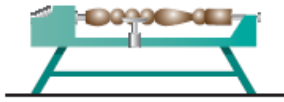


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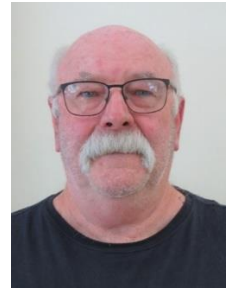
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WOODTURNERS SOCIETY  
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## Presidential Words For December 2023



Members and Friends,

### Special General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 March 2023 were confirmed, moved, and accepted.

2024 Committee as elected at the SGM is:

Secretary	Binny Willis
Vice-President	Alwyn Clark
Treasurer	Brian Creese
President	Mike Dunne

Committee Members:

Barry Wilson  
Bob Kennedy  
David Williams  
John Donaldson  
Neil Howard  
Reg Weber  
Katherine Ogg

Congratulations to the new Committee Member, Katherine Ogg. I am sure Katherine's input will be greatly valued.

### Member of the Year



Member of the year was awarded to John Carney. John has been a member since August 2000. John's contributions to the Club

have been as a Member and Vice President on the Management Committee, is Captain for Bunnings BBQ's, organised arrangements for the August and November Exhibition café, maintains the kitchen and drink supplies and as a Convenor.

Congratulations and well-deserved John.

### Mt Coot-Tha Exhibition

The exhibition was officially open to the public again on Friday afternoon. Sales for the afternoon totaled \$5,200, which was a 100% increase on August. A great result. Thanks to everyone for their participation and contribution to another successful event. Brian will expand on the overall results in his contribution further on.

### Christmas Closure

The final workshop for 2023 will be on December 12 the first workshop reopening on January 9 2024.

### Commission Work

Murray Ralph, our Web Coordinator, has been fielding regular questions from the public on our Facebook page with requests to make various items. If anyone is interested in taking on work for the public, could you please email your details through to Binny Willis at [secretary@wsqld.org.au](mailto:secretary@wsqld.org.au). Binny will forward all requests to everyone on the list. The first to respond will be given contact details for the person requesting the work.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

**Mike Dunne**  
*President*

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# The Secretary's Jottings

## Management Committee Meeting on Saturday, 11 November 2023

**Meeting Opened:** 7.55am

**Attendance:** Mike Dunne, Alwyn Clark, Binny Willis, Brian Crease, Barry Wilson, Reg Weber, John Donaldson, David Williams, Neil Howard, Bob Kennedy

**Apologies:** John Reed

1. The Minutes of the October meeting were presented and accepted.
2. The Inwards Correspondence was received, and the Outwards Correspondence endorsed.
3. In Business Arising from the Correspondence the Lease Renewal document was discussed with Mike Dunne responsible for clarifying some issues with the BCC and then forwarding the necessary documentation.
4. The Finance Report was presented by the Treasurer and accepted.
5. The Membership Report was presented by Alwyn Clark noting that there was one new member for the month – Aaron Hua.
6. In Workplace Health & Safety the Safety Officer, David Williams reported on a Workshop incident of glue failing on a piece of timber attached to a backing board coming off a lathe. Appropriate steps were taken to analyse the cause of the incident and feedback given to the Member.  
The possible need for a further Evening Open Workshop was discussed and it was resolved that further investigation will take place in the new year.
7. Building and Grounds – further investigation of the electricity extensions on the downstairs bandsaw and dust extractor has been undertaken and the situation has now been remedied. The Zip Hot water system in the Auditorium continues to have problems and steps will be taken to resolve the problem. A tender has been received and accepted for the old chain saw. Issues continue with the RCD and the Dust Extraction system. Micronair to be contacted and the BCC advised of the continuing issues. A Fire Drill will be organised in the coming week by Bob Kennedy.
8. Events and Activities - Update on the preparations for the November Mt Coot-tha Exhibition was presented. The issue of lack of Member interest in the Zoom of the monthly demonstrations was discussed and it was resolved that this would be discontinued and our subscription cancelled.
9. General Business - the updating of the Life Members Board was again discussed and photos and information to be finalised as soon as possible.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.45am

**Binny Willis**

Secretary - WSQ

## Treasurer's Report

The Woodturning Exhibition at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens on 24-26 November was very successful. Total sales were \$5,425 on the Friday afternoon, \$9,061 on Saturday and \$6,690 on Sunday, giving a grand total of \$21,176. This figure includes café sales of \$943 and raffle tickets for \$640. Sales from the charity table came to \$219.50, and this amount will be donated to Hummingbird House. Expenses are not yet finalised, but the net profit is expected to be about \$4,500. The club is fortunate in having so many members willing to contribute to the Exhibition, including exhibitors, demonstrators, transport team, café staff and helpers on the sales desk. Many thanks to all these volunteers.

