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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all

Welcome back for 2023, I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year, caught up with friends and relatives and generally had a good time. The Christmas breakup lunch was well attended, and everyone appeared to have good time. A big thank you to Neale for his informative talk on how to get the best out of your orchids, the audience was captivated and asked many questions.



Monday and Thursday groups will recommence from Monday 30th January. Wednesday group will start 25th January. Thursday tutors should have received their roster from Graham, if not please contact him.

Our first Monthly meeting will be the "Hands on Day" on Saturday January 28th. For the "Hands on Day" please bring along your pen mandrel (no we are not making pens) a 5mm open ended spanner, a T25 Star driver (if you have one, if not don't worry) and your turning tools in particular roughing gouge, parting tool, spindle gouge and skew.

The committee has arranged for Andrew Potocnik to do an all-day demonstration at the club's April meeting on Saturday 22nd April. Please let Rick eric.hillier1@gmail.com or Neale neale_rees@hotmail.com know if you intend to attend. Members have priority until February 25th after which we will open it up to other clubs. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

As you know Max Lehmann sadly passed away earlier this month. We will miss the conversations, the quick wit and humour that Max brought to the club. RIP Max

Stay Sharp

Rick Hillier

NOTICES

Vale Max Lehmann

It is with much sadness that I inform you Max Lehmann passed away recently from a stroke. Our thoughts are with his family and friends. Max has been a member of the KWTG since the early days. From reading the history of KWTG I found several mentions of Max, he donated a lathe to the Guild after winning one in a raffle. Max also served on the committee and was actively involved in the club, as recently as September 2022 Max was demonstrating at Schwerkolts cottage. During last year he helped tutor the Thursday group, passing on his knowledge. Max often bought pieces along to show and tell and was always ready with a funny comment during the meetings.

The Funeral for Max is being held on 2pm Friday 27th at the Uniting Church corner of Blackburn Rd and The Avenue, Blackburn

ACCESS TO THE WEB SITE

Could you all please note that for access to our website you just need the password and no longer need to create a user ID.

CARBATEC 15% OFF

Paid up members of Koonung Woodturning Guild are eligible for 15% discount at CarbaTec. You will be issued with a card when subs are paid.

Monday Night Discussion Group

Monday night discussion group will recommence Monday 30th January. Although the Monday night Group is well attended we would like to encourage more member to join in, especially our newer members.

The discussions are aimed at helping new and experienced turners to solve problems, improve techniques and finishing objects to obtain very high level of finish.



Wednesday Group

Wednesday group will start 25th January. The Wednesday Group is well attended with 5 or 6 turners most days.

Thursday Group

The Thursday Group will recommence Thursday 3rd February.

If you know of anyone interested in learning wood turning please encourage them to come to our Thursday session of some expert tuition.

ONEMDA

Recently, at the community house open day, we were approached by Onemda group, to see if we could offer woodturning sessions to a group of teenage kids with serious mental disabilities.

Onemda is focused on providing the kids with work experiences so they can achieve some sort of independence.

The kids (probably only two or three at a time) will be supervised and managed by Onemda staff, who would also guide us with how they are reacting to the experience.

The committee has agreed to this community service commencing in February and run in the shed on a Wednesday.

If any members with or without experience of working with mentally disabled people would like to assist in this community service please contact Rick, Graham or Gary

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January Meeting Hands on Day**

- January 28th is a hands on day. Could you please bring with you to the meeting your pen mandrel (no we are not making pens) a 5mm open ended spanner, a T25 Star driver (if you have one, if not don't worry) and your turning tools in particular roughing gouge, parting tool, spindle gouge and skew.

- **Camp Hope Toys**

- The camp hope toys have been sent off, a big thank you to all those who too the time to make and prepare the toys, there has a very good variety of items.

The John Atkinson Award for the camp hope toys will be presented at the January meeting

- **Pens for the troops**

- Thank you to all those who have taken pen kits, we are really looking forward to seeing the results of your efforts. Please remember to return the finished pens at our February meeting to enable them to be delivered to the Army for Anzac Day.

- **Guest Demonstrator - Andrew Potocnik**

- We arranged for Andrew Potocnik to do an all-day demonstration at the club's April meeting on Saturday 22nd April.

- Members have priority until February 25th after which we will open it up to other clubs. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. The cost includes not only a professional demonstration, "wait there's more" but also Morning and Afternoon tea and Lunch

- Please let Rick eric.hillier1@gmail.com or Neale neale_rees@hotmail.com know if you intend to attend.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Christmas break-up lunch was well attended and was our first for 2 years due to the covid restrictions of the previous years.

The function was well catered for as usual, with members supplying the food and refreshments. There was plenty to eat and drink. Thanks to all those who contributed to the day. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly Neale's talk on caring and maintaining orchids. Many people found it very informative and left with new enthusiasm to try out on their orchids.



SHOW AND TELL



Decembers show and tell members were asked to bring along their favourite item for the year. There was quite a variety of pieces - platters bowls lidded bowls, weed pots, turned banksia nut, pens, toys and many other items.

CAMP HOPE TOYS

A big thank you to all those members who contributed their time, materials, skill and expertise to make these toys for Camp Hope



