

Bayside Woodturners & Woodcrafters Newsletter

November/December 2010

Presidents Report

It has been practice in the past for the President to write a small report each month for the newsletter. Given that I have been both president and newsletter editor, it would have been a bit self-indulgent to do that.

However this is the last newsletter for the year so I will make a few comments and the first of which is to pay tribute to Dave, Clara and Bill without whose support my year would have been considerably more difficult.

People join clubs like ours for a variety of reasons and whatever the reason we welcome you, particularly those who have joined during this year. There are a number of members who are suffering varying degrees of ill health and we would like to extend our best wishes to you for your comfort and recovery.

The general spirit of goodwill for which the club has a sound reputation has continued throughout the year. It is a pleasant place to spend a bit of time and the Wednesday meetings have continued to be the main meeting of the week with a very good level of attendance, frequently standing room only. The evening meetings, wood turning tuition and machinery group meetings have retained a reasonable level of support and interest.

We have attempted several new things during the year, notably a wood turning competition and we changed the focus of the wood turning demonstrations from simply entertainment to the practical matter of preparing for the competition process.

We have also done bit of lathe upgrading by the installation of a variable speed control on our demonstration lathe and the results have been pleasing and warranted the effort. The introduction of a Craft

Day on the third Saturday has been less successful and whether this continues into the future is really a matter for the committee in 2011. We have also upgraded and improved our Website with many photos of the fine work done by members included and have also produced a Wish List to prioritise future capital expenditure, improved the lighting in the clubhouse and the club garden finally looks as though somebody loves it. For all those who have made a contribution to the successful running of the club during the year, you have my gratitude. I am aware that there are some individuals who have not been happy with how I performed my role and can only say I gave it my best shot.

One of the areas of club life that continues to create angst is the matter of weekend events which is an important fund raising avenue for the club. The concern is that it is usually the same people who represent the club at these events and that not enough interest is shown by wider membership. Typically it is the same 10 and 15 percent of the membership who participate. I sense that there is some confusion about this as a part of our role in the community. However the mix of the membership has changed to some extent and it is probably time to have a conversation about club activities in terms of priorities, and how to structure the organisation to accommodate a changing demographic. If we try to make everybody fit into the same mould we will be poorer for it. We are enriched by the diversity and variety of our membership. I think we have already justified our existence in the community by providing a gentle and non threatening environment into which anybody can come to learn and share their love of woodwork.

There is a small window of opportunity with regard to the future of the clubhouse, but taking advantage of that opportunity will require some dedicated and lateral thinking.

So, may I encourage those of our younger members who have never considered the possibility of taking a leadership role, to think about it, the future of the club may well depend up you doing that.

I do not believe that I am the best person for this position and will not be a candidate next year. My advice, for what it is worth, is that it would not necessarily be a in the best interests of the club to simply continue to rely on the leadership of the past. What the club desperately needs is some new blood with some innovative ideas on how we can continue to remain relevant in a changing world.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a relaxed and comfortable 2011.

Bob Webb
President

Weekly/Monthly Club Program

Unless notified to the contrary because of other events, the club program for the year will continue as follows:

Monday 7pm	Pyrography Group
Tuesday 7pm	Carving Group
Wednesday 9am	Show & Tell
Fourth Wednesday	Competition
Wednesday 1pm	Turning classes
Thursday 9am	Machinery group
First Saturday	Woodturning
Second Saturday	Machinery Group
Third Saturday	Woodcrafters day
Fourth Saturday	Committee Meeting

Bayside Web Pages

Want to see photo's of your wood work on our website send them to photo.box@baysidewoodies.com

Also let us know which title you would like to see them under

**Woodturning, Woodcarving, Scroll Saw,
Furniture /Machinery Group, Pyrography**

Our Web Address

<http://baysidewoodies.com>/Those members who are on the net are encouraged to visit our site on a regular basis. Recently some new photos have been added and you are encouraged to add photos of your own work. When you send your photo or photos to Mark, please include a short précis of what it is and which of the sections in the Web Pages that you would like it to be displayed.

Mark is currently exploring the idea of adding wood working videos to the WebPages

Newsletter Printing

Special thanks as usual to Michael Choi (Member for Capalaba) and to Mel and Chris in his office who produce the printed version of our newsletter promptly and efficiently.

Wood turning Demonstrations - Feb 2011

Given the fact that the club's 21st birthday celebration, which is to be held on Saturday 19 February 2011, will feature a 6 hour series of woodturning demonstrations by Theo Haralampou, the normal demonstration for the first Saturday in February will not be scheduled.

Competition items for 2011

The club has no history of wood turning competitions and this year we have tested the interest. The level of interest has been higher than expected and the standard of work has clearly improved through the year, but it will be a matter for the committee that is elected in February to decide if a program of wood turning competition is to continue in 2011.

Use and Abuse of Club Equipment

During committee discussions about further equipment purchases, the issue of abuse of some equipment by a very small number of members was raised again because it is a recurring problem. It is, from time to time, necessary to remind this small number of members to treat our club equipment with care and respect so that unpleasant confrontations can be avoided.

A Wish List

Our objective is to make equipment applications each three months as the grants are opened.