Another major event last month was a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 4 November, where WSQ volunteers cooked and sold 49 kg of sausages and 15 kg of onions, with 34 loaves of bread and 144 drinks. Total sales were \$2,450, and net profit was \$1,774.

Other income for the month included membership fees \$1,010, hall letting \$1,000, workshop fees \$1,207, shop sales \$1,307 and container refunds of \$256. On the expenditure side, we bought a profile cutter head and rip fence for the Felder combination saw for \$763. Other minor expenses totaled \$2,815. With two more Bunnings Sausage Sizzles coming up in December (Tuesday 26 and Sunday 31), we are looking forward to a strong financial finish for 2023.

**Brian Creese**

Treasurer

## Diary/Convenors' Roster

Week	Date	Day	Session	Convenors	Convenors	Time
1	01/12/2023	Friday Morning	Open Workshop	Don Randall	Mick Phythian	8am Till 12pm
1	01/12/2023	Friday Morning	Toy Group	Barry Wilson	Peter Churchward	8am Till 3pm
1	02/12/2023	Saturday Morning	Christmas Party	Salisbury Bowls	Club	12:00 pm
1	05/12/2023	Tuesday Morning	Open Workshop	John Reed	Alwyn Clark	8am Till 12pm
		Tuesday Arvo	Open Workshop			1pm Till 3.30pm
		Tuesday Evening	Open Workshop	Mick Phythian	Dan Woodward	6pm Till 9pm
		Tuesday Morning	Downstairs Workshop	Barry Wilson		8am Till 12pm
		Tuesday Morning	Library	Peter Wyer		8am Till 12pm
		Tuesday Morning	Shop	Don McMillan		8am Till 12pm
		Tuesday Arvo	Pyrography Group	Rosie Thornton		1pm Till 3.30pm
1	07/12/2023	Thursday Morning	Convenors Workshop	All Convenors		9am Till 12pm
2	8/12/2023	Friday Morning	Open Workshop	Don Randall	John Carney	8am Till 12pm
2	9/12/2023	Saturday Morning	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill		8am Till 12pm
2	12/12/2023	Tuesday Morning	Clean up	Plenty of Help Needed		8am Till 12pm
		Tuesday Arvo	Closed			1pm Till 3.30pm
		Tuesday Evening	Closed			6pm Till 9pm
		Tuesday Morning	Downstairs Workshop	Barry Wilson		8am Till 12pm
		Tuesday Morning	Library	Peter Wyer		8am Till 12pm
		Tuesday Morning	Shop	Don McMillan		8am Till 12pm
		Tuesday Arvo	Pyrography Group	Cancelled		1pm Till 3.30pm
2	14/12/2023	Thursday Morning	Project Tuition	Rob McKee		9am Till 12pm
Club Closed	12/12/2023	Club Opens	09/01/2024			

**Mick Phythian**  
Convenor

## Date Claimers

### for Demonstrations and Show & Tell Forums

**All members must sign-in and pay the \$5 entry fee.**

Date	Demonstration	Show & Tell Forum
<b>Saturday, 3 February, 2024</b>	<b><i>A Smart Box!</i></b> Dan Woodward will demonstrate the router embellishment of one of his beautiful little boxes turned from a cube. Note: This is not an end-grain box.  This demonstration is a follow up on his September 2023 demonstration, when he turned the Cindy Drozda style box.	
<b>Saturday, 17 February, 2024</b>		Come and join us and show us what you've been turning or making, or simply fiddling with over the Christmas break. Or just come along and enjoy the discussion on what others have been up to. It is always an interesting morning and an opportunity to learn all sorts of tricks and techniques.
<b>Saturday, 2 March, 2023</b>	<b><i>Bangles galore</i></b> Allan Short will demonstrate turning a segmented bangle.  This demonstration is great value because you get two bangs for your buck. Allan will explain the segmenting process he went through and as well show you how to turn a bangle. Another skill to add to your repertoire.	
<b>Saturday, 16 March, 2024</b>		Great opportunity to bring along your latest endeavours – maybe even a segmented bangle! Come and join in the conversation and share a cuppa with your fellow members of WSQ.

**Binny Willis**  
Secretary – WSQ Inc.

## Medical Records

This item is repeated due to the health incident that occurred at last Tuesday's morning meeting.

