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Western Sydney Woodturners Inc

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Membership renewals are due – please get yours done if you haven't already. Some members have put in payment without identifying themselves. We need a form or at the very least a name so that it can be processed.

I have returned the Scotts Tech pump action activator to the supplier because the bottles weren't working properly. This should be resolved soon.

The dust extractor behind the container isn't working particularly well, but I am attempting to have it repaired. The bobbin sander had a torn belt replaced and that is back in operation. One of the lathe tail stock spindles was frozen in the fully extended position. It has been repaired as best as possible for now, but it appears that force had been applied in the horizontal plane in an attempt to unfreeze it – ? a hammer. This shattered some of the threads inside the shaft.

The big bandsaw has had new tyres put on the wheels, but anyone using it really does need to eyeball where the guide bearings are positioned (especially the two thrust/rear bearings) before cutting. If they are way out, the blade comes off, kinks, and is out of action again. If you don't know what I'm talking about, you should ask someone competent with the bandsaw to go over it with you. There's no shame in admitting you need help or more training.

We still have issues with equipment going on short or extended holidays. For as long as I can remember, there has been a borrowing book at the front desk. Borrowing chucks, faceplates or anything else should only be in exceptional circumstances, and only for a night or two at the very most. Any loans of chucks/ faceplates must be OK'd by the convenor of the day and entered into the book. Members wanting to keep jobs on a chuck/faceplate should be using their own so it doesn't inconvenience other members. No equipment from the lathe toolboxes should ever be borrowed. If you leave a job on a lathe at the end of the day, unless you return the next day bright and early, the good old "first in best dressed" adage applies, so don't get cranky if your job has been removed.

Some bowl blanks have been put onto the workbench outside the bandsaw room. These are for purchase at the price written on them. Also, if you haven't already noticed there is a huge load of wood outside that was donated. It is all well seasoned – most of it for over 25 yrs.

Don't forget the AGM is coming up. We'll open at 11am, lunch will be provided, and the meeting will start at 1pm.

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

Club Committee

President: Cindy Kersaitis (0408760131) (JP)

Vice Presidents: John Kostrzewa and George Manou

Secretary: Andrea McFarland

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: 2nd Saturday…$5

Contact: Robyn Mahoney

0411 845 776

robynmahoney@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



REMEMBER!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS IN JULY
CLUB OPENS AT 11AM
LUNCH PROVIDED
AGM COMMENCES 1PM

CLUB CONVENORS

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

OTHER CONTACTS

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George Manou

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Liaison and Contact Officers
Security— Eddie Catford
Insurance—David Searle
Craft Alive—Andrea McFarland
Linnwood House—Dave Matthews
Koi Society—David Searle
Bunnings BBQ—Andrea McFarland

Shop Manager:
Cindy Kersaitis

Equipment Maintenance Coordinator
Bob Young

Maintenance Officers: Rod Brown, Eddie Catford, Graham Dawes, Ron Devine, Manny Farrugia, Cindy Kersaitis, George Manou & Bob Young.

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Catering Coordinator
Vacant

Maxi Days
Vacant

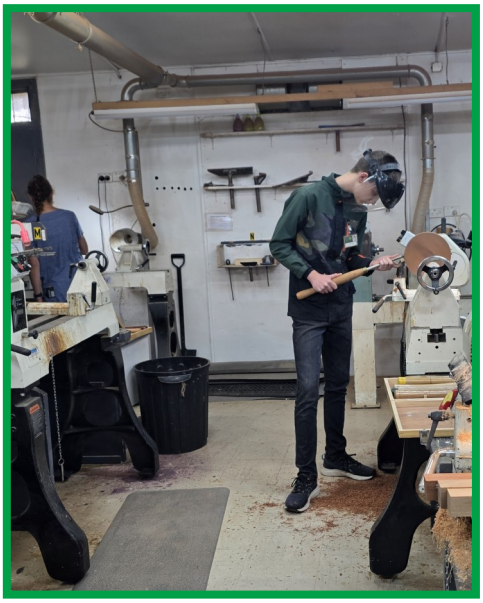
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies
Ian Frith

