WesTurn News

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Hello All….Its that time again and the demonstration requests have started to come in. The Koi Society and Blacktown Festival are the first in.

The Stitches and Craft Shows have begun again and we have been invited to the Sydney one which is being held at Homebush, in the Dome at the Showground, so lets hope things are looking up at last as our Charity needs a bit of a boost after the restrictions of Covid.

Please put your name on lists at the Club or let me know if you can help out so we can get things organised.

By the time this Newsletter comes out the C.B.A., Winston Hills Branch, will have donated a cheque to our Club in recognition of the work we do for the Community.

We have also been given some brand new tools, still in boxes, which we will sell to members who need them. Have a look at them and the Club's Committee will work out a fair price as soon as possible.

Training Classes have been going extremely well and hopefully we will get some new Club members from these. Also, by the time you read this we will have had another Bunnings BBQ and the site has been shifted back to its previous location so we should get a much better return this time.

That's all for now

Keep Turning

BOB YOUNG

FACE MASKS

Face masks are not compulsory as per latest Government Requirements.

However, if you cannot social distance by 1.5 meters, or you have a cough, cold etc;

then these should be worn.

If you feel unwell a mask should be worn or you shouldn't attend the Club.

SAFETY MATTERS

A REMINDER ABOUT WORKSHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of WORKSHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times. It is up to all of us to fulfill our commitment by wearing at all times;

- Dust masks
- Protective glasses
- Suitable clothing
- Footwear
- Ear protection

It does not hurt to discuss safety with other members if they are not doing the right thing.

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Could I please ask those members who attend our demonstrations, maxi-days etc; if you could take some photographs and a brief description of the event so these can be published in the newsletter I am sure all members would be interested in reading about the events of the day. Thank you…..Editor.

CUT OFF DATE FOR ARTICLES

Please note the cut off date for articles to be included in the Newsletter is the last day of the month. All members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion.

Please send them to the editor;

Email address: editorwesturn@outlook.com

1. **What is the common name for trees known as Melaleuca?**

Club Committee

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If you have any suggestions or information concerning the club please contact any of the above committee members.

FOR SALE

Members don't forget we have a lot of Cherry, Sapele, Walnut, European Oak and Alder bench tops for sale at the club!

FREE CORIAN

White -12mm and 20mm thick
Black - 12mm thick



Club Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am – 4pm….$5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm….$3

Saturday Turning

3rd Saturday of Month

8.30am – 3pm….$5

Contact: Les Coombes –

0404 001 562

Ladies Day – 2nd Saturday...$5

Contact: Anna Dawes –

9638 6995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

Maxi Day – 3rd Sunday

11:00am—2:00pm….$6

(Lunch included)

PLEASE NOTE:

Maxi Days are cancelled at the present time due to Covid

Pens wanted for the Australian Troops overseas

We are supporting our troops overseas if you have any spare pens you would like to donate please give them to the Convener on the day.

Recently , an email mail-out was organized for the distribution of the new constitution. It was found that many of the addresses provided by members were no longer viable so those members weren't able to be contacted by email. Therefore all members are asked to contact Raymond Saich with an email address. This will be checked against the records and those who have different addresses will receive their copy.
EMAIL: raysaich@bigpond.net.au

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month 7pm

Shop items

Triple "P"

Friction Polish

Sanding Sealer

Sandpaper

Club Shirts

Dust Jackets

Club Badges

Pen Kits

Pen Blanks – Acrylics

Lazy Susan Bearings

Cheese Knives

Salt Mills

Pepper Mills

Many more items also available



A very big thank you to Michelle Rowland MP, the Member for Greenway, for her continued support which includes the printing of this newsletter.

I'VE BEEN BANNED FROM MY LOCAL WOOLWORTHS SUPERMARKET

Yesterday I was at my local Woolie's store buying a large bag of my dog's favourite dry food for my loyal guard dog and was in the checkout line when the woman behind me asked if I had a dog?

