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As usual, the AGM was well attended and it was good to catch up with others that we don't often cross paths with. A big thanks to Eddie and all the ladies for organising a great lunch! We have a new Committee – Andrea and I have been returned to the same positions, and we have two new VPs. I must thank the outgoing VPs for the work they have done for the Club during their incumbency. At the time of writing this, we have not yet met as a Committee to discuss our plans for the next 12 months. Having said this, as I indicated at the AGM there will be some changes to how maintenance at the Club is managed and I will advise once we have this settled.

The recent training course was successful with 4 new members taking part. We already have names for participants at the next course in October, so we are doing OK with recruiting new members. Thanks to all the members who take part in training and helping out during these courses.

The Scotts Tech pump action activator is now back in the shop and spraying correctly.

One of the repaired lathe tail stock spindles was too badly damaged and the repair hasn't held up to use. We will be seeking a more permanent solution to the problem, but in the interim Lathe M will not have a tail stock spindle. Please don't transfer the spindle from another lathe, just use another lathe if you need the tail stock.

The recent Bunnings BBQ was a miserably cold day (Phil was happy to be cooking!), but we still enjoyed the day chatting with each other as well as the customers. The number of helpers was down this time. While we could manage, the most arduous work is transporting soft drinks etc. etc. etc. Please dig deep and ask yourself if you couldn't help out by transporting some items either to the BBQ, or from the BBQ (even if you don't stay). Most items could be collected the week before the BBQ. Every little bit helps.

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: Andrew Heffernan, Maurie Knight

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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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



CLUB CONVENORS

Monday	Bob Young	Thursday	Eddie Catford
Tuesday	Bob Young	Friday	Don Nixon
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Robyn Mahoney

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Robyn Mahoney

Monthly Challenge—Update

(Formerly known as Don's Challenge)

July - Update

Thank you everyone for participating in our first challenge!

Please take your submissions back or leave to go into the charity bowls.

Photos:

Left to Right top row: Yo W, Alan M, Don N, Russ W, Lawrence M

Left to Right middle row: Andrew H, Alan P, Don N, Sanjay S, Andrew H

Left to Right bottom row: Maurie K, Milli L, Lawrence M, Viv T, David S

Front



Rear



Monthly Challenge—August Rules

The Objective: Using the timber square provided, produce a goblet or wine glass as follows:

1. Do not use any additional timber or any other material
2. Must be turned on a lathe
3. Glue is allowed, if needed

This challenge is to enhance prep work and wood management.

FAQ:

⇒ **Materials:** Pre cut blanks – available from the work bench under the monthly challenge cabinet. **Please only take blanks if you are participating in the challenge**

⇒ **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

⇒ **Frequency:** We will try to make a challenge each month. If you have an idea for one, please let us know

⇒ **Questions?** Contact Don for more information



Member #	Title	First Name	Surname
2706	Mr	Ray	Smith
2925	Mr	Jimmy	Singh
3711	Mr	Robert	Ryan
3844	Mr	Chee	Looi
3862	Mr	George	Manou
4052	Mr	Peter	Tasik
4066	Mr	Clive	McFarland
4105	Mr	Karl	Hager

July’s Training Update:

Congratulations to Our Graduates

Our latest training group has finished, and it has been great to see everyone's progress over the last few weeks. We hope you enjoyed the training as much as we enjoyed training you. A warm welcome to our newest graduates:

- Maree
- Bruce
- Bronwyn
- Rocky

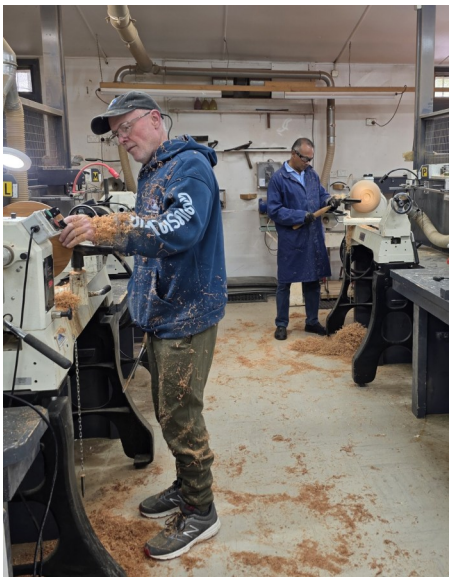
Big Thanks to the Trainers

This wouldn't be possible without our awesome trainers. A massive thank you to Rod for leading the way, Greg for doing the demo on the 2nd Saturday, and the rest of the training team: Graham, Don, Andrew, George, Cindy, and Pieter. Thanks for your time and for helping our club grow!

