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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
**LATROBE VALLEY
WOODWORKING &
WOODTURNING CLUB INC.**
**AUGUST - SEPTEMBER
2009**

MEETINGS HELD IN THE "COACH HOUSE"
OLD GIPPSLAND, HERITAGE PARK, MOE

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING, September 30 @ Coach-house, 3:00 pm

NEXT GENERAL MEETING. October 6 @ Coach-house, 1:00 pm

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CONTACT TERRY PAVEY

GENERAL MEETING 4th August 31, 2009

A well attended meeting went through its paces without any hiccups. Great.

GENERAL BUSINESS discussed included reports on

- Report on clubs participation at Churchill Neighborhood Centre.
- Discussion on club Open Day for 14TH November.
- Discussion on club Scroll saw weekend for 14/15 November.
- Update on progress for new storage shed.
- Weekend roster has been discontinued unless for special occasion.
- Newsletter. Member contributions most welcome, now.
- AGM – 13th August. Be there.
- House keeping. Remove a hazard when you see it or report it.
- Electrical testing and tagging to be completed soon.

The club mourns the passing of long term member Bill Ross.

Members on the injured list are wished a speedy recovery.

New members George Cini and John Ellis are welcomed and we all hope that they enjoy themselves in their endeavors.

TREASURERS REPORT showed us to be in the blue but it is time the treasurer came home from holidays.

How about we all make a special effort, if only to show ourselves that we can do it for a length of time. We keep the club house clean, safe and tidy at ALL times. Look after your mates!

Have we all forgotten to wear our name tags when on site!

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My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, 'What's on TV?' I said, 'Dust.'

And then the fight started...

My wife and I are watching "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" while we were in bed.

I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex?"

"No," she answered.

I then said, "Is that your final answer?"

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, "Yes."

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And then the fight started....

A TRUE STORY FROM A WELL CONNECTED MEMBER.

In 1980 Margaret Thatcher uttered the words which brought relief to woodsmiths everywhere: "This lady's not for turning". That was the year before I got married. Had I known then what I know now perhaps I could have incorporated Maggie's words into the wedding ceremony.

It all started with the club trip to the Peninsula turning exhibition earlier this year. There were plenty of seats available on the coach, plenty of good company to be had on the journey and a very promising display to be seen at the exhibition (not forgetting the market tour afterwards). "So", I thought, "why not take the wife along and make a day out of it?"

No doubt wiser and more experienced heads than mine might have thrown in some cautionary advice at this point, but I was rash and fairly new to woodturning. Older club members could only shake their heads sadly and exchange knowing looks with one another, as they anticipated the inevitable conclusion of this headstrong rush towards imminent disaster.

"Was the journey uncomfortable, then?" I hear you asking. "Were you disappointed with the exhibition?" The answer to these and all the other questions that the previous paragraph has no doubt raised in your minds is a resounding "No!" The exhibition was excellent, the journey was enjoyable. The problem was that my wife was so impressed with the exhibition that she decided she would like to have a go at woodturning herself. Now nearly every Wednesday sees us both at the club. But that's not all (and before all you feminists and liberals begin thumping your drums, let me reassure you that there is not a single shred of sexism involved in my ranting.): Firstly, there is the worry that the pieces she produces will be better than the ones I produce (though I think I've got this covered by attending the club on Tuesdays as well, while she works – sneaky huh?). Secondly (and this is the sting in the tail) what used to be my set of turning chisels is now "our" set of chisels and what used to be my lathe at home is now "our" lathe.

If you've enough time on your hands to have read this far I know what you're wanting to say: You're wanting to encourage me, to lift my spirits, to suggest a way of snatching victory from the jaws of defeat. You're wanting to tell me that this is the perfect excuse to obtain a newer and better lathe and new tools, that all is not lost. And you're quite right, it is the perfect opportunity, but there is a nagging question at the back of my mind: Whose lathe would it be and who would get to use the 'old' one? I think I know.

So, to Ken, Laurie, Frank and anyone else involved in helping my wife develop and enjoy her turning skills, I have only one thing to say...

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Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, grabbed the dog, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to

the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the

radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 10 years replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband

is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight started....

ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 13, 2009

This meeting was held at the entrance building at Gippslands Heritage Park. Attendance was terrific away we went. The President's Report is attached, the Treasurer is still on holidays' but had an audited report and previous minutes were read. Every one was happy and we moved on with the main intent, elections.

Surprise, all sitting office bearers were re-elected unopposed, or somebody else filled in nomination forms for them.

