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PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2021

Hello Everyone,

The day has finally arrived and our Club has re-opened.

What we must do to follow the Law is use the QR code at the door or completely fill in the sheet at the entrance, be doubly jabbed and show your Certificate that you hav been vaccinated.

Slow progress please as it is the Law and the Convenors don't need any agro as they are only doing what they must.

The Stitches and Craft Show Canberra, along with Linnwood House have both been postponed until next year.

The A.G.M has been organised for the 5th December at the Club so remember that you need to have paid your Membership before the A.G.M. if you wish to attend and vote, so lets get together and bring our Club back to full strength.

JUST KEEP TURNING

BOB YOUNG.

FACE MASKS WEARING IS COMPULSORY

Face masks are compulsory indoors, as per latest Government Requirements.

Also, only vaccinated members can be admitted to the club but you must be in possession of a vaccination certificate which will need to be produced to gain admission.

No variation of these rules is possible.

NO CERTIFICATE … NO ADMITTANCE

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 Roman numeral for 50?**

Club Committee

President: Bob Young (0408760131)

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Trainers: Graham Dawes (JP), Rod Brown, Ron Devine, Greg Sheath, Rob Stewart, Bob Taylor & Bob Young.

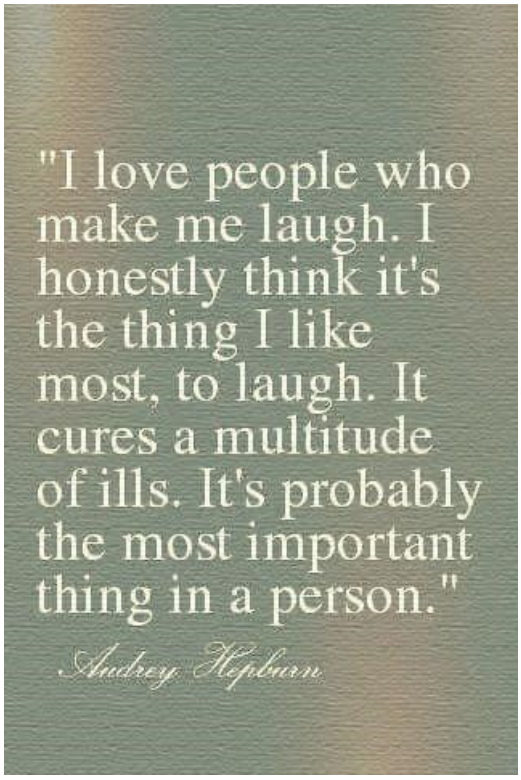
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Les Coombes and Bob Young

Stores, Equipment & Maintenance:
Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews, Graham Dawes (JP), Bob Young, Steve Attard and Ron Devine.

Welfare Officer: Barbara Clarke

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



Club Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am – 4pm….$5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm….$3

Saturday Turning:

Ladies Day – 2nd Saturday…$5

Contact: Anna Dawes –

9638 6995

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3rd Saturday of Month

8.30am – 4.00pm….$5

Contact: Les Coombes –

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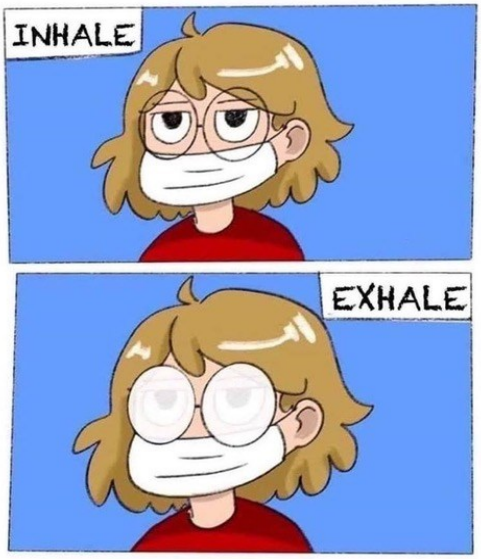
Maxi Day – 3rd Sunday

11:00am—2:00pm….$6

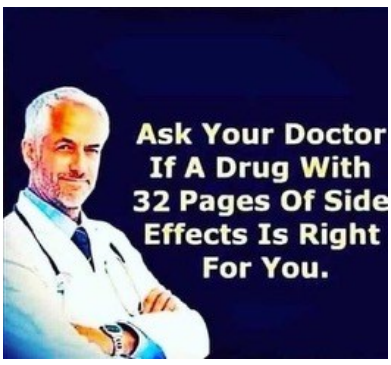
(Lunch included)

PLEASE NOTE:

Maxi Days are cancelled at the present time due to Covid



All active woodturners can relate



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.

