

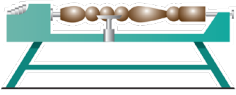
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# TurningTalk

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## Editors Note

By Joyce Arnold

Welcome to 2025 and another year of craftsmanship and art in wood. We have the new program in this edition for the incoming month as well as our Committee reports. Thank you for all your contributions. The cover of our first turning talk for the year captures moments from the Christmas Exhibition last year.

## Presidents Report



I trust that everyone enjoyed a safe and merry Christmas with family and friends.

Our Christmas party was held at the club on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas party was well attended.

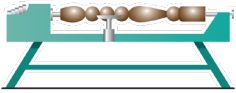
A big thank you to Sue Kennedy for organising such a wonderful Christmas party. We're also incredibly grateful to the volunteers who helped source and prepare the food and contributed with delicious salads and desserts. Everyone's generosity and hard work made the celebration even more memorable. Thank you all for your time and effort.

In 2025, the Committee will focus on developing new initiatives to both benefit existing members and attract new members to WSQ. These initiatives will include enhancing current programs and developing new initiatives, so creating more opportunities for members. Focus is proposed to include expanding networking events, improving member services, and promoting the organisation's value proposition to potential members. Additionally, leveraging digital platforms and social media will play a key role in reaching a broader audience and demonstrating the benefits of membership.

The Committee is open to members' suggestions as to what you want WSQ to look like in 2025. Initial suggestions can be discussed with Committee members, raised at smoko meetings and written proposals to the Committee via [secretary@wsqld.org.au](mailto:secretary@wsqld.org.au) There are many ways for you all to communicate with WSQ and have your say. The more members participate in building WSQ to better meet member expectations will make it a more inclusive, dynamic and relevant environment for all.

The club will reopen on January 7<sup>th</sup>, and we are looking forward to having a great year ahead.

**Mike Dunne, President**



## Secretary's Report

Binny Willis, Secretary

Secretary's Jottings - November meeting 9/11/24  
Meeting opened at 7.29am

**Present:** Mike Dunne, Binny Willis, Jan Chapman, David Williams, John Donaldson, Bob Kennedy, Katherine Ogg, Barry Wilson, Neil Howard, Reg Weber

**Apologies:** Alwyn Clark

### Correspondence - Business arising

- An invitation from the Caboolture Workcrafters for our Pyrographers to visit in January
- Request from Librarian to cull copies of magazines 15 years and over. Permission granted
- Received \$265 from Lord Mayor's Christmas Fund

### Finance

The Treasurer, Jan Chapman, presented the Finance Report. She reported that Net earnings for the month was \$2445 with the Bunnings barbecue yielding \$1537. The largest component of expenditure was the servicing of the Micronair system and compressor totalling \$1542.

### Membership

At the end of October Membership stands at 232.

### Workplace Health & Safety

- Bob Kennedy reported on the fire safety initiative to train Convenors in Fire Safety techniques and procedures.
- Mike Dunne reported on the update to the Security system.

### Building & Grounds

- David Williams reported on the ongoing upgrades to the storage system in the downstairs workshop.
- A solution to the parking issue at Pine St during the Football season is being further investigated with BCC.

### Tools & Equipment

- The worn condition of some of the drive dogs was discussed noting that a couple of them had been intentionally ground down. The Replacement of the worst 6 was approved.
- Maintenance Monday is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> November. Volunteers to be requested.

- A new belt has been ordered for the bottom drive of the Felder bandsaw and the tensioning handwheel will need to be replaced,
- A new quill was installed on the VL150
- The Hare & Forbes bandsaw is being returned to Acacia Ridge for repairs and the engineering concerns around the design of the machine will be discussed with Stuart Findlay.

