



**VOL 10/19**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**OCTOBER 2019**

Welcome to Talking Turning for October 2019

Last meeting we had an excursion to Robbo's (Ian Robertson) workshop in Tooradin. Robbo is a professional wood turner who has put so much back into the wood turning community through demonstrations, attending woodturning weekends and donating 2 day training sessions at each woodturning weekend he attends. Our guild visited along with a crew from Warragul to learn about production and copy turning. Many tricks of the trade were learnt and we were amazed at the speed and ease that Robbo was able to turn out a piece. It was unfortunate that many had other commitments in the afternoon as the demonstration continued after lunch when what we had learnt was out to the test with an inter club challenge to see which club could produce the closest copy of a table leg.



The final session of this series of Learn to Turn took place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. I think a good time was had by all and I would like to thank all those who assisted me with the training, particularly Graham Besley, David Caddy and Rick Hillier. The next course will start on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 for 6 weeks.

The Whitehorse Festival was held this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. I hope you managed to attend and help our guild put on a good show at this very well patronized event. Many thanks to those who helped on the day turning, talking with inquirers, taking sales and particularly Neale who set up and packed up.

Update on AWTEX.

I suggested to Rachelle that it was unlikely that AWTEX would get any volunteers to take over the running if they did not know what they were committing to and suggested holding a meeting open to all who wanted to find out more. I believe Rachelle sent an invitation to all clubs that they would be welcome to attend. At the start of the October a meeting was held with only two people from Forest Hill and myself sitting in on the AWTEX information evening. We were told that 5 of the existing committee of 8 would be leaving. As there was no other interest shown from the woodturning community it became apparent that AWTEX would not be continuing in it's present format and will not be held in 2020. Perhaps a couple of year's absence and the certain lament this must cause in some people will have AWTEX resurface in a new format. Who knows?

I hope you have all been working on your items for the President's Challenge. I expect there will be lots of different items that can be used in the kitchen. In an effort to get ALL members to participate there will be no prize awarded. The purpose is to present a personal challenge trying something you may not have attempted before. The President's Challenge is due at the October meeting. I am looking forward to seeing what is presented.

From our neighbours.

Forest Hill Woodturners are having an open day on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at their clubrooms, Warrawong Centre, 32 Richmond St. Blackburn South.

All of our members have been cordially invited to attend. Tracey, their president, would like to foster a closer working relationship between their club and ours, something I am only too happy to encourage.

Hope to see you all at the October meeting. In the meantime, keep turning.

Richard Jardine.  
President

Max enjoying himself at Springfest



### VISIT TO ROBBO'S

Many members travelled to Tooradin to Visit Robbo's workshop where he talked about production turning and demonstrated turning a table leg as well as imparting much knowledge about woodturning .Thanks Robbo for an interesting day and informative day.



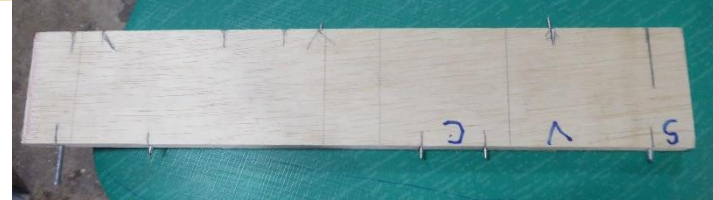
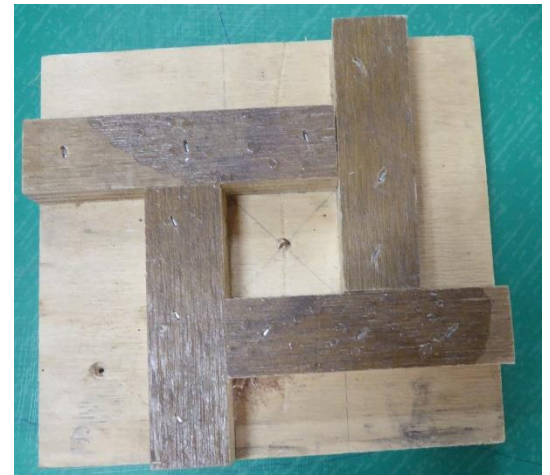
Robbo has many lathes including this beautiful Wadkin



He showed us various ways of finding the centre of square piece of timber when, using a centre finder, marking gauge and a jig which



is particularly quick when doing production turning. Notice the screw in the middle of the square. in pic on right.



Robbo used an existing leg to make a story board which allows him to quickly mark where the important shape and diameters change. He showed various shapes that you can make in the transition from square to round and then onto the turning using only gouges and a Skew.



Various ways of checking the diameter were also shown



And then the inter club challenge to turn a leg. Roger and John represented Koonung.





Robbo, smiling as usual checks the results.  
Thanks Robbo for a great day.



## NOTICES

### **OCTOBER MEETING 26<sup>th</sup>.October**

Unfortunately due to illness Don Kelman will not be demonstrating this month. Graham and Rick are standing in at short notice to demonstrate.

### **PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE ***DUE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING*** Something to Use in the Kitchen.**

The next President's challenge is to turn an item that can be used in the kitchen. However only novices are allowed to turn a bowl. Get creative people and show your talents.

### **HAROLD IRVING CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL**

Now is a good time to start on your toys for the Christmas breakup. For those new to the club we make toys for Eastern Relief and the Salvation Army, these toys are distributed to children who otherwise may miss out.

Harold was the inaugural President of the Guild, a position he held from 1994-2003 and was very passionate about the annual appeal.

### **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.

### **ANNUAL SUBS**

Annual Subs are due and our Treasurer is happy to take your money at the next meeting or by direct debit.

Account Name	Koonung Woodturners Guild INC
BSB	633 000
Account	109 130 674
Please also	Record your name on the payment, so that I know who it is

### **Forest Hill Woodturners open day.**

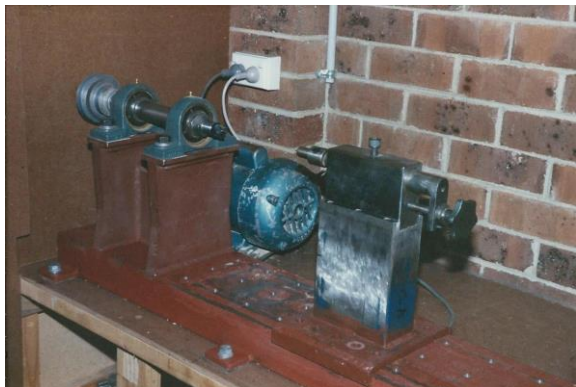
Saturday 2nd November 10am - 4pm  
Warrawong Centre  
32 Richmond St,  
Blackburn South.

**For Sale / free to good home.**

Home made solid (if unconventional) lathe as shown in photo. Includes banjo (not shown).

The unit looks well made and should be very solid. From memory it has a 1 hp motor.

For further information see Richard Jardine.



**Buzzer for sale from Michael Lepp**

I have a Gilbro 6" buzzer which I no longer want. It was given to me some years ago. The motor that comes with it is not mounted as it was mounted to a bench in a shed.

I'm hoping someone in the Guild would like to give it a new home.

Could you please put this in the upcoming newsletter.

My number is 0409 932 845

Please find attached a photo of the machine.

Regards Michael



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*Promoting Excellence and Fellowship in Woodturning*  
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The Koonung Woodturner's Guild meets at 9.00am  
on the fourth Saturday of each month at  
109 Koonung Road Blackburn North 3130



2019 AWTEX Exhibition  
Jim Pagonis 1<sup>st</sup>. Place Intermediate spindle  
Blackwood, Danish Oil

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