Ladies Day Coordinator
Robyn Mahoney

First Aid Supplies
Robyn Mahoney

A FEW PHOTOS FROM THE RECENT TRAINING DAY



































Member #	Title	First Name	Surname
2167	Mr	Rob	Buckwell
2218	Mr	Dave	Matthews
2482	Mr	Don	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
4072	Ms	Katherine	Kemp
4095	Mr	Vince	Mifsud
4097	Mr	Pieter	Vrolijk
4101	Miss	Mitika	Disbray

Don's Challenge

Using the timber square provided, produce a tray or plate as follows:

1. Do not use any add-ons in turning
2. It must have four (4) legs/feet
3. It must contain two (2) opposite curves—top and bottom (unlike a bowl or a dish)
4. It must be only turned on a lathe

Challenge Details:

Materials: Pre cut benchtop – available from the front desk

Show and Tell: Once finished, put it in the display cabinet with your name. At the end of the month a photo will be taken of the collection and put in the next newsletter

Questions? Contact Don for more information

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

No cards sent this month

We wish everyone a Speedy Recovery.

Sympathy card/s sent this month

No cards sent this month

New Members this month

Lucy McCann, Bruce Crayton and Phillip Schultz

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 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.

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WESTERN SYDNEY WOODTURNERS INC. #9885415

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President * Vice-President 1 * Vice-President 2 * Treasurer * Secretary/Public Officer
Editor * Librarian * Catering Officer * Maintenance Officers.

Nominations from candidates for election are to be made in writing by 2 financial members of the Incorporation. Candidates must be financial members of the Incorporation

We the undersigned members wish to nominate

_____
(print name of candidate)

For the position of

_____
(position candidate nominated for)

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Signature Member No Date / /

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Signature Member No Date / /

I, the above named candidate, am willing to serve if elected.

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BUNNINGS BBQ

These BBQs are very important to keeping YOUR membership and attendance fees down.

BBQ takings

March $1,426.27

June $1,203.17

Apart from making some money for the benefit of the member, those who have volunteered to help out and really enjoyed the day.

Remember you can come for as long as you like; you don't need to be there the whole day.

BUNNINGS BARBECUE 6th JUNE

A good day again with the Barbecue until the barbecue itself decided to throw the towel in and would not operate. A trip upstairs to get someone to come down have a go at fixing and replacing the gas bottle got it going again. 15 minutes later another shut down and nobody came this time so upstairs again, still no permanent result until finally a Bunnings Boss came down and decided that the regulator was at fault, so up again for the spare parts. After numerous repairs and checks by both ourselves and Bunnings all was good. It was fixed!!.

Meanwhile while this was going on the queue was getting longer and longer.

Nearly lunch time we were operational again and things started going well until we ran out of bread and crusts were being used. We found out then that a lot of people love crusts.

Thanks to everyone for their help which made it a good day and I met Members that I hadn't known before as well as catching up with old mates.

How about some more members turn for the next Barbecue which will help to make the Club better.

BOB YOUNG



WHERE AREYOU LOOKING



Where are looking when you are making a push cut with a bowl gouge?

It might seem silly at first, but we really don't want to be looking at the gouge tip area. We need to be looking at the big picture, the overall shape of the bowl we are creating.

To do this, look at the top edge of the bowl, if you are working the exterior. If you are working the interior, look across the bowl and watch the cutting path emerge as you cut.

It won't be comfortable at first, but with practice you can do it.

The real bonus is that your bowl shapes will improve almost immediately!