**PLEASE, JUST DO IT!!!**

Just a reminder to members to update their medical records if there have been any changes. If you have not filled one out, please do.

If any member has changed their email, address or phone number please let me know on [membership@wsqld.org.au](mailto:membership@wsqld.org.au) so I can update your records, as you might miss mail-outs.

Remember it is a requirement you wear your name badge every time you come to the club, to enable convenors to see that you are accredited on the machine you want to use. And for other members to get to know any new members.

**Alwyn Clark**  
Membership Secretary

## Gone Fishing

A big thank you to everyone who turned fishing reels!

I dropped off 30 wooden hand reels (and some assorted rods and reels) that will be shipped out to Papua New Guinea in about two weeks. Everyone was very appreciative of a thoughtful donation. They are already in high demand, especially the "hobo" reels which will be a hit with the kids. I have insisted that they are not "too good to use" and trust they bring good catches for their new owners.



**Harold Wiltshire**  
*WSQ Member*

## Extension Course - End Grain Lidded Box Course

To further develop their turning skills, 6 graduates of the Introduction to Woodturning Course were offered the opportunity to participate in a 3-week Extension Course to experience end-grain turning and produce a small, lidded box.

The Course was conducted by Rob McKee on a Wednesday evening and was obviously thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

Left to right in the photo below are Harold Galway, Alex Suppini, Paul Harris, Martin Darch, and Therese Richards. Karon Beattie was absent.



**Binny Willis**  
*Secretary - WSQ*



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**Demonstration**

On the morning of 4 November 2023, a reasonable number of members and friends attended Neil Howard's demonstration titled "What a router can do for woodturning". Spoiler Alert: a router can be used to cut varieties of decorative grooves and holes in a controlled manner. Neil brought a number of turned bowls and platters (see below) he had turned in his workshop to demonstrate how he could embellish the appearance of these items using a trim router.



Neil started by attaching a small trim router to a largish sheet of acrylic. He placed a small bowl face down on a significant plastic bag of paving sand.



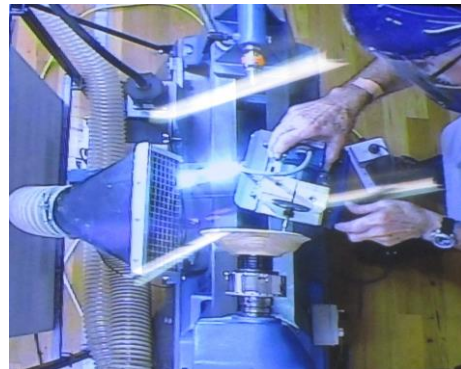
He then placed a small straight cutter into the router and removed waste from the bottom of the bowl and shaped 3 chunky feet. The image below shows the technique he wanted to demonstrate. He recommended using a Microplane to get a smooth finish.



Next, Neil attached the router into a timber router mount which he fitted onto a metal tool post. This device was fitted with metal guide rails which allowed the router to move forward and backward in a controlled manner.



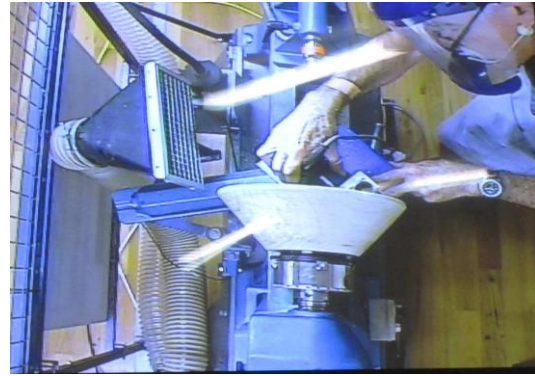
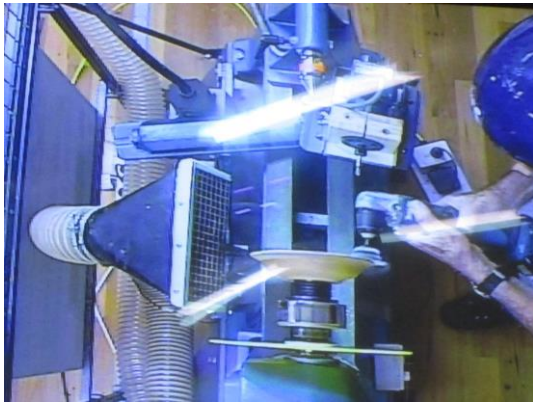
The tool post can be fitted to the banjo on the lathe as is shown below. He was able to slide the cutter across the rim of the bowl, making a decorative cut. Using the indexing system on the lathe he could repeat this process 24 times.