Committee members elected were Lindsay Steele and Steve Briggs.

All done, all over red rover.

A chat, a drink and some good tucker finished of a good gathering.

Latrobe Valley Woodturning & Woodworking Club Inc.

President's Report: AGM 13th August 2008

Reflections: This time last year we had a new roofed wood storage annexe and I reported that we would soon have a concrete floor and the external wall clad. It has been a long saga, the concrete floor was completed in November last year and the walls were eventually clad earlier this year. However, our initial vision didn't include secure enclosure, interior wall lining, painting, improved lighting and power - we have achieved an excellent result thanks to the co-operation of the Park Management and the sustained efforts of a small group of workers.

Sadly, this year we lost 2 members of long standing, Dave Sargeson and Bill Ross passed away. Others have recovered well from various surgical refurbishments and we have welcomed new members (in no particular order): Alan McColl, Peter Cridge, Jeff Roberts, Bert DeVries, Barry Wilson, Trevor Berryman, John Ellis, George Cini and we see two members of the Briggs family now Sharon is coming along too.

Events/Visits - a chronological review:

Several members attended the Timber and Working with Wood Show held 23, 24, 25 October 2008 - all looking for that rare bargain. The Club did get our Treasurer Terry to purchase a Jacobs chuck, a very modest expenditure - I think we will be better organised with a wish list next time. After the Saturday visit, 5 members and 2 spouses stopped off at Frank Smolders' farm for a BBQ and bonfire and enjoyed Frank's hospitality once again. Unfortunately, Frank experienced a second, unplanned bonfire on Saturday 7th February this year with loss of stock, fences and a hayshed. I recall Frank saying something along the lines, "Life occasionally gives you a kick up the bum. What matters is how you deal with it."

Another successful Inter Club Wood Day was held on Saturday the 8th November, 2008 - thanks to Laurie for his meticulous organisation and contributions from Club members. Bob Calhoun arranged a well patronised Scroll Saw Weekend in the Narracan Hall. Bob has volunteered for an expanded role in 2009. We made money too, around \$300 profit after expenses from the raffle.

In November, the Club endorsed Laurie Keyhoe as our representative on the Council of Woodworking Clubs.

Lillian again excelled in organising our Club Xmas luncheon which was held in the Narracan Hall on Sunday 7th December and, another small profit.

Major raffle: Labour Day Moe Jazz Weekend saw the Club selling raffle tickets for a wooden wheelbarrow hamper on the Monday in the Park. The prize was won by Ms Hayley Hodge and the Club made \$650 profit. Thanks to all members who sold tickets, donated hamper contents and to Bert Penco who built the barrow.

A small group of members travelled to a woodturning workshop conducted by Ken Wraight at the Peninsula Woodturners Guild in Langwarren on Saturday, 18th April. Excellent day - see a master at work, enjoy the company and hospitality with lunch and afternoon tea provided - all at low cost.

On the 6th May we ran a coach trip to Mornington, visiting the Peninsula Woodturners Guild Exhibition and the Mornington Market/shopping strip.

At the Australian Woodworking Clubs Nunawading Exhibition held in June, our Terry Pavey was a prize winner with a model car entered. Congratulations Terry!

On the weekend of 27, 28 June, the Club ran a woodturning and scroll saw demonstration at the Churchill Neighbourhood Craft Weekend. Thanks to Ken Heppleston, Frank Ameerbeg, Brian Pigdon, Alan Vernon and Laurie Keyhoe who participated.

Club Projects:

A small dedicated team relocated the dust extraction system to an external location. It may not work any better than before, I think it is still a 'work in progress' which we will need to revisit in the future. In the meantime, we have gained some extra space.

Our new wood storage annexe is, thankfully, nearing final completion. The team of workers included Lindsay Steel, Laurie Smith, Bert De Vries, Bert Penco, Jeff Roberts, Bill Stephens and Graeme Turner. It has been a long haul, the scope of the job incurred contract variations and there was also that difficult quality control officer to deal with! The next couple of weeks should see our racks installed and one final reshuffle of our timber. I think I can confidently say that a grand opening celebration is imminent - a cocktail party occasion perhaps?

We made a modest \$100 by constructing a number of doll stands and Ken Heppleston turned up dolly peg type puppets for St Kieran's School.

Brian Downey has instigated a toy making group with the intention of donating their output to charity prior to Xmas.

Equipment Acquisitions / Timber Donations:

Our expenditure has been modest over the past year. We have a new urn, offset turning chuck, Jacobs drill chuck, air hose and we purchased a Durden lathe, Herless pedestal drill and a scroll saw from a deceased estate.