### Activities & Events

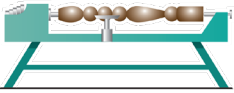
- Sue Kennedy has arrangements in hand for the Christmas Party .
- November Mt Coot-tha arrangements are in hand. The closing time of the Sunday was again discussed and it was resolved that in 2025 the Sunday closing time would be 3pm. This will allow a wider window for the load and unload and return of the truck without incurring further hiring fees.
- The cost of the 12 week Introductory Woodturning Course will increase to \$150
- The Close down date for the Christmas/New Break will be 3<sup>rd</sup> December with a clean up on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December in time for the Christmas Party on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Pine St will re-open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### Governance

Arrangements are in hand for the special General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The following nominations were received:

- Mike Dunne President
- Alwyn Clark Vice President
- Binny Willis Secretary
- Jan Chapman Treasurer
- John Donaldson Committee Member
- David Williams Committee Member
- Rhonda Clark Committee Member
- Katherine Ogg Committee Member
- Neil Howard Committee Member
- Bob Kennedy Committee Member
- Barry Wilson Committee Member
- Reg Weber Committee Member
- Brian Creese Committee Member
- Richard Watkins Committee Member

**Meeting Closed at 9.37am**



## Secretary's Report

December meeting Tuesday 10/12/24  
Meeting Opened 7.30am

**Present:** Mike Dunne, Alwyn Clark, Binny Willis, Jan Chapman, Neil Howard, Bob Kennedy, David Williams, Reg Weber, John Donaldson, Barry Wilson

**Apologies:** Katherine Ogg

**Correspondence:** The Correspondence was presented to the meeting

**Finance:** The Finance Report was presented by the Treasurer Jan Chapman with an update on takings from Mt Coot-tha Exhibition. She advised that Members had received their due monies. The transfer of monies between accounts at the Bank of Queensland was discussed with a view to capitalizing on higher interest rates.

### Membership:

Membership currently stands at 229 and the Membership Application was ratified for Charlotte Fung, Johan Laubscher, David Groves and Patrick Hurley. The Membership application Form has been updated and reference to Covid status removed.

### Workplace Health & Safety

- David Williams reported on an incident when a Member was parting off and failed to make a relief cut resulting in the chisel jamming. The Convenor dealt with the issue.
- Bob Kennedy reported that the flashing Fire Alarms were now operational in both workshops, the Evacuation Drill Procedures are ready for 2025, the Training for the Convenors is being negotiated, the Electrical Audit and the recommendations have been completed.
- Mike Dunne reported on the progress of upgrade to Security Cameras, but being unsatisfied with the cost quoted is sourcing other systems.
- Bob Kennedy raised the issue of the Faceshields in the workshop and the need for there to be some protection for the throat area. The state of the shields, currently splattered with finish, was discussed and Members are to be reminded that they have a responsibility to ensure that they take care to avoid splatter.
- A First Aid refresher is to be planned for early in 2025 with a particular focus on dealing with accidents in the workshop.

- John Reed's email regarding protecting the newly made lathe screens was discussed and the recommendations implemented.
- Test & Tag has been scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> December
- The dates for the Fire Safety for Convenors has been decided and will be advised in early January.
- The first Fire Drill for 2025 has been scheduled.

### Tools and Equipment

Reg Weber reported on the Hare & Forbes bandsaw that Stuart Findlay was continuing to look into the design issues that were raised and Reg and Barry Wilson were giving consideration to the proposed likely alternatives that were offered. The committee agreed to allocate a further \$1700 to secure a saw with better design features and greater capacity.

Reg Weber reported that a further service of the Micronair system was scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> December and suggested that we should commit to twice yearly services to ensure longevity of the system. He also reported that the Bin needs to be emptied more frequently to ensure greater efficiency of the system.

### Meeting Closed at 10am

## Special General Meeting held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The following proposed changes to the WSQ Constitution were passed

- Change to 11.2 Management of the Society
- Addition of Clause 30. Grievance Procedure

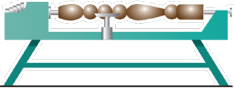
### Election of the 2025 Management Committee of WSQ

The following Members were declared in the positions for which they nominated:

- **Mike Dunne** President
- **Alwyn Clark** Vice President
- **Binny Willis** Secretary
- **Jan Chapman** Treasurer

A ballot was conducted to elect the following as Committee Members:

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



## Treasurers Report

By Jan Chapman

The months of November and December were both busy and profitable for the Club, with a couple of major income generating events and no significant expenses.

