



Club TV



Recently John Feeley & Colin Dobson have provided a general overview as to how the TV set can be used as a training tool for the club.

It all starts with a loose leaf folder which will be left on the meeting room table. It will be a

catalogue of the videos the club has on its portable hard drive. Each page will have a number of photos relating to various wood turning videos.

The pages will be focussed on wood turning themes, e.g. Beginner Projects, Chisels Usage, Round Bowls, Square Bowls, Toys, etc.

After the general overview is completed, the session leader will be trained to use the catalogue & show the selected video.

A member might like a photo of a particular square bowl and sit down to watch it while everyone else is in the workshop. It is possible that a member like the idea of one of the catalogue topics makes a note of it & then watches it on YouTube at home.

It is suggested at coffee time a video be playing with the sound muted. It can be a conversation piece or something to be followed in the background.

Note: the TV does not have an aerial to receive free to air TV & is not connected to the internet. It will be used solely for member instruction.

Green Timber

Often a fallen tree becomes available and we would like to store it without it cracking. Well there are 2 options. Timbercon provide an End Check Wax Sealer that can be painted onto the end of a piece of timber.

On the other hand if you cut a branch into a number of cookies you leave them in a bath of Pentacryl.

Pentacryl™ is a wood stabilizer used by woodcarvers, woodturners, builders and furniture makers to keep green wood from cracking, checking and splitting during the drying process.

Pentacryl™ will not react with the tannic acids in the wood and will make your wood look cleaner and brighter! If you enjoy turning or working with green wood but struggle with cracking, checking or warping, you need to take a closer look at Pentacryl™!

It is not easy to find a supplier of Pentacryl in Australia but it is available on eBay from the US at approx. AU\$98 a gallon is but the postage is estimated at AU\$117.

The Youtube clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FY8JfmfHnm0> shows how it is used. The clip is available the clubs Youtube library in the folder "General Info"

This is not for everyone but there is an experience turner who places the timber into a large plastic bag filled with compressed air and alcohol. Apparently the alcohol displaces the water in the timber.

Key Dates

Picture Framing Night	6 th November
Committee Meeting	14 th November
Toy Handover	9 th December
Christmas Luncheon	13 th December
Club xmas Closure	15 th December
Bunnings BBQ	23 rd December
Open Day	3 rd February 18

Think of a number, double it and then add 10. Halve the number, take away the first number you thought of and the answer is 5

Surfs Up



Some of John Hanley's interesting projects have been documented in the "Woodpecker".

More recently Scott Hanley has shown some of his fascinating projects and it is obvious he has the same artistic touch of his father. It seems Scott has a surfing obsession. Besides the love of the water, Scott makes miniature surfboards. One surfboard has been made into a very useful wine rack. Additionally he has made many small

boards to be used as trophies or plant hangers.

One Friday Scott showed his "wave" to the group. After he displayed his "wave" my imagination could not fathom how it was done. Initially my thought was the wave had been carved. Then disbelief followed when he explained he cut rectangles of 3mm mdf and then each one was cut into a slice of a wave. After gluing all the slices of mdf together a rough wave is formed. A subsequent sanding and a coat of lacquer revealed a beautifully fashioned wave.

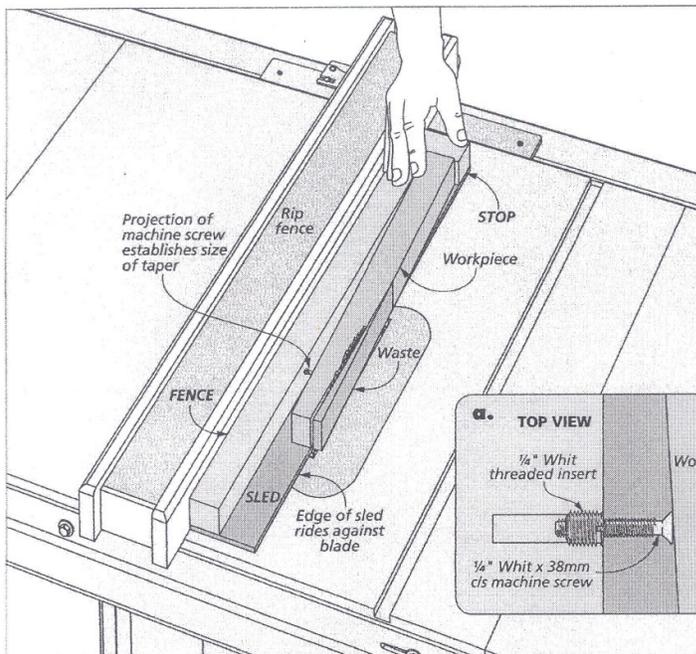
Fortunately Scott provided some photos to provide an insight as to how the wave was crafted. These photos are displayed on the right. The Gunnamatta Surf Club has seen the "Wave" and wants Scott to make one as a major club trophy.

The "Woodpecker" offers its complements to Scott for his excellent crafted artistic wave.



Tips, Jigs & Techniques

In collaboration with Gaven Davis, the Woodpecker will publish articles each month about different ideas or jigs that may be useful to members. This month features the easy taper jig which can be very useful when making the legs for a table.



EASY TAPER JIG

I had several tapers to cut for a project and didn't want to build a complicated jig or purchase one in order to make accurate cuts. My solution is shown in the drawing at left.