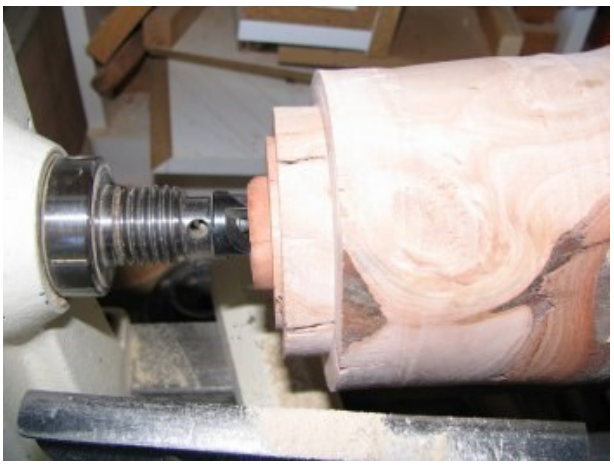
Turned Branch Bird House

by Bill Kaufman

As a new turner I needed a project that I could use to practice technique. Obviously, using expensive wood just wasn't going to work so I began rough turning branches from the wood pile. Shapes and spindles turned into a rough birdhouse shape. Over time I refined it into something that can add a little to the garden or patio and not impact the wood budget. This brief article describes the basic steps to create an ornamental bird house from a tree branch. Turn a few of these for the gardeners in your area. It sure beats throwing the branches in the landfill

Begin by selecting a piece of branch wood that will fit your lathe. Something around 4 to 6 inches in diameter will work just fine.

Cut a tenon that will fit the jaw dimension of your chuck.



Mount the stock in the chuck and begin by turning the roof to a pleasing taper.



This photo will give you an idea of the shape that I use. Almost any shape that strikes your fancy will work.



Using a parting tool cut a tenon to match the Forstner bit diameter that we'll use to hollow the body.
I use a 2" diameter for this step. 2" will allow me to mount the house body on my Compac chuck in the



Next start shaping the body of the bird house. I use a roughing gouge or a skew. This will give us an idea of the final size and some clearance for turning the inside of the roof in the next step .Begin cutting the underside of the roof away. This step is similar to cutting the bottom of the cap on a mushroom.
This will allow the roof to overhang the body of the bird house.
I use a shop made tool but a narrow scraper or even a parting tool could be used. The object is to remove enough stock to allow the roof to sit properly.



At this point we should have the roof base hollowed with a small step remaining. This step is used to set the roof height later. Look closely and you will see the small step. The 2" diameter tenon transitions to the roof underside leaving the step. We will set the final dimension later.

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Rough out the basic shape of the body of the bird house. I use a basic round shape but a cylinder or pear shape will work as well. Using a parting tool, separate the roof from the body of the bird house and set it aside.



Drill out the body of the bird house using a 2" Forstner bit. Hollowing end grain can be a pain. The drill bit makes is quick and easy. This step could also be done with anything from a gouge to a hook tool. Since these houses are ornamental I don't worry about wall thickness unless I'm turning them as Christmas ornaments when overall weight can be a factor.

Now you can use the body of the bird house as a jam chuck to finish the roof.

This is the time to set the step depth to allow the roof to set at the right height on the bird house.

When the fit is correct finish sand the roof and set it aside.





This project will be finalized in next months issue …..

3. In what Australian State is the Dismal Swamp?

How to Dance in the Rain

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not busy with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On examination, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health. He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's Disease.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

I was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?' He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.' I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arm, and thought; 'That is the kind of love I want in my life.' True love is neither physical, nor romantic.

True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be and will not be. With all the jokes and fun that are in e-mails, some-times there is one that comes along that has an important message. This one I thought I could share with you. The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

'Life isn't about how to survive the storm,

But how to dance in the rain.'

YOU CAN TRANSCEND ALL NEGATIVITY

WHEN YOU REALISE THAT THE ONLY POWER

IT HAS OVER YOU IS YOUR BELIEF IN IT.

AS YOU EXPERIENCE THIS TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF

YOU ARE SET FREE.

