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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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May youR New Year be a happy one with good health, good fellowship and very good turning.

Firstly thank you to all those who participated in our end of the year function. It was pleasing to hear one of the toy recipients say that our hand made toys were of very good quality. The co-operation of members in preparing the meal was good to experience.



The guild will soon be into full operation with the Thursday group and Monday critique group in operation. Why not make full use of the excellent turning facilities the Guild has built up over the years?

One of our early challenges will be the Open Day to be held on our meeting day in March. Just think how pleasing it would be to have each member assisting with the operation and each to have the attendance of 5 or 6 friends. The committee will soon bring forward the details for the day.

Those who participated by entering items in last year's Australian Woodturning Exhibition will by now have received an entry form for this year's Exhibition to be held on 15<sup>th</sup>-16-17<sup>th</sup> June. Those who did not enter last year will be able to obtain entry forms. The Guild can be proud of the Guild members' entries and results of last year. Can we do better this year??? By starting early this year to plan and work to reach the best possible standard we should be able to. I would like to see at least 50% of members make an entry. There is help available for those members who think they cannot reach the standard required – they can - it just requires effort.

Our first meeting this year on January 28<sup>th</sup> will be a hands-on day with the challenge to make some of the items which, when well made, attract close attention from the public - Giulio's ducks. Please be prepared to participate by bringing your tools – roughing and detail gouges, skew chisel parting tool and sandpaper. All will be given the opportunity to do some turning, watch others turn and do some thinking to work out how things could be done.

SHOW and TELL is an important part of our development so bring some items for the next meeting.

See you on the 28<sup>th</sup>

Ray

# END OF YEAR FUNCTION

We had a great turnout of members and partners at the breakup function held on 26th November 2011.

As usual we had good support for the Harold Irving Toy appeal.

A presentation of the toys was made by Ray Smith to the Eastern Emergency Relief Center and to the Salvation Army.

Photos below tell the story best.

Fellowship in action



Boys will be boys



Ray with Ros & John Lomax from Salvation Army and James Jamison from Eastern Relief Center





After the presentation, a great lunch was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all those members who provided food and drinks.



"Drawing of the crow", door prize for visitors.



## UPMARKET 109



As previously reported, we had a successful day at the Koonung Cottage 'Upmarket 109 day' on 19th November last year. This is a photo of some of our members manning the stall on the day.

Some oxymorons (provided by David Scott);

Notice found outside a second hand shop... "We exchange anything, bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful deal."

On a repair shop door... "We can repair anything (please knock hard as the door bell does not work)".

On a Health Food shop... "Closed due to ill health"

At a Department store... "Bargain basement located upstairs."

On notice board at a conference... "For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the first floor."

and on a farmers field... "The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges"

Fixing a Mid-life Crisis ( from John Osbourne)

After being married for 44 years, a man took a careful look at his wife one day and said, "Honey, 44 years ago we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 25-year old girl."

Now I have a \$500,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice bed and a plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 69-year old woman. It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things."

His wife, being a very reasonable woman, told him to go out and find a hot 25-year old girl and that she would make sure he would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve your mid-life crisis.