

HORNSBY DISTRICT WOODTURNERS INC.

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Welcome to the new year 2022. Please remember RUOK and ask for or give assistance where needed. Also please apply the current Covid rules when in the Shed. It was great to see Lindsay, Keith, Elwyn and Rusty all back at this meeting following their health problems.

Later next month member John Dear will attend a sharpening course at Trend Timbers with Ian McKay lending his new turning chisel set to be sharpened during the course.

News from Ken Cooper is that Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners has set-up and opened in their new premises in Forrestville Ave, Forrestville. SNB turners meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month and we are all welcome. Ken also advises that he is running a turning training course each Wednesday 6 till 8 pm at \$10 a night.

Housekeeping has only two topics, firstly keeping the Shed's lathes and associated equipment in good shape after usage. Please check and correct or advise any problems found or developing for maintenance. The flooding at Windsor has delayed the sale of our 600 honey dippers; hopefully these will be sold by mid March.



Information Exchange.

Commenced with Brian showing his nifty little laser level. Purchased ex Bang Good and having taken some time to arrive ex China, he proudly demonstrated around the walls of the meeting room. The green laser is bright and possibly dangerous. The unit is self levelling. Price advised but forgotten so check with Brian.

Members will recall the news that we would purchase a number of small turning tools via the Bendigo Bank's Double Impact Grant. These have been purchased and some were displayed at the meeting.



Also purchased during the break were 8 DVD's of Glen Lucas showing many turning operations including another review of sharpening equipment; plus 2 DVD's of Trent Bosch doing his thing. All 10 DVD's are available for loan.



Greg showed a wooden 'nail faceplate' custom made and used for holding rough ended blanks for initial between centres turning. Used and found successful it would be better to operate with only 1 mm

penetration of the nails and fewer nails, say 12 maximum per 220 mm diameter.

Mark advised that an arborist frequently leaves cut wood on the verge in Mildred Ave Asquith: word is that he would be amenable to leaving meter lengths of turning woods on the verge for us if approached. More details later.

Finally Aldi had an On-line special offer of an 8 inch Scheppach wet stone grinder during the month at \$199. These grinders are owned by a number of members and recommended as a cheaper 'alternative' and able to use Tormek and Tru-Grind etc jigs for repeatable and excellent chisel sharpening.



Show & Tell was run by Lindsay.

Elwyn showed 3 large NIP and a spotted gum bowl, all showed characteristics of their wood and were finished with semi gloss lacquer.



Ian Imire turned a Makore (S African timber) platter with low sides to form a great serving platter. Colour was similar to Australian mahogany.

Rusty proudly showed a glistening coachwood medium sized bowl, turned well with a lacquer finish.

Greg Ghavalas showed a nice medium sized light brown timber bowl.

Pierre showed a couple of laminated turnings of contrasting woods (12 mm wide yellow and tan), a tall vase with vertical laminates well designed and turned to a large lip surrounding the top of the vase. The accompanying hollowed bowl, with a closed neck, was of similar lamination but horizontal.

Mark finished his model train double boogie timber carrier, developed to carry a branch, and from the Shed's wood store.

Bob produced 9 and 7 inch bowls with flat bases and 2.5 inch sides. The larger from jacaranda was great and the smaller Australian Red Cedar bowl was stunning with its deep red-rose coloured glow. A good example of the species.

Keith showed 2 hand-threaded medium sized boxes both made some time ago. Interesting and well made from mulga and gongalo alves from S America both dark brown in colour.



Brian showed his latest pen, a school teachers' pen. Red ink at one end and blue at the other. Each end used at the digression of the teacher when marking homework etc. To prevent rolling the middle of the



pen was octagonal. Interesting and well made.

Colin showed a couple of 'example' bowls to demonstrate the difference wet turning along the grain and across the grain of shrinkage. The bowls indicating the differential movement of wood as it dries after wet turning. Also shown was a knife handle made from laminated multi coloured epoxy and coated with many layers of CA glue to hold the handle together in the dishwasher.

