



Friends of WOSP

It is May already and shortly everyone will have the opportunity of renewing their membership. For those members who are unable to participate in work sessions but would like to receive "The Woodpecker" newsletter the Associate Membership is available. It can be also called the "Friends of WOSP" membership.

Key Dates

Bunnings BBQ	14 th May
Exhibition of W/turning	May 24-28
Picture Framing Night	5 th June
Committee Meeting	6 th June
AWTEX	16-18 June
Open Day	Jan 2018

Bunnings BBQ~ Mothers Day

Bunnings has assigned WOSP BBQ privileges on Mothers Day. However at the time of print Ron Higgins is still in need of 5 volunteers to man the stall. In particular, the 2pm-4pm time slot requires people.

Understandably Mothers Day does restrict the pool of members available but if you can see a way of assisting Ron please give him a ring on 5986 7002 or 0407 857 252

Equipment Safety Induction

The scope of the safety induction program has been bigger than anticipated. Consequently its introduction is a little behind the initial timeline. Nevertheless within 4 weeks you will see on the noticeboard a timetable of planned induction sessions. Place your name in a session that suits you.

The appointed inductions leaders are Bert Bartlett, Gaven Davis, Eddie Hunter, Jeff Killeen & Greg Millar.

As the focus will be on safety there will be an emphasis on using eye, breath & hearing protection. The committee recommends that members provide their own eye protection glasses, dust mask & ear muffs.

Attending an induction session will be compulsory for all members.

Recent Purchases

Recently the club purchased the following tools

- A chuck & key to replace the chuck without a key.
- A feather magnetic switch for the bench saw
- Kitchen sink tap that switches off after 15 seconds. Still to be installed
- Ring cutter
- Steady rest
- Long tool rests for Jet Lathes.



Figure 2 Ring Cutter



Figure 1 Steady Rest

If you would like to see how the ring cutter or steady rest works contact Gordon Waddingham on Tuesdays at the club.

Intarsia

In the club we become very familiar with wood workers specialising in wood turning, carpentry and even carving. Recently, however John Hanley introduced me to Intarsia.

John explained, "Intarsia is a woodworking technique that uses varied shapes, sizes, and species of wood fitted together to create a mosaic-like picture with an illusion of depth. Intarsia is created through the selection of different types of wood, using their natural grain pattern and color (but can involve the use of stains and dyes) to create variations in the pattern."

As I was still unsure of what Intarsia was, John invited me to his home where he showed me a gallery of his Intarsia art work & lead lighting.

Over the years John used to teach lead lighting at Dromana Tech and then later in the Hillview Quarries workshop. This led to his interest in Intarsia due to their similarity.



Figure 3 John Hanley & his snake

John's workshop is set up with the tools and workbench space he needs together with his library of reference books. In the centre of the workshop is a pot belly stove to enable him to follow his passion even in the winter.

Then John showed me a twisted branch he found and talked of calving the head & soldering scales to the body so that it looked like a snake.



Each Intarsia art piece is made up of 60-150 pieces. I asked John where he finds the time to complete all these art pieces. "Anything to avoid looking at the idiot box", he replied.

Coring Bowl Blanks Saves Wood and Saves Money!



Coring bowl blanks is a way to produce more than one bowl from a single wood blank. It does require some type of coring tool. There are a few different ones on the market, from hand held models as simple as the Robert Sorby arm brace tool for which you can purchase a straight and thin slicing attachment up to the more functional "Oneway Easy-Core" system.

On the "Oneway 2436" lathe there are four curved knives and fingers or supports which allow the to retrieval of bowl blanks from nine to eighteen inches in diameter from one woodturning blank. Another feature is the cutter itself is removable to allow them to be sharpened or they may be purchased separately, unlike some other systems. Refer to the following links if you would like to see a demonstration of how the bowl saver works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjssqrNFkTc> ~ Coring Bowl Blanks with the Oneway Easy Coring System

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-Brxc3c3bM> ~The Bowl Saver MAX with Brendan Stemp

The club has a bowl saver. Gordon Waddingham & Colin Dobson can demonstrate its application if you are interested.

Council of Woodworking Clubs (CWC)

<https://www.councilwoodworkclubs.org/>

The purpose of the CWC is to link all woodworking clubs & to enhance communication between them. Check out the website and see if they do what they say they do.

Two activities close to home are:

- The Peninsula Woodturners Guild is conducting an Exhibition of Woodturning at the Peninsula Community Theatre corner Wilson's Rd and Nepean Highway, Mornington between May 24-28th 2017. Entry \$5
- Australian Woodturning Exhibition 16-18 June 2017 Kingston City Hall Moorabbin

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.

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.

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
McJing Tools	mcjing.com.au
Laser Engraving & Handmade Gifts	www.customengrave.com.au 0425 809 170
Abronet / sandpaper	www.freemanindustries.com.au (08) 9303 9199
Robot Building Supplies for steel rod	www.robotbuildingsupplies.com.au Dromana (03) 5987 1166
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