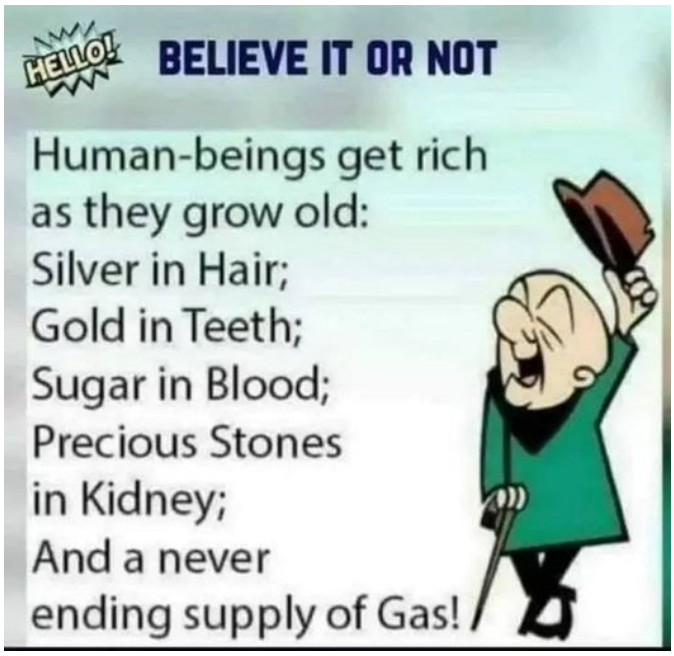
I wonder what she thought I had, maybe an elephant or 2? So, since I am retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Dog Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I had lost 20 kilos before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

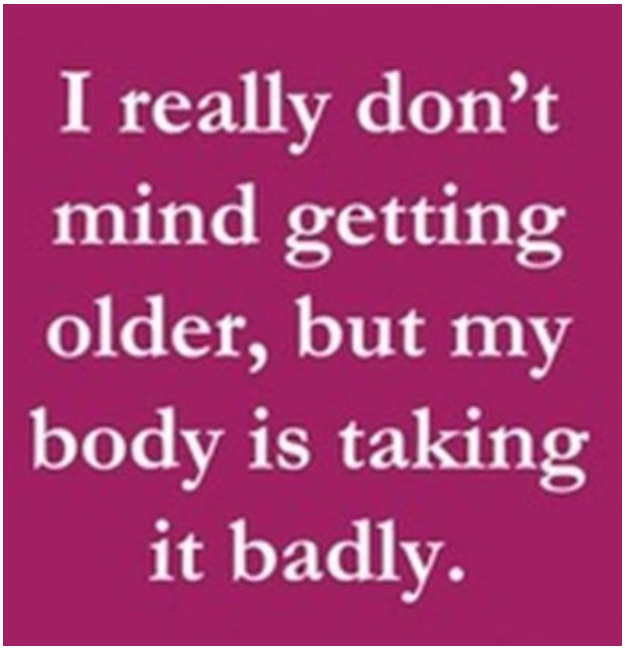
I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with dog nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now completely enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the curb to sniff an Irish Setters' rear end and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack because he was laughing so hard. I am now banned from my local Woolie's store.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of things to say.





Kindness is more important than wisdom,

and the recognition of this

is the beginning of wisdom.

Theodore Isaac Rubin

2. What suspect, in the game of Cluedo, holds a military rank?

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Saturday 17th, 24th of Aril and 1st May 8 new members did the training course that is compulsory for new members that have no experience in woodturning.



A new lot of trainees and there trainers are shown here on their second day of training.

From left rear: Ron Devine, Lorenzo Fava, Rob Stewart, Paul Solotwa, Sandra Ongley, Rod Brown, Bob Taylor, Gregory Sheath, Graham Dawes, Steve Greer, Mathew Keen and Naveen Sharma.

In front kneeling: Gabriella Solotwa and Thea Conway.



At left is Rod Brown, demonstrator and trainer. Rod has been a member for many years and has assisted many of us with techniques and ideas. Rod can always be counted on to give an honest opinion when asked and does his best to be there when we need him. Rod has also conducted training days for students from Seven Hills High School over the years and has a TAFE Certificate in woodturning. The club is indebted to him for his dedication to the training of new members.



At left is the trainee coordinator, Gregory Sheath, keeping a watchful eye on new trainee, Mathew Keene.

At right is Steve Greer who has some very unique and interesting ideas on turning objects to his satisfaction.







Sandra Ongley, Grabriella & Paul Solotwa & Mathew Keen Admiring the work completed that day.



Sandra

3. Who portrayed Felix Unger in the film The Odd Couple?



Lorenzo Fava



Thea Conway, Mathew Keen & Gregory Sheath



Sandra Ongley & Graham Dawes

Latest Training April/May 2021

We were able to hold another training session in April May 2021. Covid restrictions had eased and the trainers felt that it was safe to train some more very enthusiastic people in wood turning.