Eileen Caddy

4. How many days can a first Test Match in Cricket last?

Manure... An interesting fact.

*Manure **: In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything for export had to be transported by ship. It was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure for fertilizer were quite common.*

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM!

*Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening *

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction ' Stow high in transit ' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold bilges would not touch this "volatile" cargo and start the production of methane.

Thus evolved the term ' S.H.I.T ' , (Stow High In Transit) ,.....

* “So it’s really not a swear word” which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.*

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

***Neither did I. I had always thought it was a golfing term.**

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**.

Nothing to report this month

No cards sent

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

sympathies of our club are with you and your family.

Stay Safe ... Barbara Clarke….Welfare Officer





5. What Italian liqueur is made from Bitter Almonds?

DAVID SEARLE

THIS MONTH'S MEMBER UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT...



I have been a member of Western Sydney Woodturners for the last ten (10) years attending the Club on Fridays and Saturdays before retiring from work in 2017.

I was involved in the Insurance Industry since 1969 where i started as the mail boy and progressing to an Account Manager then Senior Account Manager and finally a Broking Placement Executive for an American Multi National Insurance Broker. This involved looking after Clients with millions of dollars of assets. Was it a stressful Job? very much so.

Why did I join the Club?

My wife encouraged me to find a hobby before I retired so that when the time came I would not be under her feet. I was a bit anxious at first as when talent was given out for woodworking etc I was out having morning tea and was not good at woodwork/turning at all.

How do I find Being a member of the Club?

Having been a member for some time I really enjoy going on Tuesdays and Fridays as with different members on each day there is the opportunity to learn from them as well as the friendship that being in a group brings. The training I have received has been fantastic and the patience of some of the members during that time is very much appreciated and tested I am sure.

Looking back to high school, when I put a chisel into the ceiling and another through a window into the car park, to where I am now is quite an achievement .

I have been able to win some ribbons at the Hawkesbury show on several occasions (still trying for First Prize) and put this down to the time spent at the Club and the input from my fellow members. So keep trying I will.

Would I recommend the Club to anyone?

Most certainly. The Club provides an environment where anyone can attend and is made welcome irrespective of their level of expertise. After all we were all learners once.

DO I have my own lathe?

Yes I have currently upgraded to a Cougar lathe similar to those we have at the Club which I have set up in a shed behind my garage and use this quite regularly.

Some examples of David's work...









Some further examples of David's work









Introducing the new PPP replacement product. Just the name is being changed, the contents are the same as before. Alan, who supplied us with several products to assist with finishing our projects, called this PPP. It is a mixture of Bees Wax, Paraffin Wax, DE and Gum Turpentine. Its purpose is to seal and prepare the object for the final polish medium. Once you have sanded and sealed and de-nibbed the fine fibers, PPP is then applied to prepare the surface for the final finish. I have re-named it, **Big Als' Ozzie Grit**, because in some ways it is similar to Yorkshire Grit and other similar products. This is available as a 250gr jar in the Club's shop and considering the job it does is great value for money.



Second of the replacement products is called Big Als' Sanding Sealer. A mixture of Shellac and thinners to seal your project after you have sanded it to your likening.

Available in a 250ml plastic bottle with a resealable cap. Big Als' Sanding Sealer is not intended to add a stain to your project but rather its job is to seal the pores of the wood. An essential product in most woodturners kits as it's essential to seal the wood before applying any finish.



Our third product is Big Als' Friction Polish. Currently available in a 200ml bottle this will be replaced by a 250ml size in due time. Composed of a mix of Shellac, Denatured Alcohol, Shines Shellac Hardener and several waxes it is a well tested product that imparts an exceptional gloss finish that is long lasting and hard wearing.

Apply a small amount of polish to the piece using a cloth or paper towel, while it is on the lathe, but with the lathe turned off. Put some more polish on the same piece of clothe or paper towel and turn on the lathe at a fairly high speed. Use the clothe or paper towel to even out the polish on the work. Then apply pressure to the piece using the cloth or paper towel. Apply several layers as this deepens the effect of the finish.



Our fourth product is Big Als' Chopping Board Wax which is formulated to provide a firm finish which needs buffing to bring out its best features. Commonly, Mineral Oil is usually used to seal chopping boards but this product, used correctly, replaces the oily finish of Mineral Oil and imparts a mid satin finish which is easy to maintain. After sanding your chopping board to the desired grit then using a clean cloth apply a coating of the wax and buff until smooth and no wax remains visible.