But, Neil is an ingenious man. He has built an acrylic indexing system that sits between the headstock and the chuck, with a metal brake attached to the lathe bed. This allows him 48 stops, i.e., 48 decorative cuts. This is shown below.

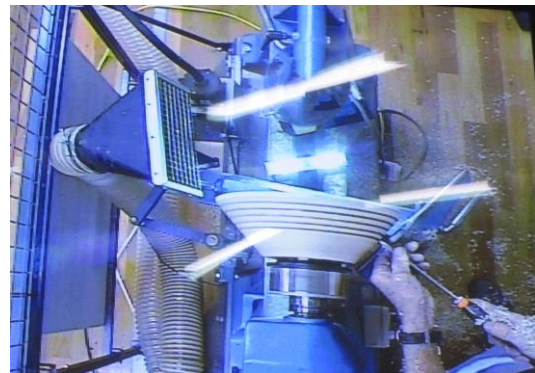


Next, he sanded the rim of the bowl with a power sander to tidy up the cuts.



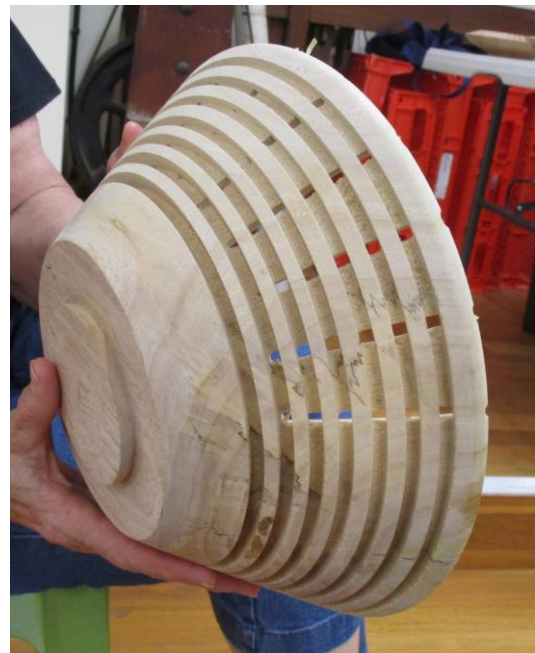
Then he used a parting tool to cut parallel grooves around the outside face of the bowl as shown below.

Below is the demonstration piece. On the left side uses 24 stops, and the right uses 48 stops. There can be no doubt that the 48 stop system provides greater decorative possibilities.



The effect he had set out to achieve is shown below. Wow, that is a pretty attractive, decorative bowl.

Neil put another bowl with a wide rim on the lathe. Using the 48 stop indexing system, he cut decorative grooves, and then made holes in every groove to further enhance the decorative effect. This is shown below.



The members present were very impressed by Neil's demonstration. They gave him well earned round of applause, and then bombarded him with a few hundred questions. Thanks, Neil, for an excellent demonstration.

**Geoff Holbeck**  
*Editor – Turning Talk*

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## Jest a Moment

**For the past 21 years my wife has been complaining about me not putting the cap back on the toothpaste.**



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## Council Library Displays

Joyce Arnold and I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to those members who have loaned us some of their wonderful, turned items to use in our library displays for another year. Thank you very much. The library staff we deal with all comment about how much their customers like and comment favourably about our displays.

Month	Northside	Southside	
December	Nil	Mt Gravatt	<b>Geoff Holbeck &amp; Joyce Arnold</b> <i>Library Display Coordinators</i>
January	Nil	Mt Gravatt	

## Membership Matters

Birthdays for December	New Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan De Vos</li> <li>Alex Suppini</li> <li>Lyndon Sanderson</li> <li>Clayton O'Brien</li> <li>Jordan Blair</li> <li>Christopher Barnes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brian Underwood</li> <li>Jeanette Donaldson</li> <li>Rosie Thornton</li> <li>Brian Creese</li> <li>Alwyn Clark</li> </ul>

**Alwyn Clark**  
*Membership Secretary*



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## Just a Moment

### Arnotts Biscuits

Mr Monte Carlo was a very fast biscuit. He took Miss Vo Vo out for Morning Coffee. He put his hand on her Milky Way and she thought that was Nice but when she felt his Scotch Finger on her Date Slice, she grabbed him by the Ginger Nuts and made him Sao (say ohh!)

**Anonymous**  
WSQ Member



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