The class was full with 8 people, 3 ladies and 5 men. 7 trainers were present. Special thanks to all, especially Rod Brown who does the practical training.

Once again, even though Rod made it look easy, beads and coves proved challenging when using the skew chisel but overall most trainees were able to complete the tasks satisfactorily.

Bowl turning was a most pleasurable day for all. We used cherry bench top for all as this was a soft timber and there was an abundant supply at the time. Finished bowls were of a very high standard as particular attention was focused on finishing work.

Students made vases small solid wood platters and even a natural edge bowl.

Well done to all who attended.

Next training session will also be fully booked as there are about 10 on the waiting list.

GregorySheath

Members Welfare Report

The welfare of members and their families is important to our club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still, no longer with us.

Let me know at my email address: **bmclarke1720@gmail.com**.

Cards and well wishes have this month been sent to:

Alan Phelps

also

Paul Collins had a night in hospital several weeks ago.

Apparently he had difficulty breathing and was taken to hospital

and was admitted for treatment.

If anyone has been missed, be assured that the good wishes and

sympathies of our club are with you and your family.



<<< Congratulations Manny >>>

On your Highly Commended ribbon recently won at the 2021 Royal Easter Show in the craft section. Many of our club members have witnessed the well honed skills of the very affable Manny which were used in the making of this gem of a piece of the woodturners craft.

Manny began turning when he was about eight years old and he's probably forgotten more than many of us will ever know. Good on you Manny, keep doing what you are doing and long may you reign over us!



<<< CONGRATULATIONS ROBYN >>>

On your highly commended ribbon for your outstanding piece; A honey dipper with honey dripping off and ants feasting on the bounty as well. It truly is amazing to see Robin turning. Magnifying googles, a steady hand and some of the smallest tools you will ever see used on a lathe.

Robyn also had several other wins and ribbons in the flower arranging section. What a truly remarkable effort



<<< CONGRATULATIONS DAVID >>>

The cake stand was the second prize winner in the novice section and was made in 3 parts. Base, stem and of course the plate.

The clock was third place winner in the open section with the timber being camphor laurel.

Well done David. It has been truly inspiring watching you progress over the years.

Your determination to turn out great work is a credit to you.

4. How many times a year is a bi monthly periodical published?



It was the most shameful day of my life

An old man meets a young man who asks: “Do you remember me?” The old man says no. Then the young man tells him he was his student, and the teacher asks: “What do you do in life?” The young man answers: “I am a teacher.” “Ah how good, like me?” Asks the old man. “Well, yes. In fact, I became a teacher because you inspired me to be like you.” The old man, curious, asks the young man at what time he decided to become a teacher. The young man tells him the following story.

“One day, a friend of mine, also a student, came in with a nice new watch and I decided I wanted it. I stole it, I took it out of his pocket. Shortly after, my friend noticed that his watch was missing and immediately complained to our teacher, who was you. You then addressed the class saying, “This student’s watch was stolen during classes today. Whoever stole it, please return it.”

I didn’t give it back because I didn’t want to. You closed the door and told us all to stand up and form a circle. You also told us you were going to search our pockets one by one until the watch was found. You also told us to close our eyes, because you would only look for his watch if we all had our eyes closed. We all did as instructed.

You then went from pocket to pocket, and when you went through my pockets, you found the watch and took it. You kept searching everyone’s pockets. When you were done you said “open your eyes I found the watch” then you gave the watch to my friend. You didn’t tell on me; you did not punish me and you never mentioned the episode. You never said who stole the watch either. That day you saved my dignity forever.

IT WAS THE MOST SHAMEFUL DAY OF MY LIFE.

However, this is also the day I decided not to become a thief, a bad person, etc. You never said anything, nor did you even scold me or take me aside to give me a moral lesson. I received your message clearly. Thanks to you, I understood that a real friend does not steal from his mates or anyone else for that matter. You saved me from a life of crime. Do you remember this episode, professor?”

“Yes, I remember the situation with the stolen watch, which I was looking for in everyone’s pockets. I didn’t remember it was you because I also closed my eyes while looking.”

The morale of this story is:

It is a total breach of trust to steal from anyone regardless of whether he/she be friend, foe, fellow club member, the club or a total stranger. Theft, large or small, is a reprehensible action and a total breach of trust. When this happens in a group/club situation everyone becomes a suspect and thus everyone has lost the trust of his/her fellow members. When stolen items are returned other members think – he/she must have taken it home by mistake - the matter is eventually forgotten, trust restored and the thief regains his/her self-respect.

