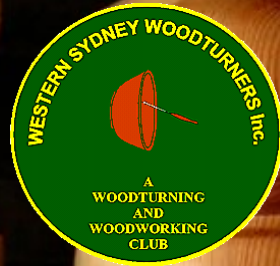


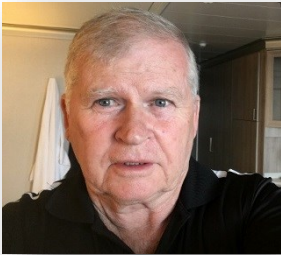
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Only two more months until the AGM which this year will be held on Sunday 21st July and a new committee will be elected. Nominations are now open and the nomination forms are available at the Club on the desk. All positions will be declared vacant and a totally new Committee will be elected and installed. It is planned that a light lunch will be provided and all are welcome to come along and take part. AS part of the AGM a competition that has been organised by Anna will be judged and that will be in the morning preceding the AGM. As usual, the AGM commences at 12:00 midday but it has been suggested that we commence this at 1:00pm so that the judging and lunch can be finished without any rushing and undue stress, more of this later. The last several years have seen a reasonable turnout of members attending and I trust the same will be true this year, after all it is a members Club and you the member can be a part of the decision making process by being there. As per our constitution there will be no proxy voting or postal voting, to have your say you must be there. The following positions are available for your nomination: President, Vice Presidents (2), Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations close 7 days before the AGM which will be the 14th of July.

The new mobile sharpening stand is finished and will be used for demonstrations, instruction etc and is definitely worth all the work that has gone into it. A big thank you to Maurie Knight for the hours of sweat and inspiration that was expended in the construction of the stand and also to Graham Dawes for the paintwork and Friday Night John for his very valuable input as well. Work will commence shortly on the sharpening system in the tool room which will start as soon as the new grinder arrives. The accessories are the same as the mobile grinder so 2 systems will be available for use.

We have quite a few of new members, the class just completed had 10 willing beginners, and I, on behalf of the committee and members, welcome you all to our, and now your, Club. I trust your time being a member will be long and enjoyable.

Until I see you at the Club stay safe and stay well ...
(President)

Les Coombes

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: augoodtime@hotmail.com

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(0408760131)

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Paul Collins

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Manou.

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Hedges 0422 655 994

brankahedges@aol.com

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

Club Hours

Mon-Fri: 8:30am – 4pm....\$5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm....\$3

Saturday Turning

Ladies Day: 2nd Saturday...\$5

Contact: Anna Dawes

0409 460 693

annafdawes@hotmail.com

4th Saturday of Month

8.30am – 4.00pm...\$5

Every member welcome

Contact: Les Coombes

0404 001 562



Club Meetings

Shop items

- ⇒ Ozzie Grit
- ⇒ 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.**

VALE.

It is with great sadness I let you know of the passing of our member and good friend Peter Bohan just short of his 92 birthday. Peter had been suffering with breathing issues over recent times and under home palliative care.

We extend our sympathy and condolences to his wife Jan and family.

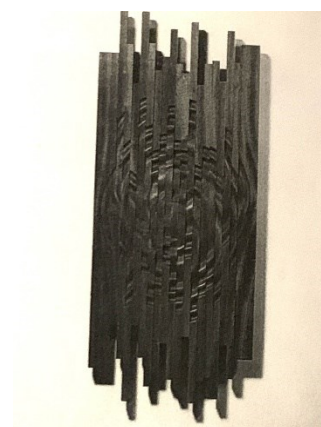
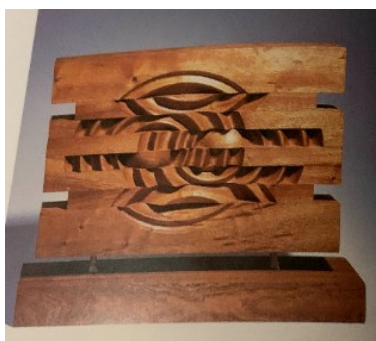
Looking for a Challenge, to create something a little different?

Members are invited
to turn a simple 'rosette' on a square of timber,
cut their creation into lengths which are then mixed-up/
re-organised and glued or dowelled together into a more
sculptural piece.

Maybe a trivet, wall-hanging, or ...



Robyn Mahoney



John Hunnex, Stephen Hogbin

Please bring for display on Maxi Day 19th May.

ABRASIVES

My story (The Editor)

When I began my woodturning journey, I knew that I would need to sand my 'masterpieces' and thought that sandpaper was either fine or coarse. Boy, did I have a lot to learn and now I realise that I haven't even begun to scratch the surface (no pun intended).



In the beginning, I went to Bunnings and bought a multi-grit boxed set with 1/2 inch wide strips. After several burnt fingers, I tried folding these narrow strips to prevent heat transfer and then progressed to buying sheets that I then cut into more usable sizes.