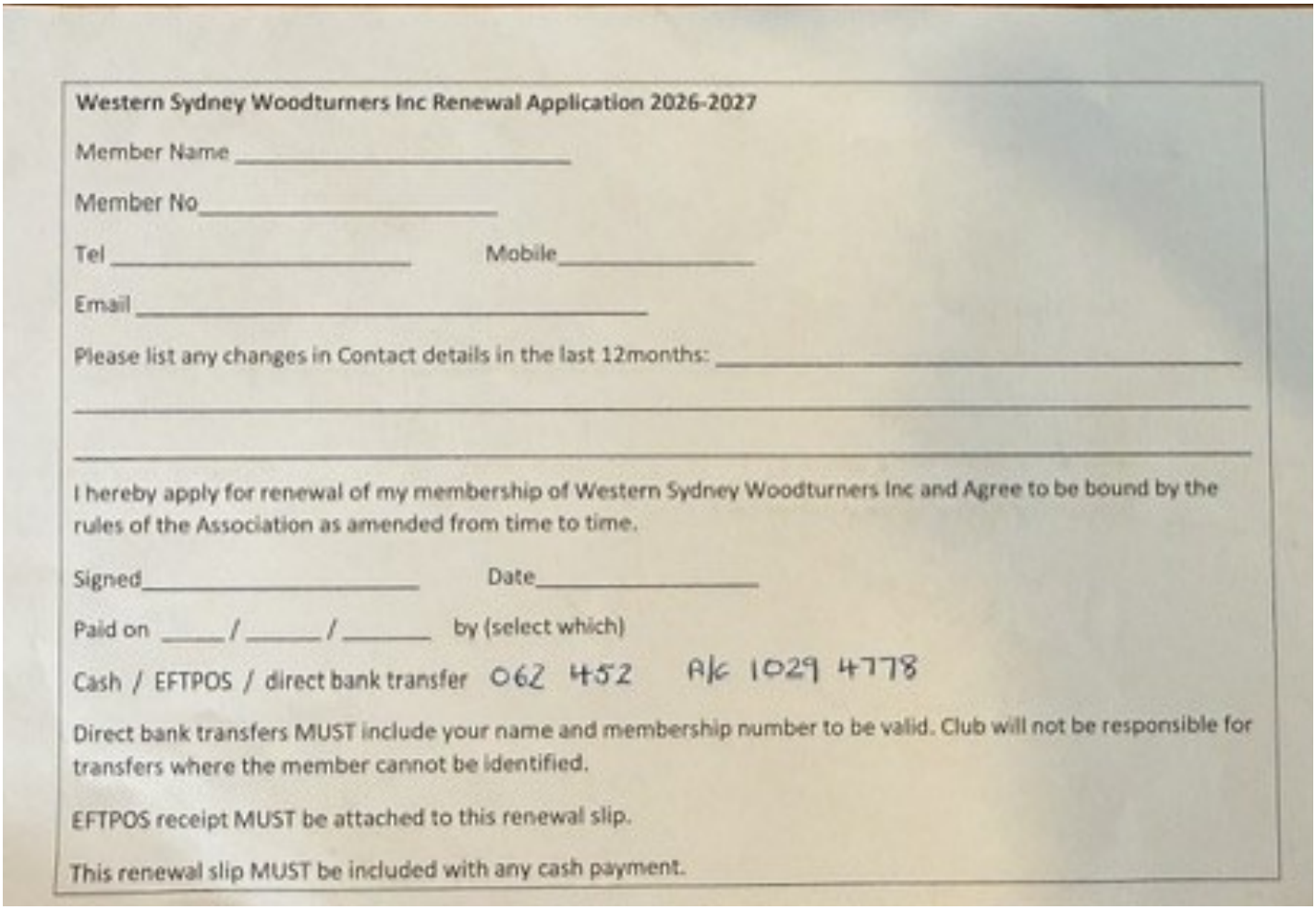
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees for 2026-27 are now due. They should have been paid before 30 June 2026 to ensure that you can continue participating in club activities. The annual fee for members is $60.00. Fees for other member classifications can be found on the notice board.

Remember only financial members can turn and vote at the AGM on 21 July 2026

So if this has slipped your mind please get it sorted.



Western Sydney Woodturners Inc Renewal Application 2026-2027

Member Name _____

Member No_____

Tel _____ Mobile_____

Email _____

Please list any changes in Contact details in the last 12months: _____

_____

_____

I hereby apply for renewal of my membership of Western Sydney Woodturners Inc and Agree to be bound by the rules of the Association as amended from time to time.

Signed_____ Date_____

Paid on ____/____/____ by (select which)

Cash / EFTPOS / direct bank transfer 062 452 A/c 1029 4778

Direct bank transfers MUST include your name and membership number to be valid. Club will not be responsible for transfers where the member cannot be identified.

EFTPOS receipt MUST be attached to this renewal slip.

This renewal slip MUST be included with any cash payment.



BUNNINGS BBQ

Volunteers Needed

Saturday August 1st: 8am to 4pm

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

Future dates

August— Saturday 1/8/2026

October— 4/10/2026

November 7/11/2026

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Events being attended by the Club in 2026

July 12	Linnwood House— 11am to 3pm—volunteer sign up sheet
August 1	Bunnings BBQ— volunteer sign up sheet
September 13	Linnwood House— 10am to 3pm—volunteer sign up sheet
October 4	Bunnings BBQ— volunteer sign up sheet
November 8	Linnwood House— 10am to 3pm—volunteer sign up sheet

SAFETY HINT AND TIP.