A highlight was obviously the Mt Coot-tha exhibition from 28 November to 1 December, with total sales (including member sales, café, raffle, charity, and toy sales) of \$16,765 – and a profit to the Club of \$3,683. Unfortunately, and despite the significant work and effort that went into running the exhibition, this was down on last year's event - which generated sales of \$21,176 and a profit of \$4,620. The weather wasn't kind to us that weekend, impacting on the expected 'passing trade' from visitors to the Mt Coot-tha precinct.

Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles also continue to be a great earner, with the one held on 21 December being a great success, achieving record sales and a hefty profit to the Club of \$2192. A total of 50kg of sausages and 20kg of onions were cooked, and 260 drinks sold.

The effort put into the set up and running of our exhibitions and Bunnings sizzles are significant, with the contribution of the lead organisers and volunteers really appreciated. I would like to thank everyone who participated in 2024 and put out a call to anyone who may not have been involved as volunteers to please put up your hand and share the workload. I'd also like to remind everyone to bring in your recyclable containers as this is another good earner that doesn't require much effort. We have another collection on the first day back (7 January) and I would expect that our members may have a few 'empties' to contribute after the recent festivities.

Although the financial figures for 2024 are yet to be finalised I'm pleased to advise that our position has improved considerably this year. I will provide a further detailed breakdown in the next edition of Turning Talk.

## Membership Report

by Allwyn Clark

If members have changed their email or phone numbers, could you please let me know so as I can update my records, or you will miss out on information which could be important.

Time again to update your medical records if needed.

### *Birthdays for January.*

- Frank Musumeci
- Wendy Hillheckler
- Matt Kelly
- Kate Culross
- Ian McKenzie
- Rod Iffinger
- Barry Wilson
- Geoff Holbeck

Please remember you must wear your name badges to the club and at club outings, this is a requirement

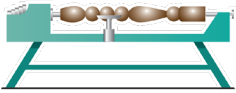
## Bunnings BBQ

By John Carney

What a grand finish to our 2024 Bunnings BBQ. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December saw our group of volunteers cook over 50kg of sausages and 20kg of onions. This effort on a hot and very busy day returned a profit to WSQ of \$2,192. I believe this to be the most successful BBQ we have held.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered their time throughout the year at these vital fundraising events.

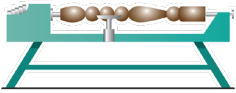
Looking forward to 2025, the first BBQ is scheduled for Sunday 19th January. There are still a couple of spots to fill on the roster. If you are unable to get to the club let John Carney know on 0449 011759 of your availability. Once again always looking for more and different members to spread the load on what all agree, is a good social outing to get to know each other. We are still need to attract some more members to act as BBQ captains.



