

# WesTurn News

The official organ of Western Sydney

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**Western Sydney Woodturners Inc**

**Twin Gums Retreat, Corner Northcott Road and Diane Drive**

**PO Box 4008, Lalor Park NSW 2147**

**Web Site: [www.westernsydneywoodturners.com.au](http://www.westernsydneywoodturners.com.au)**

The AGM is almost upon us – 20 th July. The training team will be giving a demonstration on turning lidded boxes starting 10am and the Club will be providing a lunch to all members present. A big thanks to Eddie for offering to organise the lunch. The meeting must commence at 1pm (as per our Constitution), so it will be a busy morning indeed. If you haven't already renewed your membership, you must do so ASAP to remain financial. I'm aware that there was a dodgy email address on the renewal form that was sent to members – I have rejigged the renewal form (too late for this year, but at least it's ready for next time). I have also reworked the membership application form and will make them available at the front desk shortly.

George and I will be checking out some venues for our Christmas party and a date is yet to be settled on, so we'll advise further on that later.

We had a very successful Bunnings BBQ in early June! These BBQs are our main source of external fund raising for the Club, but as age creeps up on some of us, it's becoming more and more difficult to do the hard yards on this front. In particular, is there one or more "younger" members who could take over or share the burden of loading the trailer, towing it to Bunnings, and back to the Club for unpacking at the end of the day? Please let me know if you can help out – you don't need to commit to every BBQ, but any that you could do would be helpful. We have 2nd August and 4th October remaining this year. We won't have dates for next year until closer to Christmas.

It can be problematic when you have work on a Club face plate or chuck then don't finish that day. Please remember that the chucks and face plates in the tool room are expected to remain at the Club except in truly exceptional circumstances, otherwise they aren't available for other members to use while at the Club. If you find yourself in this situation frequently and don't want the frustration of trying to accurately re-chuck the work later, consider buying a face plate or chuck of your own. On any given day, there are quite a number of face plates that are missing from the tool room leaving some members unable to mount their work for the day. I will also find a better solution for the storage of the chucks in the tool room, as a number of items (particularly cole jaws) have been damaged when accidentally knocked off the nails we hang them on.

This is my final report as President for the current term of office. I've had quite a few members ask me if I intend standing for the office of President again this year. Yes, I do intend to stand and I hope you will allow me to serve the Club in this role again for another year.

Cindy

# 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](mailto:augoodtime@hotmail.com)

## Club Committee

**President:** Cindy Kersaitis  
(0408760131)

**Vice Presidents:** John  
Kostrzewa and  
Robyn Mahoney

**Secretary:** Mike Grima

**Treasurer:** Andrea McFarland

## Club Hours

**Mon-Fri:** 8:30am – 3pm....\$5

**Friday Nights:** 5pm – 9pm....\$5

Please note: these hours are approximate and the Club will not remain open when fewer than three members are present

### Saturday Turning

**Ladies Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday...\$5

**Contact:** Robyn Mahoney

0411 845 776

robymahoney@hotmail.com

## Club Meetings

7pm second Tuesday of each month except January.

All members welcome

## 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**

## Other Contacts

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**Editor:** Robert Ryan  
augoodtime@hotmail.com

**Webmaster:** Matt Keen  
mkeen21@gmail.com

**Training Co-Ordinator:** Greg Sheath

**Trainers:** Graham Dawes (JP), Rod Brown, Ron Devine, Greg Sheath, Rob Stewart, George Manou, Don Nixon,, Bob Young, Cindy Kersaitis & Robyn Mahoney

### Shop Manager:

Cindy Kersaitis

### Equipment Maintenance:

Eddie Catford (Coordinator), Cindy Kersaitis, Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews, Graham Dawes (JP), Bob Young, Ron Devine, Glenn Freeman and George Manou.

**Welfare Officer:** Viv Tabone

0414557776

mrsparky1@bigpond.com

**Membership Secretary:** Viv Tabone

**Catering Officer**—team effort

**Maxi Days**— Vacant



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

## CLUB CONVENORS

Monday	Ian Frith	Thursday	Eddie Catford
Tuesday	Ian Frith	Friday	Don Nixon
Wednesday	Greg Sheath	Friday (PM)	John Kostrzewa

# A G M

Sunday 20 July 2024

Come Along—Nominate—vote

10am—Box Making Demonstration by the Training Team (See details on the next page)

12md—1pm—A great lunch and a chance to have a ‘mag’ with other members

1pm—2pm—Annual General Meeting



# TREND TIMBERS

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# Box making demo

## Sunday July 20 10 am before AGM

THE TRAINING TEAM WILL BE DEMONSTRATING BOX MAKING

Learn how to make a box on the lathe or just refresh your skills while enjoying the friendly atmosphere of your club. See you on Sunday 20th July before the AGM at 10am and have a cup of tea or coffee and learn or refresh some skills.



Photos from the box making training course held last year, trainers Graeme Dawes, Rodney Brown and Gregory Sheath



Are you still going to the grinder when you feel these tools have lost their edge?



