



Merry Christmas

from Alan and Lynda.





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

It still amazes me how fast 2024 has gone by. Here I am, in the workshop, writing my final report for the year and what a year it has been.

If we think back to this time last year we were without a workshop, membership was down even further than after Covid, but we were looking forward to moving into our new premises. Thanks to the Guides we were able to plan and get ready to move our equipment into what would be our home for the next five years at least.

I have to say I am filled with pride in what we have achieved this year and optimistic for the future. Membership is steadily growing. We have about 20 new members since the beginning of the year, nine in November alone, as well as another 'walk in' on Monday morning.



The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!

Increasingly, the workshop is full to capacity, with Board members having to give up their lathes to learners. We now have four new instructors. These people have given up many Thursday afternoons to train, under Skeeta's supervision, as instructors. It is timely that they have now taken on the role to help all these new members and lessened the load on Ron and Rooster who, together with Skeeta, have been our only instructors since we opened the workshop again.

We often joke in the workshop about Rooster's ability to build funds for the Toy Fund. Another of his fund-raising activities is cans and bottles

collection. He and Skeeta have enlisted the help of friends and neighbours. You would be amazed at the amount of money raised, often over \$100, and all into the Toy Fund. Remember we have a waste bin outside the door at the workshop. As we are quite likely to get through a number of cans and bottles over the holiday period, please think about collecting everything and not just putting it in the recycling but bringing it to the workshop when we reopen. In fact, you can drop them into the bin outside the workshop door at any time you are in the vicinity.

As always with the membership of a club such as ours, we are going to lose some members. I have attended several funerals during the year and our thoughts must be with those families grieving the loss of a family member.

It's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters





Santa has a senior moment

the event sometime early in 2025. Before we close for the holiday period we will enjoy a Christmas party in the workshop.

Remember:

Workshop closes 16th December 2024
Workshop reopens 13th January 2025

As we approach our Christmas and New Year closure all that remains is to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
 Peter

- ✚ The neighbourhood barber just got arrested for selling drugs. We had been his customers for 8 years. We had no idea he was a barber.

Financially the club is in a good position. We now have a new accounting system in place and in the New Year you will see much improved accounting information available to members.

Members and their partners enjoyed a pre-Christmas lunch at the end of November. This was organised very well by John 'Rooster' Lea and held at Angel Sussurri Restaurant at Yarramalong. This proved to be so popular there were requests to repeat



ATTENTION!
DON'T WEAR HEADPHONES WHILE VACUUMING!

I've just finished the whole house and realized the vacuum wasn't even plugged in.

Laughing at your own mistakes lengthens your life.
 Laughing at your wife's mistakes shortens it.

**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting @ The Workshop
held on Saturday 16th November 2024**

The meeting was opened at 12.35pm by Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Steve Farr

Guest Speaker: Nil



Show and Tell: Conducted by:
Graham Craike

Name:	Item:	Woods used:
Mark Board	Bowl	Blackbutt Burl
John Butlin	Bowl	Blackbutt
John Lea	Pen	Australian Red Cedar
Ferdie Sullick	Small Bowl	Blackbutt Burl
Ferdie Sullick	Bowl	Blackbutt Burl
Richard Alexander	Large Fruit Bowl	Camphor Laurel
Richard Alexander	Bowl	Black Wattle
Michael Dahl	Arabic Coffee Pot	?
Allan Cedar Smith	Rocking Horse	Australian Red Cedar

Winner: Michael Dahl for his Arabic Coffee Pot

Lucky Door Prize: Mark Board

Attendance: 27 members, 5 apologies, Nil associates and Nil visitors.

Welfare:

- ✚ Bryan Lydford is doing well,
- ✚ Phil Clements is poorly and we send our best wishes
- ✚ Alan Smith informed Peter that Tony Bruckard passed away and our thoughts go out to his partner, Lee.

Minutes: It was moved by Ross Gordon and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the



monthly meeting held in October 2024 be accepted. Passed by all present.

Business Arising: Business arising will be covered in the General Business

Coming Events:

- Christmas Lunch 28th November at Angle Sussurri at Yarramalong (thanks to John Lea for organising)
- Christmas Party at Workshop 12:30pm Monday 16th December (bring a plate) contact Vicki Rollinson to organize what food to bring



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Men's Shed Survey
- A phone SMS from the Allan May, President of Kingscliff Men's Shed.
- Email from Fair Trading to register our change of Financial Year
- Website enquiry of club's interest in large Power-craft Lathe

Outwards:

- Email to Walter Koppen local woodturner
- Posted and Signed Application form to Australian Tax Office to change contact name on ABN to Stephen Farr
- Email Application form to Fair Trading for Financial Year end change from 30th June to 30th September
- Enquiry to Guides on Lease arrangements
- Reply to Allan May re Kingscliff Men's Shed request



Business Arising from Correspondence:

It was moved by Valda and seconded by Graham Craike that the correspondence be accepted. Passed by all.



Financial Report: Peter Hamilton presented the reports provided by Chris Strong for the month of October 2024.

