

NEWS LETTER – MARCH 2024



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Barry Belford
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PRESIDENTS REPORT



As you would all be aware our Vice President, Tom Hill passed away in hospital on 1st March 2024. I was fortunate to visit Tommy three days before he died and he was in good spirits. Tom's daughter in law, Kylie told me his condition deteriorated quickly in those final days. If anything, it was a blessing that Tom didn't suffer for very long.

Alan Pentecost put together a wonderful eulogy which was read at Tom's funeral service. It has been included in the March newsletter.

Nearly all pieces of equipment have the safety check list. This will be completed in the next few days. Some members have now been certified of some equipment and this process will continue until all members who wish to complete the program have done so.

A reminder that it is the responsibility of all members who use equipment and tools to return them to their rightful place.

No further communication has occurred with the Council regarding the Oyster Bay Oval draft masterplan. The club formed a Working Party to assist formulate our needs for the proposed new clubhouse and this process is ongoing.

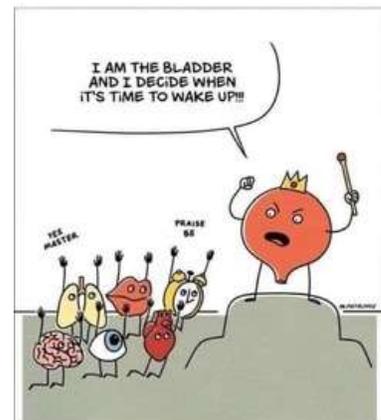
I mentioned before that it has become increasingly difficult to find hosts and demonstration ideas for Maxi Days. We have listed four Team Turning Challenges for this year but we need more members willing to use their skills (turning) and come up with new ideas for Maxi Days. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events

- The Maxi Day on 16th March 2024. Host is Simon Hardman.
Demonstration – Team Turning Challenge.
- Bunnings Mother's Day Stall – Thursday, 9/5/2024.
We will need help to run the stall.
- Bunnings BBQ – Saturday, 13/7/2024. Help is needed.

Until next time continue to enjoy your woodturning and/or woodworking.

Phil Dean
President



TRAINING

Is scheduled for the remainder of the year as follows:

Course 2/2024 Commences **Tuesday 09 July 2024 (from 4:30pm)**

Applications Close: 04 June 2024
One booking; other positions vacant

Course 3/2024 Commences **Tuesday 12 November 2024 (from 4:30pm)**

Applications Close: 01 October 2024
All Positions Vacant

Each course caters for 4-5 participants and commences with a Tuesday night of theory / safety before continuing with practical application spread across two days.

Proudly Announcing our new PATRON – VAL LIPPING

Since the passing of The Cubby House's first ever Patron Paddi Thorpe (who served as Patron from August 2009 to May 2023), the Committee have thought long and hard on who to bestow such an honour to ... landing now upon the very worthy choice of Val Lipping.

Val is member number 13, having joined at the Club's inception 27 years ago, and remains an active member who contributes regularly to toy making, fund raising and day-to-day activities; all at 92 years young.



He can be called upon anytime for advice and guidance and is someone who the members hold the utmost respect for as an individual. He is a role model and a friend to many. Thank you Val for taking on the role.



The following words are the Club's eulogy (as read at his funeral); written by Alan Pentecost (thanks!) and endorsed by Phil Dean.

Tom joined the Cubby House in November 2013 as member number 100 which he was very proud of and soon became well known to its members with his stories of his building work throughout Sydney as told at the morning tea table.

Over the years, Tom held various committee positions, including secretary, council liaison officer, building maintenance officer and more recently, vice president. Tom held several positions each year, his version of multi-tasking!

For some reason only known to Tom, he seemed to be always first in each day to open up, scoring the prime parking spot for his ute. Being an early bird became very useful on the main meeting day where he would often man the reception desk, taking the entry fee and more importantly (at least to Tom), to sell tickets in the raffle. "A dollar each or 6 for five bucks" would be the greeting Tom would say after each member signed the attendance book. Those who either didn't buy a ticket or only one ticket got a dirty look, but always out of sight of the 'cheapskate' as he called them.