## Convenors' Roster

### Mick Phythian – Convenor

Wk	Date	Day	Time	Session	Convenors	Convenors		
1	7/1/25	Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Bob Kennedy	John Donaldson		
		Tuesday arvo	1pm - 4pm	Open Workshop	Alan Short			
		Tuesday night	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Mick Phythian	Dan Woodward		
				6pm - 9pm	Pyrography	Dan Woodward		
			Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop / Toy Group	Terry Green	Harold Wiltshire	
			Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Library	Peter Wyer		
			Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Shop	Don McMillan		
			Tuesday arvo	10.30 - 2.30pm	Pyrography Group	Mike Dodson		
	2	9/1/25	Thursday morn	9am - 12pm	Project Tuition	Rob McKee		
2	10/1/25	Friday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Brian Creese	Don Randall		
		Friday morn	8am - 12pm	Carving Group	Keith Greenland			
2	11/1/25	Saturday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Brian Creese			
2	14/1/25	Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Bob Kennedy	John Donaldson		
		Tuesday arvo	1pm - 4pm	Open Workshop	Alan Short			
		Tuesday night	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Mick Phythian	Dan Woodward		
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				Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Shop	Don McMillan	
				Tuesday arvo	10.30 - 2.30pm	Pyrography Group	Mike Dodson	
				Tuesday arvo	1pm - 4pm	Box Making	Reg Webber	Harold Wiltshire
3	16/1/25	Thursday morn	9am - 12pm	All Convenors				
3	17/1/25	Friday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	John Reed	Don Randall		
		Friday arvo	1pm - 4pm	Open Workshop	John Reed			
3	17/1/25	Friday morn	8am - 3pm	Toy Group	Peter Churchward			
3	18/1/25	Saturday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Brian Creese			
3	20/1/25	Monday arvo	2pm - 5pm	Training Course	Paul Machin-Everill			
3	20/1/25	Monday night	6pm - 9pm	Training Course	Paul Machin-Everill			
3	21/1/25	Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	John Donaldson		
		Tuesday arvo	1pm - 4pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee			
		Tuesday night	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Brian Creese		
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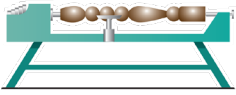
Wk	Date	Day	Time	Session	Convenors	Convenors
		Tuesday arvo	1pm - 4pm	Toy Making	Reg Webber	
4	23/1/25	Thursday morn	9am - 12 pm	Project Tuition	Rob Mckee	
4	24/1/25	Friday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Don Randall	Brian Creese
		Friday morn	8am - 12pm	Carving Group	Keith Greenland	
4	25/1/25	Saturday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill	
4	27/1/25	Monday arvo	2pm - 5pm	Training Course	Paul Machin-Everill	
	27/1/25	Monday night	6pm - 9pm	Training Course	Paul Machin-Everill	
4	28/1/25	Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	John Carney
		Tuesday arvo	1am - 4pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	
		Tuesday night	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Brian Creese
		Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop / Toy Group	Terry Green	Harold Wiltshire
		Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Library	Peter Wyer	
		Tuesday morn	8am - 12pm	Shop	Don McMillan	
		Tuesday arvo	1pm - 3.30pm	Pyrography Group	Mike Dodson	
5	30/1/25	Thursday morn	9am - 12pm	All Convenors		
5	31/1/25	Friday morn	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Don Randall	Brian Creese

## Date Claimers

**Demonstrations and Show & Tell Forums All members must sign in and pay the \$5 entry fee.**

**Binny Willis Secretary**

Date	Topic	Description
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February, 2025 9am	Demonstration	<b>A Bowl from Leftovers - Dan Woodward</b> Though you may be heartily sick of Festive Season leftovers, you will certainly enjoy seeing what can be done by Dan to use up all sorts of bits and pieces left over from other jobs you have done in your workshop. This is bound to be an informative and exciting demo as Dan works his magic on the lathe.
Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February, 2025 9am	Show and Tell	Come along and sit around the table and share what you've been up to over the holiday break. The Show and Tell is a great opportunity to seek advice from fellow Members on something that may be of concern to you, just listen to what others have been up to in their workshop, show off new tools and equipment or simply enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Members over a cup of coffee
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2025 9am	Demonstration	<b>A Surprise: Theo Haralampou</b> Theo is playing his cards close to his chest on exactly what he will do. But if you are familiar with any of Theo's demonstrations you can be guaranteed to enjoy learning a thing or three about design and turning techniques.



Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 2025 9am	Show and Tell	Bring along your latest efforts or simply come along and be inspired by what your fellow Members have be up to. It's always an interesting morning!
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025 9am	Demonstration	<b>The Finished Product - Marilyn Kunde</b> Back by popular demand, Marilyn will present invaluable advice on the techniques of using various finishing products to enhance your woodturning and woodcraft. She has lots of great information on the way to prepare the surface for optimum surface finish, the way that various products wear over time and suggestions on which products are best used on particular timbers.
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025	Show and Tell	<b>No Show and tell forum (Easter Long Weekend)</b>

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## New Friday Afternoon Workshop

Due to the excellent patronage of our Friday morning workshops, the Management Committee has decided to trial a workshop on Friday afternoons. The trial will initially be limited to the first and third Fridays each month with the workshops being run from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. If successful, consideration will be given to offering the afternoon workshop every Friday. **The first Friday afternoon workshop will be on 17<sup>th</sup> January.**

John Reed, Convenor

## Segmented Turning Course

Allan Short, WSQ Member

The next Introduction to Segmented Turning Course is scheduled to commence **on Thursday 6 March from 10am to 4pm**. The course duration is normally 8 weeks; however, due to my availability the course will run to 8 May. Cost is \$50 payable through the store, and interested members can register with me at [acshort@iinet.net.au](mailto:acshort@iinet.net.au) or on 0408 931 230.

