



Happy New Year

Yes. The Woodpecker extends a Happy New Year greeting to all club members. Hope your Christmas & New Year were enjoyable and now we look forward to another year of making items to be proud of.

Clubs rely on volunteers and WOSP is fortunate to have its share.

Over the Christmas break a number of members were involved in tidying the workshop and making it more functional.

The walls were dusted, scraped & washed before the painting of the floor. The timber store room & office were cleaned up & rubbish removed. Rubbish was taken to the tip. The thicknesser was installed with new blades. The crosscut saw was given a new blade.

Multi-purpose cameras have been were installed and will be operational 24x7. The cameras can be used to:

- Determine anyone misusing equipment or tools.
- Identifying people in the work shop out of hours
- Clarifying the specifics of any accidents to occur.

So many thanks to John Bayliss, Tony Collins, Dennis Connor, Eddie Hunter, Jeff Killeen, Greg Millar, Jo Raulli, Gordon Waddingham. Apologies for anyone not mentioned.

The committee have also approved for the addition of another pedestal drill.

Additionally, let's also remember the following improvements made during the year: installation of 3 phase power, purchase of the dual drum sander, improved lathe lighting, removal of the dead tree on club grounds, arranged the Chris Pouncy wood turning demonstration.

Club Merchandise

Club Merchandise can be ordered on the form on the club meeting room noticeboard. Polo Shirt \$28, Promotional Polo shirt \$16, Jacket \$60, cap \$15 & name tags \$10.

Football Sweep

Every year Ron & Lyn Higgins run the football sweep & this year is not going to be any different. Last year the first prize money was \$650. Entries have to be in before first AFL game is on 23rd March. Cost of entry is \$2 per game i.e. \$46 for the season. It is preferable for the money can be paid up front.

You can enter by putting your name on the entry form on the club room notice board. Money can put on an envelope with your name & place in the FEES letter box.

If you want to be in the sweep but do not get to the workshop very often then send your intentions to wosp3939@gmail.com so that your intentions can be followed up.

Key Dates

2017 Neighbour Day	19 th March
Picture Framing Night	6 th March
Brendan Stemp PWG	8 th March
General Meeting	8 th March
Picture Framing Night	3 rd April

Get Well Soon

Greg Knox is continuing to battle his way on his recovery. The club does wish Greg the best & continually follows his progress. Hopefully he will be back at the club in the near future.

If you are aware of any club member being unwell please advise Ernie Garro, John Bayless or Greg Millar.

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General Meeting ~ March

The next general meeting is on 8th March. A vote will be conducted at the meeting as to whether next year's Christmas party will be held at a commercial venue or arranged by the committee. If you cannot make the meeting but wish to vote please inform a member of the committee of your wishes.

Bendigo Bank

Recently a video team representing the Bendigo Bank visited the club to create and advertising film to be displayed in each of their branches. The community bank is proud of their ability to give back to local non-profit organisations & will use it to advertise the club, its activities & the benevolence factor of the bank.

Photo Board /Member Gallery

The photo board has been excellent for displaying some of the completed projects. However some of the photos have been displayed so long they are getting tired and preventing the display of new photos.

Rather than lose these excellent photos, the aim will be to create a member gallery on the club website so for any your photos on the board please remove them, write you name on the back with a brief description and place the photos in the FEES slot by the office door.

Neighbourhood Day ~ 19th March

Neighbour Day aims to bring together people of all ages from the local community to celebrate together, enjoy each other's company, and have fun!

The day will be open to residents, sporting & activity groups including WOSP.

One of the aims of Neighbour Day is to promote feelings of safety and well-being in the neighbourhood. WOSP will be present and conducting turning demonstrations.

Brendan Stemp



Each quarter the Peninsula Woodturners Guild (PWG) engage a professional turner to demonstrate some particular skill or project in their auditorium at the McClelland Gallery, Frankston

Brendan Stemp is an Australian wood turner based in McKenzies Creek, near Horsham Victoria. Brendan has been turning for professionally approximately 10 years. At 1pm on the 8th March Brendan will be the guest turner. The entry fee of \$7 will cover the cost of the demonstration plus tea, coffee & biscuits.