Covid – Freedom Day

The 11th of October 2021 is being called Freedom Day in NSW. Is that a true statement?

We will only know the answer to that question in a few weeks' time because if the entitled, the anti vaxxers and the idiots no not behave sensibly then we may suffer serious consequences.

All those who claim that the 106 days of lockdown has been so hard should talk to the generations that lived through the post war years and the great depression. We have not had to endure such things as:

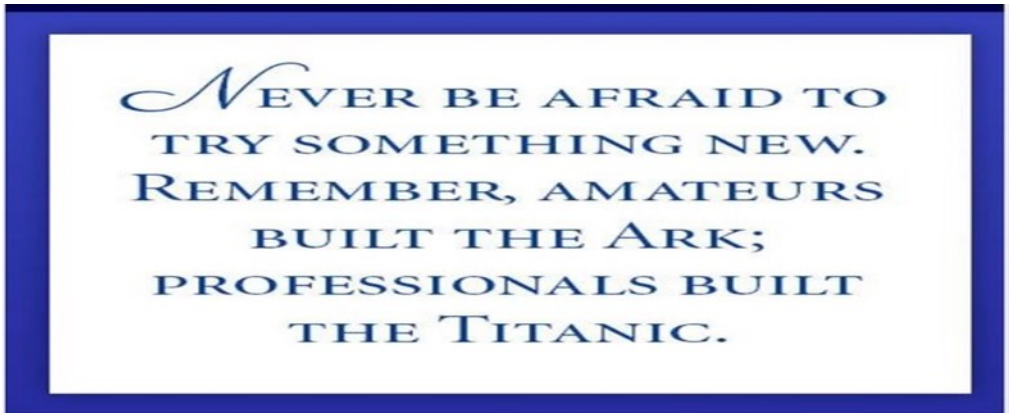
- Food and fuel shortages.
- Ration coupons for so many things that we take for granted.
- Men walking from town to town and sleeping under the stars as they looked for work.
- Clothes and shoes passed down the line within families and between families.
- Mum darning socks and reversing shirt collars on men's work shirts when they wore through.
- Etc. Etc.

On a lighter note, I hope you enjoy the following.

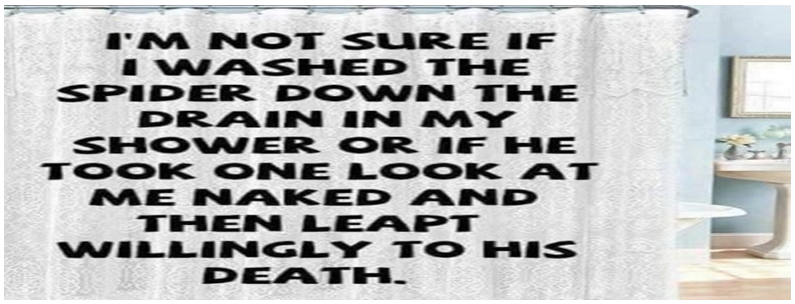
Question: How do you keep your car from being stolen? Answer: Buy one with a manual gearbox.

Question: How do you send a message in code? Answer: Handwrite it in cursive.

A wise man said: Hold your wife's hand in the mall because if you let go, she will start shopping. It looks romantic, but it's actually economic.









The age of technology.

Mother magpie to her chick: I don't care if your friend has a flight simulator you are going to learn to fly on your own.

A 10-year-old opens his birthday present, a book, from grandma, he asks his mother "How do I turn the pages?; there is no mouse, no keyboard and not even a joystick.

How to cure a foul mouth.

John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's beak was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity.

John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "to clean up" the parrot's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot but the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, put him in the freezer.

For a few minutes the parrot squawked, kicked and screamed. Then he was totally silent. Not a peep for a minute. Fearing he had hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped onto John's outstretched arm and said , "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I am sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behaviour".

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behaviour, the bird spoke very softly and said," May I ask what the turkey did?"

