

Cubby House News

December 2016

The Cubby House Turners Woodies Inc.

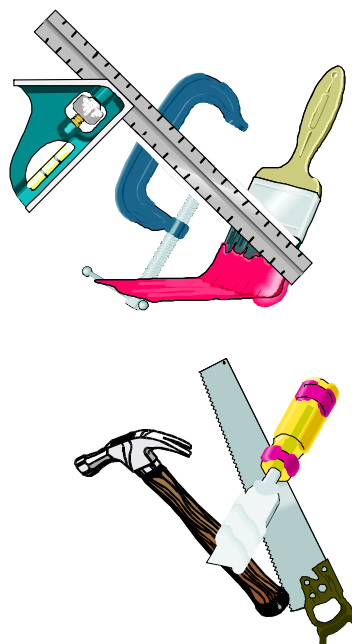
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Seasons greetings



Live be healthy Prosperous and happy



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unformatted (plain text no special spacing etc.) preferably Arial 12 point.
Printed material should be clear enough to be scanned for character
recognition as I don't have time to retype.

Minutes Workshop Meeting 12th. December 2016

Present / Absent (From attendance sheet passed around)

Keith Jones, Keith Moses, Thomas HILL, Frank Williams, Pat Thorpe, Ray Elyard, Graeme Stokes, Trevor Simpson, Ken McEwen, Barry Belford, Keith Allen, Alan Pentecost, John Field, Fred Warr, Steve Hooper.

Apologies: Michael Bryant, Warren Rankin, Val Lipping.

Meeting opened by Keith Jones at 9-30. a.m.

Minutes:

Proposed that the minutes of our previous meeting held on 14TH. November 2016 as published in the October Cubby House News be taken as read:

Moved By: Keith Moses. Seconded By: Pat Thorpe. passed

Business arising from minutes: Nil.

Correspondence In: Nil.

Correspondence Out : Thank you letter/card to Cheryl from Glen Dora Embroideries for their service in supplying Shirts Badges etc. over the last few years Cheryl has now retired.

Treasurers Report:

Receipts: \$ 2026.16. Expenses: \$ 2734.56

Move that the Treasurers Report be accepted:

Moved By: ... Thomas Hill. Seconded By: ... John Field. passed

Reports:

MAINTENANCE BUILDING: Frank Williams working on rough in for new lighting and power points for new machinery positions. A new hot water heater has been installed this is the second one in the last couple of months that has been replaced.

SAFETY: Biannual Safety inspection was done last Thursday. John Field still working on information on Triton Work centers and collate it on a DVD.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

TREVOR SIMPSON: The large tree at Inaburra High School has to be cut down in the new year. Date has not been set. A number of our members are attending.

JOHN FIELD: Add in Leader recently. Community Groups Access Funding. Sutherland Community Foundation calling for applications. Should we apply.

CRAFT OPEN DAY in March 2017 Are we going to have a Raffle. John to talk to members on Saturday Maxi Day in January 2017.

MOVED: Keith Moses SECONDED: Keith Jones.

That we do hold a Raffle and John to organize volunteers to make a three layered Lazy Susan.

MOTION CARRIED>

ALAN PENTECOST: Maintenance problem with the Nova Lathe the Drives do not line up it will have to be looked at. A Second hand Roger Gifkins Dovetail Jig has been bought for use by members.

PAT THORPE: A member of the public needs 12 sets of stools made for a charity. Do we have the Equipment, materials and Volunteers to make them. Patrick will meet the people next Wednesday to know more and the costs to them.

FRANK WILLIAMS: Exhaust FANS for the 2 new lathe positions. They will reduce the dust going into the kitchen. The strongest fans to do the job are \$390.00 each.

MOVED: Alan Pentecost. That we buy 2 of these Fans. SECONDED: John Field. Motion Carried.

KEITH MOSES: Had a Drawing of the Banner proposed to be hung for the Craft Day in early March 2017. Help was needed on what to put on the Banner. Keith had several proposals and will look into it.

The President declared the meeting closed at 11-05 a.m.

Presidents Letter

November 24th. Was a great day with the distribution of approximately 460 Toys going to Charities. Thanks goes to all who attended and helped on the day as well as in the making of the toys.

Special thanks to the wives who made the bedding and blankets for the doll's cots. This was a great help.