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



THINK AND ACT SAFELY.

SAFETY Goes beyond ears nose and eyes.

- ⇒ Don't forget loose clothing.
- ⇒ Stretching or laying over moving work pieces.
- ⇒ Dirty or untidy workplaces.
- ⇒ Safety foot ware.
- ⇒ Loose polishing cloth tails.
- ⇒ Correct mounting and clamping.
- ⇒ Machines in good working condition.
- ⇒ All tools sharp and the right tool being used for the job at hand.
- ⇒ Check that all machine guards are fitted.
- ⇒ Remove all loose tools from area.
- ⇒ Check for nails screws stones etc.
- ⇒ Turn power off when not working on the machine or discussing the workpiece.
- ⇒ Don't remove saw dust from around machine while it is still operational.
- ⇒ Don't use compressed air to clean area or dusting your person or others.
- ⇒ Never leave a machine running unattended.
- ⇒ Always wait until the person you wish to talk to is finished the operation / action before you distract them.

These are just a few things to keep you safe. As you can see there are many things that can cause an accident resulting in harm to you or others. If an accident occurs and you have not experienced the consequences before you can be assured you will wish you had taken those extra couple of seconds to make sure everything was right before starting. Even if the accident is minor the memory of the pain caused will stay with you for a long time. A more serious accident could cause permanent damage. Think and act SAFELY at all times. Eddie C.

HAFCO

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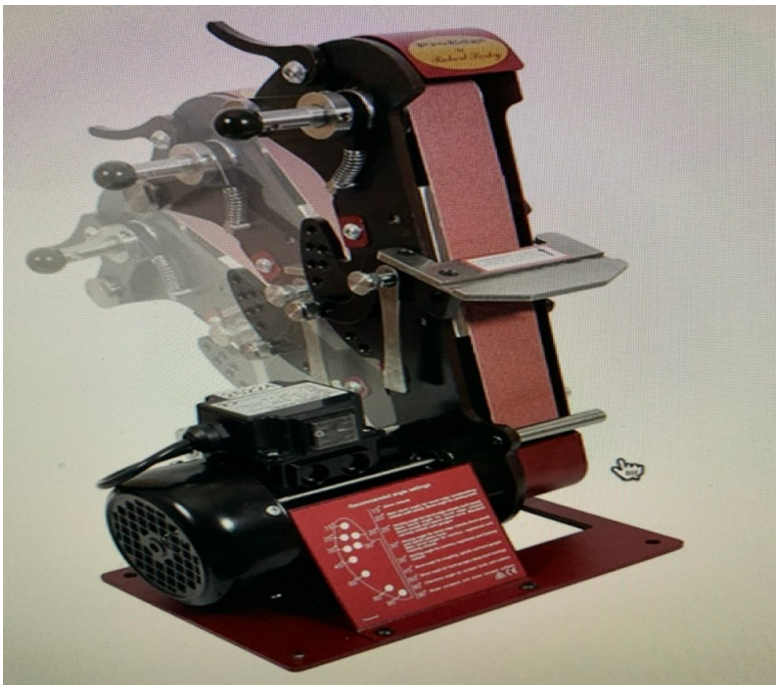
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Specifications & Prices are subject to change without notification. All prices include GST and valid until 31-07-26

THE BACK PAGE

Item 300 Sorby Pro Edge. July 2026

Sharpening Systems.



When this system was introduced to the industry it took off like wildfire and deservedly so.

It was easy to operate and produced a remarkable finish and edge on the gouges. The application of sanding belts of different grits at a reasonable cost was another appealing factor.

An ability to always get the exact angle on the tools when they were being sharpened was also an added advantage due to the precise setting available. It should also be noted the grind does not have a concave bevel due to the sharpening action being on a flat surface in some cases this may take a bit of getting use to but not insurmountable.

These machines are the perfect machine for a home workshop as belt damage and wear could not be sustained in a workshop or industrial situation where there are many different operators of varying skills using it.

Regrettably the cost to purchase one of these machines is beyond the average hobbyist or wood turner in comparison to other systems that do a satisfactory job.

Eddie C.