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# CUTTING EDGE

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## Monthly Newsletter

### 20 YEAR SHED CELEBRATIONS

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS FOR NONAGENARIAN MEMBERS

Shed members would already be aware from last Friday's Special Edition Cutting Edge that the Committee has honoured the Foundation Members with life membership of the Shed.

In discussion at last week's committee meeting it was felt that our two nonagenarian (age 90 years and older) members should also be honoured in some special way in this the Shed's twentieth year.

The two members I refer to are Jim Kelso and Joe Fletcher who are both long-term, highly respected members of the Shed.

Similar to the Foundation Members, a resolution to bestow life membership on Jim and Joe was put and it is my pleasure to announce that it too was unanimously and wholeheartedly supported.

Thank you gentlemen for your time and efforts at the Shed over the years.

On behalf of all Shed members we wish you both good health and many more years of sharing your skills and experiences at the Shed.

Your participation in Shed activities is warmly appreciated by everyone.

David Tarran

President

## **FROM THE COMMITTEE**

### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

This year HWMS celebrates 20 years since the Shed began. We have started celebrations early with the announcement of Life Membership for the Shed foundation members. We are also giving Life membership to the Shed's Nonagenarians.

The Shed started with humble beginnings. Fifteen men came together to share their passion for working with wood and formed The Hills District Triton Users Group. As the membership grew and with the help of Hornsby Shire Council, the Shed moved to a hall at Headon Park in Thornleigh. The Shed moved again in October 2010 to our current location at 33a Sefton Road.

Our membership has grown from the initial membership of 15 to currently 200 members.

As part of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, our annual Christmas Function will take place at Thornleigh Community Centre on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021. This function will be catered for and we will provide more details about this later in the year.

### **Donations to the Shed**

Currently, the Shed has too much timber, too many tools for sale and is running out of free space. To free up space we must put a temporary halt on any more donations of timber and tools until further notice.

### **North Rocks Market.**

HWMS held a tools sale at the North Rocks Markets on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April and raised more than \$1,400.00. This was a great result and a special thanks to those members who helped out with preparation and on the day.

Kevin Wallace has taken some of the leftover tools to the Traditional Tool Group tool sale on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021. We await the outcome of this sale.

Also, we are proposing to donate the remaining tools to those Sheds hit by the recent NSW floods, as well as the Bonnyrigg Shed which is very under-resourced.

### **Grants.**

The Shed is waiting on news about the outcome of the Stronger Communities grant.

Bendigo Bank has approved our application for the Double Impact program (more details are in this edition of Cutting Edge).

The Committee is preparing the Annual Clubs NSW grant which closes at the end of May. As advised by the Shed Equipment Manager, Ian Raper, the Shed will apply for a grant to replace the dust extraction system filters bags.

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### **Bendigo Bank double the impact grant**

Our shed was successful in being one of ten community organisations to be eligible for Bendigo Bank's double the impact grant.

If we can raise \$3500 between Monday 17 May and Sunday 20 June they'll match it dollar for dollar.

With that extra cash we can buy a load of resources needed to keep making our high quality wooden toys to gift to our charities, Salvation Army and Wesley Mission for their annual Christmas toy appeal.

Once the campaign has kicked off we'll send more info.

Help us reach our fundraising goal.  
Every dollar you donate will be doubled!

# *The* **DOUBLE** **IMPACT**

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With the Committee's approval, we have decided to enter into a reciprocal arrangement, whereby members of HWMS could attend the monthly Probus meetings as my guest – in return Probus members could visit the Shed to get a feel of what we do

The Probus meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month at 10am at the Warrawee Bowling Club, situated on the Pacific Highway near the junction with Fox Valley Road.

The next meeting is on Friday 28th May, featuring a speaker called Noel Phelan, titled "Women Sailing the World"

The June meeting on 25th, features Nicholas Cowdery (Director of Public Prosecutions for NSW from 1994 to 2011)

It may be worth mentioning this in the next Cutting Edge – anyone wishing to attend can contact me via phone ([0418270741](tel:0418270741)) or email ([robertplant1212@gmail.com](mailto:robertplant1212@gmail.com))

Regards,

I am using a new system for the monthly Cutting Edge  
Hopefully it will get better as I navigate the new method. Feedback  
will be appreciated. Ivan Bosnich

## Members Monthly Meeting

12.00 NOON\* 21st May 2021

[33A Sefton Road Thornleigh](#)

The meeting will also go out on Zoom.

The IP address will be sent out next Wednesday.

\* Work in Shed will cease at 11.45am and the meeting may start slightly earlier than 12.00 Noon.