Milli Lenehan






Joke of the Month

Two guys grow up together and are the best of friends.

After college, one moves to Georgia and the other to California.

They agree to meet every 10 years in Florida to play golf and catch up with each other.

At age 32, they meet, finish their round of golf and head for lunch..

One man asks, “Where you want to go?”

The other replies, “Hooters.”

Why hooters?

The have those servers who are so hot, the tight shorts and the gorgeous legs.

You are on.

At age 42, they meet, finish their round of golf and head for lunch..

One man asks, “Where you want to go for lunch?”

The other replies, “Hooters.”

Why?

They have cold beer, big screen TVs and side action on the games.

“Okay”

At age 52, they meet.

One man asks, “So where do you want to go for lunch?”

The other replies, “Hooters.”

Why?

The food is pretty good and plenty of parking.

“Okay”

At age 62, they meet. After a round of golf they sit down to rest.

One man asks, “So where do you want to go for lunch?”

The other replies, “Hooters.”

Why?

Wings are half price and the food isn't too spicy.

Good Choice.

At age 72, they meet once more. Again after a round of golf, one man asks "So where shall we go for lunch?

The other replies "Hooters."

Why?

They have 6 handicapped parking spaces right by the door and they have senior discounts.

Great choice.

At age 82, they meet and play again. One man asks , "Where shall we go for lunch?"

The other replies, "Hooters."

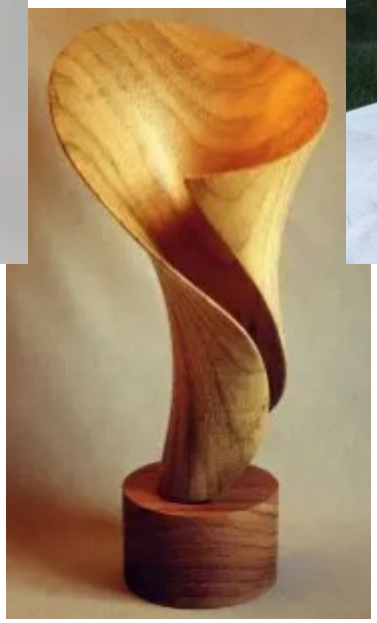
Why?

Because we have never been there before.

Try Something New:







Monthly Challenge

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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

Kim Reeves

Thinking of you messages sent to Les Coombes

We wish everyone a Speedy Recovery.

Sympathy card/s sent this month

No New Members this month

No cards sent this month

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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BUNNINGS BBQ

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

BBQ takings

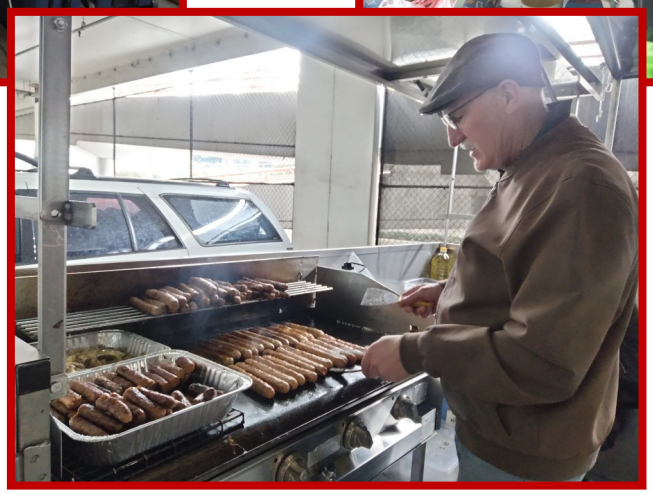
March $1,426.27

June $1,203.17

It was a cold old day at the August Bunnings BBQ, and we were light on for help. However, we still managed to have smiles on our faces and enjoy the day. As mentioned in the President's report, please consider putting your name down for the next BBQ to help out. Even if you just drop off soft drinks in the morning – every little bit helps.









COLOURED GRINDING WHEELS.

Grinding wheel colours generally correspond to the abrasive material type and maximum safe operating speed rather than a universal uniform code. The physical body colour reflects the abrasive compound

Abrasive Material Colours

- **Gray / Brown:** Regular aluminium oxide for general carbon steel and iron.
- **White:** High-purity aluminium oxide for cooler cutting on tool steels and drill bits.
- **Pink / Ruby:** Chromium-alloyed aluminium oxide for precision and hardened steels.
- **Green:** Green silicon carbide for sharpening tungsten carbide tools.
- **CBN:** Cubic Boron Nitride. Sometimes called “Diamond Wheels” cooler cutting on HHS turning tools.



