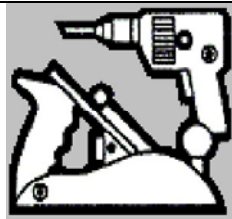


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In January we were saddened to hear of the death of Bryan Parkinson at the age of 85. Bryan had belonged to the Club for many years, but in recent times he had been unable to attend Club functions because of ill health. He will be particularly remembered as an excellent carver; the reproduction of the Club's emblem (pistol drill and plane) on the presidents' board is an example of his work. His competence was always appreciated in the carving classes which he conducted on Monday afternoons. Bryan was a member of the A.I.F. during the Second World War and saw service in Borneo. The Club was represented at his funeral on 16th January.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our annual Christmas party was held in the Valley Reserve and was attended by about twenty-five members, some with their spouses. Highlights of the event were:

- A male member arrived in the guise of a menacing lady cyclist; fortunately the president did not have time to ring the police before the deception was exposed.
- A member who had been delegated to carve the meat inside the club tent was somewhat too enthusiastic with his gestures and put the knife through the gauze protecting food from flies.

The Christmas spirit was evident in the hilarity and friendliness of all those who attended.

The Club responded to the request of the Monash Council to participate in its Australia Day celebrations on 26th January. Bob Lorensene gave a demonstration of turning on the small Jet lathe, which had been set up on the footpath outside the Club premises. Inside, a display of members' work was arranged on and around our utility table; prominent were Geoff Allen's magnificent lighthouse, which housed a barometer, Helen Longton's imaginative carving and Tony McLachlan's meticulously made boxes and small chest of drawers. A steady trickle of visitors started arriving at 10 a.m. and continued until early in the afternoon when the exhibition closed. A number of new members were signed on. The efforts of those who took part in the exercise are very much appreciated.

The Monash Council has continued its annual grant of \$5000 as a contribution to our running expenses in 2008. The Club is grateful for this assistance, and in return it is hoped that members will be keen to support Council activities.

The mitre guillotine which was given to us last year will be ready for use in the coming months. It requires cleaning and adjusting; Bob Lorensene, who has considerable experience with such machines, has very kindly offered to assist and supervise the overhaul.

THE GREAT TABLE IS FINISHED!!! The large red-gum table on which Lynne Fitzsimmons has been working for eighteen months was delivered last month to its delighted purchaser. We congratulate her on the tenacity and skill which she has shown in making a very handsome piece of furniture, which earned \$1600 for the Club. Well done! Lynne's report on her work is given below.

New Safety Arrangements

To ensure that we are all aware of how to operate each of our machines in complete safety, detailed instructions of the use of the thicknesser, buzzer, sander, saws and lathes were posted to members in December. If you have not

already studied these carefully, please do so now. As previously announced, all those attending the Club are required to sign a statement that they have both read and understood this document.

Next Club night

Our first meeting in 2008 will be held on Wednesday, 13 February. The president will not be giving a talk entitled 'Lost in a Brazilian rainforest' as previously announced; instead, we shall have a general discussion on the operation of the club and a demonstration of the use of various machines. If you have any questions this is the time and place to ask them.

The committee has not met since the last Club night. Its first session will be on Wednesday, 20th February.

JUST TURNING NOTES

On 10th January the turners were invited to a holiday home at Somers. This was to coincide with the Peninsula Turning Show being held at Coolart Mansion. Ian Heffernan was the host at a barbecue at his home. It was an enjoyable day and we thank June and Ian for their wonderful hospitality
Bob Morrison was on duty at the Turning Show on this day.

Monday 21st January - 10 members present.

Peter Stacey showed a robinia potpourri bowl, and a red gum burl pen, finished with wipe-on Poly. Both had a been buffed to a high gloss finish.

Bob Lorensene had another toadstool of carob bean.

Bob Morrison brought along an eucalypt burl bowl turned on two centres. Bob is going to demonstrate this method on a turning Monday night. The bowl is oval and has four carved feet.

Don Sayers showed his first mushroom turned from red Ironbark.

Peter Kerr brought along a small lidded container of Musk wood, which he purchased on a recent visit to Tasmania.

Monday 28th January 2008 - 9 members present.

Alex Morey showed 2 lovely potpourri bowls of brigalow, ash, Sydney blue gum, one varnished and the other not finished with varnish as yet. These bowls were laminated with openings between the timbers around the circumference and in the lids.

Ron Jones' lidded container was made of rock maple and purple heart. Ron also showed a miniature lidded container of wattle.

Geoff Allen brought along the impressive lighthouse which he had shown at the Australia Day open day, held at the club on Saturday 26th January. Members of the S.I.G. had not previously seen this piece and were very interested in the process Geoff used to make it.

