

THE START OF A CLUB. 1990.

Back in around 1990 The Lara Community Centre was buzzing with enthusiasm, with all the different Classes one could attend, & further ones Skills.

This was all due to one very energetic Lady, Anne Zonneveldt. There wasn't a stone left unturned, to get the show on the road. Nothing was a worry to her in having something done, because of some small breakdown in the Communication.

I was well into Woodturning by this time, around the 10 year mark & seemed to have a knack of how the tools & lathe went in accordance working with other people.

If memory serves me, Anne caught up with me as I was doing a Demo on the Verandah of the LCC, & she asked me if I could Teach other people to do a basic day of learning, how to Turn Wood into an Object.

So between us, we worked out, that I would have 5 People for 1 Day, & it would be a Saturday from 9am. to 5.30pm. & would be a paying job, with some monies going to The Centre.

One class I clearly remember was of 4 Ladies & 1 Man. Yes, we made a few Blues, but on the whole, it worked rather well. Most People had a choice of Turning a Dibber or a Bag Handle.

The Lara Newsletter started about that time, & I think Anne had a Hand in getting that started, & of course the Class for Woodturning was put in the Newsletter, & the Prospective Turners came from all over.

2 Ladies came all the way from Lorne, & others from well out as well. I had this one Lady, & asked, which hand are you going to use, so She started out with Her RH, got to the end of the piece of Wood, & changed Hands & went back the other way. Blew me right away.

Anne asked one Sat. if I thought there was enough interest to start a Club. I said maybe we could try it out to see if it was viable. There are Times & Dates, in the Archives, as to when The First Meeting took place in Wooden Church part of the Centre.

Much to our surprise 23 People turned up, & The Lara Wood Workers were born, & all I can remember is that it was 1992. Later Incorporated.

My Classes kept going for some time, till about 1996

In my belief, Anne was far to popular for certain people in power, & whether Anne was pushed or walked, I'm not sure, but I feel she was pushed, & that person wrecked, The Lara Community Centre, as it was.

To my knowledge, it has never ever regained the Popularity it had when Anne Zonneveldt ran it. Anne went to live in Victor Harbour, SA.

Our First Club Rooms for meetings only, were The Club Rooms at the Tennis Courts.

There are still 6 men who were at the first meeting, who still belong today.

We then went to Chanel College up at Lovely Banks, where we were able to do some woodwork.

We then went there to Corio Technical School, which in my mind was the best Home we ever had.

We are now at The Lara Secondary College we continue get together twice each Month, except January.

Written by Lewis Harper, Founding Member, Thur. 18 / 6 / 2015.