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Presidents Report:

Welcome all to the depths of winter. We decided that given the time of the year we would not hold the July meeting, but if you have issues to deal with or you need information, please contact a committee member.

OK, the elephant in the room: dust extraction. We now have the system up to the point of final wiring and switch on, this progress due solely to Charlie's persistence. We met with the suppliers on-site a couple of weeks ago and they agreed to complete the job as originally quoted. It was interesting to note that the company (EziDuct) was promoting our satisfaction with their system and installation in their marketing materials, when the system was still both incomplete and incorrectly installed. Maybe they had a crystal ball! Anyway, we are progressing and there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Raman's sharpening session was both informative and enjoyable, and attendance to the chisel session is highly recommended.

Raffle prizes for the exhibition raffle are either already completed or progressing well. Hopefully all will be ready for the Wattle Festival and all of the events planned for this year will go ahead. Fingers crossed.

Planning for these events is advanced with Adrian Desfontaines doing the organising. We will need assistance for all events (Wattle Festival, Whittlesea show and the Eltham Festival). All members



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will be asked to contribute to some tasks where possible, and we look forward to an “all hands on deck” response.

Regards,

John Brownrigg

From the Secretary – Charles Camera

Around the workshop June 2021

Dust Collector – Fully 111 days after installation commenced, the last part was finally installed. We now have what seems to be a complete system that meets our requirements. There is still an outstanding matter regarding unwarranted additional charges which the committee is now free to pursue as the threat to further delays is no longer possible.

The dangerously low ducts, incorrect fittings and several other matters were corrected in the last visit by the installation contractor. The table saw will now be connected by an out of the way under floor flexible duct and there is actually a connection for the router table. This leaves the electrical fitting out which is in the hands of an electrician and the fitting of flexible ducts to the machines which will be addressed by a working bee to be planned.

Planer - The planer has a new motor and is back in operation. It does however still require attention to the switch which is duct taped and the re-siting of the overload button from within the cabinet to to the switch stalk where it had been.

Router Table – many users are still having difficulty with raising the router to enable bit changes. Instructions are on a wall poster above the router but the main problem seems to be with determining when the switch, which must be off to enable fully raising, is actually off. The switch is a rocker type and when off, the sliding plastic cover pops out to cover it, – that is how you can be sure it is actually off. Attempting to force the router up without this step will result in damage to the switch so please be careful.

Vacuum systems – these are the general cleaning up dust-vacs and the dedicated collectors on machines such as on the mitre saw and sanders. It appears that these units have been treated as “black holes” where dust is expected to disappear to another universe. In fact the dust actually remains in the collector if not emptied and in one case, with the general dust vac – it was found to be so clogged up that dust extended from the totally full canister down the incoming hose. Please try to occasionally check these and clean out.

Membership list for 2021

After an extraordinary length of time since subs became due, we are just a couple of people shy of cleaning up the membership list. The numbers are - 113 fully paid up (plus one new member in the process of), 3 Still to pay, 6 Resignations and 5 members wishing to stay associated for the time being but, for many reasons, unable to take part in any activities. This is a very good result given that many other clubs have suffered large membership losses following Covid lock downs and the CWC has advised that, yet more woodworking clubs have closed down around the country.

A new contact list will be circulated soon.

Mentoring Mondays

A pleasing turn up has continued for our mentoring Monday morning sessions. Several projects long in construction and delayed by the lock downs are nearing completion much to their makers' delight. Notably Neil Barras has reached glue up stage and Chris Hand is still showing some of us up with very precise joinery on her folding table. Russell Wanklyn is slowly recovering from the shock of successfully putting the most complex Festool domino mortises one could ever imagine into his rather nice looking hall table. Jim Stockton makes lots of mysterious boat parts (??) Including turned items but I have yet to see a boat emerge from work.



There is plenty of space for new members (or old) who wish to do a new project with some help to join in, and Colin Groves and I will be very happy to assist.

Charles Camera

EDWC Sharpening session, 19th June 2021

Hello all, and thanks to all of the members who attended the session. I think we learned that regardless of age or experience, sharp tools are a desirable asset AND that bad habits can easily creep into our tool maintenance, increasing risk and decreasing the quality of finish we seek.

Raman was our host for the session and he put together an excellent demonstration complete with video, personal presentation and physical demonstrations. His skills are very strong and his presentations were all easy to understand and very detailed in the tools and methods he covered. The focus for this session was plane irons, with a passing mention of chisels. Given the available time we have decided that chisel sharpening and card scraper use and sharpening will be the topic of another training



session, hopefully to be held in conjunction with the next general meeting (August) of the Club.

At peak we there were more than 22 of us for this session and many attendees were new members, who no doubt gained much valuable information. I enjoyed the training immensely and am looking forward to Raman's next session.