You might be pleasantly surprised at the results you can achieve by using this tool. Eddie C.

## It is Membership Time again

Membership renewal fees are \$60 for adults and \$10 for students per year were payable before 30/6/2025

The renewal form is to be completed by members and returned to the club before the due date.

A copy of the renewal form is on the next page. There are 4 renewal options available to you.

**Remember only financial members are covered by the club's insurance, so please ensure that your membership is current before attending/turning from 1 July 2025**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Due 30th June

**WESTERN SYDNEY WOODTURNERS INC.** (Register No. 9885415)

(Incorporated under the Association Incorporation Act 1984)

[www.westernsydneywoodturners.com.au](http://www.westernsydneywoodturners.com.au)

Address: PO Box 4008 LALOR PARK NSW 2147

Location: Twin Gums Retreat

Corner Northcott Road and Diane Drive, LALOR PARK, NSW 2147

I, (Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr.) ..... ABN: 56 763673 121 ..... (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.au](mailto:treasurer@westernsydneywoodturners.com.au)
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 REPORT**

We had one of the most successful Bunnings BBQs ever in early June. It was certainly the best we've had in quite some time. Andy had to go back out and buy more sausages and bread! No photos this time, but I'm sure you all know what a sausage sandwich looks like. These BBQs are very important to us and those of us who attend usually have a good time chatting with each other and the customers. As we are under cover, the weather doesn't really affect us much, so why not come along and join in – the next one is 2nd August.



### **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

**Tony and Kathy Taylor**

We wish everyone a Speedy Recovery.

Viv Tabone is the Welfare Officer. If you become aware of the need for get well and sympathy cards, please let her know at her email address:

**[mrsparky1@bigpond.com](mailto:mrsparky1@bigpond.com)**

or

Text her on: **0414 557 776**

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



Member #	Title	First Name	Surname
2167	Mr.	Robert	Buckwell
2218	Mr.	David	Matthews
2482	Mr.	Donald	Nixon
2569	Mr.	John	Kostrzewa
3585	Mr.	Denis	Keane
3657	Mr.	Michael	Jones
3670	Mr.	Ian	Frith
3843	Mrs	Cindy	Kersaitis
4001	Mr.	Jeremiah	Wiblen
4071	Mr.	Richard	Leniston
4072	Ms.	Katherine	Kemp
4057A	Mrs	Linda	Catford

A little Inspiration :  
Variation on tea light  
turning



## Upcoming Events

### Training Days

July 19  
July 26t  
August 2

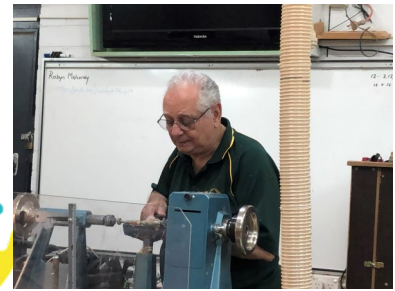
### Bunnings BBQ

Saturday 4th October

# Many hands make light work: We've all heard this saying!



Maxi Days



Training

**VOLUNTEER**

**PITCH IN**

**HELP OUT**



Catering

**VOLUNTEER**

**PITCH IN**

**HELP OUT**



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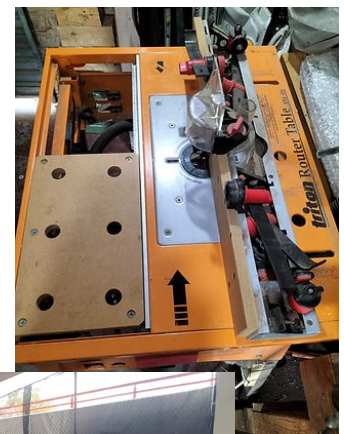


Newsletter articles



Maintenance

Bunnings





EVANS HIGH SCHOOL



# MATES & MENTORS *Breakfast*

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING DADS, GRANDPA'S, UNCLES  
& ALL THE SPECIAL MEN WHO IMPACT OUR LIVES IN  
A POSITIVE WAY

