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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

G'day Woodies, With President Rick on sabbatical ( ie fishing) the 'B' team has sprung into action.

Thanks to Melissa from Fiddes for presenting their range of finishing products at our February meeting. Being able to test out some of the range of finishes on some sanded wood was a great way to understand the capabilities of each product. I believe members enjoyed the morning and number took the opportunity to stock up on supplies, including getting some very useful stop loss bags.



Alan Thompson will be giving a talk and demo at this months meeting, on how to create that perfect finish to your turned items, not to be missed.

Thanks to members who made some lovely pens for the annual contribution to the "pens for troops" activity.

Monday evening, and the Wednesday / Thursday arvo groups are all back in full swing. If you are seeking more interaction with your fellow turners, come along and have some fun.

I hope most members are attending the "all day" Demo with Andrew Potocnik on 22nd April and have paid our esteemed Treasurer Neale. We have also extended an invitation to turners at Forrest Hill and Manningham. We have not been able to run an all day event for many years and this promises to be a great day.

Have you have started to review design options for your entry into the May Presidents Challenge? Remember, you can stack more than the minimum number of lidded containers.

Hope you are making lots of shavings, sawdust is after all 'man glitter'!

Regards, Graham

# NOTICES

## ACCESS TO THE WEB SITE

Could you all please note that for access to our website you just need the password and no longer need to create a user ID.

## CARBATEC 15% OFF

Paid up members of Koonung Woodturning Guild are eligible for 15% discount at CarbaTec. You will be issued with a card when subs are paid.

## Monday Night Discussion Group

Monday night discussion group will recommence Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Although the Monday night Group is well attended we would like to encourage more member to join in, especially our newer members.

The discussions are aimed at helping new and experienced turners to solve problems, improve techniques and finishing objects to obtain very high level of finish.



## Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group is well attended with 5 or 6 turners most days.

## Thursday Group

If you know of anyone interested in learning wood turning please encourage them to come to our Thursday session of some expert tuition.

## ONEMDA

We will be conducting some hands on turning for clients of Onemda on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Michelle Blewett from Onemda will be selecting participants and will attend and oversee the day. We will probably do some Roughing Gouge work, which seems the best and safest option and also organize timber, tools and lathes for the day. Probably 3 stations. Onemda is focused on providing the kids with work experiences so they can achieve some sort of independence.

The kids (probably only two or three at a time) will be supervised and managed by Onemda staff, who would also guide us with how they are reacting to the experience. If any members with or without experience of working with mentally disabled people would like to assist in this community service please contact Rick, Graham or Gary

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March Meeting:**

**Alan Thompson** - Alan will be leading a discussion and demonstrating on Applying Finishes to your wood turning and wood work.  
This follows on from the February information session by Fiddes.

- **April Meeting:**

**Guest Demonstrator - Andrew Potocnik**

We arranged for Andrew Potocnik to do an all-day demonstration at the club's April meeting on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Members have priority until February 25<sup>th</sup> after which we will open it up to other clubs. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. The cost includes not only a professional demonstration, "wait there's more" but also Morning and Afternoon tea and Lunch

Please let Rick [eric.hillier1@gmail.com](mailto:eric.hillier1@gmail.com) or Neale [neale\\_rees@hotmail.com](mailto:neale_rees@hotmail.com) know if you intend to attend.



- **May Meeting:**

**President's Challenge**

The first President's Challenge for the year is:

- Advanced turners 3 or more Stackable Boxes
- Intermediate Turners 2 Stackable Boxes
- All other turners a Lidded Box

Size, shape, use, timber all up to the individual turner.

Challenge is due at the May meeting, happy turning.





## •2023 Events

It's great that clubs are able to make plans for events again. If your club is planning an event during 2023 - or you know of other activities that would be of interest to fellow Woodies - we're happy to include it on the listing (but please give plenty of notice). Lots of members travel and are interested to know about event that might be on when they are in that area.

- A **Lost Trades Fair** will take place 11–12 March, 2023 at **Bendigo** Racecourse, Heinz Street, Ascot, Victoria, Djaara Country. More information from their [website](#)
- Entries for the **Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize** are currently open, and close Midnight **17 March 2023**. Further information from their website at <https://malenywoodexpo.com/wootha-prize/>. The exhibition will be held in Maleny **29 April - 1 May 2023**
- **Kiama Woodcraft Group Annual Woodcraft Expo** will be held on **11-12 March 2023** at Kiama Masonic Hall, Collins Street, Kiama NSW. There will be demonstrations and sales by members plus timber sales. 9am – 4pm Saturday, 9am – 4pm Sunday - Free entry. Contact: David Bywater, Expo Coordinator, Mob: 0425 249 148
- The **Australian Scroll Saw Network Biennial Exhibition hosted by Hawkesbury Woodcraft Co-operative Ltd**, will be held on **20 - 24 May 2023** at Hawkesbury Showground (Philip Charley Pavilion), Racecourse Rd, Clarendon, 2756. Public Entry: Saturday and Sunday. Network Members: Friday to Sunday (bookings essential). Contact Don Slade 0428 503 844 or Graham Shakespeare 0429 011 195
- The **Gympie Rotary Heritage Makers Fair and Quilt and Craft Spectacular** will be held on **1 - 2 July 2023**, at the Gympie Pavilion and Showgrounds. Over 60 heritage artisans will be demonstrating, exhibiting, sharing knowledge all weekend in 5 diverse onsite venues and there is a dedicated Woodcraft Arena. It looks like there will be something for everyone! Further information [here](#)