The Club received donated timber from Peter and Joy Brand at Longford and from a gentleman in Old Sale Road, Newborough together with assorted screws, drawer slides, hinges, door knobs, etc.

Observations:

This past year has been successful financially - in fact, our bank balance has increased by some \$1,100 for each of the last two financial years. Our building has a new roof and guttering (it's now waterproof) and, it has been repainted. It's a pity that our one time practice of occasionally having a guest speaker after our monthly meetings hasn't yet been revived. There needs to be a future plan for equipment retirement and replacement. If we are going to apply for any funding grants then we need a plan/a wish list. We have done a little better in supporting activities being held by other clubs, we could do more. Perhaps the new committee will generate some fresh ideas for Club events.

Thanks:

Thank you all for your support of the Club through out this past year, particularly: Ken Heppleston for his role as VP, his tireless work around the Club which includes ongoing woodturning instruction. Frank Ameerbeg has also been invaluable in teaching the art of woodturning.

Our Secretary Graeme Turner has done a sterling job in his first year while battling a significant medical condition.

Laurie Keyhoe with his several hats - last year's Woodworking Clubs Open Day CEO, the Club's roving ambassador at large, roster arranger and our Newsletter Editor.

Treasurer, Terry Pavey keeps meticulous accounts and has again produced another beautiful set of figures, the bank balance continues to increase. Although he's in Queensland, the cheque book is here!

Thanks to Lillian who organised our Xmas break-up lunch.

Frank Smolders continues to help aspiring furniture makers.

Bob Calhoun opens early every Tuesday and volunteered to organise this year's inter club day as well as the scroll saw weekend in November.

Bert Penco who built two doors and the wheelbarrow.

Finally, two blokes - Lindsay Steel and Laurie Smith have been outstanding in their building construction efforts throughout the year and I sincerely thank them for all their hard work.

Thank you all for your support of me as your President over the past year.

Kevin R Cale

WOTS ON IN YOUR CLUB.

Open Day and Scroll saw weekend.

O.K. members the dates are not far away and have you contributed to these events as yet. Most unlikely I would say. I suggest that all members have a chat with Bob Calhoun and offer your support in any way that you can. There will be things to do as we get closer so lend a hand now and make it easier for Bob later on.

Christmas Toys.

Brian Downey is continuing on with this project and his small band of helpers. Have a yarn with Brian and lend a hand on one or more of his projects. It is not too early to get into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Breakup.

A change of format this year. We will be set up in the main park B.B.Q. area And catering will be carried out by the Park staff. No set up or clean required by members.

Working with Wood Show.

Are there enough members available to attend on the same day that may require some transport arrangements or are we still related to Brown's cows'

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It was fun being a baby boomer - until now.

Some of the artists of the 60's
are revising their hits.

They include;

Hermans Hermits- Mrs Brown you've got a
lovely walker.

Bee Gees- How can you mend a broken hip?

Roberta Flack- First time ever I forgot your
face.

Paul Simon- 50 ways to lose your liver.

The Commodores- Once, twice, three times to
the bathroom.

Marvin Gaye- Heard it through the hearing
aid.

Procol Harum- A whiter shade of hair.

Leo Sayer- You make me feel like napping.

The Temptations- Pappas got a kidney stone.

Abba- Denture Queen

Helen Reddy- I am woman hear me snore.

WOT'S ON OUT THERE.

Working with wood show at the Showgrounds.	October 16-18.
Eildon and District woodies	October 24-25
Geelong, Barwon Valley Woodwrights	October 31 November 1.
Eltham Woodies	November 7-8
Latrobe Valley Woodies	November 14
Latrobe Valley Scroll Saw Weekend	November 14-15.

Members Notes

On Saturday 5th September five members ventured over to Mooroolbark to be part of a 60-70 strong group to be amazed, dazzled, confused and entertained by the woodcraft skills of Ken Wraight, Ian Robertson and the sharpest sharpener of them all, Stuart Watson. A great day organized by the Maroondah Wood Group. Thanks for the invitation. Ken Hep.

On Friday 11th to Sunday 13th of September six members attended the Down Under Turn Around at Phillip Island along with 120 other good-looking woodies. We turned, and twisted to our hearts content, daylight to dusk and beyond. We wandered through seventy five other lathes in action and were entertained and educated at the same time. Inbetween these activities we ate, drank, (tea/coffee) ate some more and slept. Brian P.

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