



THE WOODPECKER

Snippets & Offcuts

- At the end of 2021 the club had some toys that had not been distributed. Consequently, the toys were given to the Rye Community Centre who has a child-minding group. The unexpected gift was very well received.
- You may think you know how to sharpen the chisels but someone is destroying the chisels by putting on the chisel a completely wrong bevel. So, you are asked to have your session leader sharpen the wood turning chisels.
- Would you be interested in making a wooden 3 string acoustic guitar? John Andrews is a guitar teacher and a new member. He has the plans to make the guitar and the necessary jigs that will be required. At this stage he is planning to start on the 3rd May, the afternoon sessions, and is happy to guide others through the process of making the guitar. Depending on a member's abilities it is anticipated it will take 10 weeks to make the guitar. Once everyone has their guitar, he is happy to provide a couple of free lessons. John says "it is easier to play than a ukulele".
- If you have access to Facebook, you may be interested in the 2 following interest groups:



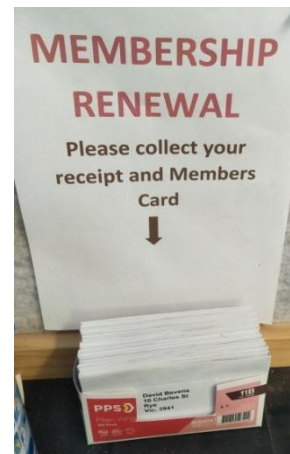
Woodturning Entrepreneur

Woodturning Entrepreneur is a FREE group where woodturners, and those who want to be woodturners, can gather and discuss woodturning, how to sell artisan crafts, how to build your reputation as a maker, and other interests related to being a woodturner and an entrepreneur.

Australian Pen Turners

A place for Australian pen turners to get together and share advice, turning supplies like burls or blanks. All are welcome but if you are a seller, you must be willing to post to oz.

- Your 2021-22 Annual membership fee receipt can be found on the registration desk. You should be aware that the envelope contains your membership card which will allow you to get a discount when purchasing from Pop's Shed, Carbatec & Carrolls.
- Recently Peninsula Fresh Seafood (PFS) purchased another 20 oyster knives from the club. Many thanks to those who made the knives: Tony Haigh, Paul Dobbs, Colin Dobson & John Hanley. If you have any old stainless steel kitchen knives you will be able to help those making the next 20 knives for PFS.
- Are you interested in a wine barrel or a half? The club has a couple of barrels available for sale. A full barrel is \$70 while the half barrel is \$35.



Meet the Woodturner Live.

Technology has changed the world in many ways that include wood turning. If you were interested in wood turning you had books available to you or you were dependent on a fellow member of your club. Then along comes YouTube which is now the first place to go.

Covid forced further changes with the introduction of Zoom, a web conferencing platform that is used for audio and/or video conferencing.

Record Power, a wood turning tool supplier, used Zoom to promote their products by having Theo Harampolou demonstrate the turning of a variety of interesting and appealing items.

Recently Pat Carroll scheduled a weekend program where specialists, interested in wood, from all over the world were able to demonstrate their skills. More than 30 presentations were made available over a weekend based on Greenwich Mean Time. Some of the topics included pendants, boxes, winged bowls and large moon jars. It covered a range of wood turning techniques, pyrography, carving and the latest in the availability in tools.

To appeal to wood turners around the world the sessions were recorded and made available for 30 days. The cost of viewing was £55 which was approximately A\$100.

Some of the items produced were:



A baby rattle

Danielle Flowers (Scotland)



An off centred winged bowl.
(a Saturn bowl)
The bowl was turned by Gary &
decorated by Kirsty using
pyrography & paint

Gary Lowe & Kirsty Dalton
(Scotland)



A lidded medieval goblet

Andrew Hall



Square bowl

Colwin Way



A variety of Pendants

Helen Bailey

Bunnings Mornington Art Exhibition

May Simpson, an entrant in the above Art Show, has nominated Woodworkers of Southern Peninsula as her charity should her entry (see below) win a prize. Thank you May – this is very much appreciated by the WoSP membership.





Support WoSP by using a Ritchie's card when shopping at an IGA store. You can use the card or their phone app, whichever is easier.



Peninsula Fresh Seafood offers seniors a 5% discount for fresh fish each Monday. PFS are in the Dromana Industrial Estate.

When buying fresh fish from PFS tell them you're a member of WoSP & let them know WoSP makes their Oyster knives.

Welcome to our new members

John Andrews, Cheryl (Chez) Wong, Batoul Barbar, Russell Williams

We look forward to enjoying our time with you.

