

### Office Bearers 2007/2008

*President:* to be appointed

*Treasurer:* Phil Dunstan: 9808 7510

*Website Manager:*

Cameron McKerral: 9885 5525

*Committee Members:*

Wolfgang Becker: 9560 9278

*Secretary:* Tony McLachlan: 9840 7716

*Auditor:* Ian Trivett: 9802 5110

*Public Officer:*

Laurie Stuart: 9807 9793

Bruce Hartland: 9560 5708

### SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE YEAR 2008-9

The annual subscription (\$75) for the coming year is now overdue. Please pay this to the treasurer as soon as possible and get your new name badge

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The club's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 9 July. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend because of an injury I had suffered the previous Friday. The meeting was chaired by the treasurer, Phil Dunstan, and the following officers were elected:

President Gavin Betts

Vice President Helene Longton

Secretary Tony McLachlan

Treasurer Phil Dunstan

Committee Wolfgang Becker

Bruce Hartland

Mary Mosca

Laurie Stuart

Roberto van der Hock

Auditor Ian Trivett

It was also decided to form 'The Relocation Sub-committee' which would be responsible to the general committee and which would include Geoff Allen as Publicity Officer.

At the committee meeting of 16 July Geoff Allen and Bill David were co-opted on the sub-committee which would also include myself and Helene Longton.

As a result of a media release written by Geoff Allen and myself articles on the Club's plight appeared in the Herald Sun (18 July) and the Waverley Leader (22 July). This had a very definite effect on the Monash council and, on the initiative of Tom Morrissey, the council passed a motion (Tuesday, 5 August) to give the club \$10,000 a year for three years as well as undertaking to look for a council building for the Club at the end of that period. Tom Morrissey has also secured an undertaking from Rotary to make up any difference in rent and other costs such as rates as well as to meet the Club's removal expenses.

Unfortunately, because of various other happenings, I now feel forced to resign. My explanation for this is as follows:

- In clubs and similar organizations committees are elected to make decisions on both important and minor matters. Consequently I considered that the final decision on new premises would be made by the committee. To the best of my knowledge no suggestion was made at earlier meetings of the Club that any such decision would have to be referred to a special general meeting; such a meeting requires fourteen days notice and so could mean that an opportunity requiring a quick action would be missed. Some members are now saying that a special general meeting with fourteen days notice must be held now (see below). I note here that no protests were made when at the beginning of the present crisis I called for a special general meeting on 28 May at only six days notice.

- After extensive inquiries of more than six weeks I had come to the conclusion that we would not be able to secure a council building or a Scout hall within the Monash municipality. I did not investigate Scout halls outside Monash because the council would not continue its subsidy of \$5,000 if we moved outside its boundaries. It was obvious that we would have to consider renting a commercial property and this was taken up at the committee meeting of Wednesday, 16 July. Such a course of action was also put forward by a member of the council bureaucracy, Jenny Ruffy, in a letter dated 14 July.
- In the following week (beginning 21 July) I contacted at least six estate agents but only Crabtrees had any properties that seemed suitable. Of the two possibilities on their books I chose the one that was bigger and cheaper. This was a small factory of 150 sq. metres at 3/53 Cambro Road, Clayton for which the owner was asking a rent of \$11,000 + rates. I examined this with John McGarry and we agreed that it would be satisfactory. On the same day (Friday, 25 July) I meet Tom Morrissey, who was visiting the Club. When I told him of 3/53 Cambro Road, he suggested that it could be what the Club wanted.
- On Monday, 28 July, Tom Morrissey rang me to say that he was putting a motion at the next council meeting for a rent subsidy of \$10,000 p.a. for three years. I then called a special meeting of the committee on Wednesday, 30 July. I had previously asked committee members to visit Cambro Road.
- At the committee meeting it was agreed that the Cambro Road site had disadvantages; parking was tight and club membership might fall off. However, a motion was passed (7 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining) that we rent the property if Tom Morrissey's motion to the council was passed. If this happened it was agreed that, in conjunction with the treasurer, I should negotiate a contract with Crabtrees for two years. No mention was made of having a special general meeting.
- The following day I contacted Crabtrees to see if the property was still available. Crabtrees' representative said it was but that the minimum contract would be for three years, not two, as I had previously understood. I immediately rang members of the committee and informed them of this; all agreed that we should go ahead as planned.
- The council meeting took place on Tuesday, 5 August and about 30 Club members attended as observers. Before the meeting began I was appalled to notice a councillor being lobbied by a Club member who does not belong to the committee and who had previously made attempts to follow his own line in approaching the council. After Tom Morrissey's motion had been passed and the meeting had come to an end, I was approached (*assailed* might be a better word) by four or five club members who demanded that 14 days notice be given for a special general meeting where a decision on 3/53 Cambro Road could be made. I pointed out that the committee had already made a decision on the site, which in any case could very well not be available for long. They replied, but I was unable to follow the logic of their responses, which included some utterly irrelevant complaint about our auditing process.
- The following day I contacted Crabtrees to make some preliminary inquiries and was told that my signature alone would be required on a contract. This would have made me personally liable for the rent and other costs for three years. As it seemed likely that some Club members were determined to make trouble, I decided to drop the matter.

