

HORNSBY DISTRICT WOODTURNERS INC.

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Hello members. Hope you are all well and catching up with jobs which have been outstanding for some time as well as turning some significant items.

Importantly if you need help during this isolation time please feel free to contact me or another member for assistance by phone or using the email addresses on the attached email. A Shed member may have already contacted you in this regard also, so again feel free to ask if help is needed.

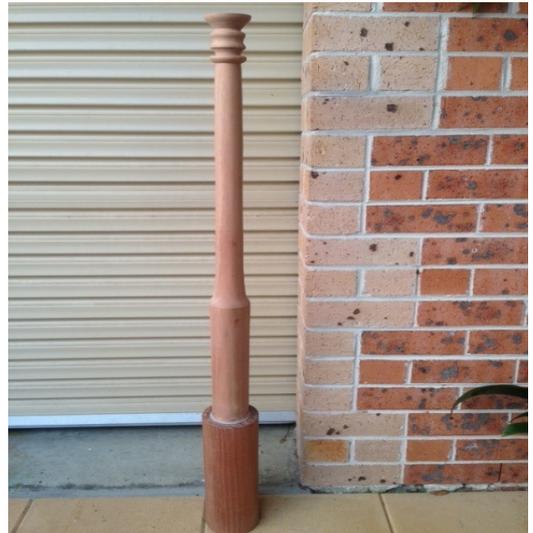
For 'urgent' blank bandsawing and chisel sharpening etc it is suggested that you contact your nearest member and get together as soon as allowable.

The purpose of this communication is to keep in touch and to show what members are working on while isolated at home.

Keith Day has been working on his watercolour paintings and a copied Woodturning tale with great success. Sadly Keith the Woodturning tale arrived in an unreadable state and will need to be sent again please.

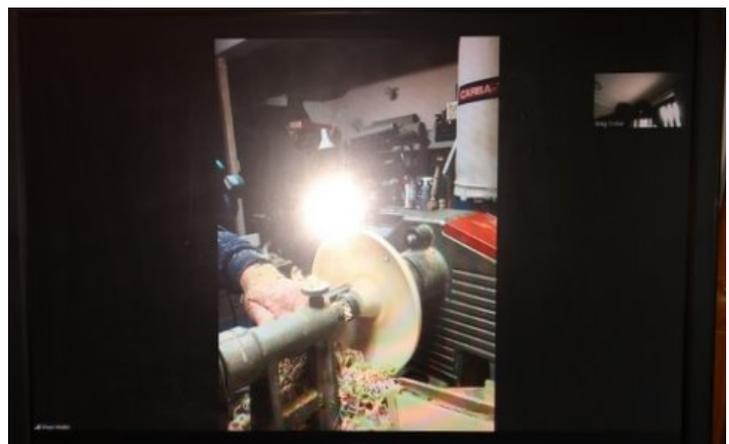


Brian has recently completed the Sauerkraut Crusher and attached is a photo of the finished article. It is 1.27 m long with the head 110 mm in diameter and



will be used to crush cabbage and as well carrots and beetroot.

Elwyn has been busy again. With plans for a demonstration of Oval Turning for April's Saturday meeting cancelled Elwyn has investigated a ZOOM presentation from his own workshop. An iPhone for the camera proved to be very suitable in a test run for both sight and sound. So it could be that an *'Interactive Internet-based Virtual (Remote) Demonstration'* (ZOOM) will be forthcoming during May. The attached picture shows a camera shot



from Greg's home screen: actually the picture quality received is better than shown in this shot and approaches 720 HD quality.

Tim showed a lidded feral? box made from what looks like branch wood. Turning was not that easy as the irregular shape of the unturned exterior is quite random. Parting the lid therefore needed to be cautiously done to achieve a satisfactory fit on completion of the box.



This was achieved by cutting a small 'v' groove in the wood and completing the parting carefully with a tenon saw. The spigot set into the base comes from another wood source and was glued into place.

Finished with Cabot's clear lacquer on the outside and Black Bison polish elsewhere this is an interesting turning.

Some members will recall mention of a new workshop for Greg Croker sometime ago. Well



here is a picture to prove that turning can be done from the veranda of a home unit! While the mini-lathe, a bench and cabinets are in place the completion of a dust collector, suitably housed in a soundproof cabinet, is very slowly coming together.

