

Western Sydney Woodturners Inc

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Web Site:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our Clean up day was very successful and I'm sure you'll agree that the Club looks so much better for it! Not only was the main Club room cleaned from floor to ceiling, but the outside also received some love and attention. Thanks to those of you that came and got stuck into it – it was very much appreciated, and we had a good day. The following weekend, Milli and I took one of the park benches up the back under the shade of the shrubs for a bit of a rest from the hot sun. It was so pleasant that we decided to leave it up there – it will be a great spot on those hot summer days when you just want some quiet time. Some of the lathes were also given a badly needed clean, and some members are continuing that good work with the remaining lathes. I can't believe just how much polish had built up on the lathes, but not only that, also how far the polish had spattered (and many suspiciously round circles on top of the head stock where a polish bottle should not be put – keep the bottle on the bench or trolley). It really is quite obvious when you get polish drips on the lathe, so please try to keep them clean – if you get drips, clean them up. To help with this problem, Andrew has made some polish drip catchers for each of the lathes that will fit snugly onto the lathe beds to prevent drips getting down onto the lathe bed and also in the gap on the lathe bed (some of the lathes literally had mountains of polish built up down there). Equally, the amount of polish and glue globs that needed to be scraped off the floor was ridiculous – please wipe up your spills before they dry.

The band saws continue to be issue with many blades being broken or bent. A decision was made to go back to using plain carbon steel blades as the blades simply weren't lasting long enough to justify the expense of bimetal. Please use the jigs for logs, make sure the blade guard is down close to the work, and don't force the cut. Check the bearings (particularly the thrust bearings) are located appropriately.

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Club Committee

President: Cindy Kersaitis (JP) (0408760131)

Vice Presidents: Andrew Heffernan, Maurie Knight

Secretary: Cindy Kersaitis

Treasurer: Andrea McFarland

Club Meetings

7pm second Tuesday of each month except January.

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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THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PRODUCTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, INCREASED INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT OF MEMBERS. IT HAS ENERGISED MEMBERS

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 / Maurie Knight	Thursday	Eddie Catford / Maurie Knight
Tuesday	Bob Young / David Searle	Friday	Don Nixon / Maurie Knight
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Linnwood House—Dave Matthews
Koi Society—David Searle
Bunnings BBQ—Andrea McFarland

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Vacant

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Ian Frith

Ladies Day Coordinator
Robyn Mahoney

First Aid Supplies
Robyn Mahoney

Welcome to new members

Jacob Staley

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

Kath Kemp & Margaret Smith

We wish everyone a Speedy Recovery.

Sympathy card/s sent this month

Jill Catford on the passing of her brother

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 ... Viv….Welfare Officer



1. Lathe MC900, + Nova chuck, turning tools, spare belt, + shop-made stand, callipers, inboard & outboard tool rests and turning tools as shown in photos. The robust shop made stand has a storage shelf underneath, and a dust extractor fan. $600. Buyer to collect. Will fit in back of a small station wagon.

2.Scheppach gauge sharpening jig kit, suitable for Scheppach Tiger 2000 or 3000 wet grinder. Never used. $50 . Buyer to collect or will deliver within 15 km.

All prices are very negotiable, as I need to clear out my workshop. Please contact Alex Springall, alex@springall.fine.woodwork.com, Ph. 0459 625 390. Location, NW Sydney.

Images on club noticeboard

President's Report continued from front page. . .

Books for users to sign have been suggested, but they won't help (they make absolutely no difference on any other piece of equipment, and don't even get filled in the majority of the time) – nor will reintroducing the two person rule (the number of times you see two members who should know better…..). The only things that will make a difference is if members use the machines correctly, seek advice when they are unsure, and speak up (politely) when they see someone using them inappropriately. Help each other, teach each other, don't belittle each other or we just hide our mistakes.

The maintenance book. It is located to the left of the desk in the holder on the wall. Been there for years. If you identify an issue, please enter it into the book AND write your name so if further information is needed we know who to direct the question to. Always let the Convenor know when you make an entry so that they are aware. The Out of Order signs are now located in the same place as the maintenance book.

Bunnings BBQs. If more help isn't available, especially for the transport of goods to and fro, we will have to cancel our participation altogether. Sorry, but I've been appealing for help all year and we can't continue with them unless we get more members pitching in to help.

Open day is on Sunday 18th October. We have a sign on the front of the building and flyers are being prepared. If you can help distribute some, please let me know. Members will be able to sell their handmade wooden goods and charity bowls, but we won't be selling other goods please. This day is primarily about getting the locals in to see the Club, watch demonstrations, see what can be made at the Club, and encourage new memberships. It's not just a market day to make money. We won't be selling food or drinks, as we can't predict how many visitors we may attract. Please sign up to help demonstrate, sell, give tours of the Club, or just engage with the public.

