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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Open day is nearly upon us and a lot of work gone on behind the scenes thanks to our hardworking committee and those willing fellows always there to lend a hand. Now is up to you, our members and partners, to support us with your **Entries into the competition, Items for the Gallery, and help on the day itself.** We look forward to seeing you there with family and friends.

Saturday 27th March 2010.

There will not be a meeting as such, but please feel free to bring along your chisels and play a while, come and enjoy the moment!

February's meeting was well attended. It's amazing how a little pot of filler can become the centre of focus and keep us thoroughly absorbed for a couple of hours. Many thanks to Errol Mymin founder of Timbermate for his very informative discussion. An all Australian product that's pure enough to eat! (Nearly!).

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you our friend, and life member John Atkinson, passed away. Sunday 13th March 2010. We send our deepest condolences to Edna and family. John will be remembered as a founding member, his fellowship, woodturning skills, tutoring, and general input to the Woodturning fraternity.

As a tribute to John an Annual Competition will be dedicated by the Koonung Woodturners Guild for the Best Toy made for the children who attend the 'Country Hope' camp for children with Cancer and other life threatening diseases. An organization which was dear to his heart.

Lewis Harper will demonstrate his skills and techniques on the lathe and from what I understand it will be very entertaining. **April 24th 2010.**

'Generosity of your time is the most valuable gift you can give'

Dianna

VALE

JOHN ATKINSON

*An esteemed, life and founding member.
Our heart felt sympathy to Edna and family*

SHOW and TELL



How pleasing it is to see such a large display of items.

David Scott and Ron Dunston continued with buttons and toggles.

Val Dalsanto had various small bowls, a tripod holding a lidded container, flower holder and a lidded container with finial and raised foot.

Max had an ingenious method for holding the top of a lamp.

Ray Smith showed two more of his "Cindy Drozda" collection of lidded containers.

Rick Gilks looked dangerous with his red gum belaying pin.

Michael O'Callaghan was proud of the pen in a case he had received from America and the pen made from hairy sheoak he was reciprocating with. Michael also showed some prickly porcupines with intriguing eyes.

Di Bermingham showed the magic New Zealand balls used for all sorts of predictions.

Reg, who never misses, a small bowl and completed item from January's meeting.

Someone showed a cheap syringe, without a needle, useful for putting glue into awkward places.

WOODWORKING WAREHOUSE, in conjunction with several tool and equipment suppliers are holding OPEN DAYS on Saturday April 16th and 17th at 11 Citrus Street Braeside.

DEMONSTRATION by Errol MYMIN

Errol told us about some of the products of the TIMBERMATE group.

TIMBERMATE is an interior non acrylic, non solvent, four in one filler that just mixes with water. It can be used to fill cracks, edges and grain as a wood putty. It will not crack, shrink, sink or fall out and is completely compatible with wax ,polish, lacquer, oil or water stains and coatings. It is fast drying (about 30 minutes depending on thickness and if it dries in the container can be reconstituted by mixing with



water.

If TIMBERMATE is thinned with water it can be used as a grain filler - simply thin the putty with water and spread over the wood, preferably before any wood finishes have been used. It is obtainable in thirteen colours which can be mixed to match almost any timber colour so long as you go from a light colour to a darker colour.

Earl's powder putty has similar qualities. The powder can be mixed with water to make a putty for patching timber, replacing rotted timber, and masonry filling. Being water resistant but not water proof, in an exterior situation ensure that base material is sound.

Errol also explained his Wood Hardener which, when sprayed on penetrates into soft rotted wood fibres and restores them to near original strength. This can be used when turning wood that has become too soft to turn but tools will soon be blunted.

It is certain that these products will be found in all members' kits.

OPEN DAY SALE

Members can bring items for sale at our Open Day 27th March

Items offered for sale must be of a high standard.

Items must include a tag or sticker indicating the price and name of the maker. It would be preferable to have the items brought in some type of box/container that could be given to a purchaser.

The display and the choice of items for display will be solely at the discretion of the person manning the stall at any time.

A list of sales will be kept and a 20% commission paid to the Guild.

Members must bring their own items for sale and collect them at the conclusion of the market.

Several companies will be displaying their equipment at OPEN DAYS Friday 16th (10am till 4pm) and Saturday April 17th (10am till 3pm) at Woodworking Warehouse, 11 Citrus Street Braeside.

There will be a Lucky Door prize as well as the usual free Braeside sausage sizzle.



DISPLAYS FOR OPEN DAY

The main room in the Cottage be the place for a large exhibit of Members' items.

The smaller group will be a GALLERY for items which gained a 1st or 2nd place in any category at any Australian Woodturning Exhibition as well as a few specially selected outstanding items.

The larger DISPLAY will feature items for the day's competition as well as many other items, (OF A HIGH STANDARD) made by members.

A very impressive display of the Guild's work should become evident when it is displayed as items are at The Australian Woodturning Exhibition.

DISPLAY ITEMS

The room for displaying items will be organised on Friday evening 26th March so members, who are able, are encouraged to bring them on that evening. Those who are unable to do so can bring them early on Saturday morning.

Members are asked to fill in one of the forms (which was available at the last meeting and will be available again) to show the items they have brought.

ITEMS FOR THE COMPETITION WILL BE GIVEN A NUMBER TO PLACE ALONGSIDE THEM. This number should be entered on the form.

For the competition only one of each of the following should be entered: bowl, platter, clock, spindle turned item.

If members bring high standard work an impressive display will be seen.

"CAFE"

Tea and coffee together with slices of cake will be served in the kindergarten room of the cottage. Food and drink should not be taken into the display room. Members bringing cakes please bring them on Saturday morning.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Lathes for demonstrations will be placed in the outside area and in front of the workshop. These should be in operation most of the day. Members should bring their tools for demonstrating and when demonstrating should work on items of high standard. Please remember the Guild's safety rules.

TIMING

SET UP Friday Evening.

Furniture will need to be shifted and tables arranged for the displays. Items brought for the displays and competition will be arranged. As well the "café" and sales rooms.

SATURDAY MORNING

Lathes will be set up, the Barbecue organized, a marquee erected and the display and sales items organized.

10.00am Open to public

Entry will be via the marquee near the workshop and exit from the usual Cottage entry door.

4.00pm Clean up

A ROSTER HAS BEEN MADE UP BUT IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF THERE ARE MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ATTENDING WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WHEREVER A NEED ARISES.