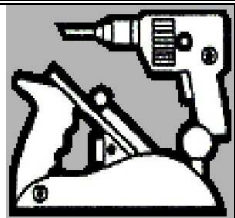


# Waverley Woodworkers Inc.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Please note:

In February the Saturday opening times are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

George Perry's Wednesday afternoon class will not be held until the end of February 2007. It will resume then provided George's health is good. At the moment he is awaiting a stint in hospital - we send him every best wish for a speedy recovery.

Brian Parkinson will not be conducting the Monday afternoon wood-carving class, which he has been running for many years. However, anyone with carving problems should contact him for advice.

#### Club events and happenings

The Club Christmas party took place in the Valley Reserve on Saturday, 2 December, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Catering was improved by the purchase of a small tent in which food was kept and served; in this way the few flies in the vicinity were successfully kept at bay. A hiccup in obtaining the meat was ably overcome by the Club troubleshooter, Helene Longton. When she called at our regular butcher to pick up the order that had been placed she discovered that it has been overlooked. In his remorse the butcher supplied a large quantity of sausages, rissoles and steak at no cost. As this was uncooked Helene was obliged to borrow a barbecue, cook the meat and then race it to hungry Club members. Showing the initiative and resource so typical of Waverley Woodworkers, she overcame all difficulties, and members expressed the opinion that the food was even better than in past years. During the function the Club Christmas raffle was drawn and the rocking horse made by Tom Phillips and the president was won by Jusie Hughes. The proceeds (about \$700) went to the Club.

In December the mechanism governing the rise and fall of our table-saw failed to work. This was all the more annoying as it is only two years since we purchased what we thought was a first-class piece of machinery from the agent for the Austrian firm of Holzprofi. An attempt to contact him failed as his business has now been closed for some time. Emails to the Austrian manufacturer also drew a blank, and an appeal to Austrian consulate in Sydney met with no more than empty sympathy. When the president was considering taking the matter a stage further and complaining to the United Nations he accidentally discovered that the Knox Club had employed a local machinery expert, Kevyn Duke, to repair their equipment. Kevyn has now diagnosed the problem: one of the bevel gears operating the saw's rise and fall was broken but can be repaired - Kevyn is now in the process of doing this. The reason for the failure is that all the saw's gears are made of die-cast zinc alloy, not of proper hardened steel! It seems ridiculous that what was claimed to be an outstanding table-saw should have such third-rate parts.

An old superstition tells us that troubles always come in groups of three, and so it was with us. After the table-saw fiasco, our drop-saw began to show signs of wear and to suffer unpredictable stoppages. As we have used the saw for over ten years with a minimum of trouble we could certainly not complain of its quality, but the committee decided that in the interests of safety a new saw should be purchased. This should be installed by the time this newsletter is received.

The third item in our trio of woes was the vacuum cleaner. Worn down by enthusiastic use it expired last Wednesday. The committee is investigating a replacement.

Club members will be relieved to know that our finances will not be overstrained in meeting these emergencies

## February Club Night

The speaker at our first meeting for the year (Wednesday, 14 February) will be a club member, David Collins, who will talk on the art of book-binding. As this will take place on St Valentine's Day Club members are encouraged to bring along wives/husbands, fiancé(e)s, partners, etc.

## New Year Resolutions

As the club is only now starting to function in the New Year, it is not too late to make a New Year's resolution! Members are urged to undertake one or more of the following:

Firmly resolve not to use an electrical sander for at least a month

Make at least one hand-made dovetail during the year

Make at least one mortise and tenon joint each month

Only use an 'H' pencil and sharpen it regularly in the club pencil sharpener.

All those who on 31 December can prove to the committee's satisfaction that they have rigidly kept to all four resolutions may apply for a reduction in Club fees.

## JUST TURNING MEETING NOTES

Despite the holiday season our turners have been active. Helene Longton records their meetings below.

### 4th December 2006

Peter Kerr brought along some tibouchina (lasiandra) to share, as well as NZ beech. Peter's tiny bowl from NZ beech was finished with Triple EEE and Shellawax; it showed up darker than the raw timber.

