, also comments in general were very complimentary about how we went about the weekends and the information from the manual became so much clearer as well as the techniques that we were using.

We hope to be running more of these sessions at later date and maybe a refresher course once year.

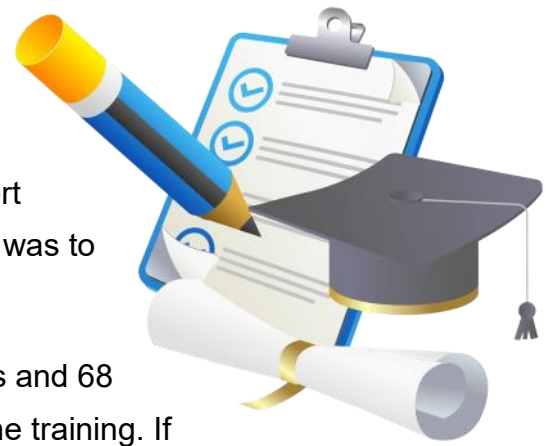
Martin Lawley.

Around the Workshop:-

President Martin Lawley handed in his resignation as Club President, citing the lack of time due to other commitments that can give the position of club President.

All members present thanked Martin for his service as President over the last 3.5 years and appreciate that he will remain on the Committee holding the position of Past President.

We welcome Ivan Leishman taking the position of President as appointed by the committee until the next AGM held in October.



Dan Clancy - Guest Speaker

Thank you Dan Clancy for coming in and giving us a presentation of his time spent in Nepal for Rotary.



Show and Tell

Harry Dennis

Show the process of turning a large myrtle burl using the new lathe



Andres showing a click tower he made a while ago using unused clocks and barometer given to him by Trevor Watson who passed away recently. Plus his just finished 7th chess set.



Tom Goring

Tom showing how he used to make small furniture using cans.

Candle stick holders he made at a Presidents challenge in 1987 plus write up of club winners in magazine.



Allan, Lyn and Ed discussing notes



Ed celebrating his 89th birthday



Allan serenading us

Loretta's 3D bunny before sanding



Show and Tell

Rod

trying out different materials in castings for pen making



Rod Ziems

pen box (huon pine and red ironbark) plus a sierra pen for friends who are getting married.

They will be on display at the wedding and used during the signing of the marriage certificate.

Thanks to Paul who did the lasering adding that personal touch.



Allan Van Damme

Silky oak seems to be usable everywhere. A table and chair for the newest baby in our court.



GV Woodworkers

The Albury Wodonga Woodcrafters welcomed a visit from GV Woodworkers. We had the honour of showing them around our workshop and discussing all things woodworking.



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	Heather Clutterbuck	0429 811 276	crohdes@bigpond.net.au	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

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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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