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WEST AUSTRALIAN GUILD of WOODCARVERS Inc

February 2016

Dear Fellow Wood Carvers

I am really looking forward to my term as President. I think we have the basis for a fulfilling and productive year, but I will need your help. I would like to see as many members as possible become involved in the club's activities.

Thank you to all the members who put in a lot of hard work in the last 12 months to ensure that the various events and activities that we organized were successful. Forgive me if I do not name names, but you know who I am referring to.

We were very much looking forward to the visit of Peter Benson, but as you will see below it will not now be taking place. Your committee will be vigorously looking into an alternative.

One way that you can contribute to our year is to offer to conduct a workshop on the subject of your choice. Please contact me on this matter. Failing that perhaps you could suggest someone who could do a workshop.

A bit late to bring it to your attention, but here goes. Monday 7 March is a public holiday. At Wandi we usually meet a bit early to enjoy a BBQ breakfast (8.30am). Come along-bring your family and friends. Everybody welcome. Totally BYO.

Edith

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held at Wandi on Monday 15th February. 25 members attended, which was a reasonable number as far as AGMs go.

Nominations were received as follows:

President: Edith Peel

Treasurer: Patrick Pierce

Secretary: Bob Tanner

These nominees were therefore appointed to the positions.

Newsletter Editor: Bob Tanner agreed to continue in this role. However if anybody would like to take over they would be very welcome.

The Constitution allows for a maximum of three other persons on the Committee. Arthur Godfrey and Fred Brewer volunteered for the Wood Show sub-committee. We need more. If anyone would like to put their hand up please contact the Secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



President Edith Peel



Treasurer Patrick Pierce



Secretary and Editor Bob Tanner

VISIT OF PETER BENSON

Note from Editor

I had prepared details that we had regarding the proposed visit of Peter. However on Monday 28 Feb I received an email from him advising that in reviewing the arrangements proposed for our workshops and the longer workshop for the Collaboration Group, he realized that as an eighty year old he would be taking on more than was sensible. So he has cancelled the trip. Very disappointing, but I guess as many of us are in roughly the same age group we can understand.

SOLOMON ISLAND CARVERS

On Monday 1 Feb at Wandi a lady named Elizabeth Manning gave a very interesting talk on the work being done on the island of Biche in the Solomon Group. This was a follow-up to her request of a bit over a year ago for the club to supply any unwanted carving equipment for her to take to Biche. Elizabeth has taken the items collected by the club to Biche, and tells us the carvers were delighted to receive them. Elizabeth is not a carver. She goes to Biche as a volunteer on environmental matters. Elizabeth gave a very interesting talk, which taking into account the number of questions raised by members, was well received. She also showed us some pieces of work done by the carvers, and left us some photos of the people on the island.

Note from Editor-What the Biche carvers lack in resources is made up by their skill. As the photos show some of the items are very impressive, especially the shell inlay.

The Biche carvers sent some items for retention by the club as a thank you for the equipment we sent them. Members agreed to retain a representative sample of the items for display when the Wandi venue is completed. The remaining items will be offered for sale to members, and the proceeds to be given to Elizabeth to take to Biche. An attachment to this newsletter shows the items for sale, and how to bid for them.

A further collection of carving equipment is being made so if you have anything you would like to donate get in touch with the Secretary. Biche is very remote, so anything we send has to be taken by Elizabeth as part of her check-in luggage on the plane. We probably already have more than enough for her first trip, but anything is welcome, especially gouges.

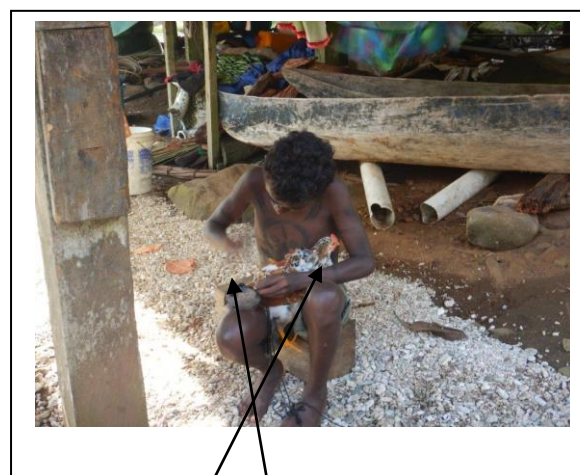
Carvings from Biche



Some of the beautiful work the Biche carvers can do



Some of the Biche carvers with tools donated by the club



Try doing your carving whilst making sure your chicken doesn't run away



I don't think the ladies do any carving, but they do lovely basket work. We have a sample of their work.



You can go to Biche, and stay in this beachside villa. Paradise, but no electricity, running water, TV, phones or internet

PROGRAM FOR 2016

We are looking at the workshop program for the coming year. Here is how you can help.

- *Tell us what you want*
- *Tell us if you can conduct a workshop*
- *Wandi is available on Mondays and weekends. What about Applecross and Warwick.. Let us know if workshops can be conducted there.*

Please contact any Committee member

WOOD SHOW 2016

On the assumption that there will be a Wood Show at Claremont again this year sometime in August here is what has to happen for the club to participate -

- *It is not too early for you to start working on your entries. It would be great if all members submitted an entry or two.*
- *Even if you are not interested in the competition you can display items. It is an opportunity to sell your work.*
- *We will need a heap of volunteers to set up and to man (woman) our display.*
- *We need ideas how to fund-raise at the Show. We will need items for a raffle, and small items to sell to the public*
- *We need your help. The more the merrier.*

HELP!!