Cindy



Happy Birthdays

Member #	Title	First Name	Surname
064	Ms	Robyn	Mahoney
2081	Mr	Rohan	McCardell
2455	Mr	Gary	Hansell
2507	Mr	Eddie	Catford
2659	Mr	Shane	Catford
2719	Mr	Rob	Stewart
3656	Mr	Kerry	Boyce
3664	Ms	Barbara	Clarke
3757	Mr	Kim	Reeves
4027	Mrs	Andrea	McFarland
4102	Mr	Bruce	Comerford
4116	Mr	Jacob	Staley

SAFETY HINT AND TIP: OCTOBER 2026.
THINK AND ACT SAFELY.
MACHINE OPERATING EXPERIENCE



Your body is **PRECIOUS.** It needs **YOU** to look after it.







If you know the name and size of a machine it doesn't mean you know how to operate it.

If you have a machine of your own it doesn't mean that they all operate the same and you can push the limits of different machines by pushing harder, cutting over size pieces to see if the machine can do what you had hoped.

All this does is abuse the machine which generally ends up causing the machine to fail or worse still with traumatic consequences of injury to yourself.

SAFETY means DON'T push the limits of a machine or for that matter yourself just to check both capabilities.

PLEASE. If you have a piece of wood too hard, too big. too heavy for your machines at home DON'T BRING THEM TO THE CLUB TO USE CLUB FACILITIES. IF THEY ARE NOT SUITABLE TO USE ON YOUR OWN MACHINE, THEN THEY ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR THE CLUB MACHINES

THIS TYPE OF ACTION OFTEN CAUSES CLUB MACHINES TO FAIL. CAUSING DISRUPTION TO CLUB MEMBERS, CLUB FACILITIES AND MACHINES.

THAT IS NOT YOUR RIGHT. Eddie C.

October Monthly Challenge:
A Wand

OBJECTIVE

Spindle Turning Challenge - Using the piece of Tasmanian Oak provided, create a wand as follows:

CONSTRAINTS

- Use only the provided timber - no additional timber. Each piece of timber is enough to make 2 wands
- Remember who uses these (mostly children).
- Make as ornate and unique as possible, so the ultimate owner can feel it was only made for them
- Magic is optional, imagination is compulsory.
- Have Fun 😄

MATERIALS

- This month's blanks are Tasmanian Oak .
- Blanks are available on the workbench under the monthly challenge cabinet.
- Using the provided timber helps us see how everyone interprets the same material differently, so please stick to these blanks.

  Blanks are limited so please only take <u>one piece of timber</u> and only if you are participating in the challenge.

NOTES

- **Show & Tell:** Place your finished vase in the display cabinet with your name for inclusion in the next newsletter photo.
- **Feedback:** We welcome suggestions for future monthly challenges.
- **Questions:** Please contact Don.

LABELS

Name labels are in the bottom right corner of the display cabinet. If you need some printed please see Milli.

September Challenge Results

Thank you all for participating!

Just look at the variations that were achieved from the same piece of wood.

It's great to see such diversity and enthusiasm from my fellow members.

Keep up the excellent work.

Don.

Round vases



Top L-R: Sanjay S, Andrew H, Robyn M, Silvana S-L, Don N Bottom L-R: Silvana S-L, Milli L, Kathryne H

Tall vases:



Top L-R: Lloyd I, David S, Lawrence M, Lawrence M, Alan M, Andrew H, Andrew H, Bottom L-R: Don N, Milli L, Bruce C, David S



BUNNINGS BBQ HELP



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.

The BBQ went well, despite Cindy suddenly being unable to do her usual routine of ferrying stuff to and for the club. It was great to see members pulling together to pick up the slack. We were down to one sausage at pack up time! The camaraderie among all those that helped out was fantastic. Please consider signing up to help out at the next BBQ.







LATHE BED MAINTENANCE







If you are using the lathe and adjusting both the tail stock or tool rest banjo and you find it difficult to move either of them it might be time for a little maintenance, not very difficult and about 2 minutes of your time.

If you are uncomfortable in doing it yourself then ask the convener of the day to help you.

Instructions. Simply wipe the bed free of dust shavings etc,. spray the bed both sides of the banjo tool rest and tailstock slide both items over the thin lubricant layer and spray where they were sitting let it all stand for 30 second then wipe excess off, both items should now slide freely the full length of the bed.

The above photo is a can of inox and while there are other suitable sprays that do the same and have the same results it is a personal preference which one to use.

