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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Premises

"QUO VADIS?"

"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

Where are we going!

Our Club now entering our 21st year faces an uncertain horizon. The current three year lease of our rented premises is due to expire December next year with no assurance at this time of renewal. Many members may recall that at the last lease expiry our landlord gave us two months notice to vacate and the position was only abated with more than doubling annual rental. Meeting this demand was only feasible in the light of the **City of Monash Council** having offered three year financial assistance for consideration of alternative premises, which with some ruction amongst members was turned aside in preference for staying put.

We can have no truck with the decisions taken by others: it is their right to do so in their own interests. We are after all not in a bargaining position and remain thankful for the **Council** support that has given us three more years existence. The issue of Quo Vadis however remains!

Functional Brief for a building for Waverley Woodworkers Inc.

With the assistance of key club members, the committee submitted a detailed brief (with copies to other key community members) under date 31st May last to the **City of Monash** petitioning for development of permanent new premises for our club. (This brief is available at the club for perusal by members).

In response the Council convened a meeting at Council premises on Wednesday 14th of July with *five club members attending.

From the outset we were informed of our suggestions put forward that neither land, on which we had nominated three possible locations, nor other available building premises were available. Discussion ensued with the Council representatives, Acting Director Community Services, and Cultural Development Officer, agreeing to have our case put again without commitment to the decision making area of Council.

(*Members in attendance were Mary Mosca, assistant secretary, John Mc Garry, Phil Dunstan, treasurer, Ian Trivett, auditor, and self.)

Waverley Woodworkers Inc.

We are a subscribing member to the Australia wide Council of Woodwork Clubs ("CWC") which has a membership of 120 clubs and around 8,000 member woodworkers. The CWC in its secretarial role has given us moral support in our quest.

On a stand alone all purpose club basis, Waverley ranks about fifth in size nationally (second in Victoria) with perhaps the largest membership catchment area in greater Melbourne. We do not actively seek new members but the enquiries come nonetheless. We have however a 25% annual turnover in membership which may in part reflect the issue of limited premises despite the club activities being held every day and three nights-Sundays excepted-every week.

We are highly vulnerable! Unlike the other three major suburban clubs in greater Melbourne we do not have the same security of long term Council provided premises at peppercorn rentals.

The "**monash bulletin**" of recent editions highlights a number of significant municipal developments within the community; nearby ones being **Batesford Hub** and **Waverley Bridge Club**, and we can only proceed with hope that there is/will be room at the workbench for us.

Waverley Woodworkers Inc. is a good neighbour. We have actively participated in all Monash festivals, been involved with community outreach by way of support to local kindergartens and schools and have provided Christmas toys to disadvantaged children. We continue to contribute to the cultural fabric of the Monash community.

With our 110 membership, we are a vibrant club fulfilling our own development/social engagement skills and needs.

We need to pursue permanent stability of tenure. If not Monash where else perhaps? As we cannot stand alone financially the alternatives in absence of external assistance are to either fold or revert back to our minimal origin of "meet and greet" meeting existence at some meeting place-without workshop activity, woodcraft development and "hands on" wellbeing that goes with project completion.

This is not the lead off article I would have preferred in making of our annual report but the priority of our position demands it.

On behalf of our club I thank the key members both within the club and the outside community leaders for the drive they are freely giving to addressing our position.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 11th August 2010

7.30pm in Clubrooms.

All positions (with a qualified reservation regarding the office of auditor) are available for nomination. We have a number of nominations in hand but as I have emphasised before I encourage all members to consider how each of you can contribute to the running of our club. There are vacancies.

Our motto is "No one knows everything, everyone knows something, we can all help one another".

Apart from the nomination form with our last newsletter extra nomination forms are available at the clubrooms.

YEAR UNDER REVIEW

Outwardly our club was actively involved with the wider community participating in all of the festivals within the City of Monash e.g. **The Clayton Festival, Chadstone Fun Day at Batesford Road Reserve, "The Flavours Of Oakleigh" and Australia Day Celebrations.** The Australia Day open house at the clubrooms attracted around 100 visitors to view our wares. With each of these there was a core element of members who manned our stalls, demonstrated their skills and generally entertained the public.

Highlighting more specific projects were;

-**The Bridge Team** (Mary Mosca, John McGarry, Laurie Stuart, Hans Kopp and Roberto Van der Hock, (refer the photograph on our noticeboard) in the making and installation of the walk bridge for Glendale Kindergarten,

-**The Toy Team** (Peter Hughes, Peter Kent, Mal Jenyns, Hans and Roberto- not forgetting input from The Monday Morning ladies- in the making of 160 toys distributed as Christmas presents to disadvantaged children,

-**Southern Cross Kids Camp** (Wolfgang Becker), wooden treasure chests, and,

A variety of items and maintenance activities undertaken by various members for the local organisations and residents who sought our help.

Various members participated in competitions, workshops and seminars etc. held outside Monash with each gaining satisfaction from involvement and in some instances outstanding success. Particular mention is made of **Alex Morey's** winning success at the Royal Melbourne show.