A BIT OF HUMOUR

*When me prayers were poorly said
Who tucked me in me widdle bed
And spanked me till me arse was red, me Mudder !
Who took me from me cosy cot
And put me on the ice cold pot
And made me pee when I could not, me Mudder !
And when the morning light would come
And in me crib me dribbled some
Who wiped me tiny widdle bum, me Mudder !
Who would me hair neatly part
And hug me gently to her heart
Who sometimes squeezed me till me fart, me Mudder !
Who looked at me with eyebrows knit
And nearly have a king size fit
When in me Sunday pants me shit, me Mudder !
When at night her bed did squeak
Me raised me head to have a peek
Who yelled at me to go to sleep. Me Fadder. !*



Trick question-which one is Dennis the Menace, and which is Donald Trump

Editor's note-I am not making any comment on the election campaign in the USA. I just thought the resemblance is striking.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2016

The AGM voted that subscriptions remain as last year viz **\$35**

You can pay your subs -

By cash or cheque in an envelope hand delivered or posted to the Treasurer clearly marked as "subs" and with your name in capitals

If by cheque (soon to be discontinued we are told) make sure your name is on the cheque, and clear to read

By electronic funds transfer per these instructions from the Treasurer

Hi fellow members

For those who have online facilities and wish to transfer their Annual Subscriptions Direct, I have included the following.

On your Bank's webpage there should be four "Fields" (or Boxes) One each for **BSB** number, one for **Account** number, Account **Name** and one for **Description**. Each bank may vary in layout; however I'm hoping that these four boxes are available. (I know the BSB and Accnt. No./name have to be, but some may not have a description box).

If you have the boxes I have described then I would ask you to fill in as follows.

BSB: 036308

Accnt No: 102673

Accnt Name: West Australian Guild of Woodcarvers Inc.

Description: Your name here - Fees

It's important that you provide **your name** in the Description box and if possible the reason for payment. If there is no room for the later then leave it off. I can work out what it's for by the amount.

If your bank webpage does not provide a "Description Field" then you are going to have to email me, (**my email address is in "Chips"**) advising me that you have done a bank transfer and include the date you d

A contacts details form is attached. Please return the completed form with your subs so that we can do an update on our members list. If you did not show an email but now have one please let us know so we can communicate with you by that medium, especially the newsletter. Australia Post has "modernized" its service by increasing the cost of the stamp by nearly 50% and increasing delivery times from next day to something like 4 days (unless you pay a hefty premium)

If you have paid by electronic funds transfer we request that you also send in your membership form.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2015

West Australian Guild of Woodcarvers Inc.			
Statement of Receipts and Payment for the year ending 31st December 2015			
Opening cash on hand - Westpac a/c	\$7,129.14		Dec. 31 2014
102673			
Receipts	Item Total	Payments	Item Total
Interest received - Westpac a/c 102673	\$11.87	Tools (Belt Sander)	\$452.00
Membership fees	\$1,820.00	Woodshow prizes	\$700.00
Wood & knife sales	\$407.75	Woodshow expenses	\$710.60
Workshop and course fees	\$136.00	Insurance	\$659.34
Woodshow receipts	\$404.40	Sausage sizzle expenses	\$873.00
Sausage sizzle revenue	\$2,096.50	Relocation expenses	\$164.63
Donations	\$85.00	Wood	\$153.88
AGM attendance Fees	\$52.50	Stationary	\$151.64
Sundries	\$14.00	Xmas lunch expenses	\$250.58
Sundries		\$71.00	
Total Annual Income 2015	\$5,028.02	Total Annual Expenditure 2015	\$4,186.67
Revenue plus opening cash on hand		\$12,157.16	
Net revenue after expenses.		\$7,970.49	
Closing cash on hand - Westpac a/c	\$8,335.07		Dec. 31 2015
102673			
Less unrepresented cheques c/f to 2016		-\$364.58	
Net Revenue		\$7,970.49	

This Financial Statement is unaudited. Auditing is currently being arranged

Diary Dates of Guild Events for 2016

General meetings, generally at Wandi. Any change to venue will be advised as soon as possible

March 14

Apr 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

Aug 8

Sept 12

Oct 10

Nov 14

Wood Show probably 1st or 2nd weekend in August

Peter Benson workshop 24 and 25 Sept tentative-awaiting response from Peter

Sausage sizzle Oct 8 at Bunnings Cockburn

Christmas lunch Dec 11 at The Pavilion Wandi

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Carving Groups

Applecross Area:

Meet Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00pm
 Applecross SHS, East Entrance
 37 Ardessie Street, Ardross
 Contact: Ron Green 9330 2623

Rockingham Area: (55+ Syear olds)

Meet Tuesday 9:00am to Noon
 Rockingham Autumn Centre
 McNicholl Street, Rockingham
 Contact: Karel Groeneweg 95281187

Wandi/Anketell/Canningvale/Kwinana

Meet Monday 9:00am - Noon
 Wandi clubrooms
 302 De Haer Road Wandi
 Contact Not sure-watch this space

Warwick Area:

Meet Friday 3:00 –5:00pm
 Warwick Senior High School
 355 Erindale Road (North End)
 Contact: Vicki Nicholson 9309 2652