Quote of the Month :

Be honest unto and trust yourself and you will earn the trust and respect of others. Author - Unknown

Must Fly

Woodchip

5. What name is given to stomach when it’s prepared as a food?

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Warm wishes to the new born baby and the lucky parents too.

Congratulations to Sarah and Steve Attard on the birth of their baby boy, Artie.

We all wish you well and may the littlest feet make the biggest footprints in your hearts.

TO BUY, OR NOT TO BUY … A LATHE

A good lathe, must have a good foundation, and this begins with the bed of the lathe. Whether you choose to invest in a full-size lathe, a mini-lathe for turning pens and other very small items, or a midi-lathe somewhere in between, your lathe must have a solid bed, which is the main horizontal beam across the base of the lathe. This beam, often made from cast iron, needs to be heavy to keep the lathe from vibrating when the wood is spinning on the motor. Even the slightest vibration can make turning the part difficult (not to mention unsafe), so resist the urge to buy a lightweight lathe for mobility. Instead, find a place in your woodshop dedicated to woodturning so portability won't be a concern. Ironically, the heavier and more solid the base, the easier the lathe will be to use.

Library Update

Please note DVD's have been moved from the cupboard outside the store into the library.

VHS videos have been scrapped due to their poor condition. Thanks to Anna and Graham for their help.

Please ensure any magazines which belong to the club are returned.

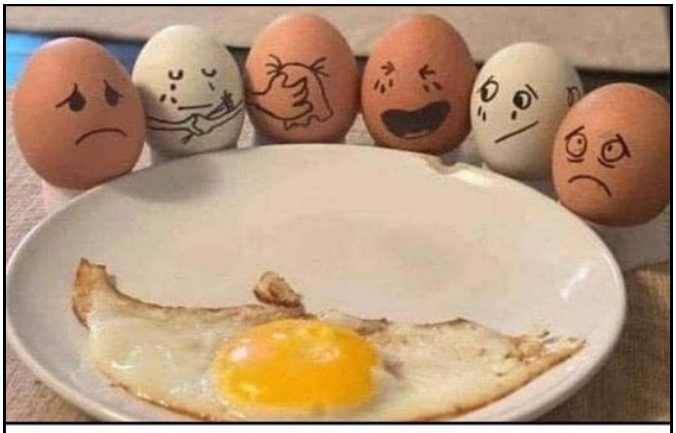
Thanks….Rod Brown

Answers:

1. **Paperbarks**
2. **Colonel Mustard**
3. **Jack Lemon**
4. **Six**
5. **Tripe**

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL

The plastic bins that are provided for sawdust **are not to be used for general rubbish**. Quite often items are found in these bins that should have been placed in the garbage bins that are also provided. Please do the right thing and don't be a lazy slob who chooses to make work for others. The sawdust is taken away to be used on gardens and if it has general rubbish mixed in with it we will lose this method of disposal and all members will be required to take the sawdust they generate with them when they leave the premises to dispose of as they wish.



He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.



Member Birthdays May			
Member #	Short Name	Surname	Member since
2824	Andy	Tappouras	Dec-10
3677	Danny	Klajman	Jun-15
3841	David	Lim	May-19
2875	David	Searle	Apr-11
3682	Eva	Steli-Gajdos	Jul-15
3793	Greg	Sheath	Nov-17
3596	Lawrence	Benjamin	Oct-13
2629	Lawrence	Mifsud	Nov-08
3696	Marc	Parsell	Jan-16
3641	Nev	Parsons	Nov-14
3888	Padraic	Kennedy	Oct-20
3873	Patrizia	Biondi	Aug-20
2535	Peter	Bohan	Feb-08
3616	Rod	Brown	Mar-14
3861	Rudy	Liedermann	Oct-19
3898	Sandra	Ongley	Feb-21

Hi All ….. A sad note this month as one of our all time greats, Alan Phelps, is not well and may not be able to visit the club any more. Our thoughts and best wishes to Alan and his wife and family as he will be sorely missed as he has been a leading light of Western Sydney Woodturners for many, many years.

