



# THE WOODPECKER

Ed 2019-10

## Official Opening

### Saturday 12 October

A working bee to set up for the day is planned for Friday 11 October at 9:00 am. Unfortunately, with regret, this means the Friday morning session has to be cancelled. **The committee would like your assistance at the working bee as there is plenty to do.**

You are invited to bring along the projects you are proud of to demonstrate the type of work being performed at the club. An area will be set aside for all members past projects for both display and sale. If members wish to sell any item they must be on hand for the sale. The club does not expect any commission.

The day starts at 11:00 am. There will be parking attendants on hand to direct parking as the classic car club will be displaying their cars. With the radio club being open and the invited guests arriving, we would appreciate having the parking attendants on hand.

## Thanks

The committee and many members have spent a lot of time relocating the workshop and settling down the new layout. In fact it is still in the bedding down phase. On behalf of all members the "Woodpecker" thanks these people for their hours and commitment in making the workshop what it is today. Without their huge effort the workshop would have taken a lot longer to open than it did.

Much has been achieved in a short period of time.

- ◆ A store room has been added to house financial and historical documents.
- ◆ A security system has been added to cover both the interior and exterior of the workshop.
- ◆ Each lathe has a security screen.
- ◆ The dust filtering via the extract fan and side vents works better than we ever had.
- ◆ Previously stored machinery that was unusable for lack of space has been added to the floorplan.
- ◆ The new layout is proving to be easier to keep clean and maintain.
- ◆ A new kitchen was installed with plumbing, dishwasher, stove, oven and microwave.
- ◆ The kitchen / meeting room has the honor board, TV set and new tables and chairs.
- ◆ Liaising with the council for all matters, more recently the "noise" issue.
- ◆ The list goes on ...

Now that the workshop is open, ideas have been expressed suggesting other layouts. Hindsight is wonderful. If we recall the way the Besgrove Street workshop developed, it changed and grew over a period of time. Change in the new workshop is just as probable as it was previously, particularly as storage racks, paint room, sale of unwanted equipment and other requirements still need to be completed.

The committee looks to have you assist by:

- ◆ Being patient and understanding with the completion of outstanding activities. Look to be positive when providing your viewpoint as we are all volunteers.
- ◆ Keeping the workshop clean. Monday maintenance should be for looking after the equipment not cleaning, sweeping etc.
- ◆ Asking for session leader assistance when using the drum sanders as each roll of sandpaper costs approximately \$70
- ◆ Being careful using the equipment as it could be dangerous and expensive to repair.
- ◆ Asking for session leader assistance to sharpen wood turning chisels. It would be a shame if the club introduced a policy of providing and using your own chisels.

It is difficult thanking members individually for the work they have done as someone is sure to be left out and that is not the intention here. Apart from the general relocation activities:

- ◆ Dennis Connor and Scott Hanley are to be congratulated on the excellent job they have done in making safe the tennis courts. They have used planter boxes to cover up the serious drops in the tennis court surface, arranged for the soil for the planter boxes and organised plants through Hillview Quarries. It's been a big job over a couple of weeks but it was well needed and has been well done. In addition they have drilled holes into the surface of the tennis court to allow the pools of water to drain away.
- ◆ Rob Oram for repairing a broken chair. He did such a good job no one could pick which chair leg had been damaged.
- ◆ Gordon Waddingham built the store room.

Please advise the editor if he has accidentally missed thanking any particular person.



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## Dust Extractor Update

John was informed that once the work had been completed, the club's opening hours would still be restricted to Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If the club were to open after 6:00 pm week days, the heavy machinery would not be permitted to be used. However a class of Intarsia and / or pyrography could be considered.

The above ruling is a constraint on the club's current hours so the members need to decide how we work within the constraint and provide best session times to suit members.

This is up for discussion and your thoughts would be appreciated. Some ideas are:

- ◆ Leave the morning and afternoon sessions as they are 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
- ◆ Make the Monday and Thursday sessions 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
- ◆ Introduce a Thursday morning session.
- ◆ Introduce a Saturday session 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

It must be remembered that a session cannot be introduced unless there is a suitable session leader. Please share your thoughts with your session leader, a committee person or in writing to the club's email [wosp3939@gmail.com](mailto:wosp3939@gmail.com)

## Snippets & Offcuts

The club bought a steady that proved to be particularly useful on a couple of the lathes. However its cast iron fittings did not suit all lathes. One useful thing I have learnt at WoSP is the benefit of using jigs. So I made the fittings to suit another lathe and was rather chuffed to see it work. So if you see a need to use the steady on a different lathe within the club, have your session leader document the requirement in the maintenance book for further review.



## Key Dates

Official Opening of New Workshop	12 October
General Meeting	23 October
Newsletter Cut-off	8 November
Committee Meeting	12 November

## Down Under Turnaround

Down Under Turnaround is a weekend gathering of wood turners where skills can be developed and shared.

Guilio Marcolongo is an internationally recognised turner and demonstrator. Together with Bruce Talbot, Guilio founded the Turnaround movement of which there are 6 such events in Australia. Guilio has shown the way in making scallop footed boxes, natural edged burl platters, vacuum chucking for hollow forms and spoon/ladle turning methods.

