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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, the totem poles are back in place in the playground at Koonung Cottage. The response from the staff has been really positive and we were featured with photo in their latest newsletter. Great work to everyone for a job well done.

The Whitehorse Festival went extremely well and thanks to all the members who assisted in the set up of our display, turned items on the day and helped with the clean up. The new venue is great and the festival was very well attended with lots of displays. We had lots of visitors observing us and being very interested in what we do. Several people expressed an interest in turning and hopefully we will see someone take up the craft. Once again the spinning tops proved very popular with the kids.

Unfortunately, our guest speaker for the October meeting was unable to attend due to illness so we had to arrange a "hands on day" at the last minute. Boxhill weavers had asked us to make some Knitting Nancy's and we started work on these. We will have about 7 items for them shortly. Good work.

The Presidents Challenge was judged At the Oct meeting. The range of platters was amazing with lots of different styles, embellishments and finishes. It was a credit to you all and the high quality of the items presented. Winners were:

Open Section – Alan Thompson

Intermediate Section – Bruce Black

Novice Section – Ian Phelan. Congratulations to you all.

The November meeting is our final meeting for the year and includes our Christmas Luncheon. If you wish to attend please let one of the committee members know. There will be a show and tell and bring along your toys for the Camp Hope Children.

Our Nunawading Library display is on over the December period. Please bring along some display items to the November Meeting, or alternatively, contact a committee member to arrange a drop off. The set up date is Wednesday the 29th November so there is not a lot of time to arrange.

Looking forward to catching up with you at the Christmas Luncheon.

Remember it's Fun to Turn

Gary

**I bought my son a fridge for Christmas.
I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it.**



NOTICES

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.



Monday Night Discussion Group

Monday night discussion group is still gets a good turnout and although the Monday night Group is well attended we would like to encourage more members 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

The Wednesday Group is well attended with 5 or 6 turners most days. For some attendees their painting skills and techniques have improved over the last few weeks with the repairs to the “Totem Poles”

Thursday Group

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

All is going well, new “WhatsApp” group is working successfully, and the mentors can turning up knowing they have a group to assist.



Camp Hope - Toys

Your toys for Camp Hope should be almost finished. The toys are required by our November Christmas Meeting and can be any thing you want to make.

Contrary to previous advice could you please apply a sealer coat to the timber to allow the children to paint the toys without the poster paint absorbing into the timber.

What do you call a blind reindeer?

No-eye deer.



UPCOMING EVENTS



November Meeting:

This is our final meeting for the year with our annual Christmas Luncheon a highlight of the day. If you haven't already book a seat for you and your partner could you please let Gary know as soon as possible so we know numbers for catering.

Our Guest Speaker this year is Kaye Jenvey Talk on Begonias

Please note the following:

- The meeting will commence at 10.30am
- The lunch is at 12.30pm and is \$10.00 per head with a free raffle ticket for your partner
- "Show and Tell" - please bring along something you have made in the past and/or something recently finished or unfinished
- "Camp Hope Toys" - please bring along the toys you have made for the kids. (See previous note).
- "Library Display" - could you please bring along any items you would like to display at the Nunawading Library.

Pens for Troops

More than half the pens have been taken by members already. If you haven't taken any pens or would like to do more, please see Roger.

Pens are to be ready before the March Meeting so they can be passed on to the army for ANZAC day. Slimline Pen kits available at November Meeting. We also have 2 sets of slimline bushings if you require.

All the pen kits are "Slimline" and there is a range of finishes - Gold, Chrome, Black Chrome and Gun Metal

Nunawading Library Display

Nunawading have allotted us time in December to display our craftsmanship and talents at the library. Please start preparing, so we can have a top quality display of our work.

We will also require assistance from members to setup and dismantle the display space, if you are free at the beginning and/or end of December your help would be appreciated.

Grass Tree for Sale

We have been gifted, by Jim Pagonis, 3 pieces of Grass Tree which we intend to sell initially to the members. We have put a price of \$95.00, \$65.00 and \$55.00 on the pieces. If you are interested in purchasing one, some or all these pieces please contact Neale Rees.





A completed piece from Grass Tree

Dear Santa,
I've been good
this year.
Mostly.
Sometimes.
Once.
Nevermind,
I'll buy my
Own stuff.





PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

The October president's challenge was to create a platter with a minimum diameter of 250mm with a thickness of no more than 10% of the diameter

The Offerings





The challenge winners were:

OPEN

Alan Thompson - square platter made from 4 pieces of redgum fence post laminated. The feature lines around the edge of the platter were made with a "thread chaser"

INTERMEDIATE

Bruce Black - Mallee Burl Platter with a Danish oil finish.

NOVICE

Ian Phelan - Mountain Ash platter with centre inlay. Unfortunately Ian was unable to be at the meet in to receive his prize.



We also had an entry from our overseas member (Tassie) Richard Jardine, a Huon Pine Platter



HANDS ON DAY



Unfortunately our proposed guest speaker last month, Tony Gibson an Optometrist from Eye Care Plus Mitcham, was unable to be with us due to contracting covid. We will arrange another date for him to talk to us early next year.

Tony will be talking about how the eye works and how we see things, eye care and common injuries and treatment.

This will be a very interesting presentation and well worth attending.

Instead we had an unexpected hands on day making “oversize” Knitting Nancys for elderly people suffering from arthritis or just unable to grip anything small.

We were approached, at the Schwerkholtz Cottage demonstration, by a representative of the Box Hill Spinners and Weavers who asked if we could assist, so Tony’s cancellation gave us the opportunity to get things started.

A number of Knitting Nancys were commenced on the day but none were finished. A number of people took them home and finished them there.

In the end we had 8 completed pieces (see left). Last week Gary took them to the Box Hill Weavers.

A big thank you to all who contributed.



Thank you from Box Hill Spinners and Weavers

Hello, Gary.

We got your box of large Knitting Nancy and they look fantastic.

Thank you very much for the work that your group put into making these so well and so quickly! We hope they can bring the joy of crafting to others.

Kooning Woodturners, you have risen to the challenge.

Cheers,
Marissa (BHSW secretary)



SHOW AND TELL



Below - Blue Gum bowl with a danish oil finish - Bruce Black



Below - Gary Jenvy showed his Rosewood bowl

Above - A large bowl from "Junk wood" by Murray Round



2 Lidded Boxes by Val Dalsanto, one from Horn Pine the other from Camphor Laurel

Roger Annells' second attempt at a platter failed and it flew from the lathe and smashed oh well back to the lathe



Michael Shepherd showed a Red Gum tool handle



What do you call a blind reindeer with no legs?

Still no-eye deer.





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