Shire Mayor, Carmelo Pesce came along as well Eleni Petinos MP for Miranda which was nice to see their support for what we do.

Host for this month's Maxi Day will be yours truly- alias Keith Jones.

Host for Januarys Maxi Day is John Field.

Please do not forget all Monthly Maxi Day winners of [Show and Tell] during 2016 you are to bring your items in for Judging by the members for an "Overall" Winner for 2016.

Thank you to all who helped at the Bunnings BBQ this month.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Keith Jones

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Pat Thorpe's Life Membership acknowledged .

When we left the Woodturners Guild it was agreed to acknowledge life members of the guild as life members of our association. This was done but somehow Pat's life membership was overlooked it was decided at the committee meeting to correct this oversight consequently Pat was presented with confirmation of his status as Life Member at the November maxi day.

LIBRARY UPDATE

**URGENT
HELP NEEDED**

An extract from the library article I wrote for December's 2014 newsletter reads as follows:-

"It has been a rewarding year in the library with a greater number of members using the library facilities, whether browsing thru' books looking for ideas, or borrowing. Please continue by making full use of this wonderful asset."

It's a pity the same comment cannot be said for this year. As the librarian, I am disappointed and maybe disillusioned as to the importance of a library in a club such as ours.

I wonder how many members read the newsletter. A few members contribute articles on a regular basis, including the essential Committee Minutes from the Secretary each month to inform members what is happening and what is planned for our club.

The reason for raising this is that in November's newsletter, I included an article that had asked for help with a list of newly acquired books (refer the newsletter). Sadly, I was extremely disappointed that not one member, that's right, absolutely no one, took the time or could be bothered to see, or even glance through them!!

I asked myself what is the purpose of the library? Do we need a library where only a handful of members rummage through the books for ideas or maybe borrow? Is it just a reference library or am I wasting my time sitting @ a desk waiting for maybe a couple of members to borrow? I'm sorry, but I do not have the answers for some of these questions, except that for me, the library has a wealth of information & ideas ready to be tapped into. Maybe people find out all they need on the internet these days. I prefer to have a hard copy to study.

I thought it would be interesting to carry out a survey of the borrowing pattern whilst sitting in the library twiddling my thumbs!! I will share the following statistics with you:-

CATEGORY	NEVER BORROWED	BORROWED in 2016	NUMBER in CATEGORIE
01. Carving	14	0	18
02. Dust Collection	0	0	3
03. Finishing	7	0	12
04. Furniture	18	0	19
05. General	25	0	33
06. Pyrography	1	0	3
07. Router	10	0	10
08. Saws	16	2	23
09. Sharpening	0	0	2
10. Timber	21	0	25
11. Toys	15	1	31
12. Woodturning	47	13	101
13. Woodworking	55	2	69
TOTAL	229	18	349

a) "Never Borrowed" - these figures are from mid 2010 when I introduced the new registration of books in categories and card system.

Another interesting fact is the number of different members who have borrowed books this year is 10.

Obviously from the 18 books borrowed in 2016, some members have borrowed more than once!!

Another revealing fact is that two thirds of the books since mid 2010 have **NEVER** been borrowed.

The most popular books borrowed from 2010 to present are:-

12.11.14 - Turning Salt & Pepper Shakers and Mills - Borrowed 9 times - Last borrowed March 2016

12.12.01 - Woodturning - A Source of Shapes - Borrowed 7 times - Last borrowed April 2016

12.13.03 - Segmented Turning - A Practical Guide - Borrowed 7 times - Last borrowed Sept. 2013

12.05.01 - Turned Boxes - 50 Designs - Borrowed 7 times - Last borrowed Nov. 2016

12.01.03 - Woodturning Tips & Techniques - Borrowed 6 times - Last borrowed Feb. 2014

12.10.01 - Turning Pens & Pencils - Borrowed 6 times - Last borrowed Jan. 2015

12.10.03 - Pen & Pencil projects - Borrowed 6 times - Last borrowed Jan. 2015

12.13.01 - The Art of Segmented Wood Turning - Borrowed 6 times - Last borrowed Feb. 2014

It is interesting to note that all the above are from the woodturning section.

Why not take a look at them and see what some members have found in them that you haven't!!

