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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**January 09**



Well, Christmas and New Year sure came and went with a blinding bang. Or was it a miserable whisper? Anyway it is time to get out the trusty old faithful chisels, sharpen them up and prepare for another year of grind, scrape, sand, polish and sometimes not in that order.

Our last meeting, late November, was our Toy Appeal and Break-up. Congratulate yourself and each other for the great array of toys and gifts which we presented to our chosen charities. See inside this issue of Talking Turning for some dazzling pictures. Our Special Effort Raised \$230, which is just the sort of thing we need.

Also inside you will find a brief briefing about our Special Project for 2009. More details will be spelt out at the January meeting.

The January meeting will be held on Jan 24 2009. at Koonung Cottage [Australia Day weekend.] January is another of those 5 Saturday months. There are only 4 of them this year. Your Committee and others too numerous to mention have been working hard planning well into 2009.

We have an interesting proposal for the February meeting but you will need to be at the Jan meeting to have your say about it.

Our thoughts turn to the creative arts like Woodturning or perhaps poetry.

The days grow long, the nights grow cold,  
The woodturner was infirm and old,  
His skew, his sole remaining joy,  
Was fashioned from a broken toy.....

Oh heck! I can't be bothered with any more of this drivel.

See you all on Jan 24 th

Arthur

## **THE HAROLD IRVING CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL**



The usual high standard of hand made toys was evident at our last meeting for 2008. These were made by Guild members and their partners. This has been a feature of the Guild for many years.

President Arthur had pleasure in presenting these to representatives of Eastern Emergency Relief and the Salvation Army who told how they would be given to brighten the Christmas of many deserving children.

Thanks to those who continue to make this a success.

## **THE GUILD CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP PARTY**



What a delightful break-up celebration!

Special thanks to Dianna Bermingham and Guild members who made a contribution to this. Our barbecue expert, Jim Pagonis showed his expert skill in cooking a large quantity in a short time.

## **PROJECT 2009 KNITTING NANCIES by Rick Gilks Ph 9802 4498**

As Arthur has announced our January meeting will be a hands on day turning and assembling 100 Knitting Nancies. This is to be a Koonung Woodturners' Community project for 2009. We have been asked to provide them for Alkira, Box Hill. Alkira strives to meet the needs and wishes of people with intellectual disabilities, through care and support and to enrich and challenge them to be part of the world community. Mal Jackson has prepared the drawings and it is hoped that members have a copy. Members who do not please let me know and I will arrange to get a set to you.

So that we can present them as a lot we would like them all to be the same i.e. to the drawing. Many of the components have been precut and partly turned. We do need a lot of help turning the spigots in sets of 8, 4 light and 4 dark coloured, again all the same shape and size to the drawing. The spigot has to fit a 10mm hole and should be sized using a 10mm open end spanner.

At our January meeting please bring some tools – calipers, dividers, sand paper, 10, 12 & 14mm open end spanners (these are only \$1 each at Bunnings) etc.

Ladies – we also need your help in providing 100 balls of Wool or acrylic 8 ply, the balls need to be about 70mm in diameter. We will be presenting them with the knitting started so that the recipients can see how to use them. Therefore we need some nimble fingers. Some members have already completed some but if you need any further information please call me.



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOMETHING FOR SHOW AND TELL FOR OUR JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

## **THE AUSTRALIAN WOODTURNING EXHIBITION - 2009**

The organising committee has made some major changes. They are:-

- There are now four sections (previously three) - STUDENT, NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, OPEN
- There are thirteen categories for NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE (previously fifteen)
- There is a separate entry form for OPEN exhibitors
- There are seven categories for OPEN exhibitors
- Up to two entries are permissible in each category (previously one)
- Major prizes, including Best of Show, Peter Robson Award, Best Eucalypt and Best Acacia will be selected from INTERMEDIATE & OPEN ENTRIES

**Now is the time to start working on entries.**