Scrolling Saturday 3rd July – Steve Hood

Hi all, pretty slim turn out again with only the team leader, Tony and I with apologies from Jennifer. Although we did have quite a few blow ins, Raman was the first to arrive to machine up the Ironbark for the garden bench raffle prize I believe, closely followed by John Mentha for a quick go on the band saw. Joe Koeverdan (sorry about the spelling Joe?, I'm working from memory, rarely a good idea for me) dropped in to drill a hole for a nice burl he's using to make a clock which should look pretty good when he gets it finished, I've put a pretty poor photo below. Also Frank dropped by for a sticky beak and to wind me up about getting the newsletter done, thanks mum.



Steve brought in a couple of his recently completed projects, a really good looking multi coloured parrot, his pet cat that is a multi layered 3D type glue up that looks remarkably realistic and a rabbit that opens into a secret box, he's promised to bring in the patterns so the rest of us can have a go, it's great when someone who's far more proficient hands around ideas like that. Tony was working on another of his compound cut (3D) Christmas decorations and working on his plans for a collapsing bowl and I worked on making some scroll sawn pen blanks that I'm planning to turn up on the lathe, I'll do some before and after photos of them when I get them done.

Steve's pet parrot, remarkably easy to care for, doesn't eat much and it only droppings are wood dust.

Steve's pet cat, which oddly leaves the parrot alone, weird cat!



Joe's unfinished clock (Joe Van Koeverden – ED)



Tony's compound cut – 3D Christmas ornaments, awaiting final sand, paint and glitter.



Tony hard at work on his scroll saw at left, and later the not so hard working group with Joe and his clock on the right.



Steve Hood

Thursday Afternoon Turning in June – Steve Hood

Still pretty quiet around the lathes at the start of last month due to the ongoing pandemic problems.

Russell completed his paper towel holder first lathe project and it looks really good, I understand his next project is going to be a French style rolling pin, which is another spindle project and presents some challenges in getting both ends of the pin as near to identical as possible and safely holding it while turning the ends down to a small radius.

We welcomed a new beginner on Thursday afternoons, Christine Hand, Tony is taking her through the basics of tool handling and beads and coves, which she's evidently enjoying and doing a great job in getting a really nice finish off the tool.

Tom had a go at turning one of the pine blocks that are sitting in the workshop, without much success, apparently tried to turn a large hollow form, it turned reasonably on the outside but when he tried to hollow it, it started to throw large "splinters" off; it was pretty dangerous so he wisely decided not to persevere. I suspect the glue used is intended for large monolithic glue ups and is vastly different to the glues we use in our woodworking.

Unfortunately I was only able to attend for 1 session during June and all I did was a couple of honey dippers.

Beginners Turning Saturday June 26th

We finally got to start our turning for beginners for folks who can't attend on Thursday afternoons on the last Saturday in June. We're only taking 4 at a time as we think 2 new turners per trainer is enough. Roz and Lisa started as absolutely brand new turners while Adrian has a little more experience and Martin is an experienced pen turner who wants to increase his repertoire and investigate other areas of turning, you may have seen some of Martins' pens on our Facebook page. I've seen some of his work on the Australian Pen Turners FB page where he's a well-respected member with some very nice work on display.



I took in both my sharpening set ups, and old 8" grinder with a white wheel set up and a slow speed grinder with a CBN wheel which accepts Tormek jigs, Adrian and Martin gave both of those a bit of a flogging getting their tools into good order while Lisa and Roz had a bit of an intro into the weird art of lathe tool sharpening. After that we got onto the lathe with an intro into.....drum roll..... beads and coves, I mean really what else are you going to do?

Lisa and Tony watching Roz turn a square to round, with Roz refusing to buckle under the pressure of their combined scrutiny.

Roz and Lisa concentrated on roughing a square down to round then cutting grooves with the parting tool before getting into cutting beads. Adrian and Martin spent most of the afternoon trying to wear out a couple of grinding wheels (and almost succeeding) when they finished getting their tools into a nice shape and nice and sharp, they too started on, go on – have a guess at what they started on..... but in their case I got them to concentrate on turning a 50mm spherical bead, rather than just any old bead, so they could work on their tool control and try to hit an actual design rather than freestyle it, which seemed to go OK, but, due to the guys fascination with sharpening, we ran a bit short of time.

Steve Hood

Carving Report by Alwyn Friday 18 June 2021

I arrived at 9.25am and was good to see four members at work already. Rod finished his camel part for his Nativity set. He is now working on a wise man out of a large slab of Jelutong. Maike is trying to replicate a hard looking Mythical Siren.

Jane was cleaning up her Platypus and brought a rough slab of Blackwood for me to cut up. David showed a Modernistic Owl. Whatever you do with Owl carvings they still look like owls. Batoul showed a very clever piece of driftwood which has a great likeness to a snake, and also two more interesting pieces. Hank was busy at sanding a large piece of 'Osage Orange' It will be something to see when finished. I played around cutting the outside of a relief carving.

I also brought a mixture of off cuts for the group. They were donated by Alan West. Many thanks Alan, they soon disappeared

A good morning's carving.

Alwyn Wainwright



Alwyn at home?



Show and Tell:

Some very nice woodwork by Hamish Hill.



