



# FOREST HILL WOODTURNERS

## and COMMUNITY SHED

### NEWSLETTER



So almost Christmas once again, almost time for our Christmas lunch at Club Ringwood on the 19<sup>th</sup>, hope to see you all there with your entries to Decembers Challenge of a Christmas ornament of some description, please take some time to turn up and turn up with an entry.

Congratulations to Arlene for her win in the Fantastic Finial challenge, well done and thanks to everyone else who chose to participate. Next months challenge will, hopefully, slot in nicely with Dave's up coming baby rattle project day. The Presidents Challenge for January will be a Baby's Rattle either one similar to the one you make with Dave or any other design you choose, if we're lucky and ask nicely maybe Rebecca will show us how she pyrographs her baby rattles, so you can pyro your entry with a soldering iron. After the challenge we'll also be accepting donations of ..... Baby Rattles, which we'll donate to Kara.

Speaking of Kara, you may have noticed Ruby from Kara Family Violence Service at the club on the 27<sup>th</sup> accepting another donation from Tony and the toy group. These gifts are really appreciated by the people at Kara and provide a little enjoyment to the kids going through a bad patch in their life due to no fault of their own.

We also had a visit on the same day from Nigel Robertson a field officer from Victorian Men's Shed Association, of which we're a member. H was basically collecting information on our club, opening hours, contact details, main activities of the club, etc., VMSA have been invited back to showcase a Shed Expo in the Parliamentary Dining Room at Spring St next year, so this information, news stories/events will be used to better inform our politicians and others as to what Men's and Community Shed's are about and the value add that is passed onto the community. (See over next page)



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There's a chance we may be asked to provide a volunteer to help man (person?) the display. Interestingly, the problem we're constantly struggling with, our club rooms, is a problem that's shared with many, many diverse community type clubs like ours.

Also, one of the ways our government, councils etc., determine the activity of clubs in this brave new world of ours, (and determine who gets the funding) is by monitoring their activity on social media. We do have a Facebook account so please start posting and commenting on our Facebook page, you do need a FB account, BUT, once you've opened one you don't have to ever look at it again, you can do what I do and just go to the groups that interest you, Aust Pen Turners, Woodturners Of Australia, Woodworking For Beginners etc.,

Don't forget any issues, questions, suggestions etc., either have a chat to a committee member OR email John at [newsletter@fhwt.org.au](mailto:newsletter@fhwt.org.au) and open a discussion, I'm sure he'd appreciate some input from members.

That's about it for this month, if I don't see you around the traps or at the Xmas P\* Up, have a great Christmas, and a safe New Year and I'll see you happy, healthy and possibly wiser in January ready for a whole New Year of Fun, Frivolity and Turning.



Just a couple of snaps of Tony, and Ken with the donations to Kara, and Ruby from Kara Family Violence Services.

Great work by the Toy Group.

## CAST Award:

Cliff's Annual Segmented Turning (CAST) Award, Cliff Walsh and Sid Limberis have agreed to judge the award and Cliff has agreed to make the trophy which will incorporate a plinth that a small plaque to which the winners name will be fixed.

This will be a perpetual trophy held in the display case at the club. This is a more serious competition and will be broken into 5 sections:

- 1/- True segmented turning over 5 years experience.
- 2/- True segmented turning under 5 years experience.
- 3/- Glue ups over 5 years experience.
- 4/- Glue ups under 5 years experience.

And

- 5/- Overall winner True Segmented Turning all levels of experience.

Whether the overall winner is a glue up or a true segmented piece will be entirely at the discretion of the judges.



*True Segmented Turning Example.*



*Glue Up or Laminated Turning*

This will be an annual competition with no set brief to follow, you're free to turn any shaped bowl or bowl form (urn, bowl & lid, chalice etc.) that strikes your fancy. For *all* entries you will be judged on:

Presence or Absence of the chuck recess in the base.: Degree or Absence of tear out.

Degree or Absence of (sanding) scratches. : Symmetry of the bowl.

Quality of the finish. : Overall design of the piece.

The glue up turning has been added to enable members unable or unwilling to invest the time in acquiring the woodworking skills required for segmenting.

I hope you'll all enter something in this competition,

Cliff and Sid will be happy to answer any questions you may have. The club has band saws, belt and disc sanders with a new 300mm disc sander. Also members are willing to help you, all you need to do is ask and you'll get help. So please help make this a success.



## Contribution by Rod Philips:

On Sunday 12 th. November I visited the Eltham Woodworker Club Display in Eltham, where I was made very Welcome right from the entry hall. It is very obvious that this Club has an abundance of talent among their membership. The work on display was excellent. Some Woodturning, but a stack of fantastic woodwork of various types. Carpentry, scroll work, pyrography. Carving, Guitar making, displays of older type equipment, Tables ,Platters

I gained a lot of ideas which I can use in my own workshop.

There was a lot of Eltham club members moving around and explaining any queries asked by the visitors and pointing out features on various pieces.