# PENS FOR THE TROOPS

A big thanks to all our members who participated in this years pens for the troops. Gary was able to deliver 60, beautifully, made pens to the organisers who will pass them out to the troops on Anzac Day.



Some of the pens made by our members  
Well done to all involved



Certificate of appreciation

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**Certificate**  
of  
Appreciation



*Presented by:*

*Pens for the Troops*

KOONUNG WOOD TURNERS CLUB

*in recognition of valuable contributions 2023*



*B. E. David*

Signature

*17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023*

Date

# SHOW AND TELL

Walking stick by Jim Pagonis - Mulga wood shaft with some bark inclusions and a Silky Oak handle. Handle finished with Justin's "Plastic" and the shaft with Fiddes Danish Oil



A range of items by Val Dalsanto - 4 Goblets, 2 Shot Glasses, small Lidded box, lint remover and Deep hollowed container, all from a range of timbers



Tim Denyer - Bowl finished with Triple E and Shellawax

Melissa - A garden dibber, an excellent first up effort



Graham Besley - 2 lidded containers, deep hollowed, from Cypress Pine. Finished with Danish Oil





# A PRESENTATION OF FIDDES WOOD FINISHES BY MELISSA

Written up by Cliff Walsh



A great range of products were assembled by Melissa. She spoke about each one, giving us an insight into their use and possibilities.

The products are made in the UK. The basis of many was Danish oil, and the results on her sample board were impressive. She made the point that a soft cloth should be used to rub the finishes, the more polishing, the better the result.

Shellac based finishes were also presented. These appeared to be quite worthwhile. There were seven colours available to enhance turnings.

There was also a product called "Filler Gel" which could be mixed with sawdust or sanding dust to fill blemishes and cracks in the wood. It set hard and could be worked with chisels, scrapers and sandpaper to get a smooth finish

We were shown a product called "Stop Loss Bag", a plastic bag which was referred to as a finish saver, as products such as Danish Oil could be poured into and the air expelled before it was sealed. This was a good method of extending the life of those products which harden upon exposure to air. A number of members are already using the product.

Another item there was called Supreme Wax which we were told would give a similar result to Danish oil. Available in 7 colours, it is quick drying and easy to apply by hand. Once buffed to the desired sheen level, it produces a depth of finish that protects and revises any original patina

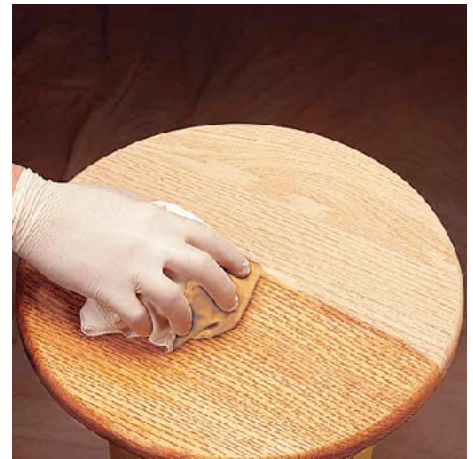




We were also shown another product called Hard Wax it is a Clear finish is available in 4 Sheen levels – Matt, Silk, Satin and Gloss. Quick Drying (4 hours in correct conditions – fully cured in 7 days) and is non yellowing. Highly Durable – Suitable for application onto children’s toys EN 71 – Toy Safety Test. There is also a “Pre Tinted” range in 12 colours.

There seemed to be everything on display that a woodturner would ever want, including sanding sealer.

It was a very good presentation by a knowledgeable person.



## WHAT'S ON AT KOONING COTTAGE



**HARMONY DAY**  
A Taste of Harmony  
Morning Tea & Cooking Demos

Join us to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community as we connect with our culture and share flavours from around the world.



Friday 24th March 2023  
10.30am - 12noon  
North Blackburn Bowling Club

RSVP by  
Wednesday 22nd March 2023  
to 9878 6632 or [admin@koonungcottage.org.au](mailto:admin@koonungcottage.org.au)

The poster features a top row of five cartoon characters holding flags from Sweden, France, Italy, Czech Republic, and Japan. The bottom row features five more cartoon characters holding flags from Brazil, Spain, China, Hungary, and India. The background is a solid orange color.