As I have helped to secure the council's promise of \$10,000 p.a. for three years as well as other funding I can say that I have made a contribution in our search for a new workshop. We were, and still are, in a crisis situation. In my attempt to meet this crisis I have encountered nitpicking and a lack of co-operation and understanding which appear to be on the increase. For this reason I am resigning from my present position and from the committee. I am sorry to have to do this but I cannot see how we can solve our problems if present attitudes persist.

Until a decision has been made on my replacement, the Club will be under the charge of the vice-president, Helene Longton. She has asked me to make the following announcement.

WE WISH TO SINCERELY THANK GAVIN FOR ALL THE TIME AND EFFORTS HE RENDERED TO SECURE A FAVOURABLE OUTCOME FOR INCREASED MONETARY ASSISTANCE TO OUR CLUB. AS GAVIN HAS RESIGNED THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT, IT IS NECESSARY TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL PAID-UP MEMBERS. THEREFORE IT IS ANNOUNCED

THAT A MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, 22 AUGUST TO BE HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS AT 7.30 P.M. TO FILL THIS POSITION. THE CLUB'S SITUATION WITH REGARD TO RESIDENCY WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

HELENE LONGTON  
VICE-PRESIDENT

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#### JUST TURNING NOTES

Monday 21 July

Peter Kerr brought along a eucalypt burl which he turned into a shallow bowl, finishing with ten coats of Danish oil. Peter also brought along a small lidded box of leatherwood.

Hans Kopp brought along a silky oak bowl finished with piano finish. Hans also showed a chuck he fashioned to enable him to hold small coasters and finish them even though they are quite thin. These are of spotted gum and jarrah.

Ian Haynes, a visitor, showed a yellow box bowl burl.

Bob Morrison showed a very thin poplar bowl, an English ash one with myrtle lattice inlay and another ash bowl.

Peter Stacey brought turned pen pieces of teatree and blackwood.

Praveen Nathaniel showed a spalted blackheart sassafras plate.

Helen Longton showed two different size rolling pins in leatherwood.

Monday, 4 August

Bob Morrison showed a cypress bowl, a rose bowl from Queensland rosewood with a carved flower and a red gum bowl. These bowls were turned by Bob over 30 years ago.

Ian Hayes showed a yellow box wall mirror made from a burl.

Peter Stacey made 2 pens, one from teatree and one from blackwood (Tas).

Hans Kopp showed an acrylic pen and an unusual bowl made from Sydney blue gum.

Manfred Linke showed a vase from treefern. Manfred found that this particular timber must be completed inside and out in one exercise, otherwise there are too many splits occurring. A mango bowl Manfred turned was an early piece.

Manfred showed members his shed and we thank Manfred for his hospitality.

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#### INVITATION FROM FOREST HILL WOODTURNERS

to attend a  
Demonstration of Woodturning by

**BRENDAN STEMPEL**

LOCATION : Warrawong Centre  
32 Richmond Street (off Eley Road)  
Blackburn South

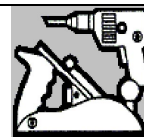
DATE & TIME : 16 August at 9.30 am

COST : \$25 per person

RSVP : For catering purposes 11 August 2008  
TO : Secretary, Graeme Andersen  
1/16 Florence Street,  
Blackburn South 3130  
Telephone : 9877 6886

# Waverley Woodworkers Inc.

Clubrooms: 2 Windsor Ave., Mount Waverley, Vic 3149 Telephone: 9807 9648



## 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 –12 noon	Monday: <b>Wood Turning</b>	7:30 pm – 9 pm
Wednesday	9 am –12 noon		
Thursday	Closed		
Friday	9 am –12 noon		
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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Waverley Woodworkers Inc.  
2 Windsor Ave  
Mount Waverley, Vic 3150