I built a simple sled with a fence on one side. At one end of the sled, I attached a stop to hold the workpiece. At the opposite end of the fence, I placed a threaded insert to hold a flat-headed machine screw that can be adjusted in or out to set the amount of taper (detail 'a'). With the workpiece anchored to the sled with double-sided tape, I just run the sled against the saw rip fence to make repeatable taper cuts.

Ken Anderson

Working with Wood Show

Generally I have missed the "Working with Wood" shows but I thought 2017 would be the year I form my own opinion of the show.

In summary, I was very impressed. The very first display on entering was the timber for sale. There were tree slices, burls, blanks, boards, veneers and slabs of all sizes & species. One supplier, Mark & Marion Williams, brings his timber down from Murwillumbah, NSW. The prices were more than reasonable. I purchase 4 feet of camphor laurel 65x65 for \$15, which is less than \$4 per foot. Recently I purchased a foot of camphor laurel from Pop's Shed for \$21. 5 gidgee pen blanks cost \$10 but then the salesman threw in 7 iron bark pen blanks because it was the end of the day. On entry to the show I could not count the number of Mallee burls available. On leaving, they were all gone. This was probably due to the Arbortech demonstration inside the show. The demonstrator showed the simple process from the beginning of how to make a burl bowl using their mini grinder.



Logosol, a Swedish company, displayed a number of their electric & petrol driven chain saw units, all of which impressed. The chain saw uses a guide rail & has clear scales and a self-locking click system to simplify settings. Integrated winches are used to raise the log as required. Logs are cut into boards with such accuracy one would start to think if there was enough spare change to buy one.

The Bendigo Woodturners Inc had a very big display of their members' creations. Apparently they source their timber locally; consequently most of their product is made of red gum. After introductions their president invited WOSP members up for a day visit on a date to be arranged

next year. Let the committee or your session leader know if you are interested in the trip.

You not have to buy to learn or be entertained at the show. Any number of suppliers will show you new developments in the market place. For instance Woodcraft Supplies modifies hand power planers to use a spiral cutter. The finish is exceptional.

A laser cutter that can be used on foam, paper or timber is available for \$45k. Naturally it is out of most people's price range but the demo was extraordinary.

Inlay veneers was only one of many interesting products available from Hardware for Creative Finishes. Naturally there were special show prices but their products are available online. In fact I was surprised how many stalls only provided their product online.



Best Abrasives is an online operation that provides the Abranet abrasive for disc & hand sanders. They were selling 1 metre lengths of Abranet abrasive for \$6.50, which I thought was an economical way to buy it.

The owner of Little Darling Toys made his own handcrafted wooden and soft toys. With so many toys I was impressed that he managed to make all the wheels with precision.

Phillips screws are a product of America while square head screws are a Canadian product. Screw-It is the distributor of the square head screws in Australia. It was interesting talking to the company representative about the features of the square head screw. So much so he was invited to visit a WOSP general meeting to address all members in a 30 minute presentation.

Naturally Carbatec & Timbercon were there with a comprehensive array of tools & equipment. In fact there were lots of other displays, demonstrations & suppliers, so next year I would recommend a visit to the "Working with Wood" show.

Advertising WOSP ~ Open Day

The club is preparing an Open Day on Saturday 3rd February 2018. The purpose of the Open Day is to advertise the club's activities and attract new members.

It is proposed to display a gallery of member work pieces as such the committee requests all members to assess their achievements and make them available to the display. You may even consider putting a price on your articles and see if they will sell.

Wood turning demonstrations will be scheduled throughout the day. Volunteers are required to demonstrate the making of whistles, pens, spinning tops & perhaps a bowl or two.

In addition other displays will include picture framing, intarsia & pyrography. On the open day we will canvas the ideas of Saturday morning sessions and short courses for picture framing, pyrography & intarsia courses.

The wireless club will be invited to join us. Additional attractions will be a classic car display and perhaps some product suppliers.

Planned advertising is through radio (Classic Cars contact) and flyers to Seawinds, local men's sheds, banks, shops, villages for seniors, friends & family of members, the tourist bureau, etc. The council will be approached for permission to have sandwich boards around Rosebud.

Discuss the open day with others and see how you can help. Share your ideas.

Key Dates

7th November is Cup Day public holiday consequently there will be no sessions that day.

The next committee meeting will be on the 14th November at 4pm

The Christmas luncheon will be held at the Rye RSL on the 13th December. 3 course senior meals will be \$22. A booking for 60 has been made. With a Christmas spirit the club will buy you & your partners your first drinks.

The club will close for the holiday period on Friday 15th December

Bunnings BBQ

The volunteers who help out at the Bunnings BBQ deserve a tremendous **thank you**. Bunnings notification to the club and thus to the members is often at short notice. October 7 was such a case as it was not originally allocated to the club however it was so busy on my shift I expect we will make \$2000. My shift consisted of

Between now and the
Christmas the Friday
session will be open between
9am & 1pm

Bert Bartlett, Kevin Cross and Roger Stebbing. It was so busy there was not enough time to socialise and solve world problems. Even though Kevin has his OBE he did a fantastic job over a hot stove with the master chef, Roger.

We have 80 members in the club. 16 volunteers are required for each BBQ. Please get involved as the funds are for the improvement of the club.

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