John Baker's Christmas gift bracelets were made from nyota and red gum and were finished with Triple EEE and Shellawax. The inside diameter was 65mm, which is suitable for a girl.

Bill David's six Christmas ornaments and one serviette ring were his offering for the Christmas decoration project.

Peter Stacey's work comprised of seven pens made using the mechanisms extracted from commercial biros.

Geoff Allen's photos of his walking trip to Jerusalem (in Tasmania) were of tall timber with burls.

Ian Heffernan brought a work in progress. This was two banksia nuts used as lampshades, which will use 10-watt globes.

Bob Lorensene's two pens were made from figured oak and brush box. Bob showed a circle of dead finish acacia and a lamp, which is a tea light candle with a shade. Bob has details of a Shopsmith lathe a friend has for sale, for \$250.00.

Bob Morrison brought along three miniature lidded containers - one of the lids has a fine finial. He also brought a thin open dish of golden elm.

### 11th December 2006

Max Bray brought along a small bowl turned from an unknown nature strip tree and there was some discussion on whether it was a banksia or hakea - hakea won.

Ian Heffernan showed two mushrooms, one from willow burl and the other from lasiandra made by Bob Lorensene. Bob could not come but didn't want us to forget him or his mushrooms.

Manfred Linke showed a very nicely turned dish of African munaga finished with Triple EEE and Danish oil.

Ron Jones brought along a nice bowl made from flooring - this was fiddle-back ash finished with Shellawax and Tasmanian wax (six layers).

Praveen Nathaniel showed a thin platter made from Daintree timber, which was a small dinner plate in size.

Geoff Allen showed some koto that he brought along for Bob Lorensene's collection.

John Baker turned three pens: one from black mulga, one from mulga and red gum, and the third from red gum.

John's 'super foot' project included a red gum bowl. His final item was a smaller dish of red gum.

Helene Longton brought along her 'super foot' project, which was a butterfly box to entice butterflies to crawl in through slots. This item was decorated with colorfully painted butterflies and on the top was a cut-out cow jumping over a moon. "When the cow jumps over the moon, the butter flies".

### 18th December 2006

Peter Kerr turned a small kauri bowl, finishing it with five coats of Danish oil. His coolibah bowl was made into a potpourri bowl. This timber was completely covered in wax when bought and, whilst being turned, showed many splits, which Peter filled with 'super glue'.

Ian Heffernan brought some photos of the Club Christmas Picnic.

Manfred Linke showed a small plate he turned from myrtle.

Bob Morrison turned two lidded containers, one of bull-oak and the other of red gum, he also showed a small 'inside-out' turned experiment. In comparison, Bob's lidded beech containers were two tiny miniatures.

Bob Lorensene brought three mushrooms, one of balsa, one koto and the third bendee.

Phil Dunstan brought along a small turned pine Christmas tree as well as a black walnut plate.

Peter Stacey showed several Christmas tree decorations he had previously made from red gum. Peter also showed a pen which he had bought from Officeworks (5 for \$2.20) - Peter uses the mechanisms from these inexpensive pens to make turned timber pens.

John Baker turned a small dish of iron bark, a pen of the same timber and another pen using olive.

Geoff Allen turned a kauri bowl and colored it red with food coloring and black by burning, as well as texturing it with a mini arbortech.

Helene Longton made a potpourri bowl using kauri. These three items were made for a gentleman, Eric by name, who donated some Kauri for members to use. Eric's father owned the kauri. As time went by, the timber wasn't used but, as Eric is going into a retirement village, he asked if he could have a memento from his father's timber in the shape of a bowl. Thanks to Peter Kerr, Geoff Allen and Helene Longton.

### **Famous Sayings of Footballers**

Luke Hodge, the 21 year old who turned 22 a few weeks ago.

Strangely, in slow motion the ball seemed to hang in the air for even longer.

Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw.

(These will be the last of the 'Famous Sayings of Footballers' series unless the AFL withdraws its threat to sue the club for defamation of its players - Ed.)

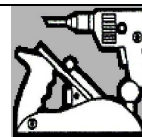
### **Discounts are available from the following:**

**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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