Also in attendance were:

- ◆ Vic Wood, an internationally famous woodturner and teacher with qualifications in Cabinet Making, Woodturning, and a Fellowship Diploma of Gold and Silversmithing.
- ◆ Ken Wraight, also internationally recognised. His work is described as 'engineering in wood' due to its complexity and precision.
- ◆ Neil Ellis, the founding partner of U-Beaut Polishes
- ◆ Jim Carroll of Carroll's Woodcraft Supplies with all his specialist woodturning supplies.

More detailed profiles of these men can be found on the internet. These men, plus many other turners were available and very happy to help and share ideas, methods and enthusiasm. Just after arrival the handle came off our tailstock. Within minutes of our problem being noticed a small contingent gathered to advise the solution which was to pull the shaft out of the tailstock, file the flat spot at the end, re-insert it and firmly attach the handle. Of course we did not have any allen keys or files but those that did were only too pleased to share.

The event was held at a location in Cowes where there is a gym, accommodation for over 100 and meals are supplied. The cost for all meals, 2 nights accommodation and access to internationally renowned turners was only \$210. Turners are expected to bring their own lathe and supplies.



Some of the items available for the silent auction

Any profit from a raffle and silent auction went to Mat Bowtell who runs a non-profit organisation Free3Dhands which designs and manufactures artificial limbs for people without hands.

Some of my fascinating observations were:

- ◆ Guilio demonstrated a Hawaiian method for patching cracks in wood. A template is used to router a butterfly cut across the crack. Then the wooden butterfly is inserted into the mould and CA glue is applied. If necessary the crack can be filled with sawdust, resin or as demonstrated coffee grinds.
- ◆ A mechanical device for making spheres. *A threaded, lidded container*
- ◆ A technique for making spheres using the roughing gouge and skew chisel.
- ◆ Cutting into end grain with the skew chisel.
- ◆ A mechanism for threading.
- ◆ A demonstration on inside out turning.
- ◆ Some very decorative pen blanks made fit for purpose.
- ◆ A tool sharpening demonstration which covered all the chisels.
- ◆ A recommended grinder setup for chisel sharpening.
- ◆ The proper technique for securing your blank to the chuck.



Guilio and his mate Ron - Colin with his brother John

The Down Under Turnaround is on again next year from 11 – 13 September 2020 at a cost of \$220. Caroline is taking bookings now and can be reached on 0419 956 730. I will be going and hope to see you there.

Colin



## For Sale

### Metal Lathe \$2500 ono

Contact **Tom 0409 535 046** for more info

Hercus 260. Metric lead screw for thread cutting. 240 volt controller to run the 3 phase motor. Comes with brand new turning and parting tools with inserts and 1/2" chuck.



## Membership

David Perry and Laura Disbray are the newest members to join the club. Please make yourselves known to both Laura and David to make them feel at home. Current membership stands at 83.

## Birthdays

The best of birthday greetings to the following members. Be sure to ask them what day it is so they can bring in a cake.

### October Birthdays

Bert Bartlett  
Greg Millar  
John Bayliss  
Barry Watson  
Joe Raulli

### November Birthdays

John Hanley  
John Parrent  
Ross Ewison



## Session Timetable

Day	Start	Finish	Program	Team Leader
Monday	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Maintenance	Gaven Davis
	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Wood Turning	John Feeley
Tuesday	9:00 am	12:30 pm	Segmented Wood Work	Brian Jones
	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Wood Turning	Gaven Davis
Wednesday	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Toy Making	Jeff Killeen & Gaven Davis
Thursday	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Wood Work	Rob Oram
Friday	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Wood Turning	Colin Dobson



## Merchandise

Club Caps	\$15
Polo Shirts	\$40
Windcheater	\$60

## Executive Committee

<b>President</b>	John Bayliss	0449 768 005
<b>Vice President</b>	Dennis Connor	5985 7788
<b>Secretary</b>	Greg Millar	0410 280 695
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jeff Killeen	0409 164 651

## Committee Members 2019

<b>Membership</b>	Scott Hanley	0423 027 429
<b>Social</b>	Anne Miller	0408 317 705
<b>Induction/Safety</b>	Gaven Davis	0418 388 152
<b>Promotion</b>	John Dunn	0405 300 047
<b>Newsletter</b>	Colin Dobson	0417 364 802
<b>Fund Raising</b>	David Feather	0422 117 115

## Working Groups

<b>Newsletter</b>	Colin Dobson	Josie Maré
<b>Maintenance</b>	Noel Archbald Dennis Connor John Feeley Jeff Killeen	John Bayliss Gaven Davis Brian Jones Greg Millar
<b>Toy Advisory Group</b>	Noel Archbald Gaven Davis Jeff Killeen David Palmer	Bert Bartlett John Feeley Anne Miller
<b>Website</b>	Colin Dobson	
<b>BBQ</b>	Jeff Killeen	
<b>Facebook</b>	Scott Hanley	
<b>Merchandising</b>	Rod Bew	

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The newsletter cut-off date will be the Friday **BEFORE** each committee meeting.

To broaden the "Woodpecker's" scope, Gaven Davis has volunteered to provide future articles on safety and Jeff Killeen will contribute articles of interest on "toys".

All members are encouraged to submit articles of interest for publication at the editors discretion.