Throughout this learning phase, I was always disappointed with the time taken to sand and the results that I was getting— scratches and rough results.

Then I had an epiphany—I could get a better result if my cuts were better. But, how would I do that? I was already doing my very best! Or was I?

One day, one of the club's best turners asked me what I was doing and I told him that I was just getting rid of the waste before I got down to doing fine cuts. He suggested that I treat every cut as if it was the finishing cut. By doing that I would improve much more rapidly and if I made a mistake, only the waste wood may be damaged. What great advice Ray, thanks!

Focusing on better turning did help a lot, but there was still the issue of how to sand better. I had tried the narrow strips, sheets of sandpaper and then someone pointed out the box of Abranet. I died and went to Heaven: good cutting power, little to no heat, minimal scratching and reusable again and again.

Recently the club went through a phase where there was pretty much only 600 grit Abranet discs so I went looking for my own supply of Abranet.

While I appreciate that the Abranet discs available at the club are free and do a very good job, their prior life has taken the edge off them so to speak.

I found a company that sells them new. 10 packs of each grit are available for around \$20 (currently on sale for \$11). They also have 10 packs with a range of grits in each. You can buy a coarse or a fine multi grit pack.



If you think that the used discs available at the club are good, I can assure you that the new ones are just amazing.

Their contact details are:

Best Abrasives at 2/29 Production Avenue, Kogarah
Phone (02) 8036-8478 and email
info@bestabrasives.com.au

A little bit more about abrasives. . .

Abrasives are sharp grains of various materials that can be used to wear away another material. There is a large selection of materials offering different cutting properties to meet the wide variety of applications used in industry. They also come in a regular range of sizes, which affects removal rates and surface finish.

Aluminium Oxide is a synthetic material (man made) which comes in many different forms, each of which is characterised by a different colour. Blue/grey is regular aluminium oxide that is highly resistant to wear and extremely durable. It will out perform all other bonded abrasive grains. Other colours are brown, which, pink, ruby and blue. Each of these colours has additional and different chemical compositions.

Ceramic is a specially manufactured crystalline abrasive structured for high stock removal and is similar in appearance to blue/grey Aluminium Oxide.

Garnet used in coated abrasives Almandite, a reddish-brown mineral of medium hardness. It has good cutting edges which tend to break or refracture when being used to create new cutting edges. It is used as a wood abrasive.

Flint is a quartz (silicone dioxide) and is which it colour. It is the abrasive used in common sandpaper but it is not a good abrasive. (hence my journey to 'discover' a better sanding solution).

Zirconium is a very fine, dense, man-made crystalline grain which can be used for aggressive stock removal. It has unique self-sharpening characteristics and so has long life on heavy stock removal operations.

Grit

The crude grains are crushed and separated into sizes, call grit sizes, using calibrated screens. The size is the number of openings per linear inch in a controlled sieving screen, through which the grains fall. Grits range from 12, which is very coarse through to 1,200 which is very fine.

Craft Alive



4 Day Event

Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)

23rd - 26th May 2024.

Members who wish to take part are to put their names on the noticeboard at the club.

Here are some of the other things on at the Event

Craft Alive

23 – 26 May 2024 | EPIC

2Bee Inspired
ACT Embroidery Guild
ACT Textile Arts Association
Angel Gowns
Australian Lace Guild - Queanbeyan
Basuki Handicrafts
Belmont Patchwork Heart
Berry Quilt & Co
Bittern by the Bug
Breastscreen ACT
Broken River Quilts
Bunyipp Hemp
Button Ladies
Can Do Books
Cascade House Embroidery
Catchy Crafts
Consider Me Beads & Accessories
Create with Jacquie
Creature Crafts
Eppiflex EPP Templates
Fabric at the Right Price
Hobbysew
Hyalmo Handicraft

International Trade and
Exhibition Nepal
Just Patchwork
Katie's Patchwork Packs
Kathmandu Pashmina
Collection Centre
Kirkwood
Know How Sewing Essentials
Lutterloh Patternmaking
Logan's Patchwork
MaaiDesign
Material Girls Down under
Merocoat
Mulberry Lane Quilting & Crafts
Niagara Medical Therapy
Online Quilt Magazine
Outfit Creation and Garment Industry
Patchwork with Gail B
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Post Office Patchwork
Reece Scannell
Scissorman.com.au
Seaside Cut & Quilt

Sew Can I
Sew Pieceful
Shop with Kaye
Stampin' Up!
Step Flex Orthotics
Stitch 2340
Stitches N Things
Storage4Crafts
Sugar and Spice Gourmet Foods
Sweet Pea Machine Embroidery
The Canberra Modern Quilt Guild
The Colourist's Quilts
The Quilt Shop
The Quilting Patch
The Xenium Craft
Third Eye Handicraft
Timeless Treasures Jewellery
Tracey Sims Designs
Unique Stitching (Kirkwood)
Wabi-Sabi Designs
Western Sydney Woodturners
Wrapped in Paper
You Are Brave Textiles

CraftAlive features both local and interstate craft experts, the show is packed full of the latest craft supplies, kits and equipment.

