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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MAY 2021

### Presidents Report May 2021

Welcome to Talking Turning for May 2021. I hope you are all well. It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of Ray Smith who died on the evening of Monday 10th May. Ray was a long standing member of the guild and had served as president as well as teaching how to turn for many years. He favoured spindle turning and the clock he would instruct beginners to make became almost a rite of passage for many members. At the January meeting I asked all present how many people had been instructed by Ray. There were not many hands that did not go up. Our thoughts and prayers go out his wife Merle. I apologise to Gary Jenvey for not acknowledging the work he has put in with Ian Phelan towards the review of the safety documents for the equipment we have at the guild. Both Ian and Gary have and continue to put in a huge amount of work preparing documents for the committee to discuss at the monthly committee meetings. I would also like to thank Rick Hillier for running the April meeting while I was busy preparing my house for an open for inspection to be held that morning. By all accounts he did a great job. It is good to be able to trust the running of the Guild to the capable members we have on the committee. I am sure Graham Besley feels the same way as Ian steps up to fill the secretary's position while Graham is on holidays in Tasmania for a few weeks. Good choice of location for a holiday Graham! I wonder if he will follow in the president's footsteps as well and defect there to live? Graham Besley provided the plans for the hands on day to make a conical vase supported by a ring segment on a base. This proved to be quite a challenge with many people taking their item away to finish at a later date. While numbers were down there was still a good turnout. When I arrived later it was pleasing to see the high level of activity from all the members. I look forward to the next show and tell to see the results. A reminder that the April - May challenge is due at the next meeting. How are you going making a bowl from the piece of timber that was handed out at the April meeting? For those of you that missed out the challenge was to make a bowl from a piece of 19mm thick timber 140mm square. If you have not started already you will be cutting it fine (pun intended). Koonung Cottage extended an invitation to all members for the free Breakfast in a Bun event they were running on Tuesday 11th May. Did anyone take up the invitation that was forwarded by Ian on 6th May? An update for those who



have been following the progress on the President's move south. Our house in Box Hill sold at auction on the morning of Saturday 1st May. That evening we were on the ferry to meet the vendor of our new house the following day. Settlement in Tasmania took place on Monday 3rd and on Tuesday 4th I hired a trailer to pick up the lathe from South Hobart that I had purchased a week prior. My son came to visit the next day and helped me set the lathe up. I forgot to take a 15amp extension lead but that will be sorted out soon. The house looks pretty good too. I should see you all at the May meeting. Alan Thompson will be demonstrating making a Christmas egg.

In the meantime.

Keep well and keep turning.

Richard Jardine  
President

## Ray Smith

The funeral of Ray Smith on Wednesday was very well by attended by our members and also the members of his Rotary Club, his family and many friends.

We all learned a little about his life but his family stressed the two most important things in Ray's life were his family and his community. His community service is exemplified by his dedication to his teaching, his work for Rotary and his work for this guild, not only teaching and instructing novices but his work on the committee.

Thank you Ray for your help advice and tolerance when dealing with us novice turners. The members of this wood turning guild along with the many turners you assisted are all better people for having you

(Picture) - Ray Smith's clock an AWTEX prize winner 2011



## APRIL SHOW AND TELL



Frank Larson. Wild Cherry . Danish Oil







## **NOTICES**

### **MAY MEETING – 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

The challenge project is due, so get your items finished. If you require more pieces of the square Tasmanian Oak there are still pieces in the shed

Alan Thompson is to give a demonstration on making a hollow egg

### **JUNE MEETING – 26th June**

Men's Health week is in June, so we have arranged for Graham Watt to be our guest speaker. This was originally planned for last year.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The committee is currently reviewing all the existing safety policies and procedures and we hope to be able to report back to you in the next few months. This may result in all members doing a refresher course.

### **THE KOONUNG COTTAGE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

The Koonung Cottage Community House has been approached by EACH who are an organisation that provides health, counselling and financial assistance services to the community.

They have proposed to run workshop/s at the Cottage in June/July. They have a range of topics as follows.

#### **Financial Literacy:**

The financial literacy session can be delivered by a Gambler's Help Financial Counsellor. Themes include creating a budget and expected costs of living when leaving home. The session discusses needs v wants and how to find a balance. The session mentions setting goals for budgeting and includes information about pitfalls of credit cards and other loan schemes including pay day loans and buy now pay later offers.

Other themes covered:

- Spending leaks.
- Being money smart.
- Loans and credit.

#### **Gaming to Gambling:**

The session looks at the addictive elements of games and their similarities to pokie machines. We speak about building self-regulation in students and help them understand finding a balance of healthy gaming and understanding the harms and risks of spending too much time online. Understanding how free to play games make billions of dollars through microtransactions and loot boxes helps students understand that their behaviour is being manipulated by large corporations.

Other topics:

- Social casino games.
- Gambler's Help Youthline.

- E-sport and betting.
- Online gambling ads.
- How young people are targeted.
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The Cottage is looking for Expressions of Interest and obviously it depends on numbers of attendees if these workshops proceed

If you are interested, please let me know by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May so I can inform the Koonung Cottage.

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### **CARBA TEC 15% OFF**

Paid up members of Koonung Woodturning Guild are eligible for 15% discount at Carba Tec. You will be issued with a card when subs are paid.

## APRIL HANDS ON DAY

The object of the day was to recreate this  
SUPPORTED BUB VASE as presented by  
Graham Besley



Di Bermingham and John Mc Brinn



David Caddy and John working on  
the base





A rare picture of our Treasurer on the Lathe



Tim is a picture of concentration





The sanding tool to get into the point of the vase



A finished piece.  
A collaboration between Di  
Birmingham, John McBrinn,  
Graham Besley, Rick Hillier, David  
Caddy and John



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