Manfred Linke brought along 2 small bowls of flowering cherry finished with triple EEE on one, and Danish oil on the other. *Peter Kerr* brought along a vase of spalted holly finished with triple EEE and shellawax.

Bob Lorensene showed finger spinning tops he turned at the Australia day show. These tops are for young children in Moonee Ponds and Fitzroy to colour. Bob also showed 3 mushrooms, one each of corkwood, Chinese elm, bocote, cordial and jarrah offset eggcup with egg (miniature).

Maria Pacavity, a new member, hopes to learn woodturning.

Bill David wishes to make a set of bagpipes and *Helene Longton* was able to show a set, compliments of a granddaughter, while *Manfred Linke* demonstrated how bagpipes are held.

Helene Longton showed a potpourri bowl of cotonaster which was won in a raffle. It was considered the bowl should be deepened.

Monday 4th February 2008 – 4 members present.

Bob Lorensene, who could not attend, sent along 11 spinning tops to add to the box of tops we are hoping to fill. These tops are for the disadvantaged children in Moonee Ponds and Fitzroy to paint as mentioned in last above. There is a sample of the size required on the blackboard; contributions from members would be appreciated and should be put in the box in the office.

Peter Kerr showed a liquid amber bowl with an insert of silky oak in the centre.

Lynne Fitzsimmons' table report

You will all be thrilled to hear that the great big red gum table has gone out of the workshop.

It is now safely in its new home with its very pleased owner and her two Portuguese water dogs.

The timber for the table had been collected over the last 5 years. A house that was cut up opposite Wolfgang's old residence contributed stumps. Some pieces were from my old back fence, and then, of course, there were the

fabulous street signs from down the Peninsular.

Over the past two years I have had help, advice and assistance to build the beast from an amazing number of club members. To list these is a dangerous process lest I forget someone. So, given my ordinary memory, here goes anyway, in no particular order .

Bruce Hartland: for timber and organising to have the street names screen printed back onto the legs of the table so that the history of the timber can go with it. Cost for this job \$000.00

Philip Dunston: timber gratefully accepted.

Bob Morrison: for getting us the street sign contacts. Beautiful timber!

David Wilkinson: for putting some of the timbers with lead paint on them through his machines and cutting the mortises out with his square mortise cutter [ssshhh!! - that's a secret].

Geoff Allen: for his wizardry with a circle saw and the sweat and grind that went into ripping that great pile of fire wood up into timbers that could be machined. Two circular saws went to heaven in the process, one a treasured possession of Geoff's that he had picked up on someone's hard rubbish some years ago.

George Perry: thank you, George. It seemed like every time I needed to use the thicknesser you had just sharpened the blades for me.

Helene Longton: for timbers and endless support and a million lifts with the parts as they got bigger and bigger.

John McGary was always there with the answer to solve very technical problem I could dream up, and then some.

The turners en mass who were in the club when it rained heavily and the women's toilet flooded as usual. They rescued the parts and put them up safely on the benches.

To everyone that helped lift, and those that constantly nagged about how long it was taking to build. It kept me on target and finally got the job done.

The money raised is in the club coffers. Photos of the finished product are on the club website.

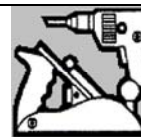
Discounts are available from the following:

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

Australian Wood Panels , 40-42 Winterton Rd., Clayton.	9543 5033
Baileys Toolbank , Unit 4 Rowen Crt. Box Hill.	9897 1911
Blackwoods , 31 Fowler Rd., Dandenong (ask for Cyril)	9518 2222
The Delta Group Shed 2 , 577 Plummer St. Port Melbourne	1300 887 558
Flatman's Timber & Hardware , High Street Road. Syndal.	9802 9211
A. Lewis & Co. , 302 Jasper Rd., Ormond.	9578 6218
Malvern Paint & Timber Finishes , 1933 Malvern Rd., Malvern East	9885 2883
Magnetic Abrasives , 286 Neerim Rd., Carnegie.	9571 6811
Mathews Timbers , 125 Rooks Rd., Vermont.	9874 1666
Moorabbin Timber , 230 Wickham Rd., Moorabbin.	9553 0155
Sachy's Industries , 43 Browning Drive, Glen Waverley.	9803 2370
Shiver me Timbers , 217 Kororoit Creek Rd. Williamstown.	9397 5993
Woodworking Warehouse , 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: Assisted woodwork	9 am –12 noon (except public holidays)
Tuesday	9 am –12 noon		
Wednesday	9 am –12 noon	Monday: Wood Turning	7:30 pm – 9 pm
Thursday	Closed		
Friday	9 am –12 noon		
Saturday	9 am –12 noon Dec. to February 9 am –4 pm March to November	Wednesday: Beginners' group	1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Sunday	Closed	Club Night: Second Weds. of the month	7:30 pm – 9 pm

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