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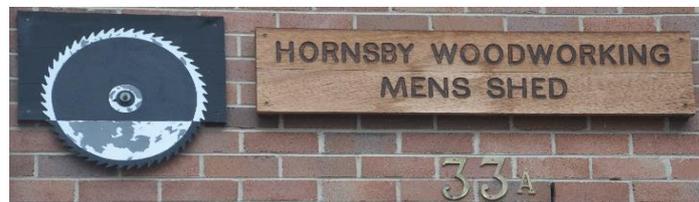
JOURNAL OF HORNSBY WOODWORKING MEN'S SHED INCORPORATED

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PRESIDENTS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2020

BOOKING INTO THE SHED

I cannot stress enough that if you have NOT received my "invitation" email, on the evening prior to your intended day in the Shed you CAN NOT come into the Shed. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS HERE. Exceeding the 15 members limit places the Supervisors in an awkward and embarrassing situation they need to tell people to leave the Shed. So please do not place them in that situation.

Saturday has become very busy with some new members, who are still in the workforce, choosing to use the Shed on that day. However, some members are only in the Shed in the morning, departing after lunch. This will allow others to spend the afternoon working on their projects, BUT you must clear this with me or one of the Saturday Supervisors before coming in. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday are usually busy but there are always spots available on Wednesday.

It is important, if you want to come into the Shed you MUST contact me via email (hwmspres@gmail.com) or text to my mobile (0424 477 549) to book your place. If you want a regular

spot (IE. every Tuesday or Friday) you need to indicate that and I'll book you in for that day every week.

The Turners roster is being looked after by Greg Croker, and you need to contact him if you want to attend on Thursdays.

REWRITING OUR CONSTITUTION

Our Treasurer, Michael Kevin, has taken on the task of reviewing and updating our 2012 Constitution. The plan is to bring it in line with the current NSW Fair Trading model constitution.

Michael's plan will be to manage the process in five stages over the next few months, with a view to having the amendments and additions approved at a Special General Meeting to be called for in late November or early 2021, COVID-19 permitting. I will keep you informed of our progress.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership continues to increase with the influx of new members. Since January 2020 we have had 32 new members join the Shed; eight of this number (25%) are women. Our membership as at the end of August is 181. We have had more "woodies" join our growing ranks in September. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members: Jim Omeros, Daiman Nasiri, Ryan Lee, Peter Kendal, John Reardon, Eva Turkinton, Ida Orlandi and Maree Elias. Please make them feel welcome and included in the Shed.

Our more experienced members should take some time to assist them with their projects. On that note I would like to thank Paul Crowe for helping Eva, Ida and Maree with their waste-paper bin project on Saturday, September 18.

HWMS SCORECARD

In normal circumstances at the AGM I would have outlined our achievements over the past 12 months. However due to the COVID-19 lockdown this did not happen. So, in management circles this type of thing is called a "scorecard". So here is our "scorecard" for the past year and what we have planned for the coming year.

Achievements 2019-2020

- Completely modernized the Shed's banking practices
 - o All payments to suppliers and for member expense reimbursements are made online
 - o High percentage of member subscriptions are now made online

- Extended all membership renewal dates by three months in recognition of the Shed not being available to members during April, May, and June because of COVID19 restrictions

- Full package of insurance policies put in place
 - o Policies suitable for incorporated associations including Associations & Officers cover
 - o Increased amount insured on Shed equipment by 50%
 - o All insurances with one company, QBE, arguably Australia's best commercial insurer

 - Two new belt sanding machines purchased and installed
 - Obtained full rent relief from Hornsby Council for April, May and June due to Shed COVID19 closure
 - Obtained 50% rent relief from Hornsby Council for July, August and September
- Planned for 2020-2021
- Constitution to be modernized and brought into line with NSW Fair Trading guidelines for incorporated associations
 - o Input from Shed members, particularly the current committee and past Presidents, will be sought in this process
 - o Input from office bearers of other sheds will be sought in this process
 - o Input from the Australian Men's Shed Association will also be sought

 - Woodturners to be fully integrated into HWMS
 - o One constitution
 - o One association
 - o One bank account

 - Asset register to be fully confirmed as accurate by physical inspection and photographing of all fixed assets
 - All fixed assets to be priced for replacement value so as to confirm or otherwise the amount we have them insured for
 - Arrangements will be put in place for continuation of lease with Hornsby Council

The Committee has cancelled the Christmas party for 2020. But we may attempt another General (Members) Meeting in the third week of November 2020.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Thanks goes to Ian Raper, who has been organising the Maintenance schedules for all of the Shed machinery. The schedules have been written, based on the recommendations from the various machine manuals. Ian will organise the volunteers over the coming weeks. I'd like to thank all those members who volunteered to assist with the maintenance of the Shed machinery.