Anyone interested in woodturning is welcome to attend.

Jean Field ~ a Club Pioneer



Jean Field has been a pioneer of the club when it was not fashionable for a woman to participate in a wood work club. She has contributed on the committee and as a member in the workshop.

Jean has always loved working with her hands. Jean recalls, "After the war I was working as a telegram messenger delivering telegrams by bicycle. With the shortage of spare parts and providing there were no telegrams to be delivered, I would look at the broken bicycles and strip parts from one to make another functional."

After moving to the peninsula in 2000 Jean & her husband, Jack, discovered the club's existence and naturally became involved.

The club had only been in existence for 4 year and consisted of two garages on the current site. Jean remembers Ted Young teaching her & Jack how to turn wood and loved it. Jean cannot recall the number of pens she has made over the years. As Jean has always loved working with wood she has sought out timber from a variety of places. Tony aster & lilly pilly trees in the back yard, walnut from a bed head, cedar from timber frames, sassafras, huon pine & celery pine from trips to Tasmania. Other timbers obtained are red gum, zirconia & mad myrtle. Over the years Jean & her husband have gradually built up their equipment at home to include a lathe for making her pens.

Back in 2000 the club was struggling for members, funds and equipment. At various times over the years Jean has performed the duties of treasurer, secretary & newsletter editor. This included involving herself in successfully applying to the council for a grant. In addition, Jean was responsible for designing the woodpecker as the club logo and assigning the name "The Woodpecker" to the club newsletter. When she was writing the newsletter Jean was able to encourage Tobin Bros to be a supporter who would both print the newsletter & provide the stamps.

Unfortunately Jean has been diagnosed with terminal cancer yet this and her 87 years cannot dim her interest in the club. The club only been open a week in 2017 she has already made two more pens to give away.

Jean is a true lady of the club and as current day members we should all be thankful that she got involved all those years ago.

Thanks for your service Jean.

Djarilmari Timber Products (pron. "Jar-il-mari")



Just before Christmas a couple of bags of wood blanks from Djarilmari were delivered. The timber blanks, mainly sheoak & jarrah, looked fantastic. The pen blanks were made up of the following timber species,



vasticola, concinna, red morrel, mini ritchie, York gum, woodline mallee, lace, curly mulga, b/eye sheoak and snap & rattle mallee. Josie has already made some pens with the blanks and they look excellent.

While it was known the quote did not contain GST or freight the cost was probably a bit more than expected. GST was 10%, but the freight cost from Australia Post proved to be about 1/3 of the cost price. As an example a pen blank quoted as \$3 had a final cost price of \$3.85



Figure 1 Jose Mare's Pens

Friday Session Direction

John Kremser, as a session leader, is a hard act to follow. However I am excited about taking on the role as the Friday session leader. My aim is to make the session one where a person can develop the skills of woodturning.



My personal goal for 2017 will be to complete the following projects, an off centre bowl, a four sided bowl, a lidded box, a pepper shaker and a natural edge burl bowl. Subsequently I will be in a better position to pass on the skills I have learnt. The challenge for the more experienced turner will be to turn a hollow sphere.

YouTube is an excellent tool to research woodturning projects & techniques so I encourage attendees to use for a variety of projects. Where attendees are interested in a similar project I will look to engage a more experienced turner to attend the session and demonstrate.

If you want to improve your turning skills come to the Friday morning session.

Monday Evening Sessions

On the first Monday of each month Roger Stebbing will be in attendance to assist any member interested in picture framing. The club has a picture framing guillotine available & with Roger's expertise your project will be finished professionally.

Of course, the workshop will be available for other members with different interests.

Turning Tips



1. John Johnson's technique for simplifying the process in making a pepper grinder is to use a special jam chuck. As per the photo the chuck is designed to fit into the base of the pepper shaker. An additional benefit is that the base can be reversed on the chuck allowing access to the entire base.

Refer to the photo to a base in the chuck. There is a 38mm tenon 10mm deep. Then a 25mm shaft 100mm long which will hold the pepper grinder base firmly.