These are the colours of grinding wheels you are likely to see in our workshop with the CBN wheels that are fitted to the grinders for sharpening your turning tools. These stones are of a compound mix material and are designed for a specific purpose.

SPECIAL NOTE. GRINDING WHEELS ARE COLOURD AS AN INDICATOR FOR THE CORRECT MATERIAL TO BE GROUND ON THAT WHEEL.

YOU WILL NOTICE THAT NONE OF THESE WHEELS INDICATE YOU CAN USE WOOD ON THEM AND FOR THAT MATTER WOOD SHOULD NEVER BE USED ON ANY GRINDING WHEEL

“THAT MEANS EVEN SHARPENING A PENCIL ” EDDIE C.



BUNNINGS BBQ

Volunteers Needed

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

Events being attended by the Club in 2026

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.

As members are starting to use and explore different machines there comes an added responsibility in their use and one of those is the use of “PUSH STICKS.”

Again, as we always say if you are not conversant with the operation of any of the machines ASK as there are important accessories that come with their use.

All machines that have exposed blades such as the Band saw, table saw, drum sander, thicknessor and router etc. come with “PUSH STICKS.”

It is important that you use these as any accident on these machines are generally catastrophic. Eddie C.



IN STOCK IN FIVE STORES NATIONALLY

The Swivel Head Wood Lathe is mainly made up from cast iron to provide the rigidity that's required and needed in all good wood lathes. Changing the spindle speed from 500 to 2000rpm is extremely easy via the stepless variable speed control lever mounted on the front of the head.

The lathe comes complete with an outboard tool rest extension which is used to get the bowl rest into the best position when turning with the head rotated. The head and tailstock both have 2 morse tapers and the drive spindle thread is a common 1" x 10tpi. Supplied as standard with the machine is a 4 prong drive centre, revolving tailstock centre & faceplate.



$2,739

(W387)

WL-46A ELECTRONIC VARIABLE SPEED WOOD LATHE

Ø462 x 1194mm turning capacity | Electronic speeds 100-3200rpm | Cast iron bed, head and tailstock | 1.5kW/2hp, 240V motor

MINI WOOD LATHE



WL-14V $649 (W385)

- Ø356 x 470mm turning capacity
- Electronic variable speed (450-3850rpm)
- Digital readout speed display
- 12 position spindle indexing
- 0.75hp, 240V motor

SWIVEL HEAD WOOD LATHE



WL-18 $759 (W382)

- Ø310 x 900mm turning capacity
- Swivelling headstock
- Variable speed 500-2000rpm
- 0.75kW/1hp, 240V motor



WL-20 $869 (W384)

- Ø370 x 1100mm turning capacity
- Variable speed 500-2000rpm
- Swivelling headstock
- 0.75kW/1hp, 240V motor

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES



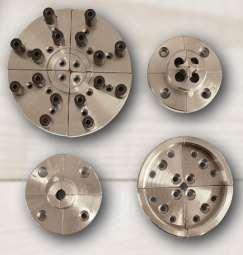
CTR-4 Curved Tool Rest Set
(W295)



BSS-5075 Bowl Sanding Tool
(W305)



WT-3C Carbide Wood Turning Tools 6 Piece Set
(W300)



WSC-KIT Scroll Chuck Accessory Kit
Suits WSC-100 Scroll Chuck
(W375)



Replacement Carbide Tip - 4 Piece Set - Suits WT-3C
(W300T)

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*OUR BRISBANE BRANCH IS MOVING TO 680 BOUNDARY ROAD, RICHLANDS, 4077 (8.8KMS AWAY) FROM LATE SEPTEMBER

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Item 301 Tormek Wet Stone Sharpening Systems August 2026.



This sharpening system has been around for some time now and has proved to be very proficient in sharpening wood turning chisels and tools with its unique design of the wheel (stone) running in a bath filled with water.

- **Water-cooled system:** Runs at a slow 90 RPM so your tool steel never overheats or loses its temper.
- **Dual-grit grindstone:** Comes with a 250 mm aluminium oxide wheel that adjusts between 220-grit and 1,000-grit using a stone grader.
- **Cast zinc frame:** Solid, rust-proof one-piece housing with integrated mounts for precise alignment.
- **Powerful motor:** Continuous-duty industrial AC motor rated for 25,000 hours of operation.

Like all systems it has advantages and disadvantages that should be investigated before making your decision.

Remember all systems have a price tag and different jigging systems can be at an extra cost that should be considered.

While very good, these machines are also the perfect machine for a home workshop where you are the only person using it and can be very slow if sharpening a lot of tools at the time but 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 also do a satisfactory job. Eddie C.