Changing the topic now that I have expressed my feelings following last Maxi Day, I have registered a further number of new 'pre-loved' books donated to the library. Most were published in the late 1990's to early 2000 and are of the A5 size, but again, don't be mislead by the date or size, as there are ideas for toys, projects, techniques etc. in woodworking and also of a general nature.

Finally, I would kindly ask the person who "borrowed" 2 books numbered 11.03.06 A and B. and left a serviette in the place where they were removed; unfortunately, he/she forgot to leave a name or have them booked out. I am puzzled as the books are identical and why would they take 2 the same? The book titles are "Make Your Own Wooden Toys". **PLEASE RETURN THEM!!!!!!!**

I Would like to thank Michael for his assistance in the library throughout the year and wish all members

NEWLY DONATED BOOKS				
BOOK No.	TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN No. or PUBLISHER	DATE
03.02.04	Stripping & Finishing Furniture	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 725 6	1998
04.02.11	Upholstery Basics & Repairs	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 827 9	1999
04.02.12	Repairing Furniture	Better Homes & Gardens	0 85391 061 9	2001
04.02.13	Coffee tables	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 730 2	1998
13.01.06	Making Chests & Boxes	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 846 5	1999
13.03.16	Basic Carpentry Techniques	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 733 7	1998
13.05.26	Shelving	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 722 1	1998
13.05.27	Window Boxes & Planters	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 731 0	1998
13.05.28	Building Cubby Houses & Sandpits	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 869 4	2000
13.05.29	Building Play & Doll's Houses	Better Homes & Gardens	174045037 X	2001
13.05.30	Garden Structures	Better Homes & Gardens	1 74045 125 2	2002
13.05.31	Fences	Better Homes & Gardens	0 86411 732 9	1998

a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy woodturning and woodworking New Year.

Good reading, *Trevor Simpson* - Librarian

Member Profile Ken McEwen

Member 31 guild 1545



I was born 22nd September 1937 at Marrickville, some will understand the significance of that. My earliest memories are from 2 years old things associated with world war II. I remember taxis with gas producers, trucks with gas bags, blackout blinds, a thing to keep in your mouth during an air raid, sirens for warnings and the absence of young men. It was then that we moved to Kingsgrove which was very rural and like living in the country. There were 2 dairies in the neighborhood and bush to play in. The kids were pretty wild and up to all kinds of dangerous play which would cause the average parent to have a seizure today. I attended Kingsgrove public school at the usual age of 5 I was already able to read which along with being a left hander put me at odds with the teachers. The war had been going 3 years by then and the only male teachers were old. Retired female teachers were back in service with belief that everything including left handedness could be cured by flogging for which I was an obvious candidate.

Gradually extra members of the family arrived, 3 boys and many years later a girl who like me was adopted. At the end of the war I was 8 years old and seeing the newsreels of the day showing the death camps and mass burials with bulldozers I decided by the time I was 9 I would never have children I have never changed my mind since.

I attended Kogarah high school and continued to attract the cane regularly but the boy who outdid me was Ted Clay who would rotate his thumb and break the cane.

I left school at 15 as being in a large family with limited income there was no alternative. In those days the main opportunities for apprenticeships were in the railways and the PMG. Each had entrance examinations, I sat for both. The railways results came out first and although it was not my preferred option I was persuaded to take an apprenticeship as a fitter and machinist.

I started work at the Eveleigh workshops. In those days everything was manufactured at the workshops which made it a good place to get wide experience. I was lucky at the start to be given a good quality lathe to work on as most others were on worn out clunkers doing boring work. The noise had to be experienced to be believed, long rows of machines were powered by huge electric motors with a shaft running the length of the bay, leather belts driving moved off idler wheels to driving wheels by a lever, they screamed as they took the load. We were next to the boiler shop which added to the din.

Accidents were common and some so extreme that I will not describe them. And stupid dangerous practical jokes were common.

The results of the PMG exam were out and I did well so decided to make the move and become a trainee technician in communications probably the best decision I could have made. I qualified at 20 as a Technician after 5 years training worked in Sydney for a couple of years then transferred to a country installation section. I spent 2 years in Canberra and was promoted to Senior tech, worked in Parliament house, Dept. of Defence Duntroon, Dept of immigration and others.