Part of the raffle ticket sellers' job was to empty last month's barrel and to fold up the stubs of the new month's tickets, ready for drawing at the meeting. Unfortunately, Tom missed a step one month quite a few years ago, and managed to put the current months stubs in with last months, resulting in mass confusion when 2 people claimed the prize with identical tickets. Pretty well ever since that episode, Tom was reminded about emptying last month's stubs by several members not wishing to repeat the error each meeting.

The drawing of the raffle should be straight forward, except for Tom's habit of really scrunching up each stub, which caused quite a delay as president Phil patiently (I use that word sarcastically!) unravelled the ball of paper to reveal the winner.

When we introduced Tuesday night meetings, Tom would often turn up with some sort of project in hand, and more recently he really got into using the lathe to turn a bowl out of some very nice timber he had bought some time ago on a road trip to Tasmania with his wife. Apparently, there was quite a discussion with Pam regarding her possibly flying home as the car was just about chocka block full of turning blanks and no room for Pam. After a bit of a game of tetris, all ended well with Pam and the timber haul all making the trip back home in the car.

Our club has run Bunnings BBQ's for many years at the Kirrawee store, and Tom probably attended every one, helping out with the drinks, setting up tables etc, and packing up at the end of the day. One of the things we will miss the most is his trusty Toyota ute which he used to transport all the chairs, eskies, sausages, ice etc. from the clubhouse up to Kirrawee and return.

Rest assured, it is not the ute we will miss the most, it will be 'old Tommy' as several of the younger members called him with great affection and his willingness to help out or pass on his words of wisdom to all and sundry, whether requested or not.

Rest in peace Tom, you will be sadly missed by so many.



2023 MERITORIOUS AWARD WINNER



After a hiatus (due to COVID-19 disruptions throughout 2021 and 2022), the Meritorious Award for 2023 has now been determined by the Committee.

The Award (a Certificate, the recipient's name on a roll and bragging rights) is typically given to a member who has served the Club above and beyond that which is expected of their position, making significant contributions to the smooth running and improvement of the Club for its members, plus working for the charities we support.

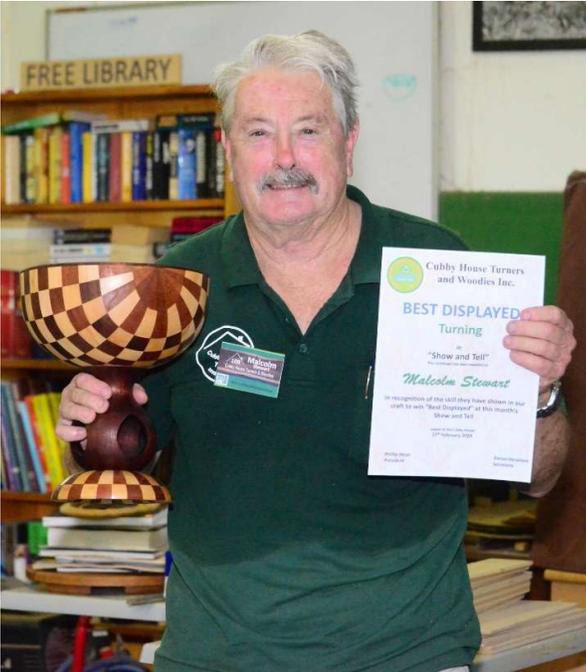
In a pleasing reflection of how generous many of our members are, we received the nominations of six different members for consideration of the award.

And the winner for 2023 is: **KEITH JONES.**

Keith is tireless in his support of the Club. He's usually first to arrive and last to leave, helps anyone and everyone with anything they need, co-ordinates and leads toy production, takes on all manner of projects (often completed at home), is front and centre at every fundraising activity, hosts Maxi Days, backs up the Treasurer, and, represents the Club with Council, Bunnings & others. He's seen by many as the backbone of the Club and is truly deserving of this award. Congratulations Keith.