## Pyrography Report

By Joyce Arnold

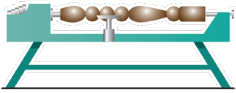
We are putting a pyrography display into the Holland Park library in January and February to show our work to the public and hopefully get some interest in others who might want to join our group. There is a club visit to the Caboolture Woodworkers on 18th January. Everyone is invited. If you are interested in coming along, please see me for details. We meet Tuesdays from 10am to 3pm. The club has machines and the library has many books you can use.

## Library Report

By Joyce Arnold

This month we have the glass display in the Holland Park library, please have a look and see the work of two of your members. On 14th January the Holland Park library display will be changed to the pyrography group, so please have another visit to the Seville Rd library. I am slowly returning the items that have been on display for the past two years. We have an amazing selection of items that members have loaned for the next two years. They will be at the Caridale and Toowong libraries for January. If they are near you, pop in and have a look, tell the librarians how much you like the displays and invite your family and friends to see them too. Thank you to the North and South side teams.





## Carving Report

By Keith Greenland

### Carving a wooden chain

The noble art of wooden carving takes on a sinister aspect when embarking on the creation of a wooden chain. There is only one other simple (and completely useless) product that rivals the complexity of chain carving and that is carving a captured ball. I might embark on that project later but, for now, let's consider the wooden chain.

What possessed the first person to carve a wooden chain from a stick is beyond me, but I would suggest that they had too much time on their hands! It is a pursuit that requires dedication, a sound understanding of both the three-dimensional nature of a chain link along with its relationship with others, and importantly, a high degree of "emotional quotient" to deal with the inevitable mistakes.

### Step 1 (very difficult): Acquire Wood

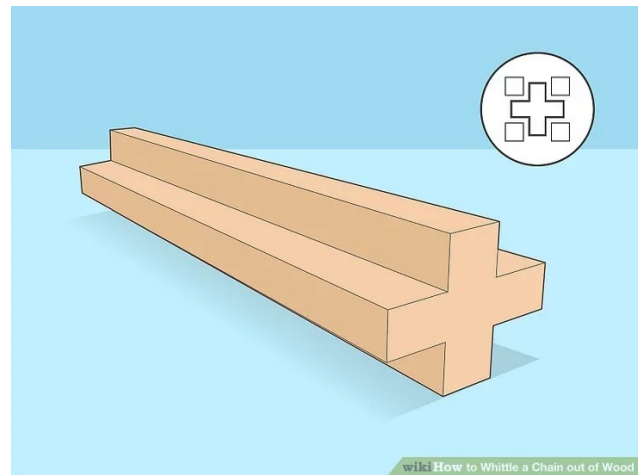
Find a single perfectly straight stick of suitable length. The longest wooden chain carved is 835 feet, 7 inches long. I would suggest something more modest for your first attempt.



### Step 2 (moderately easy): Carving the cross

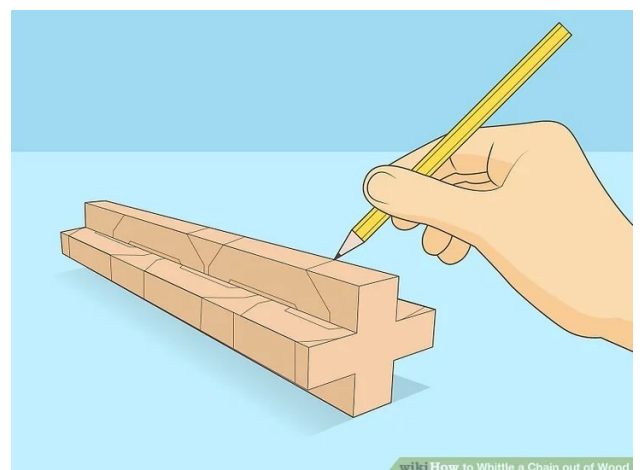
Take your extremely sharp bench chisel and shape the stick's cross-section into a cross (confused already - sure but I told you it wasn't easy). Once you have roughed out the cross, tidy up the surfaces with a Dremel sanding drum or like.