I had some experience of committees and was a scuba diver (this was new at that time). Most single workers in Canberra at the time lived in government hostels a group got together and decided to form a skindiving club.

We had some recruits from the air force who were able to fill air bottles on my scuba gear. I became the foundation president and taught the use of scuba gear to members. We would travel to the south coast at weekends.

I met my wife Kath at the hostel. As there was less work in Canberra I worked at various places on the south coast. I married at 24 then moved back to Sydney. Shortly after an opportunity to join the training section was open so I applied and was accepted. After teacher training and an assessment of my abilities I was appointed as a technical instructor I loved teaching. I was in the training section for the next 30 years retired at 55 as a principal technical officer I was then in charge of training in computer based equipment and software courses which included project management.

My interests include history Egyptian hieroglyphs, Astronomy (astro photography etc.), Shooting Muzzle loaders, collecting ancient artifacts, Electronics, computer programming and of course woodturning.

I have had lots of committee experience:- Foundation president of Canberra Skin diving club. Committee of Bankstown Blue water fishing Club. Editor of club magazine of Sydney Colonial Muzzle Loaders Club for 11 years (I am a life member). Committee member of Sutherland Astronomical Society for several years President for 2 years.

Assistant Convenor of Southern region woodturners for several years, last Convenor during reorganisation first President of the new association. I have organised some of the craft fairs and assisted with others. I have had several other functions.

I am currently the Public officer and the editor of Cubby House News this is my 3rd year. I also take out the garbage.

I would like to see a few more members volunteer for positions in the club. It is not fair on those doing the work to continue indefinitely I don't think it is good for the individuals or the organisation for the same person to hold a position for too long.

Unfortunately I haven't had much spare time to do much turning lately but still love it.

What I like about turning is the opportunity to let one's creative imagination take over and let the piece decide what to become.

I don't like to work to a plan as most of my working life required rigid adherence to precision .

I hope that our club will flourish in the future.

I wish everybody a happy Christmas and New Year and that we have peace on earth and people stop killing each other in the stupid belief that they do god's work.

Ken McEwen December 2016.00

SHOW AND TELL NOVEMBER



Best displayed
3 candlesticks
Jack Butler



Desk Set Keith Moses

Lidded Box
David Brackenbury



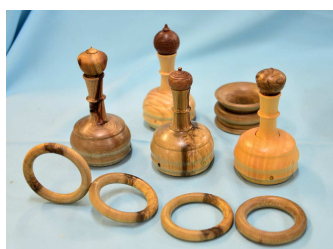
Table Lamp
John Hamilton



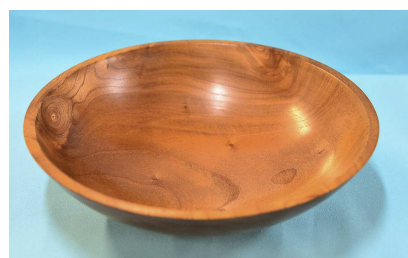
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Bernie Korent



Genie Bottles
Stephen Chin



Bill Black



Seam Rippers
Gerry Husson

A blizzard of Snow Men
Bill Black





By John Hamilton



John Janson

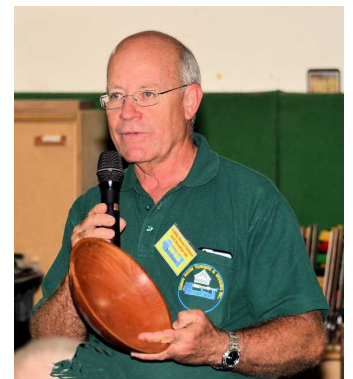


Tony Hancox

Jack Butler



George Blundell



Bill Black



Jan Westerhof



Keith Moses



David Brackenbury & Bill Black



George Blundell



Stephen Chin



Gerry Husson

Brain Teaser

The price of milk has varied over a two year period.

In the first year the price rose by +50% for the full 12 months.

In the second year it fell by —50% for the full twelve months.

What was the percentage change in price up or down averaged over the two year period.

+ for increase — for decrease.