FEBRUARY MAXI DAY

'BEST IN SHOW'





Himalayan Cedar Bowl



Wine Bottle Coaster

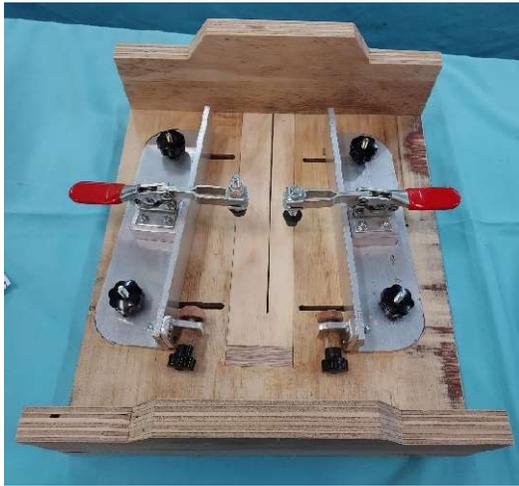
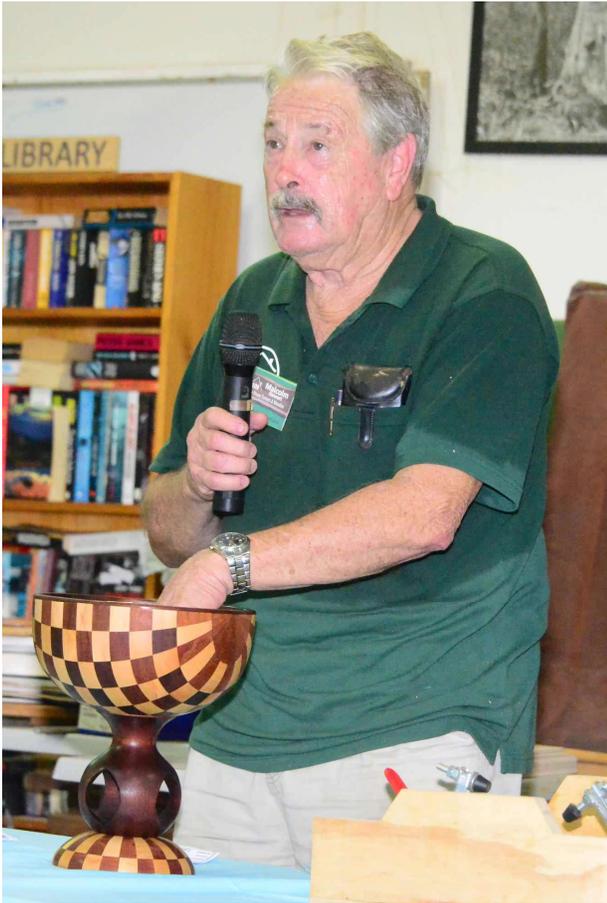


Pin Oak Bowl



Gum Tree Burl Bowl (Wall Art)

WARNING:
THE LEADING CAUSE OF INJURY
IN OLD MEN IS THEM THINKING
THEY ARE STILL YOUNG MEN.



Medieval Torture Device
Malcolm's Segment Cutting Jig



White Cedar Bowl by David Brackenbury



3D Printed Tank by Ken McEwen



Committee Meeting held at the Cubby House Oyster Bay Monday 11th February 2024 at 10am

MINUTES

- 1 **Meeting opened by the President at 10:01** – whereby all present observed a minute’s silence in honour of Tom Hill (may he Rest in Peace).

- 2 **Attendees: 9**
Committee: Phil Dean (President), Simon Hardman (Secretary), Steve Hooper (Treasurer), Alan Pentecost (Committee Member),
Ordinary Members: Keith Jones, John Moss, Glenn Lavender, Christine McLennan, Frank Williams (from 10:50).

Apologies: 2
David Coles (Committee Member), Craig Lewis (Committee Member).

- 3 **Minutes of the Committee Meeting dated 12th February 2024**, as circulated previously, discussed and confirmed (Moved Keith Jones, Seconded Alan Pentecost).

Business Arising:

Action Item – Head Trainer to purchase training stock from Corrimal Hobby Timbers is COMPLETE; stock purchased on 29 February 2024.