Quote of the Month

1. Men are like linoleum floors. Lay 'em right the first time and you can walk all over them for thirty years. – Betsy Salkind
2. When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. ~ Prince Philip

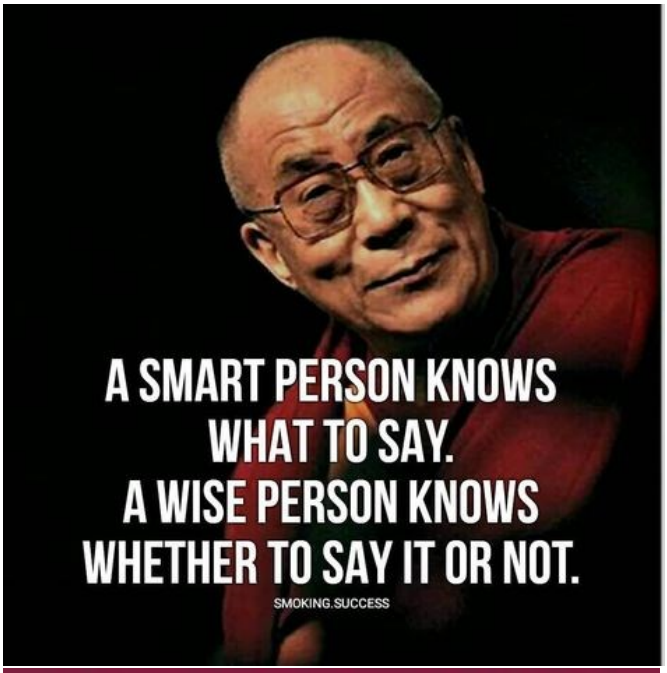
Must Fly

Woodchip

A SHIP IS ALWAYS SAFE AT SHORE BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT IT'S BUILT FOR.

-ALBERT EINSTEIN

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My wife wanted to disgrace me in the presence of her friends, she said I wasn't good in bed. She was shocked when they all disagreed with her.

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Long Weekends

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. **L**
2. **3**
3. **Tasmania**
4. **5**
5. **Amaretto**

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.





Member #	Short Name	Surname	Member since
3664	Barbara	Clarke	Mar-15
2862	Bob	Williams	Mar-11
2507	Eddie	Catford	Oct-07
3081	John	Miles	Jun-13
3757	Kim	Reeves	Jan-17
2719	Rob	Stewart	Jan-10
2064	Robyn	Mahoney	May-03
2081	Rohan	McCardell	Jul-03
2659	Shane	Catford	Feb-20
3615	Stephen	Attard	Mar-14
3907	Steve	Boyd	Apr-21
3906	Sue	Boyd	Apr-21

Hi All…..Hallelujah, freedom is here, although in a reduced form and we are able to re-open the club for double vaccinated members. It's only been 3 days so far but the return has been supported enthusiastically.

We also were able to hold a regular monthly meeting this week and that was very well attended as well. The date for the AGM has been announced and that will be held on the 5th of December and that will be held at the club. If there are any changes you will be notified in plenty of time. Please attend as it's your club and it needs every members support to head into the future.

Bunnings have been quick off the mark and we have been given some dates for their BBQ days. We have chosen a date in November so please check the notice board for the day. Your help will be greatly appreciated by the few that constanly work their butts off to benefit us all.

If any of you reading this and you would like to contribute and article or 3 please send it via the Westurn email address that is on page 3. Also, any ideas for the back page will also be very welcome.

Hopefully, now, the worst is behind us and life will be a bit more normal until the insanity of Christmas bears down on us but that will be a welcome change from lockdown.

Until next issue….Les Coombes...Editor

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Order Code: W33036

$227 SAVE $26

CHS4HD
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Item 8 **Right and Wrong** **October 21**

Tool holding

RIGHT

Either overhand or underhand maximum support for total control.
The handle of the tool held close to the body to control vibration and guidance.
The hand on the tool is close to the tool rest for support and guidance.
Minimum gap between tool rest and work piece.
Tool held firmly on tool rest using the rest as a guide.
NOTE. As a guide the recommended gap between the tool rest and work piece is approximately 2mm and the thickness of a pencil. Adjust tool rest accordingly.





WRONG

Either overhand or underhand loss of control (frightened, worried, not confident)
The handle not supported by body contact. (Unable to have consistent firm control)
The hand on the tool is too far away from the tool rest (loss of guiding and support)
The gap between tool rest and work piece far too much. (Too much overhang can only result in an “oops” a professional’s explanation of a DIG IN.) and the work piece being dislodged.
Continual adjustment of tool rest is a must for safe working and control.





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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.