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From the President—Jan Lacki

Dear Members

Welcome to the beginning of Spring and the start of longer daylight hours and hopefully warmer woodworking weather.

This is my first letter to our members so bear with me while I get into a routine with our communications to you. Some “top of mind” themes that I would like to share:

- **AGM 13 August**- we had an excellent meeting with a grand “thank you” to **Ray Ffrench** for his 10 years as President. Ray’s achievements have been outstanding and our club and its facilities and equipment stand testament to Ray’s commitment and “rain making” skills regarding funding and organisation. I will have enormous shoes to step into.... daunting in a way!
- What was a little disappointing was that we had only 22 members attend out of a paid up membership of 100. In many ways those present were pretty much the same people who turn up to club nights, duty and committee members, or are part of the maintenance and toy group. I would love to hear about how we can get greater participation in our club activities. By the way, our **next club night is at 7pm Wednesday 13 September** (Guest speaker **Josh Button** on Canoe making – Josh’s work is truly aspirational). We are hoping that many more of our members will find the time to actively participate in our social events and our next club night would be a great start for a big turn-out.

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September Club Night

Wednesday, 13 Sep 2022
at 7:00pm

Special Guest
Josh Button
Canoe Making

Followed by Show & Tell
Visitors Welcome

Pinewood

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- We thanked two former committee members **Ian Holt** and **Felix Karmel** for their contributions over recent years and welcomed **Ian McMaster** who put his hand up at the AGM. Welcome Ian.... Looks like we have already lined up an important role for you with Test and Tag of equipment – you have offered us an important capability.
- On a wider front – our biggest challenges this year will be likely two-fold:

Re-development of the driveway to enhance our club's work space and security – we are receiving a state government grant and will need to substantially deliver the project with the financial year.

Re-invigorate our club's membership – e.g. working bees, duty members roster i.e. get more DM's on board so that we have appropriate cover and capacity without relying on a small group who have been DM's for years. Members making jigs for the club is another example of contributing. None of us are getting younger, so fresh participants will be sought and I will actively engage with our members .

I look forward to personally engaging with you all over the coming months. All the best.

CLUB NIGHT Wednesday 13 September

After a cold and dark winter recess we restart club nights.

Our first club night is at 7pm on Wednesday 13 September.

Our guest speaker will be one of our members, **Josh Button** who will feature his personally built canoe and a variety of re-enactment utensils and instruments.

To quote Josh ...

“Josh became interested in canoes because his friends were planning a camping trip, and it seemed more fun to build one”? Technically I bought a cheap home-made canoe from Gum-tree, loved it, but decided I could probably make something better.

On a personal note from Jan ... we will see truly aspirational examples of the wooden built form from a very accomplished craftsman.



*Waverley Woodworkers wish to thank **Bunnings** for ongoing support for support of our Community Projects of Toys for Kids.*

Annual General Meeting - Sunday August 13th



Waverley Woodworkers wish to thank **Senator Raff Ciccone** for his ongoing support especially with the printing of club documents.

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Two projects to improve equipment

- Upgrade to the "Darlec" mobile shop Vacuum to make it easier to move around.
 - Build a mobile trolley to hold the Festool dust collector and cyclone device.
- These have not yet been addressed so hopefully this month!!.

Improving dust collection at the Mitre saw bench

Some work has been done to date to test ideas and this will continue this month – we cannot eliminate dust but act to minimise it during use. Ongoing project.

240 Volt electrical Testing and Tagging

One of our members (and new Committee person) Ian McMaster is qualified for Test & Tag work and has agreed to take on this role for the club. He will review the draft schedule previously developed and confirm it complies with the Standards Requirements for our application prior to undertaking the task.

Drum Sander – the saga continues.....

We are happy to report the sander abrasive has survived recent usage so hopefully members continue to follow the guidelines in conjunction with Duty Member oversight and cleaning.

Maintaining the Thicknesser

The scheduled maintenance to rotate the cutters to a "new" sharp edge has been completed. Following on from this we are going to have a machine technician undertake a full review and service. The timing of this will be advertised on the notice board inside the entrance door.]

Maintaining the Jointer

We propose to rotate the cutters on this machine this month.

Item for Sale

We have had a donation of a 240Volt ARC welder and offer it for sale for \$40. Contact Ray Ffrench on 0412 988 921 for details / pick up – first in gets the chocolates!



Timber for sale - Ray Ffrench and I recently received some damaged bespoke furniture frames from Modern Furniture. We have broken them down and the photo shows some of it. There is some at the club and it is available for an agreed price.



Toy Group - We are working towards a toy give away on October 10. This will involve gifting to various organisations for both group and individual recipients. This is an exciting time as we get to see the end result of a lot of work and meet some of our grateful recipients.