Action Item – Secretary to create new nametags showing milestone membership lengths is COMPLETE; nametags available to members at Maxi-Day on 15 March 2024 at sign-in.

Action Item – Secretary to conduct anonymous ballot for 2023 Meritorious Award amongst available committee members is COMPLETE; award winner to be presented with Award at Maxi-Day on 15 March 2024.

Action Item – discussions on Patron and Life Members carried forward to this meeting is COMPLETE; see General Business Agenda Item re same.

Action Item – Working Group reporting on progress relating to the SSC Oyster Bay draft Masterplan is COMPLETE; Keith Jones provided a hand-out update on the groups planning to date with all progressing well. Item to remain in Meeting Agendas for the foreseeable future.

Action Item – Working Group reporting on progress relating to the Safety Induction Program is COMPLETE; Alan Pentecost and Phil Dean provided an update on safe operating procedures and warning stickers at each machine, plus planned First Aid Training in coming months, plus a newly drafted Membership Application Form and Induction Handbook being finalised, and,

noted the Workshop Supervisor has not commenced (despite warning stickers referring members to same). Item to remain in Meeting Agendas for the foreseeable future.

Action Item – Keith Jones to purchase new stock of member’s shirts is **INCOMPLETE;** Keith advised difficulties with a change of ownership at the supplier’s business with new contact established and an order anticipated to occur that same day. **To be reported on at the next meeting.**

4 Correspondence

Incoming – Invoices for Post Office Box, Water Bill, All Seasons Pest Control.

Outgoing – President letter to Bunnings (BBQ date & Merbau decking boards).

5 Reports:

President – see written report in Newsletter.

Secretary – Nil to Report.

Treasurer – February Income of \$1,113.50, less Outgoings of \$2,017.81= Negative \$904.31 for the month. Although this is the third month running at a loss, we still remain in a positive position overall when considered as ‘financial year to date’.

The previous committee decision to change banking providers is underway, with the shift from Commonwealth to Westpac scheduled to occur in April; the Executive members (x4) will be joint signatories on the account.

6 General Business:

- **Tom Hill Funeral** – held on Fri 08/03/2024 at Sutherland, 22 members present, Club Eulogy (written by Alan Pentecost – thanks Alan!) read, wake followed.
- **Vice President Vacancy** – created by Tom Hill’s passing. Club constitution provides for Committee election and appointment until next AGM to fill the vacancy. Nomination of Frank Williams accepted and he was elected unopposed. (Congratulations and thanks Frank).
- **March Maxi Day** – Sat 16/03/2024 – Theme is ‘Team Turning Challenge’. Host is Simon Hardman. The challenge to Menai Woodturners intended for this date has been postponed to July (at Menai’s request). This challenge will be in-house.
- **Working Group to SSC Oyster Bay Masterplan** – see Item 3 above.
- **Safety Induction Program** – see Item 3 above.
- **Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser** – booked for Sat 13/07/2024; volunteers needed.

- **Bunnings Mother's Day Stall Fundraiser** – booked for Thu 09/05/2024; volunteers needed. As it is a Mother's Day stall, the club has limited items on hand for sale, so, we extend the offer to any members who wish to sell their own wares to do so here (eg pens, potpourri bowls, knitting bowls, etc etc). The only condition is that you donate 25% of your proceeds to the club (after all, it is a club fundraiser). See Phil Dean for further details / to make arrangements.
- **Cubby House Club Patron** – we have been without a Patron since May 2023, so, the Committee discussed, nominated (Phil Dean, Seconded Steve Hooper) and unanimously passed that Val Lipping be offered the role. Val has agreed and commences immediately as our Patron – Congratulations and thank you Val.
- **Cubby House Life Membership** – discussed and determined that the Committee remains open to any written submissions from members re same. Current Life Members are Val Lipping and Warren Rankin.
- **Dandelion Support Network Major Fundraiser** – Glenn Lavender requests the donation of items by members for use as prizes / giveaways at Dandelion's High Tea on Sat 14/09/2024. Please see Glenn for further details.
- **Certificates / Plaques** – Keith Jones has obtained an additional frame for the Meritorious Award and the required plaques for the Annual 'Best in Show' Award; all donated to the Club by his son (thanks Keith).
- **Paint Supplies** – Keith Jones has identified and negotiated a new paint supplier for the toys etc the Club produces. We are currently finalising pricing and delivery.
- **Training Course 1/2024** – John Moss is conducting a course for three participants on 12, 14 & 15 March 2024. He advises essential items are 'missing', threatening the practical component of the course.
- **'Missing Equipment'** – Alan Pentecost took John Moss' comments further, advising a long list of missing, faulty and/or desired equipment. After much discussion, the committee authorised Alan to purchase the required equipment; allocating a modest budget to do so.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Secretary to email membership, calling for the return of borrowed equipment asap.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Alan Pentecost to purchase required equipment, within the allocated budget, and report the outcome to the next meeting.
- **2023 Meritorious Award** – after a COVID-19 hiatus, the Meritorious Award returns – to be awarded now for 2023 (last awarded to Alan Pentecost in 2020). An anonymous ballot was conducted amongst the committee members present, with a 'winner' determined. The winner will be announced at Maxi Day on Sat 16/03/2024.