Sound insulation of the dust collector is mandatory due to its noise (83 dBA) and proximity to the next door unit. Eventually the cabinet of 3 and 4 plywoods with 8 mm insulation stuck wherever possible will contain the motor and fan in one sealed side, with the bag filter and the dust collection bag in the other sealed side. In order to keep the 1HP, 3,000 rpm motor as cool as possible an additional 4 watt exhaust fan has been incorporated to draw more cool air across the motor frame: hopefully this will be successful.

At this stage the motor/fan loud wining noises have been mainly suppressed but remaining is the air movement noise which will hopefully be reduced once the cabinet is completed and the hose to



the lathe attached. That's the theory anyhow.

If you are able to advise or contribute any ideas as to how better to complete this unit please advise ASAP.

Earlier today Greg Ghalvalas emailed an array of his enterprise during the isolation so far. Need-less-to-say these turnings are a wonderful example of how to successfully utilise the time available to us for turning at this time!

The range, quality, design, finish and quantity are amazing. Well done Greg.



To finish something different. Members who attend The Shed on Thursdays will have met Lou Coenen who has sent in a comprehensive list of entertainment he has found on the internet and elsewhere, eg local council libraries, which is very impressive. Rather than abstract from his email the complete email is included for members to research their own wants.

Lou advises that the range and quality is good and that there is a lot to find, however as he quotes 'JCS was shown last Saturday and may not be shown again soon, but there are lots of others.'

Connection via HDMI cable or Bluetooth between a mobile phone and a TV screen will allow additional viewing quality. Thanks Lou.

"Free London Shows

*My oldest daughter is a Theatrical Lighting Designer in the UK sent us an article that explained that a number of mainstream playwrights had professional videos made of their plays. Since all the venues are closed down (just like here). As their contribution, some of the main ones are making the video's available via the internet for free! For example, Rita and I saw **Jesus Christ, Superstar** and **OneMan, Two Govners**. The video quality was as good as any film version. Since they are videos, you can watch them at any time that they are available. For example, JCS was only available for 48 hours.*

<https://www.youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon> There are a number of different sources

Here are some examples from a Google search. I believe there are many more. Search Results

Web results

[Stage shows, musicals and opera you can watch online now](#)

[www.whatsonstage.com › london-theatre › news › stag...](#)

Stage shows, musicals and opera you can watch online now for **free** ... Arts Council **England**, BBC Arts, Battersea Arts Centre. Also there is the **Colchester Theatre** is streaming its production of *Cinderella* for **free**

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[www.housebeautiful.com › uk › lifestyle › coronavirus...](#)

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[Five theatres streaming productions to watch at home for free ...](#)

[www.londontheatre.co.uk › ... › West End Features](#)

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[Best Streaming Theatre & How to Watch It Online - Time Out](#)

[www.timeout.com › theatre › best-streaming-theatre-sh...](#)

[3 hours ago - Started on Friday April 3, Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, in partnership with Universal, will offer **free** access to his back catalog of hugely ...](#)

And the then there are "tours" of various museums, etc.

Free On-line Movies - Available through our Hornsby (and other local) libraries.

All our Libraries have on-line links to **30,000 movies** that you can watch at home. OK, so it's not the same as Netflix but the libraries provide a link to "the popular, on-demand film streaming service, **Kanopy**.

It is available through Hornsby Shire Library. If you have a Library card you can sign up to start streaming films and gain access to over 30,000 videos. visiting www.hornsby.kanopy.com."

Free / Inexpensive Courses

There are literally thousands of courses / lectures that are available that cover everything from A-Z. Some are free – some are for fee.

The main ones that I know include: Coursera, EDX and Udacity. Depending on what your interests are, you might find this list of **FREE** programmes from Lifehack to be interesting. <https://www.lifehack.org/articles/money/25-killer-sites-for-free-online-education.html>.

If you are interested in business especially startups or bringing new products to market, then I would recommend Steve Blank <https://steveblank.com/>

Courses in Carpentry

As most of you know, I'm definitely a new learner so I frequently ask for help. I thank everyone

for your assistance and amazing patience.

Over the break, I did some on-line searching so I can learn more with demonstrations of what to do - and what not to do.

I did find a site that might be of help for other people who will want to learn more. I'd like your feedback on this

one: https://study.com/articles/List_of_Free_Online_Carpentry_Courses_Classes_and_Learning_Materials.html

That's it. Hope you all stay safe and healthy. Thanks again. Lou."

Thanks to all the contributors and please keep sending your ideas, turnings (or make a few honey dippers to build up our stock), interesting text subjects, Information Exchange and pictures for forwarding and appreciation by all the members.

Stay safe and keep turning.

For further interest or to join-in woodturning go to www.hornsbymensshed.org.au