Our application for the chain saw has been approved and we are currently looking at our Audio Visual equipment requirements.

The next item from the Wish List, after that will be for a Metal Lathe - AL-335 Geared Head.

Committee Meeting

Next committee meeting is fourth Saturday in this month and will be the last for the year.

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Stop Press -Club Birthday Celebration -

9am to 4pm 19 February 2011 at Bayside Uniting Church Hall, Wondall Road Tingalpa. Theo Haralampou will be demonstrating during the day. Morning tea, Lunch & Dinner Supplied. There will be fundraising activities during the day.

Scroll Saw/ Wood Burning Assistance Requested.

Geoff Scorey is running a small wood working group at his retirement village and has been asked some questions about Wood Burning and Scroll Sawing by several of the group down their in Victoria Point. He would like to know if there are any exponents of the Scroll Saw and Wood Burning art in the club who would be prepared to give his group a short introduction (probably maximum of 2 hours) early in the New Year. If you can help please see Geoff or let me know and I will pass it on to him.

Recent Additions to Club Membership

This month we welcome Frank Rooney and Nigel Bayliss and Peter Hunter into the club. We are pleased you have joined us and we hope your club membership can be mutually beneficial.

Newsletter Editor

I have produced the newsletter for 2010 because there were no other starters. I will not be available to do it for 2011 so unless somebody is prepared to take it on, we will not have a newsletter next year. Please have a think about this because you could well be the person we need.

Bob

End of Year Celebration

Our annual end of year celebration will be held on Saturday 11 December at the club house. We are looking for donations for our Christmas Hamper raffle as well as other items which we can raffle on the day.

Trophies will be awarded to the three turners who have accumulated the most points during the year's monthly woodturning competition. There will be a highest points trophy, second highest points trophy and third highest points trophy.

This year will feature two woodwork competitions.

One will be a wood turning competition for those who have participated in the wood turning competition during the year. Entries are restricted to one item per person and must have been entered into the monthly competition. You are invited to enter what you regard as the best item you have turned for the monthly competitions. Judging will be by popular choice and in the event of a tie results will be determined by a count back. Trophies will be awarded for first place, second place and third place.

The second competition will be an open competition with no restrictions. Any item of woodwork (carved, burnt, modelled or turned) you have made is eligible and the only requirement is that it was completed in 2010 and only one item per member is permitted. So we encourage you to enter your finest piece of woodwork. Judging will be by popular choice and in the event of a tie the results will be determined by a count back. Trophies will be awarded for first place, second place and third place.

Lockyer Woodcrafters Group Clearance Sale Day

Recently our club lost a young member namely Ray Johnson, which has left a widow Lyn, and a substantial amount of timber and some machinery. A special sale day is planned for Saturday 27th November to help Lyn clear out the shed and will commence at 8.30am. The sale will be held at 99 Fairway Drive, Hatton Vale. Hatton Vale is situated half way between Ipswich And Gatton on the Warrego H/way. Below you will find a brief list of what there is to sell.

Camphor Laurel in slabs, logs and bowl blanks.
Red Cedar in slabs, logs, half logs and bowl blanks.
Qld Maple in slabs and blocks.
Silky Oak in slabs, planks, blocks and bowl blanks.
Large slabs of burl mostly red wood.
Various other varieties mostly in log form.
Several hundred pen blanks in a variety of timbers.
Several hundred pen component sets.
Two (2) 18 inch bandsaws. An 8 inch long bed jointer.
A 15 inch thicknesser (Carba-Tec).
A bench type drill press.
A radial arm slab-surfacing unit with router and extension rail.
Various chisels and hand tools.
Triton workcentre with extension table and power saw.
Triton router table on home made trolley with biscuit jointer unit.
I invite all members to come along and browse but keep in mind you may need a ute or trailer. If you require directions please feel free to phone the following members.

Bob Harris 54653276

Ed's Demo

Yesterday, once again, we had the opportunity to watch one of the club's expert turners show us how to make a use a variety of wood turning tools. The attendance was a little disappointing and some of the newer wood turners in the club missed out on an excellent opportunity to expand their knowledge. Ed demonstrated how to make a bird feeder which is a contraption he has devised himself and is this month's competition item. He had demonstrated one way of making this feeding system earlier in the year, but he has now improved the design by incorporating the screw cap of a mayonnaise bottle. This means that there is very little metal in the unit and it is something that can be made with varying degrees of success by even a modest wood turner who does not have Ed's skills. He made it all look very easy and his continuing conversation during the demonstration and his willingness to accept input and questions made for a very enjoyable morning. This is our final competition piece for the year and is one of those items which will allow turners to let their imagination run wild. This is your last chance for the year to create a competition masterpiece so "have a go". Thanks Ed we are grateful for the morning's instruction and challenge.

For Sale

Heavy Duty Drill Press \$250
12 Speed 16mm Chuck ¾ HP
Phone T Alexander 0408718096 or 33966123

Clubhouse Closed

The dates for the Christmas recess of the club will be decided at the last committee meeting for the year later this month. But in normal circumstances the club will be closed after our end of year celebration on 11 December and will reopen early in January 2011.