

Club News

Last week the committee met to discuss if it could operate under the new guidelines of 5 people in a room or workshop. The idea discussed was having the session leader & only 4 members at a session at any one time. The proposal was to have members ring the session leader to book attendance for a session. If a sixth person turned up on the day then that person would be asked to leave the workshop.

So first thing Monday morning John Bayliss visited council to request permission to open. John invited council members to visit the workshop to see the amount of space available. However the answer was a definite "NO". They advised if we had their permission then all the Men's Sheds on the peninsula would expect the same privileges'.

ZOOM Session

Over past weeks we have used ZOOM to catch up, say "hello" & talk about what we have been doing. This week we experimented with using ZOOM to conduct a training session. Tony Haigh volunteered to demonstrate how he turns a finial. Tony placed his iPad on a shelf over his lathe for the demonstration. He used his earbuds to hear any conversation. The attendees thought he did an excellent job in managing the technology & the turning. It proved to be an excellent success for those interested.

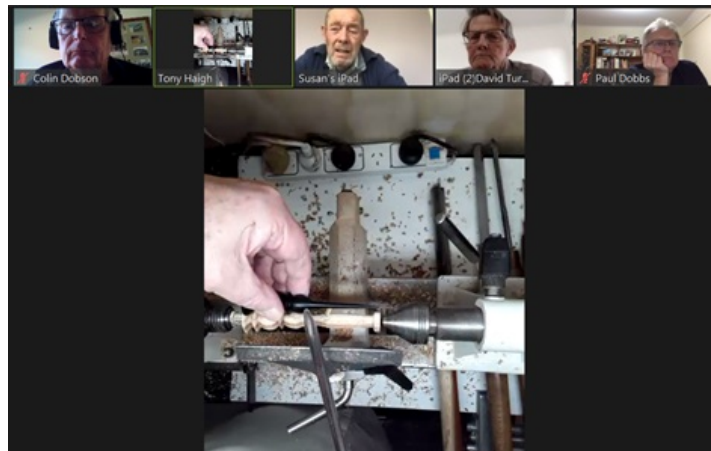


Figure 1 The ZOOM screen shows the demonstration watched by the attendees.

Later it was discussed what other training sessions could be planned; however we are still open for ideas.

Alan Smith commented later that Tony mentioned he wanted the hardest woods for his finials.

"When I worked on the Post Office in the sixties many cables were still lead and when making a sleeve for a joint we used a particular mallet and the head was made from Lignum Vitae. Nature provided many fine hardwoods including Lignum Vitae, one of the hardest and heaviest species of timber. It's found throughout central, northern and southern America, it has a weight of 81lb (37kg) per cubic foot and that's heavy. It's difficult to saw and to plane but turns exceedingly well, it contains resins that feel oily making it self-lubricating which makes it extremely suitable for block sheaves in vessels and even has been used in ship's bearings that can outlast metal. So there you are" says Alan. Next week Alan will tell us if the timber is available locally.

How are you passing the Day?

Its day 64 since workshop closure and I am sure you have been doing some interesting things. Why not share your experiences.

Dennis Connor has been busy trying to complete the list of jobs his wife, Margaret, has had lined up for him for a long time.

John Bayliss has finished the work in his back yard and now walks his dog each day around the workshop acting like a security guard.

I came across a large number of lengths of 4x2 treated pine that was going to be thrown away. So last week I made a bench seat from a plan available from KREG. Fortunately there is enough lengths to make 3 bench seats.



Kreg Joinery™ is an incredibly fast, strong, and simple way of joining wood. It essentially involves drilling a hole at an angle into one workpiece, and then joining it to a second workpiece with self-tapping screws.



Figure 2 Bench Seat with Back Support

Kate Martin in her travels a shop with some exquisite carvings. Check out the pictures as they show some real craftsmanship.

Scott Hanley has loved having his kids doing home schooling. It does cut into his time to get into the workshop but it does not stop him from showing his sense of humour and posting it on Facebook. I have included a few of his posting to share.

We all know about Google Street View and we have all probably looked at the appearance of our place that has been captured by Google. But not everyone has lucky enough to be outside working when the camera went passed.



Figure 3 Scott caught working by Google



Ron Higgins has been busy making a variety of attractive pens. I would love a dollar for every pen he has made.

He has also coloured the bowl in an interesting way as I understand it is from one blank.