The 'demonstration' started prior to lunch on the subject of chisel sharpening equipment and profiles and was run by Greg Croker. The remainder of the day was used to show and then discuss pre recorded videos on the topic.

Last year a short, preliminary discussion was given with this presentation was organised to follow with a more detailed account using the following videos.



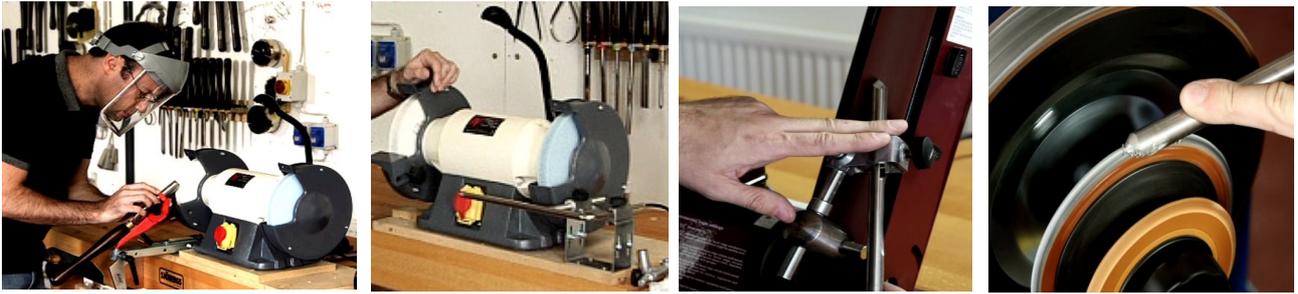
1 Glen Lucas Mastering Woodturning Series - Sharpening Techniques. This video tables a comprehensive array featuring particularly:

Bench grinders, speeds and wheel types including CBN wheels,
Set-ups for Tru-Grind, Tormek, One Way and ProEdge systems, their jigs and the chisel results,
His preferred angles, jigs and sharpening and usage on actual



bowl turning.

This video lasts for 47 minutes, is available for loan and is recommended to all members.



2 Tru-Grind Video Manual – this video gives a presentation of the set-up and use of the system. True-Grind has more recently produced an adapter to allow its use on wet grinding systems of the Tormek/Scheppach type.

This is a short presentation but also included on the disc are Woodcut products the Bowlsaver and specialised gouges etc. This video is available for loan or can be directly seen on YouTube.

3 CBN Wheels – a short sales presentation ex the web from Woodcraft USA giving a brief introduction on the subject.

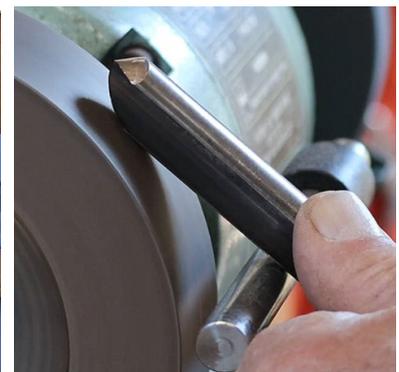
4 Tormek Jig SVD 185/6 – Interesting short video ex YouTube on the versatility, use and ability of its standard jig for turning chisels. Note that the '185' model has been significantly superseded recently by the '186' model now freely available but not too 'freely' at \$180 each!



5 Stumpy Nubs – A presentation on stropping of tools with leather. A short YouTube about the benefits of stropping tools with leather. Gives a deeper understanding of why the Tormek and others have leather wheels attached.

6 Richard Raffan – Three videos from his YouTube series. Richard shows his hand-sharpening methods for a skew chisel and the asymmetric sharpening of his bowl gouges for routine turning.

Finally a quick demonstration of



turning a small Claret ash bowl his 'uncomplicated' way.....an example for us to follow?



The range of videos stimulated a lot of interest and questioning. A couple of wet grinder were on show, Tormek, Scheppach and an old Trend unit together with an array of jigs covering all sharpening possibilities.

It is understood that a few members plan to purchase a Scheppach grinder when on special at Aldi during the month. If so that will mean about 7 or 8 members will then have a wet grinder for sharpening.

Our next Saturday meeting will be on 12 th March from 10 am.

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