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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The Schwerkolt Cottage Demonstration was a very successful day and we had two lathes churning out items all day. As usual our stand attracted a lot of attention from the public and especially from the kids with all our tops being handed out. This is a great day and enjoyed by our members and the public very much. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped on the day. It was a good team effort.

It was very pleasing to see that the Lehmann family have made a very generous donation to the club and this together with the auction and sales proceeds will enable us to purchase a very good lathe for the shed. The Committee is looking at our options at the moment.

Our final meeting for the year is in November, our Xmas Luncheon. I will put out an attendance register together with a roster for food etc at the October Meeting. We will be collecting toys for Camp Hope, so keep your lathes turned on as plenty to do. Pen kits will be available for Pens for Troops, due back Feb/ March 2024. Our last event for the year is the Nunawading Library Display over December so we will be looking for many turned items for display. Please bring along items you wish to display or contact myself or any of the committee members and we can arrange collection.

At our October meeting we have a guest speaker, Tony Gibson, who is an Optometrist talking about how the eye functions and eye safety in the workshop.

We will be judging of the Presidents Challenge, so finish off your platters and bring them along. Show and tell items also.

Plenty to keep us occupied.

Remember it's Fun To Turn.

Gary.

NOTICES

ACCESS TO THE WEB SITE

Could you all please note that for access to our website you just need the password and no longer need to create a user ID.



Monday Night Discussion Group

Monday night discussion group is still gets a good turnout and although the Monday night Group is well attended we would like to encourage more members to join in, especially our newer members.

The discussions are aimed at helping new and experienced turners to solve problems, improve techniques and finishing objects to obtain very high level of finish.

Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group is well attended with 5 or 6 turners most days. For some attendees their painting skills and techniques have improved over the last few weeks with the repairs to the “Totem Poles”

Thursday Group

If you know of anyone interested in learning wood turning please encourage them to come to our Thursday session of some expert tuition.

All is going well, new “WhatsApp” group is working successfully, and the mentors can turning up knowing they have a group to assist.



Camp Hope - Toys

It is time to start thinking about toys for Camp Hope. The toys are required by our November Meeting and can be any thing you want to make.

Contrary to previous advice could you please apply a sealer coat to the timber to allow the children to paint the toys without the poster paint absorbing into the timber.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October Meeting:**

Our guest speaker this month will be Tony Gibson an Optometrist from Eye Care Plus Mitcham. Tony will be talking about how the eye works and how we see things, eye care and common injuries and treatment.

This will be a very interesting presentation and well worth attending.

Presidents Challenge - Platter

A new Presidents challenge which will be due at the October meeting is to make a platter. Platter, Open group minimum diameter 250mm, height max 10% of the diameter, no other restrictions. Novice and Intermediate maybe smaller than 250mm but the 10% height restriction still applies. No other restrictions.

- **November Meeting:**

Xmas Luncheon. Guest Speaker – Kaye Jenvey Talk on Begonias

Pens for Troops

Pens are to be ready before the March Meeting so they can be passed on to the army for ANZAC day. Slimline Pen kits available at November Meeting. We also have 2 sets of slimline bushings if you require.

Pen kits will be available at the October meeting. All the pen kits are “Slimline” and there is a range of finishes - Gold, Chrome, Black Chrome and Gun Metal

Nunawading Library Display

Nunawading have allotted us time in December to display our craftsmanship and talents at the library. Please start preparing, so we can have a top quality display of our work.

We will also require assistance from members to setup and dismantle the display space, if you are free at the beginning and/or end of December your help would be appreciated.

2023 Events

It's great that clubs are able to make plans for events again. If your club is planning an event during 2023 (and beyond) - or you know of other activities that would be of interest to fellow Woodies - we're happy to include it on the listing (but please give plenty of notice). Lots of members travel and are interested to know about event that might be on when they are in that area.



- **Goulburn Valley Woodworkers** are holding their 31st Annual Woodshow on **28 & 29 October 2023**, 9 am - 4 pm at the Multipurpose Pavilion: Shepparton Showgrounds High Street Shepparton. Demonstrations of carving, box-making, resin art, turning, scroll sawing, pyrography and more. Items for purchase, including milled timber. Event Coordinator: Len Taylor 0458 777 901 Club President: Emily Slaughter 0488 242 699 Email: gwoodworkers.show@gmail.com Website: <https://www.gwoodworkers.com.au/>

SHOW AND TELL - AUGUST 2023



Graham "thing 85" Red Gum, Wild Cherry and the lid is bamboo which was steam bent. If you look closely the lid handle is in the shape of a fish and that design is replicated on the body of the piece.



Graham Spanish Olive Bowl. Lid is Merbau

Val's tulips were made from Laburnum and finished with JoSonja. The egg cups were made from Camphor Laurel and Wild Cherry. Val had to make something like 37 egg cups for his Grand Daughter. The last items are fish made from Red Gum and K/D Hardwood.





John Dunn bought along a piece by Vic Wood. John is lucky enough to be working in Vic's workshop where John lives. Bev passed on her best wishes.



Rick Made a Pepper Grinder from Merbau and Trinket Box from Blackwood, Claret Ash and the finial is Gidgee.



Thanks to Rick Hillier for the pics and the write-up.

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There was lots of sanding and filling going on to prepare the totems for an undercoat. Everyone bogged in and the task was finished quite quickly, and I think we had an early finish. The Wednesday group then

applied some colour and although not quite finished they look quite spectacular.





The finished Totems look very spectacular in the garden. Next time you are at the shed, visit the Totems

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