



Equipment Introduction Sessions

The committee is planning an equipment safety induction course compulsory for all members. No one is exempt from the training. Unless you have done the training you will not be allowed to use the equipment.

This training is being conducted for your safety.

Gavin Davis has prepared the training material and in the month of April will train a number of members to conduct the testing. Gaven will organise the testing sessions to start in May. The testing sessions will be outside the normal session times.

Please ensure you make yourself available when the courses are advertised.

Key Dates

Good Friday	No Session
Picture Framing Night	1 st May
Committee Meeting	2 nd May
Open Day	Jan 2018

Your Session Leaders

The clubs session leaders have donated their time to help you complete your planned activity. However the session leaders have different skills and you should be aware of their skills should you require specific assistance.

Ron Higgins has been the Monday evening session leader for a number of years and has a broad range of skills, although he likes to specialise in wood turning.

Roger Stebbing is an artist whose portraits & landscapes require frames. So he developed his picture frame making skills & is prepared to share them with you on the first Monday evening of each month.

The club is often requested to undertake some specific activity. Dennis Connor always takes the lead in these cases. His general carpentry skills are excellent.

Gordon Waddingham loves to assist members wanting to wood turn. He has a number of projects for beginners that are simple & inexpensive but will assist you in developing your turning skills.

Gaven Davis is a retired chippy who loves woodturning well. If you view his past projects you will be challenged to improve your own skills.

Dennis, Gordon & Gaven are available on Tuesdays. They also have access to jigs that will assist you making some attractive bread boards & trays.

In a past life Rob Oram was a fitter & turner. Rob possesses imagination & initiative and has the innate ability to assist with any project you wish to undertake. At the request of one member wanting to make a jewellery box Rob made available his own router & finger joint jig. So if you want to make a jewellery box then Ron is the person to see on Thursday evenings.

Although Colin Dobson is in his first year as a session leader he gets enjoyment in helping members learn the skills of using the wood turning chisels correctly.

Of course on Wednesdays are toy making days. As many toys need to be mass produced Bert Bartlett is the man to see about making jigs to make your job easier.

Christmas Functions

A recent vote by members has confirmed the 2017 Christmas function will be held at the Rye RSL. The Toys Team will be arranging "Christmas in July" for team participants.

Woodturning Design Concepts

The flat, steep-sided bowl below on the right is a classic design usually employed by a novice turner. This may be because of a desire to maximize the volume of that \$10 blank but more than likely the project was started with no particular design in mind.

WHAT IS THE "RIGHT" CURVE?

One convention is that the curved line of a bowl is more appealing if it approximates a catenary curve. A catenary curve is formed if you hold a light chain by its ends and let it droop. Whether deep or shallow (slack or taut), the line formed is called a catenary curve



EASE OF TURNING IS AN ADDED BONUS

There is a bonus to the form on the left above. It is far easier to turn than the flat-bottomed piece. The flat-bottomed piece has a tight radius at the transition from side to bottom on the inside. When rounding that bend, the shank of the gouge will "ground out" against the rim of the bowl and cause the bevel to come off the work, resulting in the loss of control of the cut. The bevel will only regain contact with the surface part way to the centre so there will be a very rough cut from side to almost centre. Add to that, a flat bottom is very hard to do well. Should you want this design (and there may be a very valid reason), the answer is to use a gouge with a very steep angle (say, 45 degrees at least). This will stand the tool straighter up, keeping the shank away from the rim at the transition from side to bottom.

Contrary to all this, the bowl with the simpler curve is much easier to turn, having a curved bottom and no issues with the shank of the tool coming in contact with the rim on its path around the curve. Additionally, there are no sudden changes in direction throughout the cut, only a smooth transition from rim to centre.

Djarilmari Timber Products

Another order of timber from Djarilmari has been filled. An order form will be available on the notice board should anyone require burls, pen, bowl or grinder blanks. Approximate Costs:

Jarrah & Sheoak grinder blanks (300x75x75) \$30, Pen Blanks (various Species) \$3.90



1 Steady Rest

New Purchases

While the club has 3 JET lathes with 3 short tool rests there is only one long tool rest. The committee has agreed to purchase another 2 long tool rests. In addition, a ring cutter, a new chuck & key and a steady rest will be purchased.

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For Sale

There are a couple of "For Sale" notices on the club notice board.

JET Drum Sander \$550 ONO. Call 0412 636 700

HAFCO Wood Lathe \$250. Call Russell on 0412 857 660

More information is on the club notice board.

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.

Water Tower

The clubs new water tower has been well received particularly over the recent hot days.

Good Friday

There will not be a session at the club on Good Friday. Members will be advised by email re Easter Monday & Anzac Day

Football Sweep

40 people have entered the football sweep this year.

As a result the prize money will be:

1st \$800

2nd \$450

3rd \$280

2nd Last \$46

Club Library

Members need to be aware the club does have a small but interesting library. It is often forgotten but well worth a browse.

Consider these Suppliers.

Pop's Shed ~ 10% to club members

Onsite Power Tools & Dandy Blade Sharpening Service

Gary Pye Woodturning Supplies

garypye.com/GPW-Turning-Tools-c44/

Penn State Industries pennstateind.com

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