WOOD TURNERS

The Turners are continuing to hold internet “Zoom” meetings and everyone is welcome to join in. Contact Greg Croker for details if you are interested.

I think that is about all the news from the Presidential Desk. Stay safe and enjoy your time in the Shed.

Kevin Wallace

Acknowledgements

Hornsby Woodworking Men’s Shed acknowledges the support provided by:

- the Hon Matt Kean, local state member of parliament for Hornsby
- the Hon Alister Henskens, local state member of parliament for Ku-ring-gai
- the Hon Julian Leeser, the local federal member of parliament for Berowra
- Hornsby Shire Council
- Hornsby RSL Club
- Magpies Waitara
- Westfield Hornsby
- Bendigo Banks, Turramurra and Lindfield

- Bunnings Warehouse Dural and Thornleigh
- North Shore Timber
- Orangelime Web Design
- Coca Cola Amatil
- Bakers Delight Hornsby

Please support the organisations that support HWMS.



Below is an article with photographs by an extremely knowledgeable member in all things to do with timber. Graham Kemmis.

Have you ever considered making something in timber from a garden weed. I am not referring to making a reefer (dope cigarette) from marijuana, but something useful like a tool handle or a bowl etc.

I have gone a step further and made a small table from privet (gardener's menace) and camphor laurel (the dairy farmers nemesis as consumption of the leaves taints milk). Many woodworkers have produced beautiful turnings from camphor laurel and other useful items, but not many have considered using privet.

So my step further was the table in the photos where the legs are camphor laurel and the table top privet; the broad leaf variety (*Ligustrum lucidum*) the dark shading in the usually creamy white timber is caused by rain water which has stained the timber prior to it being felled & milled. The planks are laid across the top because the tree was only small in diameter, they are joined edge to edge using a modified tongue & groove method. The table edging is from privet not effected by water staining. However! this method of layup and jointing does present a potential problem, that being expansion and contraction of timber across the grain: you may have seen older tables with this problem, a crack down the middle. The table top must be allowed to expand and contract on the supporting frame; this is done by small pieces of timber called buttons fixed to the underside of the top but free to move gradually in slots cut in the frame.

I have solved this problem by fixing a support at a right angle under the top planks which allows movement, this support slides in a half mortice at each end. This is different but effective. I have a few more ideas as to the use of timber "weeds" but they are not relevant to this article. I hope this will encourage the use of Timber "weeds" as I believe they have great potential in the future.

CRAFTSMENSHIP WITH ELEGANCE





[Yet another “crafty member” Louise Pollock](#)

How do they do it?



NEW MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Please welcome them and assist.

Peter Kendall – John Reardon – Maree Elias – Ida Orlandi – Eva Turkington.

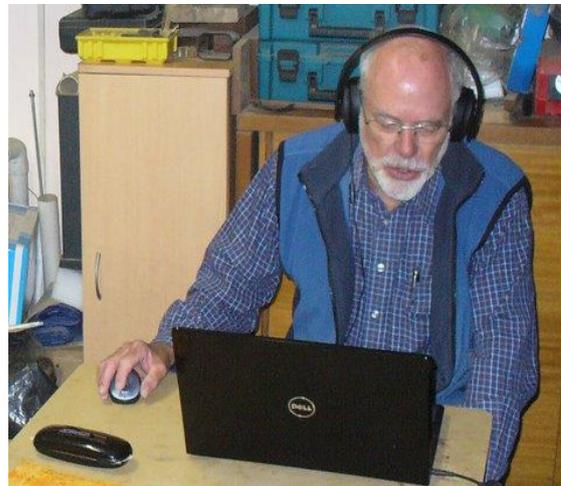
TOY PRODUCTION

Below: great work that keeps turning out toys for our charities. The Wesley Mission and Salvation Army. These toys are made throughout the year, they are stored and donated at Christmas. Well done by members that put in time and effort, it is much appreciated.



During last April some turners investigated the possible use of (computer) Zoom to continue the routine monthly Saturday get together and live demonstrations.