Have a peaceful time in the Christmas celebrations And may you have a healthy prosperous and happy New Year



December Birthdays

Alison Chau

Ken Graham

Gary Heather

Nik Karadoukas

Les Madden

Peter Martin

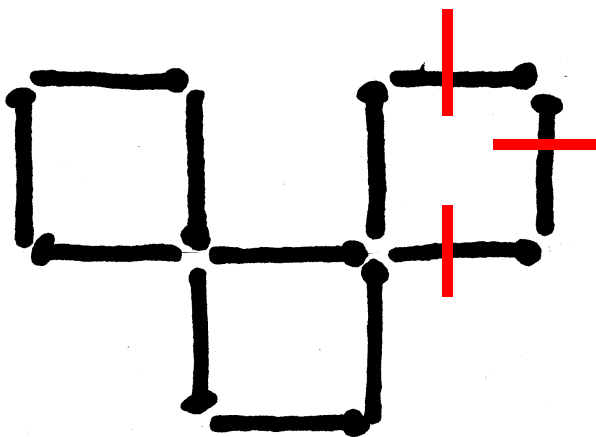
Chris McLennan

Keith Moses

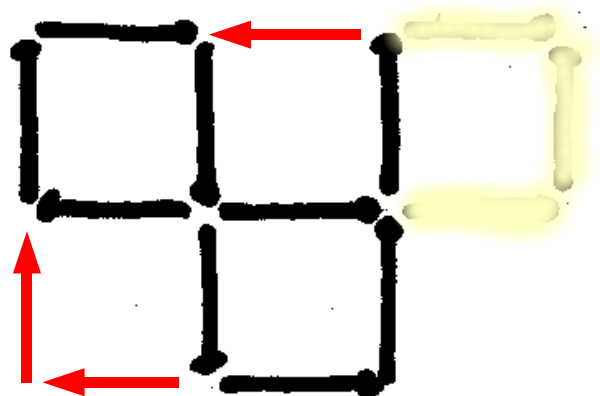
Jan Westerhof



Brain teaser November



These 12 matches have been arranged to form 3 squares create 4 squares by moving 3 matches.



Actually this solution is the one expected .
A little thought shows that it actually produces 5 squares if the perimeter is considered.
Far too easy

Event Calendar October / November 2016

Note The following information may be subject to change in date or content if in doubt contact a committee member. See page 2 for contact details

December

Dec.12th Monday - Committee Meeting – 9.30am – (No Workshop) – Members welcome

Dec.14th Wednesday – Mini-Day – Members Workshop Day

Dec.14th Wednesday – Mini-Night – 6pm-9pm - Members Workshop

Dec.17th MAXI-DAY – Christmas Lunch – Keith Jones – HOST.

January 2017

Jan 1st Sun New Year's Day

Jan 4th Wed Mini-Day

Jan 11th Wed Mini-Day

Jan 13th Fri Bunnings BBQ

Jan 13th Fri C/House News Deadline

Jan 16th Mon Committee Meeting 9.30am

Sat 21st Maxi-Day. HOST John Field. Best Displayed Items for 2016

The objects which received best displayed each month should be brought to this meeting for the – Members to Vote for the overall winner for 2016.

Jan 26th Thurs Mini-Day (Australia Day)

February

Wed 1st Mini-Day

Sat 4th Mini-Day

NOTE! – Our first Saturday Mini-Day

Wed 8th Mini-Day

Fri 10th Bunnings BBQ

Fri 10th C/House News Deadline

Mon 13th Committee Meeting – 9.30am

Sat 18th Maxi-Day. HOST Alison Chau

Thurs 23rd Mini Day

March

Wed 1st Mini-Day

Sat 4th **OPEN DAY** (Replaces Mini-Day)

Wed 8th Mini-Day

Fri 10th Bunnings BBQ

Fri 10th C/House News Deadline

Mon 13th Club Committee Meeting - 9.30am

Sat 18th Maxi-Day. HOST – John Jansons

Thurs 23rd Mini-Day

CUBBY HOUSE TURNERS AND WOODIES INC.MAXI – DAY HOSTS 2017

21 st January	John Field	15 th July	Merv Larsson
18 th February	Alison Chau	19 th August	Ken Stuart
18 th March	John Jansons	16 th September	Paul Higgins
15 th April	David Brackenbury	21 st October	Michelle Brown
20 th May	Keith Allen	18 th November	Keith Jones
17 th June	Bernie Korent	16 th December	David Brown