

### Office Bearers 2006/2007

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### April Club night

Those present were glad to welcome back fellow club member and friend, George Perry, who has had a serious operation and has been obliged to spend several months recuperating. George is well on the way to a full recovery and we trust he will soon be able to resume his regular visits to the club.

The main feature of the evening was a talk and presentation by Bob Morrison. Bob, who is well known as an excellent turner, demonstrated his skill in a different field, that of band-saw boxes, and so started off the evening's theme of 'Bring-a-Box', or as one witty club member described it, the 'Boxathon'.

The art of making small boxes with a band-saw deserves to be more widely known because, as Bob very capably showed, a skilful operator can, with little trouble, produce attractive presents for birthdays and Christmas.

Bob began by fitting our smaller band-saw with a very narrow blade - this is necessary to get around the tight curves which are always involved. He then took a piece of timber measuring approximately 150x100x50mm and cut it into three slices, the two outer ones, which were to form the top and bottom of the box, being much thinner than the middle piece. The thicker slice was then given an attractive leaf shape; Bob explained that its edges would then be carefully sanded, but that he was omitted this step in order to save time. The next step was to use the band-saw to remove the belly of the leaf and so create what would be the box's inside. This was done by sawing into the wood from one point in the outside edge and cutting around so that a leaf outline, about 10mm wide remained. The initial cut through the wall could be easily closed up and glued for the bottom to be attached and cut to shape. There were several options for fastening the lid, which was also cut to the same shape: it could be fastened to the top with a pin and made to swivel, or, if the shape permitted, hinges could be used, or a rebate could be cut in the lid's edge for a close fit to the body of the box.

Bob went on to describe how to make a miniature chest of drawers where the horizontal profile of each drawer is irregular. Articles of this nature are sometimes seen at craft exhibitions and markets. Several irregularly shaped pieces are cut from a slab of wood in the same way as for a band-saw box. Each of these is then cut into three and the large middle section is hollowed out on the band-saw; when each set of three is glued together it forms an individual drawer which will fit exactly into the hollow of the original slab from which it was cut. The result is a very attractive ornament which can be used for storing small articles of jewellery.

In the exhibition which followed Bob showed a large number of turned boxes, including two made from Indian rosewood made by his father. His own very impressive collection included examples made from spalted myrtle and red gum.

The club thanks Bob for the trouble to which he went, both in demonstrating a new application of the band-saw and in bringing his own work for us to see.

Other members who exhibited their work were:

*Lyn Fitzsimmons* - a red gum writing case.

*John Baker* - some very competently turned red gum and ebony.

*Bob Lorensene* - a bowl from mango and pencil holder in the form of a VB stubby.

*Manfred Linke and Wolfgang Becker* - bowls (WB also had a small lighthouse made of laminated pine and red gum).

*Ian Heffernan* - a turned box, probably from silky oak.

*Geoff Allen* - a turned box from red gum as well as an experimental turning.

*Helene Longton* - a box for lathe attachments.

*Ron Jones* - turned boxes from camphor laurel, red gum and huon pine.

### Information about Tools

In the past some members have used the drop-saw and the table saw to cut red gum fence posts and other rough timber, although this is strictly forbidden by club rules. In addition to the possibility of striking nails in recycled material, such timber always contains much surface grit which inevitably blunts blades. The most serious danger, however, is that a broken tooth from the blade could hit either the user or someone standing near. All members should therefore note that:

NO RED GUM FENCE POSTS AND OTHER ROUGH TIMBER ARE TO BE CUT ON EITHER THE DROP SAW OR TABLE SAW; THESE SHOULD ONLY BE CUT ON THE LARGE BANDSAW, AND THEN ONLY AFTER ALL METAL OBJECTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

The same prohibition applies to the buzzer and the thicknesser. All violations will be considered by the committee.

### May Club night

The speaker at our next Club night (Wednesday, 9 May) will be our fellow Club member, Geoff Allen. The subject of Geoff's talk will be wood finishes.

### Matters dealt with at the last committee meeting

A sign to be placed above the drop-saw forbidding the cutting of red gum posts and rough timber with either the drop-saw or the table saw.

Action in cases where club rules are disregarded.

The possibility of a club sale. Members would be asked to provide an article they had made and all profits would go towards buying new equipment.

### The Australian Woodturning Exhibition

The exhibition will be held on the 15-17 June 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.

### Carve-in 2007

The annual meeting for carving enthusiasts will be held from 18-20 May at the Lady Northcote Recreation Camp north of Geelong. Instruction will be given for carving anything from totem poles (bring your own pole!) to wooden spoons. Those interested in attending should see Helene Longton.

## JUST TURNING NOTES

### Monday, 16 April

*Peter Stacey* showed pens. Two were made from red gum with pine X laminations, one from turpentine with a double XX and one was turned from a red plastic blank with a 'click' mechanism rather than the usual twist mechanism.

*John Baker* showed two containers, one of black wattle and the other from gidgee, finished with six coats of Danish oil.

*Praveen Nathaniel's* bowl of silky oak was finished with Shellawax.

*Phil Dunstan's* two shallow red gum bowls were finished with Triple EEE and Shellawax. A third bowl was identified as radiata pine from Phil's information.

*Manfred Linke* made a tiny walnut dish or plate.

*Bob Lorensene* showed two small-lidded boxes, one from rosewood and the other from mahogany.

*Peter Kerr* showed an interesting box, a gift from the Philippines made from bamboo and resin. Peter also turned a small vase of sequoia and another from yew.

*Bob Morrison* showed two dishes, one of mango and the other from red gum which were almost identical. Bob also showed an unusual winged lidded box, which is a 'work in progress' for the Peninsula Turners' competition. Bob also showed us a book "500 Wood Bowls" which contained some interesting and exotic work.

### Monday, 23 April (7 members attended)

*Ian Heffernan, Manfred Linke & Bob Lorensene* reported that they had demonstrated turning on behalf of the Club at the Fete at Mackie Street, Mulgrave. This effort and teamwork netted \$73.50 from the sale of turned eggs, spinning tops etc. Well done! The Club thanks the participants.

*Manfred Linke* showed a small red gum bowl still mounted on a piece of scrap wood, and explained how to turn, sand and finish in one mounting.

*Peter Kerr* showed a lidded container (rosewood ) which wept sap through its finish. He also showed a vase of fiddleback red gum that he had turned, and after applying wipe-on poly finished with Shellawax.

*Helene Longton* asked for some advice on turning a miniature lidded container from gidgee.

Monday, 30 April (9 members attended)

*Bob Lorensene* brought along some contorted willow to share and showed two large eggs made of hakea and plum. Bob also showed a sphere on an attached base of myrtle which had been made by *Geoff Allen* at the Oakleigh fun day.

*Manfred Linke* showed a small red gum bowl and a small cake plate made of raintree, both finished with Triple EEE.

*Bob Morrison* showed a three legged red gum pedestal table. The top is scalloped red gum with a huon pine centre. This project is a 'work in progress' for the Peninsula Turners show in June.

*John Baker* showed his first mushroom made of elm.

The next project for turners is a gavel.

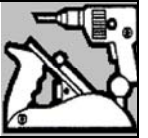
### **Discounts are available from the following:**

**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
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<b>Magnetic Abrasives</b> , 286 Neerim Rd., Carnegie.	9571 6811
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<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:</b> Second Weds. of the month	7:30 pm – 9 pm

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