**THURS 28 AUGUST 2025**

**7-8.30 AM**

**BBQ BREAKFAST  
OUTDOOR  
ACTIVITIES &  
ENTERTAINMENT**

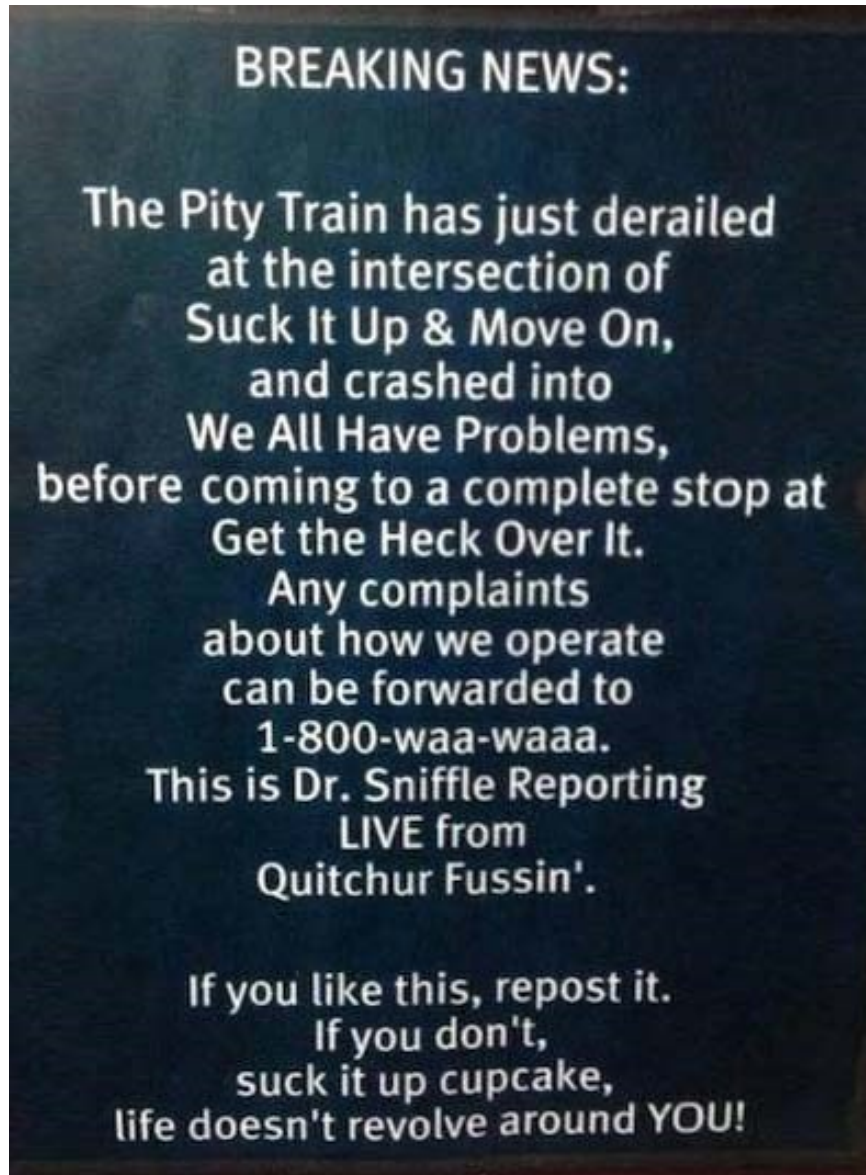
**Please RSVP by August 8**  
[sarah.collins78@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.collins78@det.nsw.edu.au)  
or book your free ticket by  
scanning the QR code



**Evans High School  
166 Walters Rd  
Blacktown**



## Joke of the Month



## New Router Table



TRAINING is on-going





## Hot Topic From the Internet . . .

(This to encourage discussion. The comments and opinions of others are theirs alone and should not be considered instruction r advice.)

**What do you think? Drop me an email and I will publish member opinions**

### Polyurethane Vs Varnish: Which is the better finish for Woodworking?

Polyurethane and varnish are both popular wood finishes, but they have distinct characteristics and best-use scenarios.

#### Polyurethane

Polyurethane is a synthetic plastic resin that forms a hard, protective coating. It comes in **water-based** and **oil-based** varieties:

- **Water-based polyurethane** dries faster, has lower toxicity, and remains clear over time.
- **Oil-based polyurethane** is more durable but can yellow with age.

Polyurethane is excellent for **indoor furniture, floors, and surfaces** that need strong protection against scratches and spills.



#### Varnish

Varnish is a blend of **resins, oils, and solvents** that cures into a glossy, protective film. It has a **higher solids content**, making it more resistant to **UV light and moisture**, which is why it's often used for **outdoor furniture, decks, and boats**.

#### Key Differences

Feature	Polyurethane	Varnish
Durability	Very strong, scratch-resistant	Flexible, less prone to cracking
Best for	Indoor furniture, floors	Outdoor furniture, boats
UV Resistance	Less resistant	Highly resistant
Application	Multiple coats, smooth finish	Thin coats, requires sanding between layers
Toxicity	Can emit VOCs, especially oil-based	Less toxic but slower drying

## SAFETY HINT AND TIP.

Your body is precious. It needs you to look after it.



## THINK AND ACT SAFELY.



Over the past few months, we have been pushing the safety factor in the club confines a lot as it is an important factor in our type of hobby. I believe there has been considerable change in attitude by members recently with an increased number of members now using safety equipment.

However, the users are mainly new or more recent members leading the way. We should all strive to make our club a safe workplace for all. Please remember to use safety equipment where necessary.

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FINIAL DESIGNES

JULY 2025



As a follow on from the June newsletter we have attached a photograph of various designs and colors of finials.

As you can see there is no end to the imagination when making these, the important things to remember are the size and color as choosing the wrong one ends with disappointment as you lose perspective.

My thanks to Lawrence Mifsud for his efforts.

**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.