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For the calendar

1st December Toy to be donated to a child for Christmas

4th December Bunnings Christmas night

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you for your confidence in me in accepting me as the President of your club. May I publically say thank you to Geoff who did a sterling job for the past 3 years and to those committee members who chose for their own reasons not to seek committee membership this year thanks for all your efforts

A great job and done well without much fuss.

If we look back over the past 3 years we / you have done some wonderful things and hopefully made many people happy with the items manufactured by you the members of this club. We have welcomed a new members and sad to say we said farewell to others.

Recently we have reviewed and updated our Constitution and spent considerable time and effort in the establishment of a fairly extensive OH&S Policy supported by Operational Procedures on Club owned power tools.

Some of us do not have a trade background and therefore as a result I am staggered at the quality members' exhibit on a regular basis. I feel the "show and tell" segments of our meetings are very educational and demonstrate what can be done if we put our mind to it. We certainly can learn a lot from one another.

Over the past 6 months we have cemented our good working relationship with both Bunnings stores which hopefully will continue on into next year. This year alone we have participated in a Bunnings BBQ and with their various children's activities such as Easter, Mothers Day and Father's Day. We have assembled outdoor toys and participated in a "Tradies" breakfast which was a real flop. We then followed up with exhibiting the talents within the club during Seniors Week on 3 occasions in October. Sure we have put a lot of work into making articles for them but in turn they have given us tools and vouchers to the value of nearly \$2,000 with more to come before the end of the year.

The Barwon Valley Special School certainly appreciated our help when we delivered 4 brightly coloured sand pit diggers made by our toy group. While this was going on another group were making prizes for our raffle which was drawn at our recent annual woodcraft exhibition. Interesting to note that of the five raffle prizes on offer 3 were won by our own club members.

The continued success of this club is evident in our growth in the number of members which is now almost 50 with a number of ladies now joining the club – great to see. With that in mind we often need to use a larger room within the College. We must remember that we are guests of the College and as such we must comply with their rules as to the use of their machines and the observance of any conditions that apply to our use of their premises.

Well by now we should have all recovered after our very successful 24th Annual Woodcraft Exhibition held on the 22nd and 23rd of November. It was great to see so many people pass through the doors. The quality of the workmanship was

excellent and many visitors walked out of the venue very happy with the articles they had purchased. Sure we had some “hiccups” along the way but everyone joined in to make it the success it was. We tried a few new things this year and they all seemed to work.

My thanks goes out to the Exhibition sub-committee who put a lot of time and effort in to ensure such an event runs smoothly. There are so many people to thank and if you contributed in any way at all to our Exhibition I personally thank you. We will start planning for our 25th Annual Exhibition early next year. All that is left for this year is our Christmas dinner which we hold at the Bowling Club in Ocean Grove December 1 and then on December 4 we will help children make a Santa sleigh at both Bunnings venues in Geelong. It is great to see the smile on the little ones faces as they walk away with something they have made.

I hope this club – your club continues to grow and that we can share knowledge with one another for many years to come.

Our first meeting for 2015 will be held at “The Heights“ in Newtown, Geelong. Further details will be supplied.

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you, and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy, Happy New Year.

Regards
Bruce Twaddell
President BVW.

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T&WWW Show

by Lewis

I had a great 3 days at the T&WWW Show. I was mainly working for 2 hours each day on The HTPAA Stand. The train trip was great each Day. I took 4 Draw Knives and a wooden Spoke Shave.

The other Chaps of the club brought a Shave Horse for us to use.

I decided I wood have a go at doing a couple of Hammer Handles. A lot harder than you wood think. I had cut some Vic. Ash for the job, again much harder than you wood think.

There seemed to be quite a bit of interest, mainly with the Shave Horse, as a lot of people have never seen one. Fathers explaining it to their Children.

Also had a few buys, which of course I should not have, but then my pockets were not deep enough.

Spent a few dollars at McJings, how can you not ?

I asked a very well known Carver about some small Tools in a box, and he said that the Steel was the best he had come across. Needless to say, I bought 2 Tools. One was a smallish Fishtail piece, that has now been Sharpened, & Handled.

Another piece was 8 x 5/16in. Round Stock, that will be shown at Show & Tell one night.

Absolutely Beautiful HSS and the tool I made from it cuts like a demon.

Also had a win, as when the Show was over, word got around that " Australian Wood Review " were giving their older magazines away. Bit of a rush to get some, but I got a few.

Quite weary Monday and Tuesday, but I enjoyed myself while I was there. I thought it was a bit smaller again this year and if it gets any smaller they will only need a good sized tent stuck in a paddock somewhere. On the grape vine, a few of the people selling wood will not return next year. Far too expensive for them apparently.

Regards,

Lewis Harper.

Delivering toys to the Barwon Valley School





A puzzle made by Laury

Some bowls on show



Australian Woodturning Exhibition 2014

by Geoff

The photos are of work that Paul Barton and Ken Wraight made for inclusion in the exhibition.

Photo 1 is a Huon Pine bowl on the lathe which Paul is starting to turn



Photo 2 shows Paul working on the bowl



Photo 3 shows the completed Huon Pine bowl entered in the Open bowl diameter over 200mm section of the exhibition. It is finished with Danish oil with a price of \$1200.



Photo 4 is made by Paul and entered in the Open hollow vessel section of the exhibition. It is made from Red Gum burl and Dried Kelp, and finished with Danish oil. It had a price of \$550 on it



Photo 5 is more of Paul's work, being a vase entered in the Open section. Made of Huon Pine and finished in Danish oil. Priced at \$995



Photo 6 is another turning made by Paul and entered in the Open wood art section of the exhibition. It is made from Holly and Dried Kelp, and finished in bleach with a price of \$1500



Photo 7. Another item made by Paul and entered in the Open miniature item section of the exhibition. It is made from White Mallee Burl and finished in Danish oil with a price of \$95



Photo 8 The Emperors Carriage made by Ken Wraight and entered in the Open lidded container section of the exhibition. The carriage is made from Mallee Burl and Ancient Kannoka, and finished in lacquer. The carriage had a price tag of \$34,000 (yes \$34,000) on it.



The photos are only a small sample of the work entered in the Open Section of the exhibition. I have included the work of Paul as he spoke to our members and demonstrated on three occasions in the past year. Ken's work has been included to show the high standard of work that is being produced by one of the turners in Victoria that is of world standard.