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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

Welcome to the February edition of Talking Turning. Our January meeting went well with many members in attendance. Congratulations to Mal Jackson for winning the John Atkinson Award for 2022. If you remember Mal made the cat with long whiskers and curly tail.

The hands-on project was a wooden lint roller, it incorporated drilling, spindle turning and the use of pen mandrel. (See pic). There have been several versions made since the January meeting showing that there is always more than one way to make most things.

All the groups are now up and running for 2023, we look forward to seeing you re-joining in the groups and renewing friendships.

I hope you are looking forward to the demonstration by Andrew Potocnik at the April meeting. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. If you have friends that might enjoy the demonstration, please bring them along. Book your place by paying Neale either in cash or via internet banking. (Banking details our outlined later in this edition). After the February meeting it will be opened to other clubs, so get in quick.

At our February meeting Fiddes Australia will be demonstrating their finishes, which include stains, waxes, Danish Oil, sealer and fine sanding polish as well as Stop Loss bags.

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 is all up to the individual turner. Challenge is due at the May meeting, happy turning.

I will be away in the caravan at Mallacoota for the next five weeks but will be back in time for the Andrew Potocnik demonstration.

Stay sharp
Rick Hillier



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 30th 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 22nd 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

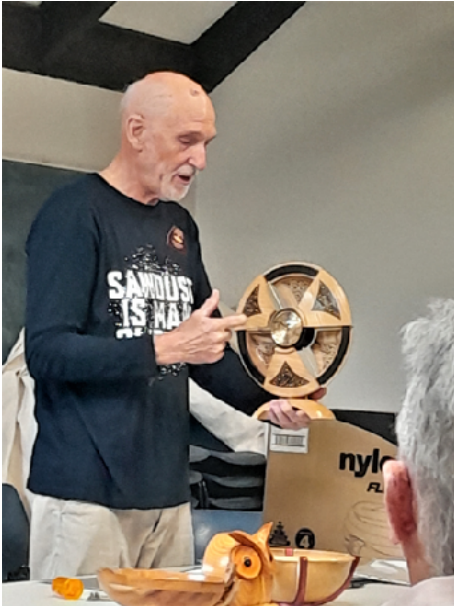
Forest Hill Woodturners

On Saturday 18th February Graham Besley attended the Forest Hill Woodturners meeting as a Guest Speaker talking about “Creating arty items (rather than functional items) by dissecting turned objects.”

The meeting was well attended by around 22 Forest Hill members.

Graham took along many items that he has produced which were either bowls that he has





cut and created an artistic item or items where he has seen an object made by another turner which he has reproduced.

He spoke about each item and discussed the process including templates, shaping, cutting and embellishment. The items were handed around the room with plans, tools etc.

The presentation prompted a great deal of interest. This was highlighted by the many questions asked by the members during and after the presentation.

A BBQ lunch followed to conclude a very successful and informative discussion.

John Atkinson Award

This years winner of the John Atkinson Award was Mal Jackson

. Here is Mal receiving his award from Rick



Alan Thompson OAM

Congratulations to Alan on his recent Australia Day award for to services to Woodturning. A very worthy recipient.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pens for the troops**

Thank you to all those who have taken pen kits, we are really looking forward to seeing the results of your efforts. **Please remember to return the finished pens at our February meeting** to enable them to be delivered to the Army for Anzac Day.

- **February Meeting**

Fiddes Aust Info Session and/or DVD's showing

Through more than 100 years and four generations, the name Fiddes has become synonymous with quality not only in the UK, but across Europe, Asia and the USA through a network of established, appointed distributors. Fiddes has always had a progressive outlook, and today operates from modern, purpose built premises, utilizing the very latest technology to develop and produce a comprehensive range of woodfinishes from the very finest raw materials available. They will be showing a number of their products;

- Accessories
- Direct Stains
- Floor Protection
- Furniture & Woodworking
- Hard Wax Oil
- Lacquers & Sealers
- Preparation & Cleanup
- StopLoss Products

Please don't forget your wallets - the stoploss products alone are well worth having.

- **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 22nd April.

Members have priority until February 25th 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 or Neale neale_rees@hotmail.com know if you intend to attend.



- **May Meeting:
President's Challenge**

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SHOW AND TELL

Lead by Neale Rees



Pens from Rick Hillier, various Australian timbers
All pens are made using the slimline mechanism, 2 pens have full bodies and turn at the nib.
The pens have a CA finish

A sculptural piece by Graham Besley
It has a gold painted rim and copper wire strings
finished with a water based polyurethane



Roger Annells
Pen and pen blank from a piece of "Ancient Red Gum". Found on the banks of the Goulburn river at Murchison after the recent floods.
JR Gent rollerball mechanism

It was great to see our "Overseas" member Richard Jardine at this month's meeting. He brought a couple of items for show and tell. A pair of earrings from Celery Top Pine and a turned Gum Nut from Macrocarpa



4 bowls from Val Dalsanto. Various timbers and finishes

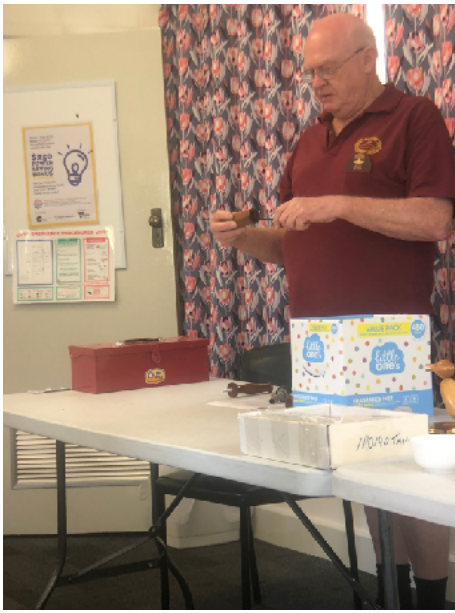


Decorative lidded container by Graham Besley. From King Billy Pine and Purple heart with a Danish Oil finish



HANDS ON DAY

Lint Remover



Rick explaining how the Lint Remover works and is made



Members busy making their pieces for the lint remover



Plans for making the lint remover and a photograph of the finished item