Within our club environment we enjoyed a year free from accident and upset both on the human level and that of our machinery and equipment. Many members were highly productive with a variety of output in satisfaction of their woodcraft pursuits.

It is a challenge to nominate and thank club individuals at the risk of overlooking anyone deserving of thanks.

Firstly to each of the committee members; in particular;-

-**Tony McLachlan** for his erudite handling of the many formalities we now need to observe,

-**Phil Dunstan**, our most capable treasurer,

-**Mary Mosca**, assistant secretary and ignition switch in many ways, and,

-to the remaining executive,

Thank you for the dedicated service you have given throughout the year; our club appreciates your able administration.

Next to each of the duty officers both rostered and casual you have successfully given our members an unbroken year of Monday through to Saturday activities.

Then comes our training leaders;-

John McGarry, Laurie Stuart, George Perry and Bob Morrison, who have unstintingly imparted and passed on their skills for all our mutual benefit.

Lastly to **Geoff Allen**, my personal thanks for being the co-opted Vice President which gave me much assurance.

I say to all thank you and well done.

On more selective grounds I congratulate **Helene Longton** on her deserved life membership and **Myrna Perry** being our first honorary member.

Special mention is made of **Peter Hughes** who after many years as our newsletter editor has now "retired" to Mornington.

SPONSORSHIP

City of Monash Council.

We acknowledge the critical support given to us by **the City of Monash Council**.

As mentioned in opening remarks Monash Council support has been our lifeline to continuing in our present form.

Combined Rotary Clubs of Monash.

We appreciate the support through the Monash Community raffle.

Moorabbin Timbers again has freely given us timber supplies throughout the year.

Guest Presenters. We were favoured to have informative and topical presenters throughout the year at our club nights.

JULY Club Night

Our club night, with 19 members present, under the stewardship of **Ian Heffernan** was run by our woodturners.

Demonstrations were given by;-

Bobby Morrison-cypress lidded container, perfume scent holder, "generously" sized goblets with inside/out turning and offset technique,

Bob Lorensene- madonna figurines applying sander set in lathe,

Hans Kopp-light mounted on scraper application, and,

Peter Stacey-vacuum chuck usage in removal of base spiggott.

As well our visitor for the evening, **Michael O'Callaghan** from Koonung Turners contributed to our activity.

Thank you woodturners.

SHOW and TELL

Phil Dunstan Pedestal clock on spotted gum base,

Hans Kopp Butsh bowl and dainty goblets,

Helene Longton open blackwood bowl, camphor laurel lidded bowl and small box compartment with glass fronts,

Bob Lorensene madonna figurines and key holder toggles, and,

Peter Stacey acer goblet.

Congratulations

Aaron and Fiona Luck, on the happy arrival of their first child and daughter **Bonnie**, we trust by nature as well as by name, and

Yuko Fujita, on her **Kodama** - ("return to me") - exhibition of jewellery in the city.

Display-Glen Waverley Regional Library-month of August-check with **Cam Davies** our coordinator. Cam is also our "goto" man for **club apparel**.

Annual subscription \$75.00 -for the year ending 30th June 2011-Just a reminder if you have not yet renewed-either next time you're in the Club please, or could you mail in a cheque.

JUST TURNING in July

Monday the 5th was attended by 12 members.

Peter Grant needed advice on best method to repair a bowl of gum which has cracked.

Ian Heffernan showed work in progress, a lidded compact for a mirror from red gum. Ian's pen of American cherry, letter opener and two pens, all of blackwood were very nice gift articles.

Russell Painter had 2 cigar size pens made from prunings of the Lorraine Lea rose, also an interesting small lidded container from a rose briar.

Hans Kopp showed 2 small cups of sycamore, a bowl of fig wood, an article of melaleuca, a candlestick of red gum/sassafrass, a bowl of red gum and a lovely lidded container in iroka with a stone insert.

Bob Lorensene showed 4 turned Madonnas (various timbers), key holder of hairy oak and 2 attractive multi-coloured acrylic pens.

Peter Kerr showed a lidded container of cherry with a lid of blackwood. This article was very shiny with a finish of Cabot's Danish oil.

Members thank Peter Grant for hospitality at his home. We also thank Peter for having cut down, collected and cut to size a cherry tree someone rang the club about. Most members went home with pieces for bowls tucked under their arms.

Monday 19th July – Peter Stacey's home

Peter Grant part turned the freshly cut cherry wood

Bob Morrison showed three bandsaw boxes from burls

Praveen Nathaniel showed a work in progress with carving and turning in mahogany.

Hans Kopp showed 2 part turned green bowls, a small article of acer, and a thin goblet of acer.

Helene Longton showed 3 bowls, 1 camphor laurel with loops for handles, 1 blackwood & 1 poplar (gold pan)

Daniel Wassef showed his first bowl of chestnut

Ian Heffernan showed 2 pens, a pencil and a letter opener.

Peter Stacey showed two platters and an acer goblet.

Many thanks to Anne and Peter Stacey for their hospitality at their home for our winter critique night.

Due to the volume of business regarding premises and the Annual General Meeting in this newsletter, regular articles will be held over till the next issue, such as Discounts, and Club Opening Hours.

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