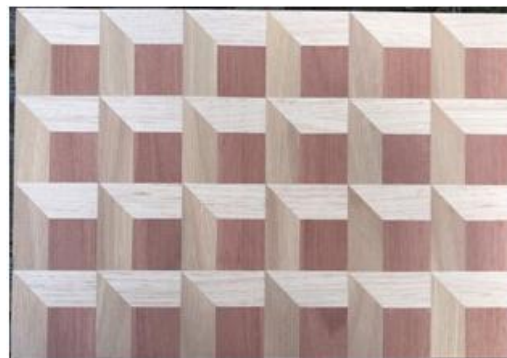
Some pictures of last year's Covid project which involved total refurbishment of my home office and the making of the 'Timber Allsorts Desk'.



I had fun using up many materials that I have accumulated including an assortment of differing drawer runners and obviously timbers. Managed to fit my old printer and scanner into drawers, along with my own design of wire holders in top.

Hamish Hill

Some of the projects I manage when not editing the Newsletter (and the Bowling Club Newsletter); large hexagonal trivet, yet another "3D" cutting board (about 12 or so now) and my latest "musical instrument" – a violin shaped serving board.



EDWC CLUB Workshop / Meeting Calendar:

Note - There are now scheduled openings on 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights for open workshop and turning run by Brian Blethyn (turning) Peter Davey and Adrian Desfontaines (open workshop). This will advantage those who cannot turn up to daytime group meetings.

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		BOX/INSTRUMENT MAKING - John Brownrigg & Frank Camera									
		CARVING - Alwyn Wainwright				PYROGRAPHY & SCROLL SAW - Steve Mitchener					
		OPEN WORKSHOP - Mark Thompson									
		MENTORING - Charlie Camera				TURNING - Tues/Brian Blethyn. Thurs/Tony Orbe. Fri/David Cowan					

EDWC Market Place - For Sale:

- (1) Huon Pine kit - \$85. Consists of material to make a beautiful coffee table - 440mm x 950mm.**



- (2) Huon Pine natural edge slab kit - \$100.**



Consists of material to make a coffee table - 465mm x 1140mm.

- (3) Huon Pine natural edge slab kit - \$90 Consists of material to make a coffee table - 440mm x 1200mm.**



- (4) Red Iron Bark kit - \$45. Consists of material to make a lamp or occasional table - 415mm x 490mm. Tabletop is already biscuit**



jointed, waiting for someone to put it together!

- (5) Red Iron Bark - \$50. A selection of red iron bark timber including posts and boards of various lengths. (would be ideal for making an outdoor seat or planter boxes)**



- (6) Tassie Oak board 40 x 175 x 2050 mm - \$15**



**For all items on the first two For Sale pages
Contact John Mentha on 9439 8766**



Cyprus Pine board. \$5 34mm x 200mm x 1310mm



Brush Box. \$20 (1) 14mm x 145mm x 1470mm

(1) 19mm x 100mm x 1950mm

(1) 19mm x 120mm x 1950mm



Red Gum coffee/lamp table kit. \$35

Table top measures 30mm x 500mm square.

Various other red gum pieces for legs etc



IRON BARK (superb timber) -

\$100 (1) 18mm x 140mm x 1740mm, (1) 25mm x 235mm x 1900mm, (1) 32mm x 150mm x 1900mm, (1) 38mm x 240mm x 2150mm



American Oak. (Select Grade)(5) Pieces 23mm x 160mm x 1380 (4) Pieces 65mm x 65mm, total length 4570mm plus others. \$65



ROUTER TABLE (home made) measures 600 mm x 900mm and includes fence. \$20

For all items on these first two For Sale pages Contact John Mentha on 9439 8766

More Items for sale:

Some months ago we featured a number of woodworking machines belonging to long term member John Kinrade. John is quitting his entire workshop and much of that machinery is still to be moved due to delays caused by Covid lock downs. John now has additional items so the list is now -

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| 1) Pedestal Drill in good order. which includes a very good wheeled stand. | \$150 |
| 2) Woodman 12" planer. Needs blades sharpened | \$103) |
| 3) Large disk/belt sander 150mm wide by 1220 and large disk (230 mm) | \$200 |
| 4) Large table saw with sliding table. | \$990 |
| 5) Small table top router table including router (both GMC – router is 1/4 inch) | \$80 |
| 6) Several planes – size #4 1/2 (\$50), #5 (\$60), #6 (\$65) , small low angle block (\$20) | |
| 7) Biscuit joiner | \$55 |
| 8) Sash clamps (each) x4 | \$10 (each) |
| 9) Pipe clamps x2 | (both) \$20 |
| 10) Battery drill - | Free |
| 11) Tile Cutter | \$10 |
| 12) Detail sander | \$15 |



PLEASE CALL ME if interested as I am assisting John - (Charles Camera: 0413481699)

Newsletter Contributions

Thank you to: Charles Camera, John Brownrigg, Steve Hood, Alwyn Wainwright, and Hamish Hill.

All group leaders and individual members may contribute to the newsletter with any relevant monthly group report or items of interest to the club. Please make them brief and include photos where appropriate.

Show and tell items and Sale items are welcome, with pictures if possible.

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