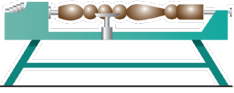
"Rough shaping" is a euphemism - the better the cross, the better the links. However, I would humbly suggest you can use the words "organic" and "rustic" when discussing your result with others. Besides, who's going to notice when it's a tangled mess?



### Step 3 (moderately easy): Planning

Draw the standard chain links onto the carved billet. Remember that the opposite sections of the cross are part of the same link, and that adjacent links are offset. Marking a grid pattern on the billet will help avoid the common mistake of carving links that aren't connected. The emphasis is on the word *help* as a lot can go wrong from here on.





**Step 4: (difficult - you've come this far, so you can't turn back now): Carving the links:**

Sawdust is your enemy because it will cover your lines during the carving process. Use either a sharp gouge or a burr on a rotary tool to carve out the wood that's not required. I suggest you work in a peaceful area. My first attempt suffered a near miss. A moment's distraction almost led me to cut through one of the planned links. This potential mishap will undo hours of focused work – much like a bad catch you get with the final cut after hours of woodturning.

**Step 5: (moderately easy) Sanding:**

Sanding the outside of each link is directly dependent on how well you finished your billet (see Step 2). The inner surface of each link is a challenge, but nothing compares to what you've just put yourself through during the carving phase.

If you've made it to this stage, well done. Only one serious error can occur here - sanding through a link and detaching it. Did I mention this whole process can fail at any time?

**Step 6: (moderately easy)**

Hang your "masterpiece" proudly on the wall or give it to a loved one who may bury it in the kitchen utensil drawer marked "Useless tools". Putting it on a wall may be a better option though it may mysteriously disappear over time.

Disclaimer 1: While this guide may lead to a functional wooden chain (whatever the word *functional* may mean in this context), the reader is advised to proceed with caution and a healthy dose of scepticism.

Disclaimer 2: I am not responsible for any injuries, property damage, or the inevitable existential crisis that may arise from attempting this project.

May the odds be ever in your favour and may your sanity remain intact.

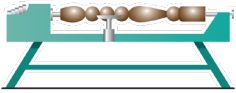
Reference: <https://www.wikihow.com/Whittle-a-Chain-out-of-Wood>

Keith ([french9a@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:french9a@yahoo.co.uk))

My first wooden chain from an olive branch (thanks to Therese Richards for the timber).

Yes, I have got too much time on my hands.





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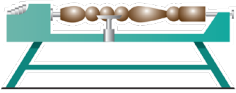
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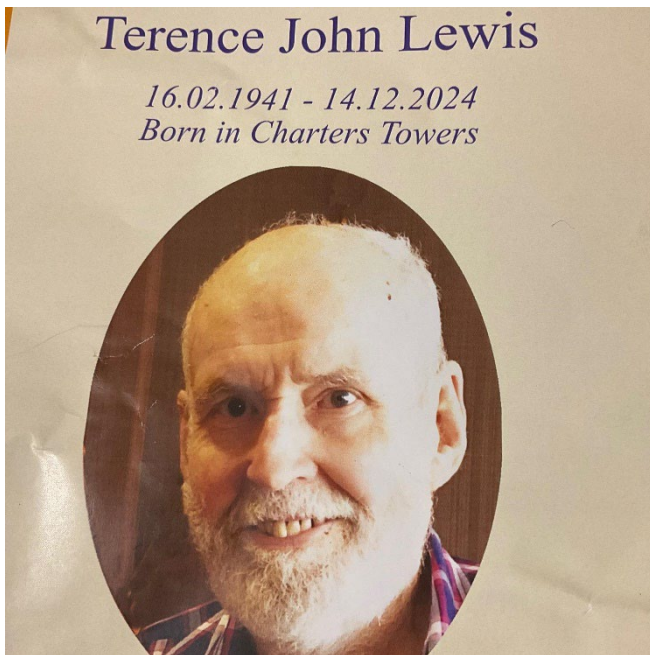
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## Vale Terry Lewis



Long time WSQ member, Terry Lewis passed away late in December 2024.