Operating Account:	Income:	\$1,301.10
	Expenses:	\$449.95
	Profit	\$851.15

Toy fund increased in value by \$355 during month of October 2024

New Members: The club had a number of New Members during the month, with a number coming from the Open day with the Lapidary Club, which was a great success

Raffle: Won by John Butlin, Second prize: Peter Hamilton



Santa's steady diet of cookies and egg nog finally catches up with him.

Other Reports:

Workshop: Skeeta reported the Workshop is going well and raised the request for new Hand Saws (Japanese Style) to be purchased. The Turners are keeping the workshop clean which is a great help.

Carvers: It was reported 2 new members attended the Carvers on Tuesday.

Pyrography: It was reported 1 new member is interested in attending on Friday

Scrollers: Nil

Toys: It was reported that there is one box of toys in the storeroom
Lots of Lolly bowls donated. Club now needs to decide on which people's homes to distribute the lolly bowls this year.

Library: Plenty of books for members to borrow in the library



"...and can you bring my mommy some more of that juice she drinks in the afternoon. It really mellows her out."

Merchandise: Peter explained how the shop was working and will put in an order over the next few days

General Business:

- The Boat Cover (shelter) the Board is deciding how to use the boat cover as it is large and may not fit in the usable space
- Open Day with the Lapidary Club: our thanks to Valda and all those who helped on the Open Day. It was well attended, and the Sausage Sizzle was a great success... thanks Ian and John. We had 3 new members on the day and a

number took application forms. The interest was good. Dom worked the shop, and several of the members, both new and old, showed the visitors through the club. It was also great to have a look through the Lapidary Club's well set out workshop. What an array of equipment and skills on show!!

Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 12.30am on Saturday 18th January 2025. @ The Workshop.
Board meeting Friday 13th December 2024 @ 12.30pm. @ The Workshop
The meeting closed at 1:25pm.



Here are some more inspirational pieces from my:

“Projects: To Do” folder.

We should all have a folder on our computer where we can save projects that inspire and challenge us. We should also keep a notebook beside our TV chair because you never know when inspiration will strike.





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Angel Sussurri Restaurant and Manor House at Yarramalong. Pre- Christmas Luncheon.



Thursday 28th November, thirty-one of our intrepid adventurers travelled west through the wilds of Yarramalong to the beautifully appointed Angel Sussurri Restaurant and Manor House.

We were able to use the large open, covered area and it was wonderfully set out with an elegant Christmas theme.

John 'Rooster' Lea organised the whole event and liaised with the owners to make it a perfect day out. The food was amazing and they catered for all of our different dietary needs. The owners and staff were incredible and they did an awesome job in looking after us.

It must be noted that Rooster's impressive organisational skills came to the fore again with everything planned to perfection.

Overall, it was an outstanding day and many members requested that we repeat the experience early in the New Year.

I'm sure that, with Rooster's help, we can manage that.

P.S. The pavlova was absolutely wonderful... the best ever!

...Alan





3-Dimensional Chess...



Many of us are lucky enough to have some wonderfully talented children in our lives.

All three of our kids love using their hands, and power tools, to turn out beautiful works of art. We recently had a trip to Queensland to visit our daughter and eldest son and their families. Whilst there I was presented with this 3-D chess board that Adam had made for me for my birthday.

The columns are made from Tasmanian Oak, and New Guinea Rosewood, and the border is Qld Mahogany.

It is beautifully made and looks great but it is very difficult for your mind to start thinking in 3D.

It's very easy for a piece to be 'hiding' in the valley and then dash up over the hill to create a checkmate.

If I'm feeling less adventurous, the columns lift off to reveal a wonderfully made conventional chess board underneath.

It is truly a work of art and it has already taken its place among other precious family heirlooms.



What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	Third Saturday each month @ 12.30pm @ the Workshop.	Peter
Woodturning	Mon, Fri and Sat mornings from 8.00 until lunch.	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Carving	Tuesdays @10am at the Workshop.	Sue
Scroll Sawing	TBA	TBA
Pyrography		Valda Barton



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, it's that time of year again!

I'm happy to say that our workshop is closed for a few weeks throughout the Christmas break.

The reason that I'm happy about our closure is that, this time last year, we had no workshop at all, but due the massive effort from our President Peter, and the Board, we now have a well-equipped, well-organised workshop to return to on the 13th January.

It's been a big year and the Club is going ahead in leaps and bounds. Our membership is increasing rapidly and we are about to be open on an extra day and evening to cope with demand (more to come on that).

It's a wonderful time of year where we can reflect on the year that was, with its highs and lows, and look forward to a magical year ahead that is yet to reveal its secrets.

I want to thank all of my amazing friends in the Club who have given my life meaning and created a sense of purpose for me since I left teaching. It is much appreciated.

Lynda and I would like to wish you all an awesome Christmas and an outstanding New Year.

Take care and stay safe... Alan

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Please don't forget to check on your family, friends and neighbours.

If they need a hand... do it; if they need a chat... have it and if they just need a smile or a hug... give it.

Help out a person in need wherever and whenever you can. It will make you both feel good.

The Gift