Alan's work was of a very high standard and there are many examples on display at the club. He was ever willing to assist and ever ready with a compliment about an individuals work which came to be appreciated by many. Alan is a gentleman of the old school, well mannered, even tempered, a very good sense of humor and always ready to compliment members on their individual efforts. To Alan, there was no such thing as a mistake on a members turning, as he said to me once, "I don't look at the small imperfection's that are there, I see the effort and admire the attempt of what has been achieved."

To Alan, there were no failures, just opportunities to improve our abilities. I am one who has benefitted from his guidance and suggestions, and I'm indebted to him for helping me out when I was confronted with something I hadn't encounted before.

The help and suggestions he made were always given freely and without any thought of reward. As I said earlier, a true gentleman, in every sense of the word, a willing and honest person who we will all miss.

Until next issue….Les Coombes...Editor

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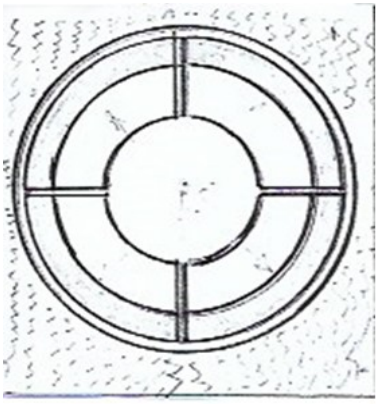
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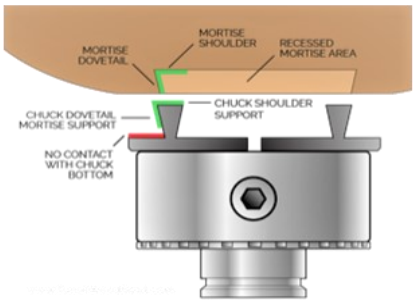
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Recess/Mortise Mounting

May 21

Right



Ideal hole diameter for jaw size



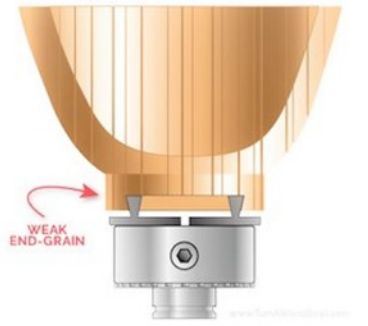
Mortise shoulder support

No contact with bottom of chuck

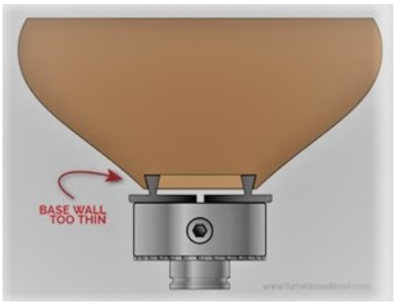


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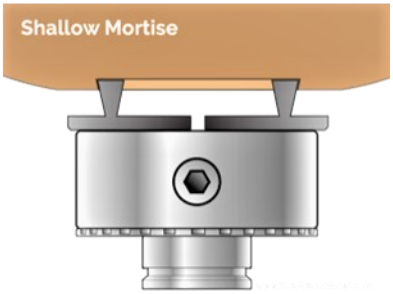
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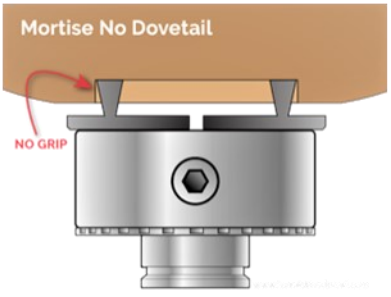
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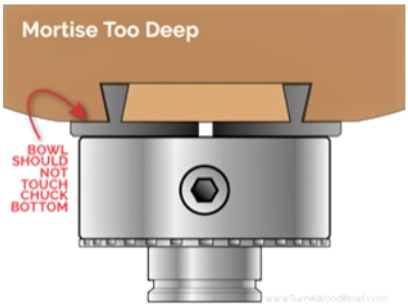
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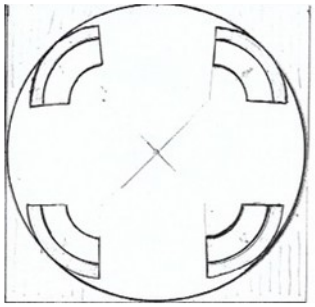
Shallow mortise



Mortise without a dovetail



Mortise to deep



Insufficient jaw contact

Eddie C

Note: As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of woodturning. These articles are a result of my reading various publications.