We are about to re-engage some of the folks at the Dame Nellie Melba retirement centre to undertake some painting of our toys. We have previously done this but Covid put a hold on it.

Supporting Mulgrave Primary School

On Friday 13 August, Brian Downie and Jan Lacki visited Mulgrave Primary School to deliver this year's batch of 55 Flowers for the year 6 graduating class. Brian has been leading this community engagement initiative with members of the Toy Group since 2018. We were welcomed by Art teacher Dani who expressed her and the school's appreciation for the great work being done.

As you can see from the photo, the pupils paint the flowers, inscribe their names and year and art works are displayed as a memory of their time at the school. **(Brian Downie)**



Welcome new club members



Joanne Brown & Grant Skeggs

*have attended the Safety Induction
over the past month.*

*Our new members need encouraging advice and support
with how to do their projects in a safe way.*

An absolute revolution! (by Ian Bell)

That's how one of our members described our new instructional videos we've developed as part of our continuing commitment to member safety.

"The videos are so practical and simple to understand that they are exactly what I needed and are such a good resource that I can go back to time and time again."

"I can't wait until there are even more videos showing tips and tricks that even some of us older and more experienced members can learn from the younger members."

"This is why I joined Waverley (Woodworkers). The value, innovation, access to well-maintained machines, and friendships come at a bargain price."

Thanks Committee.

*All members have been set up with access to these videos. An email was sent to all in August with a **User Guide** to help navigate your way around the system but it really is very user-friendly. You can download another copy of the User Guide by emailing us at waverleywoodworkersinfo@gmail.com*



Link: <https://star.luciditysoftware.com.au/home/login/competency>

Username: *Firstname-Lastname (ie. Michael-McIntyre)*

Initial password: *ABCd1234#*

Wood Turning Classes with **Geoff Allen**

Geoff Allen has kindly offered to run another of his excellent woodturning classes. The course comprises 8 weeks on a Tuesday evening for 2.5 hours at 6.30pm-9pm. The cost is \$100 and the skills learned will last a lifetime.

If you are interested, please respond to waverleywoodworkersinfo@gmail.com and we will arrange with Geoff.



Jan Lacki

An auxillary work bench to enable work to be done at a more comfortable height.



Thanks for the Memories

Thanks to all the members who have passed on kind words since I announced that I would not be standing as President again.

It has been a Challenging and Rewarding time for me, so thank you.

Best wishes to Jan and the committee as they take the club forward.

And Thank You to the committee for the gift.

It has Pride of Place in my Whisk(e)y Cabinet.

Ray Ffrench



Special Interest Group Turning

SHOW & TELL - August 2023

Ian Haynes
Bowl



D 17cm
H 7.5cm

Blackwood
Wipe - on Poly

Hans Kopp
small Bowl
D 9cm
H 5.5cm



Multiple Layers Wood
Stained Blue

Ian Haynes
Bowl
D 11cm
H 8cm



Walnut
Superglue & Dust

Helene Longton
Lidded Container
D 8cm
H 10cm



[for Matches,
Striker on base]

Huon Pine
Triple E

Rob Ray
Lidded Container
D 14cm
H 16cm



Wood ???
Scandinavian Teak Oil

Rob Ray
WANDS
L 40cm



??? / Manogany / Maple / Maple

Peter Kerr
Small Bowl
D 18cm
H 10cm



Maple
Red Gum
Silky Oak
Livos Oil

Ian Haynes
Goblet
D 7.5cm
H 7cm



Blackwood
Wipe - on Poly

Rob Ray
Small nat. edge Bowl
D 8cm
H 2.5cm



Cherry
Wipe-on Poly

COMMITTEE 2023- 2024	
Executive	Position
Jan Lacki	President - Sponsor / Fundraising
	Vice President
John Watson	Secretary, Public Officer
David Keynton	Treasurer
Committee	
Tony Lowry	Workshop Operations Co-ordinator
Trevor Brooks	Box Kits Co-ordinator—Workshop Environment
Ian Mc Master	Committee Member
Ian Bell	Web co-ordinator
Others	
Norman Bye	Machine Maintenance
Tony Lowry	Toy Group Co-ordinator
Alex Chin	Technology Support
Thanh Duong	Monthly newsletter
Peter Clunas	Hand Tool Sharpening
Geoff Allen	Wood Turning Classes
Frank Duyker	Wood Carving Classes

For all enquiry, please send email to Waverleywoodworkersinfo@gmail.com

Other Sponsors

Waverley Woodworkers would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who provide the extra support needed to ensure our club remains successful.



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John Mullahy
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