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The park benches have been restored by Maurie – a big thank you for this, they look great! While the wet weather is upon us, take care driving/parking on the wet grass so we don't end up with huge divots from wheel spins like we've had in the past.

We've just had another successful Training course with six students, and another two already on the list for the July course.

An additional Bunnings BBQ has been added for the first Saturday in November. Please put your name down to help at any of the BBQs, particularly to help transport stuff to and from the BBQ.

It's membership renewal time – please fill out a renewal form. Payment can be made in cash or by eftpos at the Club, or by direct bank transfer (please put your name in the transfer info so we can identify you).

At the May meeting, I was asked to purchase some new antifatigue mats. I have bought ten. If you don't want to use one, that's OK, but please don't stash them anywhere that curls up the edges – they will become permanently curled and be a trip hazard. At the moment they are stacked flat between the two lathes on the back wall (lathes N and O) until a better location is found.

The big bandsaw is out of action until the new wheel tyres arrive - no ETA yet.

Reminder – the space between the lathes in the middle bay is snug when there are members turning back to back. Arms and tools are being bumped by members trying to pass through. Please be mindful of this and enter/exit the bay without squeezing between two turners.

Some Big Al's cutting board oil has been added to the stock in the shop. This is pure food grade mineral oil. I've sourced a company that will deliver the Soudal aerosol cans of CA glue activator (our normal supplier will not deliver this product). This is also now in stock.

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

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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 CONVENORS

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

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Insurance—David Searle
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Linnwood House—Dave Matthews
Koi Society—David Searle
Bunnings BBQ—Andrea McFarland

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Cindy Kersaitis

Equipment Maintenance Coordinator
Bob Young

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Viv Tabone

Catering Coordinator
Vacant

Maxi Days
Vacant

Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies
Ian Frith

Ladies Day Coordinator
Robyn Mahoney

First Aid Supplies
Robyn Mahoney

Joke of the Month

A brand-new teacher noticed that the kids kept teasing one boy, calling him “Mikey the Moron.”

At recess, the teacher asked why.

One of the boys said, “Because he is a moron! Watch this...”
He held out a big 50-cent coin and a smaller one-dollar coin.
Mikey looked at both and—just like the kids expected—took the 50-cent piece.

Later, the teacher pulled Mikey aside and gently said, “Mikey, the 50-cent piece might be bigger, but the one-dollar coin is worth more. You understand that, right?”

Mikey sighed and said,
“Of course I understand that, sir.”

“Then why do you always choose the 50-cent piece?”

Mikey grinned and replied:

“Because the day I take the dollar... is the day they stop giving me money!”



Member #	Title	First Name	Surname
2002	Mr.	Terence	Boddy
2568	Mr.	Alan	Eipper
2641	Mr.	Michael	Hughes
2707	Mr.	Ronald	Fathers
2817	Mr.	David	Sobel
3640	Mr.	Leslie	Coombes
3775	Mrs	Vicki	Eipper
3811	Mr.	William	Branighan
3867	Mrs	Vivian	Tabone
4020	Mrs	Maria	Novak
4037	Mrs	Gwen	Kahane
4059	Mr.	Neale	Parnaby
4067	Mr.	Gary	Stowe
4063	Mr.	Alan	Melrose
4060	Mrs	Wina	Jo
4079	Mr	Perry	Anderson
4085A	Mr	Jack	Jalili
4098	Mr	Eddie	Stachowski
4104	Mrs	Maree	MacDemid

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

Karl Hager, Marika Hager and David Hager

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.

Stay Safe ... XXXXXXX….Welfare Officer

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How to Spray Lacquer



Lacquer is a popular finish for highlighting a nice wood grain. However, since it dries very quickly (which makes creating even coats on large surface areas quite difficult), spraying it on is a more efficient method than brushing. This can be done with either aerosol cans or spray guns, so deciding which will work best for you is an important first step. After that, deciding where and when to spray is another critical choice, since lacquer can be hazardous and temperamental. Once you prep your wood for spraying, applying coats is simply a matter of creating consistent sprays and sanding in between each coat.

Deciding Between Spray Guns and Aerosol Cans

Opt for cans for simplicity's sake. Lacquer can be applied either with disposable, pre-filled aerosol cans or spray guns, which require you to mix your lacquer, load the gun yourself, and adjust settings and attachments. To reduce prep- and guesswork, go with aerosol cans. However, be sure to factor in the surface area(s) of the wood to be sprayed when choosing between the two methods, since aerosol cans are not ideal for very large surface areas.

- When applying each coat, you want to cover all of a given surface area before the lacquer starts to dry anywhere.[2] However, lacquer dries very quickly, which makes doing large surface areas with aerosol cans problematic.
- For instance, coffee tables and chests are probably too large for aerosol cans. Boxes and cabinets, however, are more ideal.