Personality this Month – Ruth Bethridge by Allan Brookes



Ruth is one of the newest members of WoSP having joined in late 2021. This came about as a result of a chat with an existing member of the club (wonder who that was?). A quick check of the WoSP web site confirmed Ruth's impressions and here she is.

She has enjoyed woodworking since her school years but has only now found a club that provides the support and mentoring like the WoSP. The lack of a club like WoSP has not deterred her from renovations at home. DIY around home has allowed her to 'turn off' and is now supported by the help, guidance and advice that the WoSP provides. As a wood turner, she is learning fast on Thursday mornings – time that she is finding relaxing (as a fellow 'Turning apprentice', I can attest to her skill with a lathe and chisel...). And Ruth can regularly be found in the workshop on Thursday afternoons as well as

mornings. She is loving her time at WoSP. After being a little apprehensive at the start she has now 'settled in'. Like many of us Woodies, space for a workshop is the issue at home.

Ruth's story starts in Tamworth (Staffordshire) in England's midland – on the river Tame (from which the town takes its name) and some 23Kms from Birmingham. Unlike our Country Music Capital here in Australia of the same name, the English Tamworth has a history going back to Roman days and beyond. Tamworth was the principal centre of royal power of the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Mercia during the 8th and 9th centuries. It hosts a simple but elevated 12th century castle, a well-preserved medieval church (the Church of St Editha). Until 2001 one of its factories was Reliant, which produced the Reliant Robin three-wheeler car and the Reliant Scimitar sports car. The Snowdome, a prototype real-snow indoor ski slope, is in Tamworth. During the 19th century the Tamworth pig, a long-bodied, heavily bristled breed, was first sold there by cross-breeding pigs available locally with imported Irish stock. Pigs remain an important industry for the area. An important claim to fame for Tamworth is as the birthplace of Sir Robert Peel, English Prime Minister and primarily responsible establish the UK police force – the Bobbies or Peelers. But Ruth has no desire to return to Tamworth. Nowadays, the town is a 'bedroom suburb' as much of the population works in Birmingham.

Ruth escaped Tamworth for Brighton and surrounds for some 15 years before making the big move to Australia. She was 18 when she made that move to Brighton to take work in health care including doing her nurse training. Ruth rose through the ranks and decided that she loved the role of Theatre Nurse and decided 'this is the job for me' (also she gets to see inside people – physically, not mentally....). Ruth moved direct to Melbourne while the rest of her family moved to New Zealand. Ruth has continued her nursing career here in Melbourne – first at the Alfred and now at the Frankston Hospital where she works as a Theatre Nurse – a role she thoroughly enjoys. Ruth is quite passionate about good patient care (ask for Ruth if your up for an op at Frankston. Ed). Of the three categories of Theatre Nursing (Scrub Nursing, Anaesthetics Nursing or Recovery Nursing), Ruth is doing mainly Anaesthetics and Recovery. Frankston Hospital does a lot of Orthopaedic work – a bit

like woodworking really – hammers, chisels, etc. (now I understand the link between Theatre Nursing and woodworking.... Ed.). And the team work involved in Theatre work is great – as many as 8 at any one time. Keeping the younger surgeons and anaesthetists in control is also part of the job. Here is an opportunity to find out what happens in Theatre while the Anaesthetist has you sleeping.

At home in Seaford (11 years now), Ruth has done a deal of DIY indoors and is now currently working on the back yard. Removal of an old spa (endless pool) and replacement with a deck and new spa has proven to be a challenge - not so much the work involved but the seemingly senseless/ endless tangle of council regulations. It's worth a chat about her project to remove the old spa. The insistence on a pool fence hard up against the brick wall of the next-door neighbour's garage is a doozy (maybe the neighbour might someday pull down his garage?). Footings for a deck a metre or more deep might be a tiny bit more reasonable but still add to the frustration. But in spite of such obstacles, Ruth is making progress. The help, guidance and advise from the WoSP members is certainly of value in this endeavour.

In her 'spare time' Ruth is a Scuba Diver (565 dives and counting...) and a photographer – she combines the two in underwater photography and gets quite a thrill from a good photo. Her consideration of sharks sounds good but happy to leave it to her. The stand-up paddle board, however, is proving more a challenge. Ruth has no desire to leave Melbourne thus we should see her around the workshop for 'many moons' to come.

Finally - Something to think about

World War 1

Date started 28/07/1914

$28 + 7 + 19 + 14 = 68$

World War 2

Date Started 1/09/1939

$1 + 9 + 19 + 39 = 68$

Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Date Started 24/2/2022

$24 + 2 + 20 + 22 + 68$

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