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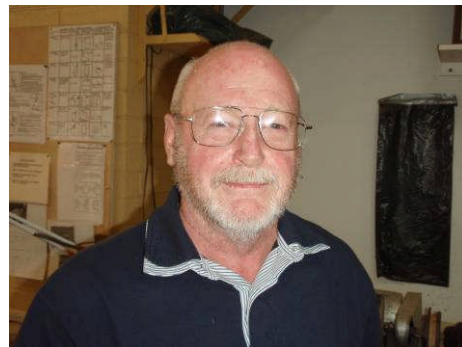
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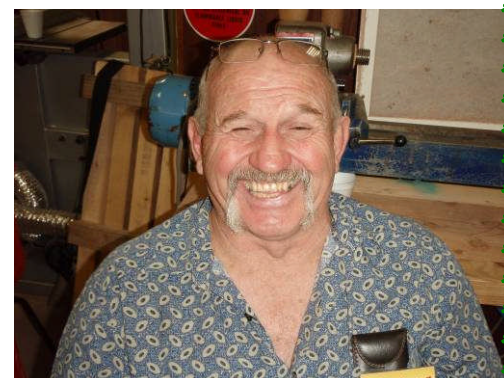
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Introducing our new Committee...

The Annual General Meeting of the Western Sydney Woodturners Incorporated was held at Twin Gums on Sunday 18th November. The election of officers was presided over by Barry Belford from the Guild.

President's Message:

Thank you for your support at the recent election and for having confidence in me to be your president. I hope you all join me in thanking the outgoing committee especially Bob Jarvis and Tony Maberly who have done a marvellous job over the past two years under some very difficult conditions.

The new committee will endeavour to continue to make our club the best in the Guild. We will continue to focus on turning both for our own gratification and giving joy to all and to still enjoy the comradeship of each other's company.

In the coming year we can look forward to an exciting and eventful time. The Guild is preparing to put on Woodturn 08 and next year is the 25th anniversary of the Guild.

Our membership is climbing as we continue to attract new members and I commend those of you who have acted as mentors to these new members and started them on the path of woodturning. Our club will become bigger and better than before. While we know we have the best club in Sydney we aim to continue to improve our club. This year we fitted new screens, lights and exhaust fans to each lathe and we have plans for obtaining more equipment in the new year.

On behalf of the committee I would like to extend to all members a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We will be back in action on Tues 8th, Wed 9th and Fri night 11th January 2008.

2007 was a productive year and \$2000 was raised for our charity, the Stroke Support Club. Let us aim to give a similar amount to our 2008 nominated charity.

Representatives to the Guild:



Other Officers:

Other positions which are regarded as volunteered or appointed, were also decided.

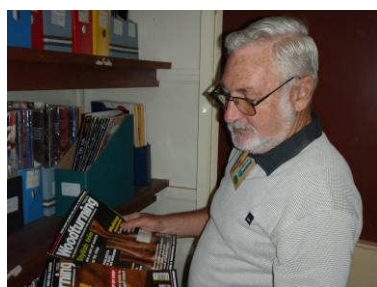
These include:

Welfare Officer: [Graham Murray](#) (02 4677 3979)
Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken Rock (Rocky) and our past Librarian Don Hughes who are both not travelling too well at this time.
Also Bob Hodge is suffering with carpal tunnel in both wrists. Get better soon Santa ready for your big day.
If anyone knows of any other of our members or their partners who are on the sick list, please contact Graham who will send a card on behalf of the club.

Catering Officer: [Rohan McCardell](#)
We thank Rohan for offering his services again to be in charge of the food and beverage department.

Library: See [Wayne Hipwell](#) if you would like to know what is currently available from our library.

Don't forget that we go to a lot of trouble to tape the demonstrations on Maxi-days and then transfer them to DVD. These are then added to the Library so that all members can use them.



Please remember that all care should be taken with borrowed items and to bring them back as soon as you are finished. Just as in other libraries one month is usually sufficient time to have an item out.