The result was in May a 2 hour plus Zoom meeting emanating from member Elwyn Muller's home



workshop. After a lively informal discussion between members as they were welcomed onto the system, lasting about 25 minutes, the meeting commenced with Elwyn demonstrating the turning of an oval bowl.

Technical direction was by Colin Hunter controlling a hook-up of 2 cameras and microphones via a laptop linking to the internet. Switching between cameras allowed close up and normal viewing of the demonstration. Either microphone allowed sound from the demonstrator to be transmitted to all participants while audio from the participants was eventually controlled using the Mute Mode and pressing the computer space key to speak to all attending.

Picture quality was good with sound quality slightly debatable at times.

The Share feature on Zoom is very useful allowing the controller to show files, Power Point photos and even You tube videos from his computer screen during the demonstration to all in attendance. Since May a meeting has been held each month ex Elwyn's workshop with Colin's controlling the transmission.



Zoom has developed very effectively for meetings and demonstrations under the Coronid 19 'lockdown', so here to finish are a few snaps taken from the May to September meetings

MAY MEETING. Oval Bowl Turning Elwyn Muller.



JUNE MEETING. Bud Vase Turnings Greg Croker.



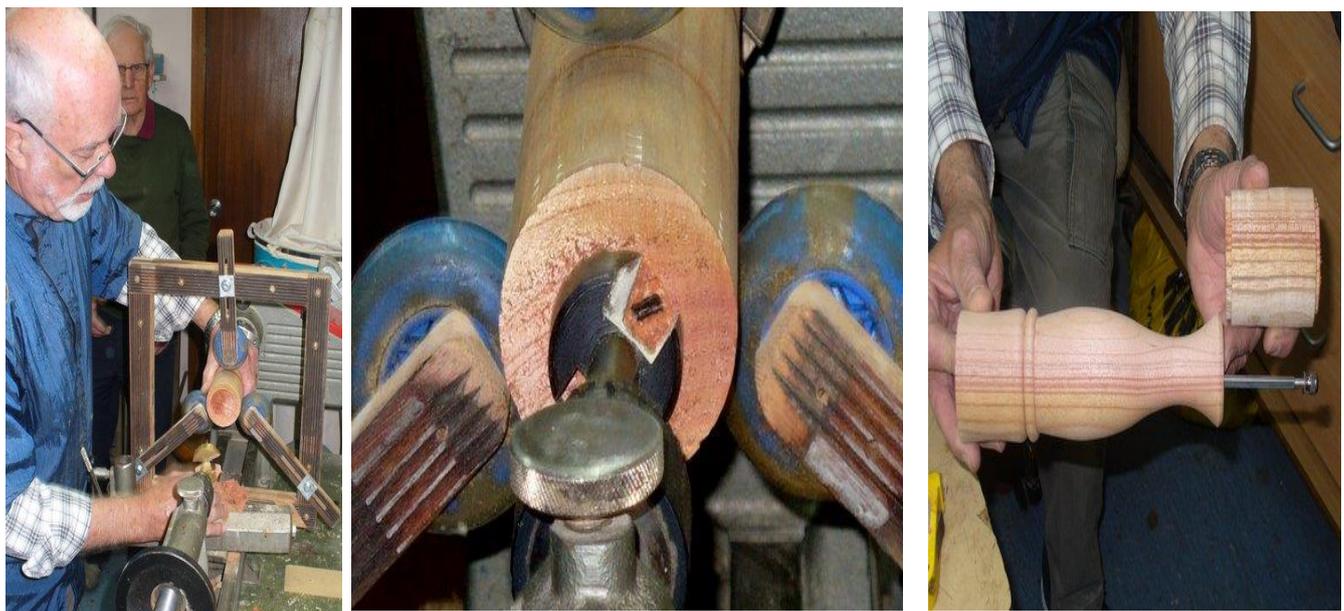
JULY MEETING. Sphere Turning Jig John Edwards, (& Colin Hunter with mini-vase).



Turning Greg Croker. AUGUST MEETING. Wet Endgrain Platter



SEPTEMBER MEETING. Lathe Steady Design & Use Colin Hunter.



PS All members are invited to join in with these Zoom meeting and are most welcome.

Last Thursday the Turners had a mini-celebration for member John Edward's 90th birthday. John will actually be 90 on Wednesday September 30congratulations from all the Shed Members.

