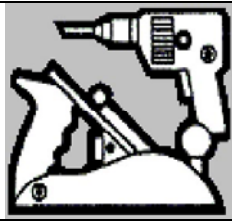


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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### March Club night

The speaker at the March Club night was our fellow Club member, Bob Lorensene. Bob has for some time been collecting pieces of different woods and turning these into small mushrooms. This was the subject of his talk, which he illustrated with a very competent demonstration of his technique for making these miniature pieces. He also brought along his collection of mushrooms which amounted to several hundred and included woods from his own garden as well as that of his grandfather. One of the latter was from a walnut tree which his grandfather used to hit in order to promote its crop of nuts - the idea that a walnut tree could be encouraged in this way goes back to the sixteenth century.

Of particular interest in Bob's collection were the seventy-seven specimens of North American woods imported from a dealer in the U.S.A. who supplies these to woodworkers.

Bob also showed a fine laminated rolling-pin which would have brought any erring husband to heel.

The demonstration of members' work followed and was begun by John Baker with yet another rolling-pin, a bowel turned from a mallee root, as well as a red-gum ball sitting in a gidgee rest. John explained that he had made the ball with the pipe of a car exhaust; the faultless sphere show how effective John's technique was.

John McGarry showed another of his toys - a giant crane similar to those used in construction work. The many attachments illustrated John's attention to detail and should prove to be a fascination for his grandson.

Judy Yeo had turned several sets of salt and pepper shakers from wood purchased during a recent visit to Tasmania. Their attractive shapes and finishes should encourage the use of these condiments in Judy's family.

Tony McLachlan's contribution was a number of finely made boxes with attractively dovetailed corners and finished with shellac. Tony intends to distribute some of these around Europe during his forthcoming tour.

Ian Heffernan produced what was probably the most original piece of the evening which combined a clock and night-light. The illumination was provided by globes inside two hollowed banksia cones and could be adjusted for brightness by a switch controlling a hidden rheostat. The small clock dial was placed between the cones.

Bob Morrison and Manfred Linke displayed several very competently turned bowls. Bob told us that he intended to convert a shallow bowl into a platter by reducing its height; this was necessary to make it conform to the rather severe rules of the Peninsular Turners.

The evening ended with a neat sugar scoop from Geoff Allen.

#### April Club night - BRING YOUR BEST BOX!

Older members will remember a quiz program of yesteryear, 'Pick-a-Box', which was conducted by the popular comedian, Bob Dyer. The theme of our next club night (Wednesday, 11 April) will have a similar title, 'Bring-a-Box', but will be run on different lines. Members should bring the masterpieces they have created for a club boxathon. All shapes and sizes will be welcome.

#### Matters dealt with at the last committee meeting

A new sign for our front wall which will be graffiti-resistant. This has been ordered.

A call for volunteers to assist in the production of club bookcases. This is a valuable money-earner for the club and anyone wishing to be initiated into the art of bookcase manufacture should see Gavin.

Dust extraction systems. It was decided that a single dust extraction system servicing all the appropriate machines would be prohibitively expensive and that a larger unit for the table saw would be more feasible. Action is being taken.

Absence of the club secretary. Tony McLachlan, who is taking an overseas trip, will be absent for several months; Phil Dunstan, our treasurer, has nobly volunteered to take on Tony's duties.

### Information about Tools

A new tool rest has been installed on the right-hand wheel of the grinder closest to the table saw. Gavin will explain its working at the next club night.

**The committee was alarmed to hear that some members are using the grinders without wearing transparent face masks. The danger involved in doing this cannot be exaggerated. A wheel may be faulty or it may be damaged through being knocked by someone carrying a large piece of timber; such a wheel can explode and cause the most appalling injuries to the operator's eyes and face. The committee is therefore instructing all those on duty not to allow anyone to use either of our grinders without wearing a face mask.**

### Oakleigh Festival

Club members took part in a very successful exhibition of turning at the Oakleigh Festival on Sunday, 18 March. Our representatives were Ian Heffernan, Bob Lorensene, Manfred Linke and Geoff Allen.

### The Australian Woodturning Exhibition

The exhibition will be held on the 15, 16, 17 June 2007 in the Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre (397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading) and will display the entries of a competition organized by the Koonung Woodturners Guild. Those wishing to take part will find an entry form in the tea room.

