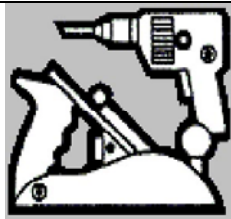


# Waverley Woodworkers Inc.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The first Club night for the year was held on Wednesday, 13 February. No speaker had been scheduled for the evening; instead, the president informed members of the latest items of Club business.

After thanking Helene Longton for making two very colourful bags to enclose the existing plastic dust containers, he mentioned that a local resident, John Hermann, who happened to be present as an observer, had offered the Club a supply of melamine boards and of 19mm pine planks; both the melamine and pine had been recovered by John for recycling. After discussion it was decided to take up the offer of the planks. These were covered with carpet, which could be easily removed, and when lightly dressed on the thicknesser would be of use to members in many ways, particularly in making toys for kindergartens. Geoff Allen agreed to receive the planks in his factory yard where Club members could remove the covering carpet.

The president drew the meeting's attention to a recently purchased disk sander. As our existing machine, which is combined with the linnisher, has been out of action for some time and could only be repaired at considerable expense, a new sander had been obtained from Carbatec. This is a dedicated disk sander and very robustly constructed; its table is of a more sophisticated type which allows compound-angle sanding.

The president then went over points of safety on the drop saw and table saw and reminded those present of the need to sign the yellow folder to certify that each person had read and understood the Safety and Operating Instructions. The final item of Club business was to call for suggestions to improve the workshop. The following proposals were made:

- The club should have a single toilet, which would be unisex.
- In the interests of water conservation the Club should install dual-flush cisterns.
- The wiring of our electricity board should be changed so that there was an external master switch to turn off power to all machines. This should be easily accessible so that it could be quickly used in a sudden emergency.
- A second shed similar to the existing one should be purchased and erected in the yard. This would provide more adequate storage for members' work and for the timber we are regularly given.

The president thanked those who made the suggestions and undertook to bring them before the committee (see below).

To conclude the formal side of the evening Bob Lorensene entertained and instructed us by demonstrating his technique for making small spinning tops. These are to be given to disadvantaged children in Fitzroy for colouring. It was suggested that such tops could also be part of the toys which the club makes for the local kindergartens.

The meeting then retired to the back of the workshop to view the work presented by three members.

First was Bob Lorensene, who display some of his famous mushrooms; these included one made from a petrified podocarp which could well be many thousands of years old.

Tony McLachlan then showed us a huge framed photograph of the Cockburn Ranges in the Kimberleys. Tony had captured this panoramic view by combining a number of individual shots. Both this and a striking photograph of Cape Leveque had been very competently framed by Tony.

Geoff Allen presented two framed mandalas which had been hand-painted by Nepalese artists. Geoff explained the meticulous artistry involved. The audience was intrigued by Geoff's description of his method for laser-cutting the rame decorations, which were derived from Buddhist motifs.

### Next Club night (Wednesday, 12 March)

Two club members, Simon Gardiner and Adrian White, will describe their techniques in guitar making. Adrian will demonstrate their success by playing Simon's guitar, which is now finished.

### Matters dealt with at the last committee meeting (Wednesday, 20 February)

The committee has taken the following decisions on suggestions made by members at the last Club night:

- Further investigation showed that a number of members are strongly opposed to the idea of a single unisex toilet. We will continue with the existing two toilets.
- To save water the toilet cisterns will be equipped with a special Dunstan conservation device.
- A quote is to be obtained for the installation of a master switch for all machines.
- A second shed will be erected in the yard if one can be obtained free or at a reasonable price and if permission is obtained from the Oakleigh Pigeon Club.

It was noted that a number of members had not yet signed the Safety and Operating Instructions.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE THIS PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE BOOKLET WHERE YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE FOUND EITHER IN THE TEA ROOM OR BESIDE THE ATTENDANCE BOOK.

As our large bandsaw has never operated very well it was decided to investigate the purchase of another machine of similar size but better quality.

### JUST TURNING NOTES

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Twelve members present.

*Alex Morey* brought along a tape measure made of three wooden parts and a measure tape.

*Manfred Linke* made a jacaranda bowl finished in Danish oil.