Terry joined WSQ in 1986 and was one of the last 7 remaining early members (member 228).

He was born profoundly deaf and was a State Government Carpenter by trade. His professional interest in timber, soon became one of his all-consuming interests and hobby. An accomplished woodturner, and a regular attendee at Turnfest since 2003, and other Wood events here and overseas, he was loved and respected by family and friends.

The other part of his life as a member of the deaf community, was also on public display at his memorial service on the 23rd of December. He was remembered as a gentle, 'go to', and giving person. The service, and the 'wake' said it all!

Unknowingly to us at WSQ, he was an accomplished magician and a prankster! ..... our Terry?

Sadly, it takes a lifetime to truly appreciate one's friendships and friends, and then we eventually realise how much we didn't know.

Terry will be missed by many.

**By Bob and Sue Kennedy**

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## A Woodturning Ode

Poem by Mrs D C Weir , Surrey from 1992  
Woodturning magazine,

There was once a woodturner Fred  
Who spent most of his time in the shed  
His wife begged and pleaded  
Some attention she needed  
But to his lathe Fred preferred to be wed.

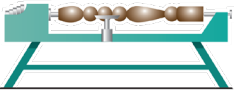
Then one day his wife, named Maud  
Got tired of being ignored  
She dismantled the bed  
Carried it out to the shed  
"Now sleep here as well", Maud roared.

But practice makes perfect they say  
And one unforgettable day  
At the Woodworker Show  
Well, what do you know  
Old Fred won a prize with his tray.

Now Maud was proud and amazed  
"Oh Freddie, you're clever!, she praised  
As you get such pleasure  
From this form of leisure  
I'll join in this woodworking craze"

Thought Fred, as he smiled with delight  
No more nagging my hobby will blight  
As together we turn  
My only concern  
Is, who's cooking supper tonight?

**Contributed by Don McMillan**



## Demonstration by Rob McKee - Turning a Spoon

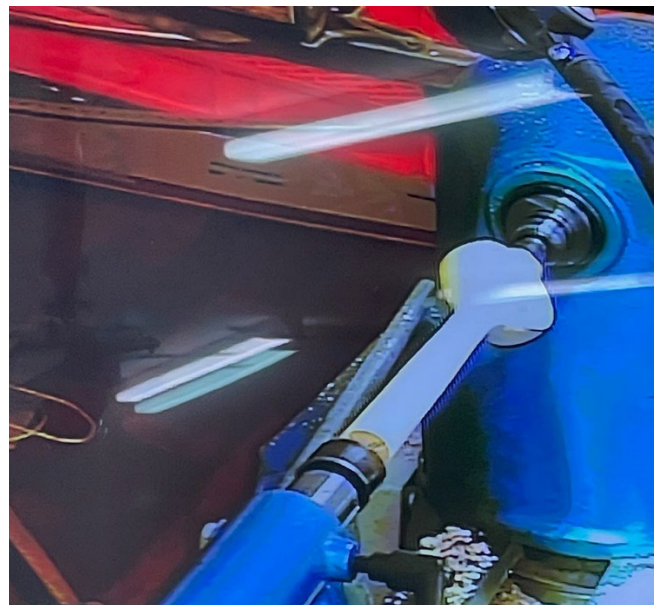
2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2024 by Binny Willis

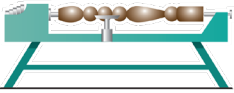
### Selection of suitable timber

Rob commenced with a discussion on the most suitable timbers for turning wooden spoons. He pointed out that the best for purpose were fine, straight grained timbers that included fruit woods like lemon, pear, apple, mulberry and olive, always being mindful that there can be considerable shrinkage in these timbers. Hoop pine, celery top pine, Euro beech and sycamore are also very suitable as well. Camphor laurel would be one example of a timber unsuitable for spoon making because heat during use will draw out the oils in the timber. The resin that can ooze out over time in rose mahogany and beefwood would make these unsuitable for spoons that have a practical use, but would be fine if their purpose were purely decorative.