## JUST TURNING NOTES

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Geoff Allen brought wood for the turners to share.

John Baker showed a beautiful finished rolling pin on a stand. John also displayed a scoop with stand.

Ian Heffernan showed a bowl. This is work in progress.

Manfred Linke showed a small shallow bowl, as well as a stand, hollowed out to hold his son-in-law's change.

Bob Lorensene brought two new toadstools, one yellow poplar and the other dark sandalwood from India, as well as a carved pen, which was a gift from India.

Peter Kerr showed two bowls – one that flew off the lathe and will need to be reshaped. Peter also turned an egg from cherry timber.

Geoff demonstrated hollowing out.

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Wolfgang Becker made a 'rising' mushroom of red gum, plum and pine. By pulling a very thin fishing line threaded through the stem of the mushroom, Wolfgang was able to raise the top whilst keeping the moveable stalk inside the hollow fixed stalk. Quite ingenious.

Alex Morey showed a segmented clock -a work in progress- of four layers of laminated rings. Alex hopes to have it ready for the June Nunawading competition. The timbers used were blackwood, American beech, plus oddments of padauk and denza (Asian oak?).

Peter Stacey showed four pens in the larger 'Mont Blanc' style. The timbers were not all known but one was the result of pruning a robinia tree at home.

Max Bray's items consisted of a robinia goblet with a captive ring and a pencil container shape as well as a round vase shape to hold tea light candles.

Ian Heffernan showed a candlestick of pine he had turned during a demonstration at the Oakleigh Festival. \$90 was raised at this function for the Club. Thanks to Ian, Bob Lorensene, Manfred Linke and Geoff Allen for their input.

Bob Lorensene showed a bowl of grass tree in a three-legged metal stand.

Peter Kerr brought timber for Bob's collection (to make toadstools) and also other timber to share.

Ron Jones brought along a tall potpourri container with a lid. This was made with a banksia nut body and timber at the top and base.

Project for April is a lidded box/container.



### Monday 25 March 2007

Wolfgang Becker brought along a nicely proportioned, small-lidded container of gum, the lid being slightly hollow for jewellery.

Helene Longton.

### **Discounts are available from the following:**

**Note:** Discounts are only available on presentation of your current membership card.

<b>Australian Wood Panels</b> , 40-42 Winterton Rd., Clayton.	9543 5033
<b>Baileys Toolbank</b> , Unit 4 Rowen Crt. Box Hill.	9897 1911
<b>Blackwoods</b> , 31 Fowler Rd., Dandenong (ask for Cyril)	9518 2222
<b>The Delta Group</b> Shed 2, 577 Plummer St. Port Melbourne	1300 887 558
<b>Flatman's Timber &amp; Hardware</b> , High Street Road. Syndal.	9802 9211
<b>A. Lewis &amp; Co.</b> , 302 Jasper Rd., Ormond.	9578 6218
<b>Malvern Paint &amp; Timber Finishes</b> , 1933 Malvern Rd., Malvern East	9885 2883
<b>Magnetic Abrasives</b> , 286 Neerim Rd., Carnegie.	9571 6811
<b>Mathews Timbers</b> , 125 Rooks Rd., Vermont.	9874 1666
<b>Moorabbin Timber</b> , 230 Wickham Rd., Moorabbin.	9553 0155
<b>Sachy's Industries</b> , 43 Browning Drive, Glen Waverley.	9803 2370
<b>Shiver me Timbers</b> , 217 Kororoit Creek Rd. Williamstown.	9397 5993
<b>Woodworking Warehouse</b> , 11 Citrus St. Braeside.	9587 3999

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## Workshop Opening Times

### General woodwork

### Special interest groups

Monday (only on public holidays)	9 am –12 noon	Monday: <b>Assisted woodwork</b>	9 am –12 noon (except public holidays)
Tuesday	9 am –4 pm		
Wednesday	9 am –12 noon	Monday: <b>Carving</b>	1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Thursday	Closed		
Friday	9 am –12 noon	Monday: <b>Wood Turning</b>	7:30 pm – 9 pm
Saturday	9 am –12 noon Dec. to February 9 am –4 pm March to November		
Sunday	Closed	<b>Club Night: Second Weds. of the month</b>	7:30 pm – 9 pm

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