I was told by one of the members that they had sold out of items put up for sale by the members. They apparently had sold everything by early on the Sunday. They still had a sales table going on which their was a lot of items on display and still had a few pens and smaller items .

In another section they had a Childrens work centre. Pre prepared bird nesting boxes. The children where taught how to put them together and I think they took them home.

The Guitar display had several guitars on display in various stages of building and bending the timber to the required shapes.

Okay, so it wasn't all woodturning, but it certainly gave me a lot of ideas which I can reproduce similarly on a lathe. It certainly stimulated ideas of that I can make as a woodturner.

i.e. After completing two more rocking horses I have started.

Rod P





### A LITTLE FARTHER OVER THE HILL

A woodworker's wife was getting on a bit, and he was beginning to worry about her hearing. So, he asked the doc if there was an easy DIY test for that. He was told to stand about forty feet away from her, speak in a normal tone of voice, and see if she could hear. If she didn't, then he was to move a bit closer and try again.

That evening, he was sitting in his favorite easy chair in the living room and she was busy in the kitchen. He figured she was about forty feet away, so he asked in a level ton what she was making for dinner.

No response.

He got up and walked across the room, and tried again, but there was still no response.

He walked into the hall and tried.

Nothing.

He walked into the kitchen, stood two feet behind her and tried once more.

She turned, started at him in frustration, and said: "For the fourth time, Harry, I'm making beer stew!"



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB IN 2024

Doors will open for 2024 on  
Saturday 6th January.

Sessions times the same as 2023. The Monday afternoon sessions are still light on during 2023 so we will still be looking to getting more along to use that time on Monday afternoons.

Our hall rental charges have been subsidised by Whitehorse Council for many years, but for 2024 we had to actually make a formal submission to have the subsidy continue. We are hoping there will not be any changes with our rental, which is our major cost.

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Next Committee meeting December 11th at 1.00PM

No turning session for that afternoon.



## PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE:

The Challenge this month is for Christmas tree Decorations.

Entries will be judged at the Christmas Lunch and a prize will be awarded.

Use this link for some ideas.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2x\\_zplrvg\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2x_zplrvg_Y)

Challenge for January will be a Baby's Rattle.

Dave will be doing a project session in January of ***making a baby's rattle*** (so that's not making a baby rattle but making a rattle for a baby) so come s long to Dave's session to learn the skills.

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## DEMONSTARTIONS: (3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH)

January: Steve Hood will demonstrate various pen making/turning techniques.

February Bruce from Carbatec will demonstrate Scroll sawing.

## POLITICS AND PEANUTS

A politician turned bowls on the lathe as a hobby. So, when he was visiting a retirement home, he stopped by the room of an ancient woodworker to wheedle his vote. After a few minutes talking shop, the geezer offered him a bowl of peanuts. He took a few and asked if the old man wanted any.

"Oh no, I don't have any teeth left for those."

"Hmmm. Then, why do you keep a bowl of them here?"

"Oh, I still like to suck the chocolate off the outside..."

# FOR SALE

FROM STEVE HOOD:

I've got a Triton 2000 WorkCentre in storage, so no photo, I want to move on, it's complete and was in constant use up to about a year ago.

It comes with a router table top and a 9" GMC circular saw, but no router. If anyone wants it they can take it and pay what they think it's worth, maybe \$100? I can deliver to anywhere between St Andrews and the club vicinity within reason. Or Perth if someone wants to pay for fuel.

## SCAM AWARENESS WEEK

Scams target everyone, including community organisations, and everyone may be vulnerable.

There are steps you can take to protect yourself from scams.

Scamwatch is a website run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and provides tips on protecting yourself and your organisation from scams.

For tips on avoiding scams, visit Scamwatch [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au).

### Reporting scams

If you have sent money or shared your bank details with a scammer, contact your bank immediately.

If someone is pretending to be you, contact IDCARE for free support on 1800 595 160 or visit the IDCARE website [www.idcare.org](http://www.idcare.org).

You can report a scam online to Consumer Affairs Victoria <http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/contact-us/report-an-issue/report-a-scam>. You can call the Consumer Affairs Helpline on 1300 55 81 81.

For more information, visit Scamwatch [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au).



## FOR SALE

Small Lathe:

Similar top woodfast.

300mm Dia,

520 between centres.

Drive and live centres.

Knock out bar, Stand, New belt, Tool rest.

HSS Gouge

\$520



Tough Lathe:

Includes: Scroll chuck, drive and live centres, Knock out bar, Stand, New belt, Tool rest,

\$520

If interested see Cliff Walsh

<b>MONDAYS</b>	Every Monday 9:30 to 11.30 AND 12;00 to 3:00  (May close early due to insufficient numbers)	Workshops, Own Project & Training  Toy Making, Round Table, Show & Tell.
<b>MONDAYS</b>	1st Monday, Every 2nd Month  1:00pm	Committee Meeting - No Turning  2023 October, December, 2024 February, April, June.
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	Every Saturday  9:30 - 12:30  1st Saturday—project  3rd Saturday— Demonstration day	Workshops, Own Project & Training  Special projects  Demos as Advised

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