Eddie C.

Clean Up Day 13 Sept

Vacuums whirred, dusters flicked, many hands scrubbed, scraped and polished ... along with the many other tasks completed during the Clean Up Day last Sunday. An amazing team of 16 members arrived to get down and get dirty.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their Sunday to help and especially to those



that brought baked goodies to keep us going, and Milli for keeping us on track.

Thanks to Team Gleam our club is a lot cleaner, but this will be ongoing; so .. please return every piece of equipment to its correct place after using, and make sure all areas are left neat and tidy - including all those hard to reach places on the lathes, because, let's face it .... we all like our crevices kept dust free!



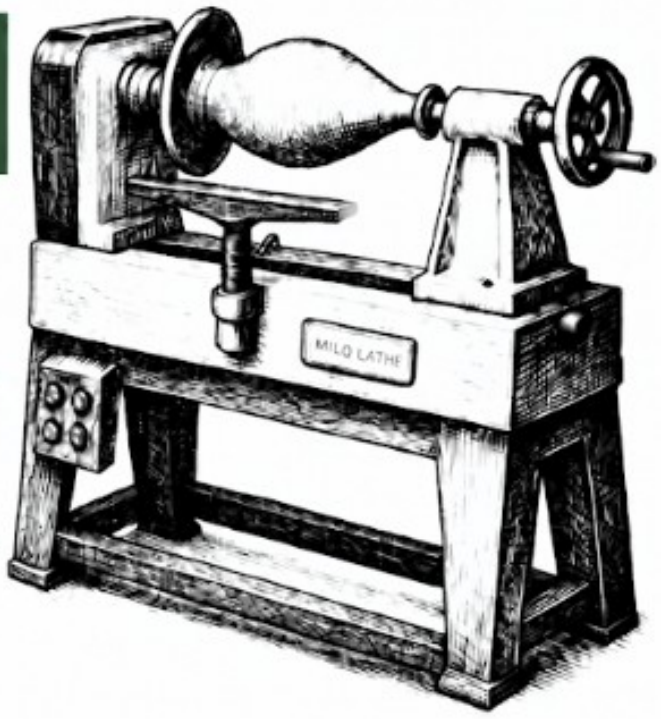
Andrea

Western Sydney Woodturners

Open Day

Sunday, 18th October 2026
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

All Welcome



- **Live woodturning demonstrations**
- **Handmade pieces for sale**
- **Club tours and membership information***

*Ages 14+ • All skill levels • Training available

Come along, see the craft in action, and discover the club

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OPEN DAY SIGN-UP

📅 Sunday 18th October 2026 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our upcoming Open Day is fast approaching! We are calling on all club members to get involved, showcase their woodworking skills, or lend a hand on the day to make this event a success.

⚠ ***Please note: Available table spots are first in, best dressed!***

How You Can Participate:

- **Book a Demo Spot:** Show a new or interesting technique, how to sharpen, or a favourite finishing method.
- **Book a Table to Sell Items:** Set up a space to sell or swap timber, tools, machinery, or turned pieces.
- **Volunteer:** Assist with welcoming guests, workshop setup, catering support, or general help on the day.

Scan to Sign Up: Scan the QR code on your smartphone camera to go straight to our online registration form Direct link - https://forms.gle/EksWDd44CKSeKLxx8	


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Specifications & Prices are subject to change without notification. All prices include GST and valid until 31-10-26

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Item 303 Sharpening Systems October 2026

System Comparisons

Robert Sorby



Basic price	$946.00
Wood Accessory Kit	$308.00
Total	**$1245.00**

Sorby systems vary in price from supplier to supplier. All with different attachments and accessories with a range from $1245.00 to $1700.00.
ADVANTAGES. Slow speed. Multiple grit size belts, easy to change.

Tormek



Price Range	$999.00
Wood Turning Kit	$677.00
Total	$**1672.00**

Tormek systems also have a price variance as they have several machine models and several kit attachments in hundreds of dollars each ranging from $1672.00 over $2000.00
ADVANTAGE. Slow speed, water cooled, low maintenance, longevities on wheel replacement.

Basic Brand Name Kits



Slow speed machine and spindle gauge sharpening kit	$365.00
Total	**$365.00**

Basic Brand Name Kit systems only have a price variance ranging from $365.00 to $500.00. However, a further cost to update the system to a long-lasting low maintenance by adding CBN wheels can be a further $500.00 each system.

NOTE.

THE PRICES WERE OBTAINED FROM CARBA-TEC SITE. AT THE TIME OF SEARCHING THESE ARTICALS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER.

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 publication Eddie C