Stores, Equipment & Maintenance: [Graham Dawes](#), [Alan Phelps](#) and [Dave Matthews](#).

Please let them know if you find any problems with any of the machinery in the hall.

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Thank you to those who have given me things to include in our newsletter over this year. Also thanks for members who have written reports of demonstrations and excursions. If any of you would like to submit articles, jokes, pictures, etc for future issues, they would be appreciated.

Western Sydney Woodturners Calendar for 2007/8:

Workshops: Every **Tuesday** from 9.30am, \$5
Wednesday from 9.30am \$5
Friday Night from 7.00pm. \$3

Maxidays: **Third Sunday** every month from 10.00am
There is usually a demonstration by a guest turner.
Lunch is provided. Cost \$6.

Committee Meeting: The committee meeting is held on the **second Tuesday of the month** starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums. All are welcome to attend.

Club closes Friday 21st December 2007.
Re-opens Tuesday 8th January 2008.

The next Committee meeting is on 12th February 2008.

Ladies Days: Ring or see [Anna Dawes](#) for details on 96386995.

Other Coming Events/Demonstrations:

February Maxiday is on Sunday 18th February, so get busy preparing some items for Show & Tell. A guest turner will be demonstrating and after lunch we are hosting a meeting of the Guild.

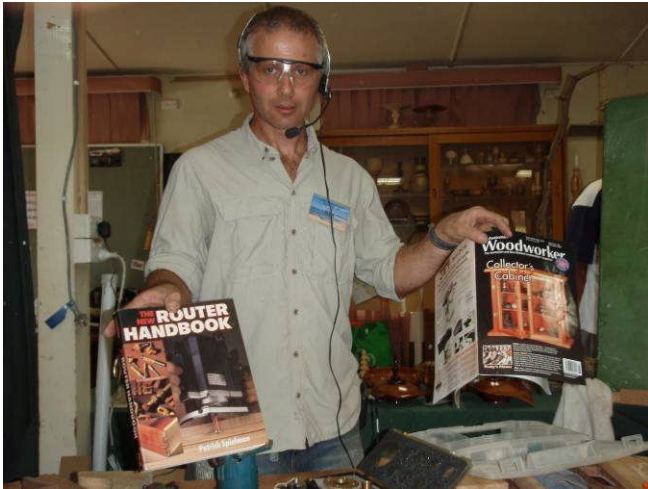
Bowls for Any Event!

Don't forget if you are not turning anything in particular, think about turning one of our blanks. It appears that these are becoming very popular at our demonstrations in the rummage box. They are a significant source of income for the club and our charity work.

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Maxiday 18th November — Ken Copper Demo

You'd have to call Ken an enthusiast and expert on the use of the router who acknowledges the influence of Patrick Speilman's book "The New Router Handbook".



Ken set up his demonstration with his home-made router table with two machines installed and another half dozen at the ready. He favours the original Triton plunge router for its variable speed, superior mechanism for raising and lowering the bit and the facility of being able to change the bit from above the table. Others he uses are models like the Makita and a small one designated a Laminex Trimmer.

Ken demonstrated how to set the depth stops then showed us the different kinds of bits with profiles which produce a stepped roundovers. These bits have a bearing designed to run along a template when used. He showed us bits with positive rakes, others with negative rakes, and cutters for use with a dovetailing jig for making those fancy box drawers.



Ken's router table design enables him to choose a fence to suit each particular job. He has made a selection of different sized fences each with provision for the vacuum hose. He emphasised the importance of safety when using the router and of being conscious of



the direction of rotation of the cutter and that the job should be fed in the opposite direction to that rotation.

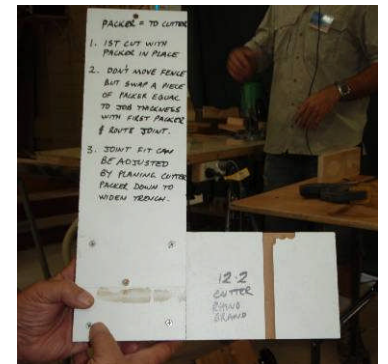
When mounted in the table, the bit rotates anti-clockwise when view from above but when the router is used freehand the direction of rotation is clockwise.