CraftAlive is a hands-on event.

[Canberra Craft Show](#) | [Australia](#) | [Craft Alive](#)



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Due 30th June

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Address: PO Box 4008 LALOR PARK NSW 2147

Location: Twin Gums Retreat
Corner Northcott Road and Diane Drive, LALOR PARK, NSW 2147

ABN: 56 763673 121

I, (Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr.) (Full name of Applicant)

Address.....

Post Code

Member Number..... Date of Birth.....

Home Telephone..... Mobile..... Email.....

hereby apply to renew my club membership for a further 12 months commencing July 1st., and in doing so agree to be bound by the rules of the Association as amended from time to time.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Complete this form and return with payment to the Club.
2. Post this completed form and a Cheque or Money Order (Payable to Western Sydney Woodturners Inc.) to Membership Secretary PO Box 4008 Lalor Park NSW 2147.
3. Transfer your subscription to Commonwealth Bank BSB 062452 Account No. 10294778, complete this form and email the form and the record of your subscription transfer to treasurer@westernsydneywoodturners.com
4. Fill out the Credit Card details at bottom and return to Western Sydney Woodturners.

Note: Payment must be received by 01 July.

Change of address and/or Details

If you are about to or have changed your address or any details you may have previously provided, or wish to provide further details, please complete below as appropriate.

1. Name of Spouse/Partner..... (Optional)
2. Are you a returned or ex-service person? Yes No
3. Is your Spouse/Partner a returned or ex-service person? Yes No
4. Are you a Carer for a returned or ex-service person? Yes No

Employment Status: Retired Semi Retired Employed Student

I agree to my name and phone numbers and email address being included in:

The Club Contact List Yes No

I will collect my copy of WesTurn Newsletter by: Website Email Copy at Club

Signature.....

Date.....

Credit Card Details

Name on Card.....

Card Type..... Expiry Date...../.....

Credit Card Number.....

Amount..... CVC.....

Administration:

Renewal Received/...../.....

Renewal Processed/...../.....

Receipt No.

Membership No.

Database Updated/...../.....

(Renewal Form revised) May 2022

BUNNINGS BBQ

If you can help out for some or all of the day, please put your name on the board at the club.

Future dates

June—Saturday 15/6/2024

August— Saturday 17/8/2024

October— 19/10/2024

April 20th Report

What a day, mother nature decided to let us know what time of the year it was and turned on the first cold day, however, we took all that in our stride and moved forward. Unfortunately the day was not as profitable as we had hoped due to the weather, school holidays and the down escalator not working meaning we didn't get any return passing customers.

The support from the club members assisting on the day was exceptional, it allowed us to schedule more relief periods and enable others to leave a little earlier than usual. Also the support of members dropping in to say "hi" also was appreciated and didn't go unnoticed.

To those members who helped on the day a special thank you for a job well done your support is also really appreciated as the days can sometimes be long and draining. Eddie C.



Maxi Day

Presenter:

Date: 19 May 2024

Subject:



BRING and BUY

Roll Up

Roll Up

On Maxi day 19th May we have an opportunity to bring along to the meeting anything no longer required that we wish to sell or swap. This hopefully also means bringing your ideas, as well as homemade jigs for a particular job to show

or just something different that others can learn from.

Maybe some members might choose to use a lathe and do a small informal demo showing a 'how to' that they wish to share!

A great day in the making participate and take the opportunity to catch-up with mates.



Hints & Tips



Using Hot Melt Glue.

This method of holding two pieces of wood together is being use a lot recently. Consequently, why I feel it is important to high light the correct way to use it for the maximum efficiency.

It is wrong to apply hot glue to cold surfaces.

It is wrong to apply hot glue to dirty surfaces.

It is wrong to apply hot glue to rough, uneven surfaces.

It is wrong to apply hot glue to oily surfaces.

If you are going to use this method, then do the right thing and heat both surface to be glued prior to applying the hot glue to approximately the same temperature of the glue.

This allows time for the two pieces to be positioned correctly.

It allows the glue to spread evenly, not clump and form cavities.

It allows full contact over a slightly saw tooth marked surface.

All of this gives maximum contact and maximum gripping ability with added safety and confidence it will not separate while turning.

The most popular method of heating these pieces is a hair drier, electric iron, old electric fry pan. These are some of the methods but confident there are many others that have been used.

Oyez

Oyez

Oyez

Announcing a club competition to be judged in the morning on our July AGM day.