*Bob Lorensene* brought along more spinning tops for the collection that will go to disadvantaged children to paint – a sample of the size needed is on the board. Bob also brought along a red ironbark mushroom and one made from Cooktown iron wood.

*Bob Morrison* brought along a miniature lidded box of ebony, English box and Queensland maple with a tiny goblet of English box.

*Fred Rogasch*, a visitor who works locally but was originally from Rainbow (his home town), brought along a red gum mallee burl bowl finished in Shellawax.

*Phil Dunstan* showed two turned red gum table legs, which were too light in colour for a red gum tabletop burl he had, so another hall table is on the cards. Phil also showed a blackwood tow ball which he turned for a toddler's trailer to attach to a trike.

*Helene Longton* showed a cottonester bowl which she had altered to hopefully improve the appearance. Helene also showed two pens, one of walnut and the other of Queensland beech.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Six members present.

Proposed new member *Fred Rogasch* sent along nine spinning tops for the collection to be painted. Thanks Fred.

*Alex Morey* brought along five finger tops made from Ovens wattle, which is a very pale acacia.

*Bob Lorensene* also brought along nine more spinning tops. The collection is growing.

Four members turned extra tops and one member completed a bowl at the club after the meeting. It was good to have a "hands on" demonstration, and made for an enjoyable evening for the small group.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Twelve members present.

*Proveen Nathaniel* brought along his tall vase of blackwood with ebonised red gum top, both finished with 12 coats of Danish oil. A loud sigh went up amongst the group when Praveen showed this beautiful piece. Praveen also brought along a spalted vase also with a high polish. This vase is finish with polyurethane.

*Peter Stacey* showed an almost finished camphor laurel bowl, which is for a gift. Peter also added to our spinning top collection.

*Hans Kopp*, a new member, showed a plate turned from jarrah and Tasmanian oak floorboard off cuts. He also showed a mulberry lidded container and a pen/pencil holder from red gum with a nut shaped turned piece of local gum (species unknown) for the pen or pencil. Hans uses a home-made oil recipe to finish his items.

*Manfred Linke* brought some more finger spinning tops – the grand total is now 103 and the container is just over half full.

*Bob Lorensene's* mushroom was made from cypress pine from the Mulgrave Primary school grounds. Bob's total mushroom collection is about 400. Bob also showed a tiny dish made from cypress.

*Max Bray* brought a tiny gidgee lidded container finished with triple EEE and Shellawax.

*Campbell Davies* left his three-legged stool made from ash in Bob Morrison's class for members to see.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008

Seven members present.

*Hans Kopp* brought along a coprosma jewelry bowl with an integral central stem with a turned knob on top. This piece was finished with triple EEE and shellawax. Hans also showed a hardwood bag handle to make carting full cloth shopping bags easier on the hands.

*Manfred Linke* brought along a small bowl of an unidentified conifer finished in triple EEE. Manfred is successfully practicing turning items with thin wall thickness. He also added six more spinning tops to the charity collection.

*Ian Heffernan* brought along work in progress. This consists of gavel accessories he is making for a present including a striker plate made of Tasmanian oak with a red gum centre plus a red gum base for the gavel supports and striker plate. This base has been bi-directional turned, a first try at this technique for Ian.

*Bob Lorensene* brought along a toadstool and base made of Lebanese cedar finished with shellawax and Danish oil. It was further decorated with a toy mouse. He also showed some cedar architrave decorations he is making for his daughter's house renovation. More tops from Bob were added to the now considerable collection.

*Peter Stacey* showed a work-in-process pine vase with natural edge. He is using a face plate held in place with a wood bolt screwed into the yet-to-be-hollowed part of the vase.

*Geoff Allen* brought along seven standard sized spinning tops plus a 100mm diameter top made from old floor board to add to the collection. Geoff indicated the larger top, which works quite well, was to provide some variety to the charity offerings.

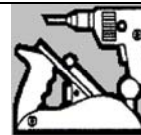
### **Discounts are available from the following:**

**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 Shed 2</b> , 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 –12 noon		
Wednesday	9 am –12 noon	Monday: <b>Wood Turning</b>	7:30 pm – 9 pm
Thursday	Closed		
Friday	9 am –12 noon	Monday: <b>Beginners' Group</b>	1:00 pm to 4:00 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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