Jigs make many jobs so much easier. Ken showed how to make and use jigs for cutting out the edge of doors for mounting the hinges. He used a spiral inlay cutter set from Carba-Tec to use with a template.



He used it to produce an inlay. With the collar attached, Ken routed around the template placed over the background timber then removed the waste inside the shape. Then he removed the collar and used the same template to route the piece from the other timber, after sticking it to the bench with double-sided tape to prevent it wandering. Thanks to a well designed template and the use of the inlay kit, the inlay fitted perfectly

Ken has a jig designed to position grooves to be routed for such applications as letting in cabinet shelves is adaptable to any shelf thickness and uses any router cutter that same size or less.



The system depends on having a packer or spacer the same width as the cutter. The first cut is done with the packer in place. Then take the packer out and replace it with a narrow piece of timber the same thickness as your shelf material and run the router through again. The trench will magically be the correct width.

Ken is no slouch at woodturning either. His contributions to Show & Tell were of a high standard. Of particular interest was a non-inverting salt seller and a metre long "Trembleur" which would demand exceptionally steady eye & hand coordination with plenty of good string steadies.



A Selection from Show & Tell 18th November

Peter Bland Bowl Jacaranda & Rosewood	George Wells Screwtop Jar Jacaranda; Estapol	Syd Churchward 3 bowls Camphor Laurel; Shellac	Manny Farrugia Segmented Bowl Pine, Jarrah; Estapol
Don Nixon Mixed Bowls NG Rosewood, Camphor Friction Polish	Peter Bland Necklace Stand Camphor Laurel Friction Polish	John Malysiak Segmented Vase NG Rosewood, Pine, Black- wood; EEE and wax	Alan Starkey Beaded Bowl Silky Oak Clear Acrylic
Erich Aldinger Mystery Bowl; She-oak Challenge: How was it made?	Ken Cooper Awl; Ferrule brass plumb- ing Fitting; Steel from McJing	Neil Guthrie Lidded Box Spalted Jacaranda	Ken Cooper Trembleur Ramin
Bob Hodge (Santa) Rustic Bowl Eucalypt Burl; 7008; Danish Oil	Erich Aldinger Winged Bowl Tiger Nyrrtle	Neil Guthrie Bowl Spalted Jacaranda	Ken Rock (Rocky) Segmented Lighthouse Various timbers



Some Club Scenes



Deep concentration at the Annual General Meeting



Some of the boys enjoying an early Xmas lunch



Ed receives some advice from Tony



Manny shows how it's done



Dave making skateboards for the lathes



An electric planer helps Bob get a nice flat surface

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Maintenance Check

Submitted by Rohan McCardell

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction. The engineers read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

(P = The problem logged by the pilot)
(S = The solution and action taken by the engineers)

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.
S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

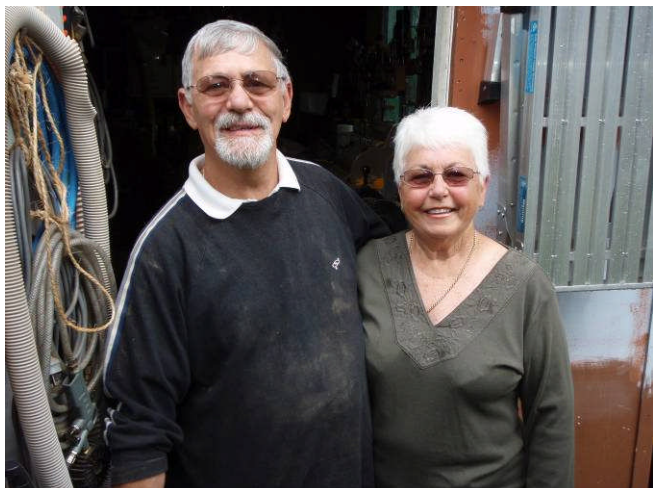
P: Mouse in cockpit.
S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
S: Took hammer away from midget.