### MEMBERS' MEETING

Apologies.

Welcome visitors & new members.

Secretary's Report & Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report

Woodturners' Report.

Toy Makers' Report.

Equipment Report.

Welfare Report.

Show & Tell.

Question & Answers.

General Business.

### New members for April

We have four new members that have joined our club.

They are: Brian Glendining, Jericho Delos Santos, Mark Worrall, and Liam Hogarth.

Please welcome them, and assist if needed.

### 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 Leaser, the local federal member of parliament for Berowra
- Hornsby Shire Council
- Hornsby RSL Club
- Magpies Waitara
- North Shore Timber
- Westfield Hornsby
- Bendigo Banks, Turramurra, and Lindfield
- Bunnings Warehouse Dural and"

- Orangelime Web Design
- Coca Cola Amatil
- Bakers Delight Hornsby
- Please support the organisations that support HWMS.




## PEN TURNING FOR CHARITY GIFTS MAY 2021.

Over the years the members of the Shed who turn wood have made many and varied numbers of ball point pens as give-aways to persons who have assisted our Shed and have been involved in the charities that we support.

These pens are made to a professional standard from Australian woods in the main and can be considered as unique in so much as they are not available commercially or easily replaced.

It is interesting to know the background of just how turners make these pens as it is a somewhat specialised process.

Most turners start by looking for woods with special features such as strong/contrasting grain colours etc which can be turned, then sanded and polished to a high degree and finished with a utilitarian surface coating suitable for years of service. Selected woods include Australian Red Cedar, She Oak, NSW Rosewood, Black-hearted sassafras (from Tasmania), sometimes eucalyptus burl wood as well as other woods such camphor laurel and jacaranda. Pens are occasionally made for acrylic blanks, available from craft suppliers, too.

To produce the pen the mechanism needs to be selected to complement the wood. Chrome and gold plating are popular externally while the internal tubing and propelling structure is usually brass and capable of housing a larger Parker type refill.

The selected wood is drilled to accept the the tube, glued, and turned down to the desired diameter and design. A gloss finish is achieved by sanding the surface to an almost glass-like level and 'sealed' using multi layers (up to 12 layers) of 'super glue' and/or fine sanding formulations of abrasive and shellac such that the above mentioned durability is obtained.

Turning pens is a branch of general turning requiring some additional expertise. Recently member Brian Hawkins commenced a turning course on Thursdays for about 6 newer members to learn and develop their pen turning techniques.

Some of Brian's excellence is evident below.



If you would like to learn pen turning please contact Brian or check-out with woodturners on Thursdays at the

For almost the year of Covid lockdown the monthly Saturday demonstrations for Shed woodturning were continued remotely via ZOOM with the continual assistance of member Colin Hunter.

During this time Colin prepared and ran the technical and electronic requirements of these demonstrations so that all our Shed members could view and maintain their interest in turning as well as live interaction with other members. Switching between, views of the lathe turning and participants, opening the audio so that 'remote' questions could be put to the demonstrator, and recording the whole 2 hours of the meeting were under Colin's control. Eventually 3 cameras, with switching between each, were in operation. Additionally for one ZOOM presentation Colin performed the demonstration as well.

Members will recall that Colin also set-up and ran ZOOM for the 2020 Annual General Meeting held at the Shed and broadcast during this lockdown time to the members who were unable to attend in person.

As a result of above service the Committee has conferred MEMBER of the MONTH on Colin Hunter for May 2021. Congratulations Colin.

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Member of the month for April  
Colin Hunter

**I have been asked to write some articles on SAFETY.**

**Our membership comprises all standards of workmanship.**

**It is very important to be well aware of what is happening in the workshop because it is possible that the beginners can learn something & the so called experts can also learn something.**

**It is amazing the number of times you can observe a procedure that has nothing to do with a job being done but could be next week or next month, make sure you put it in your memory bank for future occasions.**

**To start with the issue of safety look at the Spindle Sander, part of the equipment is a number of circular inserts to suit various size spindles. It is very important you use the size nearest spindle size. The problem or safety issue is the gap between insert & the spindle if excessive then the operators fingers can very easily slip between spindle & insert**

**Regards  
Les Sanford**

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Bandsaw & Dust Collection	Ian Raper/ John Talbot	If there is a problem with equipment please notify a supervisor and have the problem entered in the equipment book at the front desk for Ian to resolve.	
Lathes	Ian McKay/John Edwards		
Tablesaw & Compound Saws	Mark Lusted/Yuval Cohen		
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