7 Meeting closed by the President at 11:10.

EVENT CALENDAR 2024

Note: - The following information may be subject to change in date or content,
if in doubt, check the website or contact an executive committee member.

March 2024

Sat	2 nd	Mini Day 9am
Tues	5 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	6 th	Mini Day 9am
Mon	11 th	Committee Meeting 10am & Mini Day thereafter
Tue	12 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	13 th	Mini Day 9am
Sat	16 th	Maxi Day - Host Simon Hardman Demo: Turning Challenge -V- Menai
Tue	19 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	20 th	Mini Day 9am
Tue	26 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	27 th	Mini Day 9am

April 2024

Tue	2 nd	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	3 rd	Mini Day 9am
Sat	6 th	Mini Day 9am
Tue	9 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	10 th	Mini Day 9am
Mon	15 th	Committee Meeting 10am & Mini Day thereafter
Tue	16 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	17 th	Mini Day 9am
Sat	20 th	Maxi Day - Host: Keith Jones Demonstration: Pens
Tue	23 rd	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	24 th	Mini Day 9am
Tue	30 th	Mini Night 5pm

May 2024

Wed	1 st	Mini Day 9am
Sat	4 th	Mini Day 9am
Tue	7 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	8 th	Mini Day 9am
Mon	13 th	Committee Meeting 10am & Mini Day thereafter
Tue	14 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	15 th	Mini Day 9am
Sat	18 th	Maxi Day - Host: Phil Dean Demonstration: Vases
Tue	21 st	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	22 nd	Mini Day 9am
Tue	28 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	29 th	Mini Day 9am

June 2024

Sat	1 st	Mini Day 9am
Tue	4 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	5 th	Mini Day 9am
Mon	10 th	Committee Meeting 10am & Mini Day thereafter
Tue	11 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	12 th	Mini Day 9am
Sat	15 th	Maxi Day - Host TBA Demo: TBA
Tue	18 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	19 th	Mini Day 9am
Tue	25 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	26 th	Mini Day 9am

July 2024

Tue	2 nd	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	3 rd	Mini Day 9am
Sat	6 th	Mini Day 9am
Tue	9 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	10 th	Mini Day 9am
Mon	15 th	Committee Meeting 10am & Mini Day thereafter
Tue	16 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	17 th	Mini day 9am
Sat	20 th	Maxi Day - Host: Simon Hardman Demo: Team Turning Challenge
Tue	23 rd	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	24 th	Mini Day 9am
Tue	30 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	31 st	Mini Day 9am

August 2024

Sat	3 rd	Mini Day 9am
Tue	6 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	7 th	Mini Day 9am
Mon	12 th	Committee Meeting 10am & Mini Day thereafter
Tue	13 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	14 th	Mini Day 9am
Sat	17 th	Maxi Day - Host: TBA Demo: TBA
Tue	20 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	21 st	Mini Day 9am
Tue	27 th	Mini Night 5pm
Wed	28 th	Mini Day 9am