2. Generally one of the first tasks in turning is to create a tenon. To start you need to know the clamping size of the chuck which within WOSP is 50mm. To simplify creating a tenon, make yourself a 50mm jig as per the photo. Using the jig is a lot simpler than using calipers or just guessing.



3. To rejuvenate hard EEE place the container in hot water to melt contents. Add a small amount of mineral turpentine (for half a jar add 1 tablespoon, if really dry add 2 tablespoons but too much will just make it runny). When melted stir with non-metal stirrer until mix begins to cool & thicken or the abrasive may drop out of the mix.

Using Paper Joints for Turning Bowls

Turning bowls on a wood lathe is an absolute blast, particularly if you finish off with 1220 grit paper to make the bowl feel like glass.

Using a faceplate on a shallow blank limits the depth of the bowl due to the depth of the screws. The screws will likely penetrate through the bottom of your bowl, which will cause you to turn a strainer rather than a bowl to the bowl.

An inexpensive solution can be to use a paper joint. A paper joint is a temporary joint that attaches a sacrificial base to the bowl so that the screws from the faceplate will not penetrate into the bowl. The joint will hold the blank securely while you turn your project, and the temporary base is easily removed when the turning is complete.

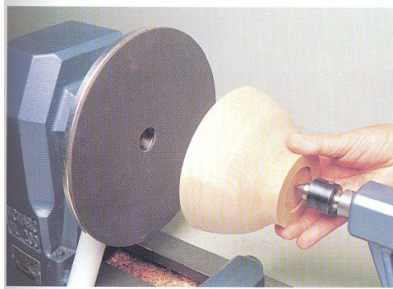
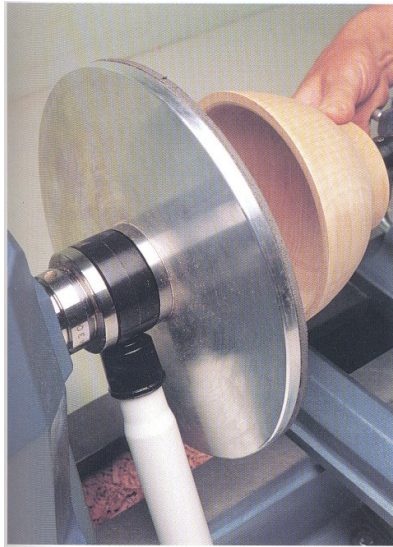


Figure 2 Add a sacrificial base to a blank. (paper joint)

To start, mark the centre of the blank with a small indentation and the centre of the base with a small nail. Place glue on both the blank & the sacrificial base. Use porous paper between the blank & the base ensuring the centre of the base is allocated to the centre of the blank. Then clamp the 2 pieces and leave overnight.

Finally using the faceplate on the sacrificial base will allow access to maximum depth out of the blank.

Wood Turning Ideas ~ Vacuum Chuck



In the last newsletter the Woodpecker included the following article on the vacuum chuck with a request for your opinion as to whether the club should purchase one. It is argued that an alternative to the vacuum chuck is a jam chuck. However in contrast to the vacuum chuck a different sized jam chuck is required for a different sized bowl.

Please read the article, decide whether the club should have a vacuum chuck or not & let your opinion be known.

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A bowl can be turned from a blank using a chuck in expansion mode or with a tenon using the compression mode. If you use the compression mode there is an unwanted tenon remaining at the end of the project. One way of removing this tenon is with a vacuum chuck. The chuck is used in conjunction with a vacuum cleaner.

The idea is to place the bowl on the 300mm rubber covered faceplate using the tailstock to ensure the bowl is central. When the vacuum cleaner is turned on the suction holds the bowl to the faceplate so the unwanted tenon can be removed.

The internet shows how to make a vacuum chuck but the simplest solution as experienced at the

Peninsula Woodturners Guild (PWG) is the Vicmarc chuck as shown in the pictures displayed. There is a suction hole in the centre of the rubber covered faceplate. Between the faceplate and the headstock is a rotating union into which the vacuum cleaner can be attached.

Vicmarc in South Australia can provide the plate, rotating union & and adapter for one of our lathes for \$262.

Be sure to tell your committee that it would a handy tool to have at the club because they will not buy it if you do not want it.

Consider these Suppliers.

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