You are invited to participate by creating from a wide choice of Christmas themed items.

Hanging for light-weight tree decorations will be available and table space for other items provided.

Entries must be made of at least 50% wood.

The timbers utilized to be the entrants choice.

The submitted work must have been 100% crafted by the entrant and therefore MUST NOT incorporate any hands-on assistance or application of finishes by others.

Should any member require some 'how to',
this should be undertaken using materials that in no way will be a part of the finished item,
please practice on scrap/sacrificial wood.

Stepping out of comfort zones if you are trying something new, can be rewarding.

**Mastering new skills such as multi-axis, inside-out turning,
or a range of decorative techniques can be a great deal of fun ...**

Most importantly, get into the mood, participate,

CREATE, HAVE FUN, BE FESTIVE

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G

M

19 July 2024

Come Along—Nominate—vote



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member #	Title	First Name	Surname
2535	Mr.	Peter	Bohan
2629	Mr	Lawrence	Mifsud
2824	Mr.	Andy	Tappouras
2875	Mr.	David	Searle
3596	Mr.	Lawrence	Benjamin
3616	Mr.	Rodney	Brown
3793	Mr.	Gregory	Sheath
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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.

Get Well Cards have been sent to the following Members and/Or Partners

Glenn Freeman, Alan Condon and Janelle Fathers

We wish everyone a Speedy Recovery.

A Sympathy card was also sent to:

Peter Bohan's Family

Let me know at my email address: **brankahedges@aol.com**

or

Text me on: **0422 655 994**

If anyone has been missed, be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our club are with you and your family.

Stay Safe ... Branka Hedges....Welfare Officer

Sunday Turning

"On Sunday 21st April, seven keen turners arrived at the club, most spending a long day at the lathes leaving just before 5pm. Three other members were also present for a time attending to various club matters. Eddie in particular, diligently attending to the last of the BBQ cleaning-up generated at the Bunnings BBQ the day before.

Unfortunately it seems that exchanging the lure of a good feed and the usual Maxi Day opportunity to watch an interesting demonstration, for a mere BYO lunch enhanced by convivial interaction with mates and a chance to progress projects, seems to have passed most members by.

As it is not practical for the club to run both the Bunnings BBQ and a Maxi Day on the same weekend, alternate months will be without our traditional maxi day. As a trial the club will be open on the Sundays of the BBQ weekends and hopefully more members will take the opportunity for talk and turning, especially with members not usually encountered.

Those present had a great time, met their goals, and are looking forward to another such a day on the third Sunday in June.

Hopefully see you then."

Anna

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- 2 x blade speeds
- LED lighting
- 0.75kW / 1hp 240V

\$869 (was)



BP-360

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- Cast iron table tilts 45°
- 2 x blade speeds
- LED lighting
- 1.1kW / 1.5hp 240V

\$1,089 (was)



BP-355

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- Cast iron table tilts to 45°
- 2hp, 240V motor

\$1,419 (was)



BP-430A

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- Electronic safety motor braking system
- 488 & 1010M/min blade speeds
- Ball bearing blade guides
- 1.5kW / 2hp, 240V motor

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- 480 x 480mm cast iron table
- Electronic safety motor braking system
- Ball bearing blade guides
- 488 & 1010M/min blade speeds
- 1.5kW / 2hp, 240V motor

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- 580 x 580mm minimum
- 750 x 850 maximum
- Square steel tube frame

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DCA-100R - Dust Hose Reducer

- 100mm-83mm reducer
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\$9.90 (was)



CCA-360 - Circle Cutting Attachment

- 110 - 360mm Circle Capacity
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Specifications and prices are subject to change without notification. Offer is valid till the 31st of June.

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Jam Chuck

May 2024



The TRADITIONAL jam chucks were designed many years ago as a means of being able to finish a work piece. The process was to complete a base whether it be a bowl, box or any object that had a mating top or lid. On the completion of the base the top would then be turned so that it was a very tight or JAM fit allowing it to be completed by turning, sanding and polished while being unsupported.

The Friction Drive Chuck (incorrectly called a jam chuck)



The friction drive chuck is a mounting method and devised over time where the bottom of a work piece can be partially removed when there was a limited number of other means to finish the bottom of that work piece.

Unfortunately, there is still work to be done as the tail stock has to always be in contact preventing you from finishing the bottom.

Note: Both these methods are acceptable and extensively used. The problem being while the friction drive chuck is held between centers it is technically jammed in position and relies on pressure to work where the Jam chuck is self-reliant and enables work to be finished without having to do any further work when removed from the lathe.

On this basis there should NOT be any confusion about what a jam chuck is as it is the only method that can be self-supported to complete the task.

Note. As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of wood turning. These articles are the results of my reading article publications.

Eddie C