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Your Turn ... Robert Taylor

Bob and Colleen Taylor first met when they both worked at David Jones city store back in the 50's



When he left school at age 15 so that he could help support the family, Bob wanted to become a carpenter but to become an apprentice at this time you had to be 16 years of age. Unable to wait the twelve months, Bob accepted a job at David Jones as a Dry Cleaner. Back in these days before synthetics, wash and wear and drip-dry fabrics, DJ's had about one hundred employees in the Dry Cleaning section. Bob quickly learned the various processes and became expert in all aspects of the process such as spotting, cuffing, pressing, pleating, etc.



Bob with the old cash register from bygone days

These childhood sweethearts married in 1961 and have two sons and six grandkids. Their place is one of those very comfortable homes and the garden, complete with chicken coop, reflects their love of the "Good Life". They look forward to their frequent trips to see the family and also love to get away from the city and spend some time at their property at Hill End.

In 1973 Bob and Colleen established their own Dry Cleaning business at Greystanes and in 1974 another shop at Pendle Hill.

After a lifetime in the same industry, Bob retired in the year 2000 and looked around for something to do.

He became interested in woodturning and took lessons at the local TAFE and was introduced to our club by Adrian Barendregt.

Bob is nearly always present at the meetings and enjoys the friendly banter over lunch. He is very active member of the Western Sydney Woodturners and is one of our representatives at the Guild meetings.



His trips to the country probably explain the fact that he has a pretty good collection of timber ready to be turned into shavings. Here's some of his woodheap. Of course, some of it might be as a result of his trip up into Queensland earlier this year.



In conjunction with four of his club friends, Bob shares in having a stall at the monthly Craft Market at Castle Hill where he has an outlet for some of the many articles he produces

Bob was missed at the club last Wednesday. When we heard that he had tripped, fell and suffered an injury to his leg, a couple of his "friends" insinuated that he may have had a foot in his mouth at the time and went to change feet. And they wondered if there were some tools going cheap. — Or a lathe?

Steady Bob. You know it wasn't me!

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Jack, an older gentleman woodworker, feared his wife, Becky, was getting hard of hearing.

So one day Jack called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The Doctor made an appointment for a hearing test in two weeks, and said that meanwhile there's a simple informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the state of her problem.

Here's what you do, said the Doctor, "Start out about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response.

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room. He thinks to himself that he is about 40 feet away. "Let's see what happens," he mutters.

Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. So Jack moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet from Becky and repeats, "Honey, what's for supper?"

Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from Becky and asks, "Honey, what's for supper?"

Again he gets no response.

So he walks up to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?"

Again there is no response. So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

She replies, "For God's sake, Jack!
For the FIFTH TIME, CHICKEN!"

Ode to cranky men

I chanced to pass a window
While walking through a mall
With nothing much upon my mind,
Quite blank as I recall.

I noticed in that window
A cranky-faced old man,
And why he looked so cranky
I didn't understand.

Just why he looked at ME that way
Was more than I could see
Until I came to realize
That cranky man was ME!

Automotive horror

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful!"

"Heck," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Bathroom troubles

Three old men are sitting on the porch of a retirement home. The first says, "Fellas, I got real problems. I'm seventy years old. Every morning at seven o'clock I get up and I try to urinate. All day long I try to urinate. They give me all kinds of medicine but nothing helps."

The second old man says, "You think you have problems. I'm eighty years old. Every morning at 8:00 I get up and try to move my bowels. I try all day long. They give me all kinds of stuff but nothing helps."

Finally the third old man speaks up, "Fellas: I'm ninety years old. Every morning at 7:00 sharp I urinate. Every morning at 8:00 I move my bowels. Every morning at 9:00 sharp I wake up."

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Well, the good news is that
we were able to save his leg.