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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 2017

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that you have been able to do some turning since we last met. I hope this year is a successful one for you in every way, especially woodturning.

Over Christmas I had the privilege of spending 2 days being tutored by Ian (Robbo) Robertson. You may remember him from the demonstration he gave on sharpening where he shared many gems with us including "If you can see the edge it's not sharp."



One thing that struck me was the need to exercise and practice. Even though he is a professional turner and tutor Robbo will start each day by practicing beads and coves on a piece of pine, sort of like an athlete doing his warm up and stretches before the work out. If Robbo does this then how much more can we benefit and hone our skills with practice?

We have a range of demonstrators lined up for the year so don't miss a meeting. This year starts off with the January meeting a hands-on day. There will be a surprise project to tackle in the shed. (I think that's code for "I was told what we will be doing but I forgot"). Come along anyway and enjoy the task that has been set for us.

The word is now out if you have not heard. The Australian Wood Turner's Exhibition (AWTEX) has confirmed that this year they will be holding the exhibition at Moorabbin. Rachelle Leaver from the Australian Woodturning Exhibition will be coming to the February meeting to explain the reasons for the change of venue and outline the plans they have for dealing with the difficulty of getting entries to Moorabbin. For the sake of promoting woodturning at it's best I hope the new venue works out well. It is a pity that the new location is not ideal for us.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the hands on day. A course I had booked on with my son has been rescheduled because of bad weather from last weekend to the weekend of our meeting. You should be in capable hands with Graham who is back from his travels. Have fun on the day and take care.

Richard.

CHRISTMAS TOY PRESENTATION

Members once again produced many and varied toys for presentation to the Eastern Relief and the Salvos. These toys are presented to underprivileged children who are in contact with these two organisations.



The tables were filled with offering from members. Some were turned toys some were wooden toys and others were bought. No doubt what ever it was it would bring a smile to a child at Christmas.





Members and guests gathered for the presentation. Our stand in President Arthur Sankey introduced Major Gary Hart representing the Salvation Army and James Jameison representing Eastern Relief.

Both men spoke about how appreciative they were for the gifts and how much the children enjoyed receiving the toys.

James presented a certificate in appreciation.



Whilst the rooms were set up for lunch the ladies were treated to a talk from Naine Sankey about felting and silk painting techniques. Naine kindly brought inspiring examples of her own work of landscapes and free design in water colour, felting and silk dyeing.

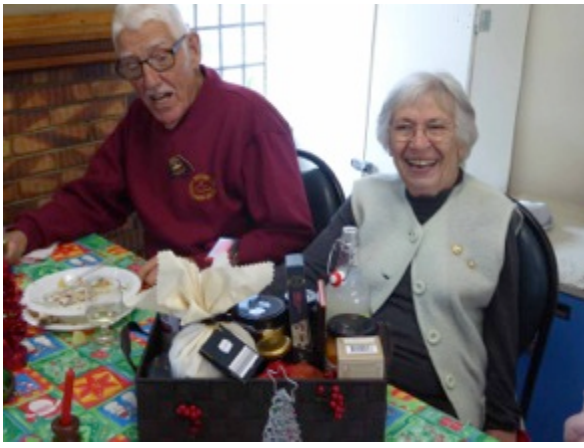


CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



After careful selection of food from an extensive array of food it was time to sit down and enjoy the company of members and guests.





Congratulations to Jean Mercer who won the door prize of a lovely Christmas hamper. Charles looks pretty happy too.



Di displaying some of the treats on offer.



Val and Carol survey the lovely deserts



The deserts proved popular with everyone lining up for their chance to fill their plates. But where is Val and the cheese cake that is in front of him in picture on the left?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Night group will recommence on Monday 30th January at 7.45pm
Wednesday turning group recommence on February 1st
Thursday turning group starts February 2nd.

JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 28

Hands on day. Bring your tools for spindle work and don't forget your calipers
Come and join in, up to three different projects to choose from.

FEBRUARY 25

Screwit
Rachael Leaver from AWTEX outlining arrangements for 2017.