Choose spray guns for large or numerous projects. If spraying lacquer is something you're going to be doing repeatedly, invest in a spray gun. Also use these for projects with surface areas four feet (1.2 m) long and over. There are numerous brands and models on the market to choose from, but spray guns are mainly divided into these categories:



- Air assisted airless sprayers (AAA): ideal for very large projects, with less labour needed for each piece of wood.
- Gravity feed guns: easy to clean and operate, making them perfect for DIY beginners.
- High-volume, low-pressure guns (HVLP): also suitable for DIY projects, although they require some precise setup beforehand for best results.
- Pressured guns: adjustable pressure allows for more varied results if you like to tinker with your finishes.
- Suction feed guns: lacquer can be used in these by practiced hands, but are not advised for beginners.

Go to How to Spray Lacquer (with Pictures) - wikiHow Fun for more information about:

- Deciding between working indoors or outdoors
- Where and when to spray
- Optimal temperature and humidity
- Creating a safe clean work area

All of these areas are covered in considerable detail on wikihow. The balance of this article relates to aspects of spraying lacquer that I consider the most relevant to members.

Prepping your Wood



Choose the right wood. Lacquer doesn't work well with all woods, so make sure you're not about to use it on an unsuitable type. For the best finishes stick with cherry, maple, mahogany, and walnut. Refrain from using it on:

- Woods with coarse, open grains, like ash.
- Soft woods, like cedar and redwood.
- Oily woods, like cocobolo.

Sand your wood. Sand each piece of wood to be sprayed to get rid of any imperfections. Begin with P120-grit paper and then go through the grits do your desired finish. Then use a damp cloth to moisten the surface, which helps highlight any remaining irregularities. Finish with P180-grit to smooth the surface down.[5]

- Sanding is necessary because lacquer will highlight defects once applied. However, the dust created is a problem, since it could end up settling in the lacquer when wet.
- Sand everything to be sprayed first to get it out of the way so you can clean your workspace thoroughly afterward. Then allow time for any airborne dust to settle.
- Breaking your project up into two days (one for sanding, one for spraying) will help keep the air clear of sawdust.
- If your piece is already assembled, it is best to break it down into individual pieces rather than spray it as is.

Applying Your Coats



Read and follow the can or gun's directions. Whether you're using aerosol cans or spray guns, always read the instructions before operating. These may vary between types and manufacturers, especially with spray guns. Ensure safe and efficient use by following its recommended use.

Keep a consistent distance between nozzle and wood. Again, with spray guns, the distance that you should maintain between the gun's tip and the wood may vary. However, expect it to be between 8 and 12 inches (20 and 30 cm). Maintain this distance from start to finish to ensure that the lacquer disperses consistently over the entire surface area.





Start spraying before you reach the wood. Instead of starting at the very edge of your wood, start spraying a little bit past it, directly over your dropcloth. Then move over the edge and down the length of the wood. Similarly, go right over the opposite edge before stopping your spray. Spraying well past either end will ensure a consistent spray over the whole length of the wood, including the very edges

Overlap half of each row. If your wood is too wide to cover in a single spray from end to end, spray cross its narrowest edge first. Then, as you apply a second row below that first spray, aim so that half of it covers the first row of spray. Prevent unsightly build-ups along the edges of each row by applying an even amount of spray throughout.

Keep each coat light and consistent. Thicker coats may cause build-up and runs, so plan on applying three to four light coats instead of one big thick one. Maintain a consistent speed as you spray without slowing down (which can cause build-ups) or speeding up (which will result in an uneven coat. Don't worry if the first coat appears blotchy despite your consistent speed, since the following coats will correct this.



Sand after each coat. Again, always refer to directions since drying times between products may vary, with some advising a 20-minute wait for each coat to dry, while others advise two hours. Then sand the wood down with P320-grit paper to smooth the finish. Wipe the wood down with a tack cloth to remove the dust and wait for any particles in the air to settle before continuing with the next coat.

You can also use 0000 steel wool instead of sandpaper.

Repeat. First, if you're using a spray gun, follow the gun's directions regarding cleaning, since some may require you to clean it in between each coat if you are using a water-based lacquer. Also, a different ratio of thinner to lacquer than you used for your first coat may be recommended for additional coats. Apply three more coats, sanding after each one. After your last coat, buff it with P400-grit sandpaper dampened with mineral spirits, then finish with 0000 steel wool.



This is a summary of an article was co-authored by Mark Weiser.

Mark Weiser is an Artist and Gallery Manager for DKW Art Gallery based in Marion, Iowa.
How to Spray Lacquer (with Pictures) - wikiHow Fun



FILLING CRACKS WITH “C A “AND DUST.

There you are turning, and your bowl is looking great but suddenly you notice a crack.

If you decide to fix the crack with CA (cyanoacrylate), you can fill the crack with some fine wood dust or other coloured filling.

But before you add the filler and apply the CA, here's the tip –

Spray a light coat of canned lacquer around the cracked area and let it dry.

Don't bother using a good quality canned lacquer, any brand will do.

The light coat of lacquer around the crack surface acts like a mask and **reduces the amount of staining caused by the CA**.

Once the crack is glued and dry, sand the surface and remove all the lacquer in the process.