### Process of turning the spoon

1. Use a bandsaw to cut out the rough shape of the spoon ensuring that you allow approx. 60mm diameter for the bowl of the spoon and leaving a small spigot on the bowl end.
2. Mount the timber with the bowl end in a step centre in the headstock of the lathe and a regular centre in the tailstock. In doing this make sure that the timber is accurately centred at both ends.
3. With the toolrest at centre and a fast lathe speed use a roughing gouge to take the handle down to round ensuring that the handle tapers towards the bowl end. Refine with a small spindle gouge from the centre line of the handle to the base of the bowl and follow it through along the edge of the bowl aiming for a good round shape for the bowl. A skew can then be used to sheer scrape the edge of the bowl and then to further refine the handle using an overhand technique. Use the skew again to finish off the end of the handle.
4. Reduce the speed of the lathe and sand the handle through the grits. Pay very close attention and care starting the sanding of the bowl area. This will be finished later.



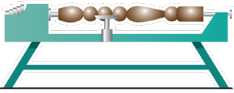


5. Prepare a chuck by removing 2 opposite jaws and mount the bowl between the remaining jaws paying close attention to ensuring that the centre of the bowl is marked then establish the width of the rim by marking a circle about 25mm from the centre point of the bowl. Ensure that the bowl is sitting securely between the jaws. Check that the handle will not hit the bed of the lathe before turning on the lathe.
6. Set the toolrest to start hollowing the bowl. Start the lathe slowly to work up to 800rpm mindful of the position of your arm and hands in relation to the spinning handle.
7. Use a small ¼ inch bowl gouge and start with shallow pivot cuts into the centre of the bowl. Then establish the outside rim on the already marked line from Step 5 and continue to your cuts to the centre so just minimal use for a scaper is required. The scraper cuts need to be very light from the rim to the centre.
8. Sand the bowl through the grits ensuring that you use the toolrest to prevent your hands straying into the path of the handle.



9. Remove the spoon from the chuck and remount between centres to re-shape the back of the bowl. This can be done with a curved carving gouge or a flat chisel. Ensure that any jaw marks are removed.



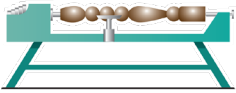


10. An angle drill can then be used as a sander to sand across the bottom of the bowl and round it off.



11. Use a skew or a spindle gouge to cut down the spigot on the bowl end and tidy up the end of the handle, leaving a little bit to pare off at the end.





## Show and Tell Forum

Don McMillan brought along his solution to the re-chucking of fruit like apples and pears to ensure that the pieces were not bruised by the chuck jaws yet held securely. He made use of the leather from old belts to line the inside of his Vicmarc chuck leaving a small gap to ensure that the two ends met but did not overlap when the jaws were tightened. He also advised the use of a spacer in the bottom of the chuck to ensure that the piece of timber was not in contact with the metal of the bottom of the chuck.

Don also brought along a comparison test of a new finishing product – a hardwax oil from Whittle called Evolution. He compared the product with a spray varnish. It was interesting to see the two finishes side by side.

Peter Wyer brought along his latest novelty turnings of a series of embellished eggs using colour, pyrography and texturing. Don McMillan chucking system with leather belts.



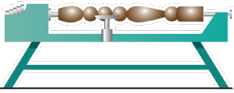
Items by Peter Wyer.



Comparison of Evolution hard wax with other finishes by Don McMillan.







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**Jokes...**

I need hobbies, and not just different types of wood.  
I need to branch out.

How do pieces of wood access the Internet?  
They log in.

Boss told me to glue two pieces of wood together...  
Totally nailed it.

I was going to tell a joke about carpentry...  
but I couldn't find one that wood work

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