



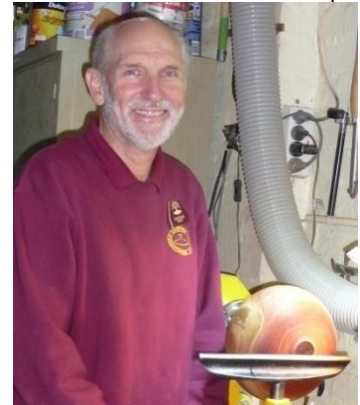
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 2014

Happy New Year to you all. With the year well underway, I hope you have had a chance to set some goals and plans for an enjoyable and successful year ahead. Perhaps some great ideas for turning a more complex piece have started to come to fruition.

Thanks to all members for your contribution to a very enjoyable end of year function and a great collection of toys for the Howard Irving Appeal, that were again of high standard.



Our first Guild meeting for this year is Saturday, 25th January. Its our annual "hands on day." The Committee believes you will enjoy this years challenge. Don't forget to bring your tools and an 8mm open ended spanner. I encourage you all to be involved. As established last year, if you have not yet qualified through the safety procedures testing, Committee members will conduct this with you prior to commencing to use the equipment.

Late last year we had to move to a new "Host" for our Guild website. This was successfully accomplished and I expect all members received an email (5th December) identifying the new site address. I hope you have had a chance to look at it and saved it to your favorites. Thanks to John Osborne 2 for his efforts to make this possible in a short time frame. Please advise if you are having any difficulties accessing the site.

Ray Smith has advised that Thursday training sessions will commence on the 23rd Jan. The Wednesday group will also commence this coming Wednesday the 22nd and Monday evening sessions will commence on 3rd February. I encourage participation in these additional Guild activities.

Don't forget Show and Tell for our next meeting, I hope you have been busy over the past few months.

Cheers, Graham

A thought to kick off the year;

You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing. -Unknown

CHRISTMAS TOY PRESENTATION

Another outstanding effort by Guild members saw in excess of 60 toys presented to the representatives of Eastern Relief and the Salvation Army. Both organisations were delighted with our gift and commented that this year would see an increase in demand. Without donations such as ours, many children would miss out on the excitement that Christmas morning brings. Given the increase in demand that both organisations continue to experience, we hope that we can continue to make this important contribution. Many thanks to all those members that contributed to this worthy cause.



4 tables full of goodies ready for the presentations.



Members examining and discussing



Our president Graham Besley, presents the toys to the representatives of Eastern Relief and the salvos

Eastern Relief representative responds with a heartfelt thanks to members.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

After the toy presentations, a morning tea was enjoyed by almost 50 members and partners followed by the Christmas breakup luncheon. As usual, a great spread was provided by the committee members and a host of other volunteers.



Arthur's Bar was well attended. As with all Arthur's work, presentation was top notch and the red had a pleasant woody finish.



The top table discussing meaty woodturning issues.



We weren't quick enough to get a photo of the table before the hungry horde hit but this is what remained after first call for desert!





Members enjoying an after lunch chinwag.



President Graham Besley says a few words to thank deserving individuals and to offer compliments of the season to all.



Many thanks to those who stayed and helped the committee with the cleanup. Some of that happy crew can be seen on the left.

FORWARD PROGRAM and REMINDERS

HANDS ON DAY.

Hands on day is scheduled for the next monthly meeting on the 25th January. Don't forget to bring your tools as well as an 8mm open ended spanner.

SAFETY TESTING.

It is imperative that your safety testing has been completed prior to using the Guild's equipment, so please get yourself signed off as soon as possible. Committee members will be available at both the Wednesday (22nd) and Thursday (23rd) sessions in the Guild's workshop to perform the testing. If you can't make either of these sessions, testing will be performed prior to the Hands On activity.

WEB SITE

The Guild's website has moved. The new URL is:

<http://koonungwoodturners.wix.com/kwtg>

The new member's area has pages where woodturning related plans, videos and articles are available. The Library and Useful Links section has some links to sites of interest. All these 'features' contain a few things that some committee members find useful/interesting. If you have other things that you would like included in these areas or ideas for other things we haven't thought of that you might like included on the site, let us know and we will put it to the committee for consideration.

CARDINIA ART SHOW

It's probably a little late (unless of course you have something suitable already completed) but Graham has received a brochure for the Cardinia Art Show (21 - 23 Feb) which has a section for creative wood art. Entries close 30th Jan. Check out their website:

www.artshowsofoz.com

or phone Calvin Bell 9704 7773 or Rhonda Rawson 97074286