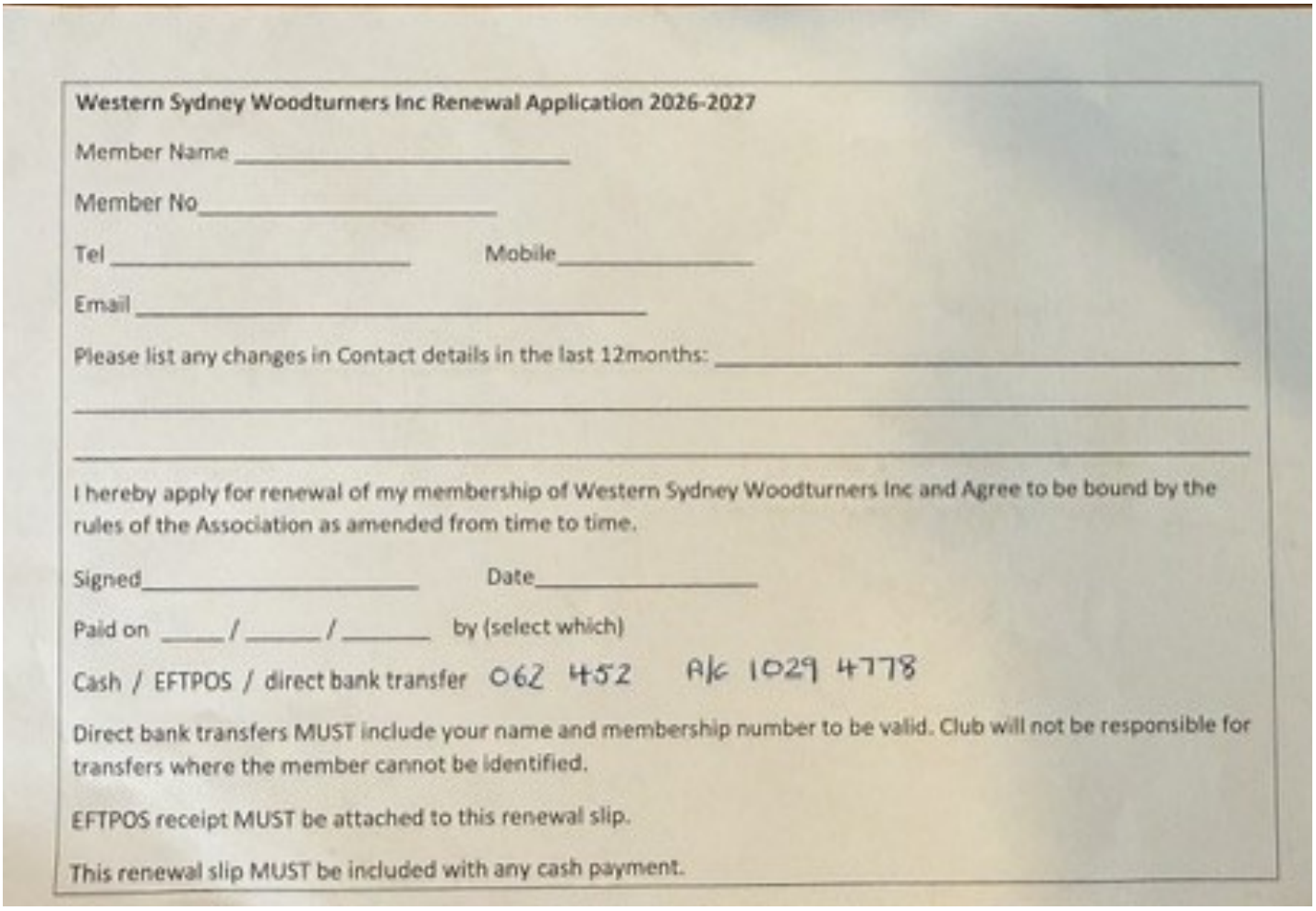
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Fees for 2026-27 are now due. They must be 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.

Lets all try and help out the Treasurer and get paid up early.



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.

Try Something New?

Here are a few images of an urn created by our resident expert in creativity—Ray Smith.

Unfortunately, my pictures do not do it justice

It is truly an amazing piece.









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.

DO YOU REMEMBER THESE?







and ALL BETWEEN THESE and BEYOND?








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Roughing Gouge Use

A robust tool for turning square to round for internal and bowl turning

The sharp corners are dangerous





The Roughing Gouge is as its name implies and that is for turning or roughing square to round mainly between centers and one of the tools that is mainly restricted to what it is designed for.

As the Roughing Gouge can come in many shapes and flute sizes it is very distinguishable by its design that being the cutting edge is straight across the top with 90 degrees sharp corners at the flite sides with NO relief or wings down the side

For this reason, the Gouge is NOT suitable for face plate, inside turning or hollowing as in bowls etc. The structure of the Roughing Gouge is more robust than other tools and heavier with a shallower cutting angle to cope with the rough chatter experienced when rough turning.

There are other more suitable gouges for doing bowl and internal machining.

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