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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**July 09**



Koonung Woodturners certainly are a very adaptable group. When we had the opportunity of a demonstration by Ken Wraight for our June meeting you all co-operated with the "Telephone Tree" and the demo was arranged most efficiently. We were pleased also to be able to accommodate a small number of invitees from other woodturning groups into our rather limited clubrooms. Ken held us spell-bound with his remarkable skill and the tips and techniques he has developed. Many of his strategies and hints which he gave freely in his amazing demonstration are outlined in this issue of TT.

We managed a shortened version of our normal formal part of the meeting. Our usual Show and Tell segment was conducted by Val Delsanto in his good-natured style and was enjoyed by our guests and ourselves. We wholeheartedly thank Di. Birmingham for arranging this excellent day and Jim Pagonis for the excellent lunch. Many of our guests commented on the friendly atmosphere in our Guild, so, once again, well done, Koonung!

The June Topic/Demonstration was of course swapped with the July plan, so for the July 25 meeting we will have our Post-Exhibition Discussion. We ask all members to bring their exhibition pieces and any jigs or chucks that were used to create them. This is intended to be a sharing experience where we might understand the difficulties faced and how they were overcome. Did you make a few drawings or sketches? Other members are interested in what you did.

At the next meeting of your elected Committee, we have the honour of selecting the next member to be the recipient of the Brian Christian Award. This is awarded at the Annual General Meeting in August to a member who has 1. contributed to the Guild And 2. has shown improvement in woodturning since taking up the craft. You can nominate any member by contacting a committee member. Committee members are listed on the back of this Newsletter- or is it the front?

Next meeting - July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am  
See you there

Arthur

**Show and Tell as Usual**

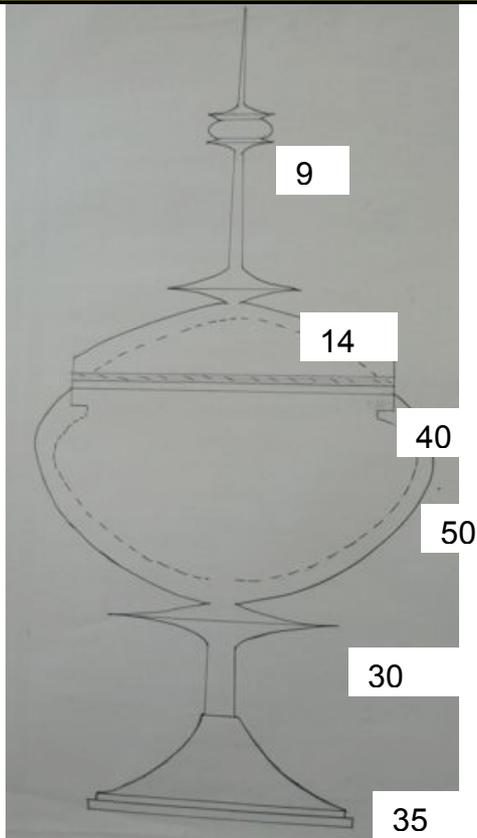
**SHOW and TELL taken by Val Dalsanto (Humorously)**



Owing to lack of space I was unable to photograph all of the exhibits.

Member	Article	Material
Geoff Easton	Bowls	Ash Camphor laurel
Di Bermingham	Watch case Wool spinner	Red Gum Red Gum
Max Lehmann	Lidded Container	Myrtle (Special inside)
Alan Thompson	Clock	Red Gum
Ray Smith	2 Lidded containers	Cypress Wild Cherry
John Wheeler	Chop Sticks	

## SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION KEN WRAIGHT



Measurements in mm.

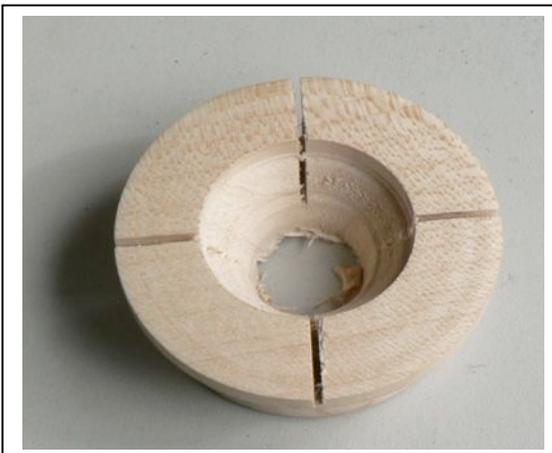
For many years Ken Wraight has become well known for pushing the boundaries of what can be achieved in wood turning. To be able to do this there are certain principles and skills which he has developed to be able to do this. Many of these were on display when he went through the making of a small lidded container, a vase supporting two rings set at 10 degrees apart, an inside-outside off set turned candle holder and the inserts for a lidded container.

The following were some of those principles and skills:

- Start with a drawing showing the measurements
- Work accurately to those drawings
- Place a sheet of white paper on the lathe so that the profile can be easily seen
- Stand with feet apart and where possible place the tool firmly against the body and move the weight from one foot to the other as the tool is moved along
- Where possible control the tool with the fingers of the left hand
- Check squareness of a lid with calipers held at right angles
- Check squareness of the lid insert by using internal calipers
- To mark the diameter for a lid, set calipers, place one short point on wood, move until the mark is below the other point
- When wood is moving it is safe to check diameter with calipers provided you start with a wider setting and move to a smaller
- When parting off release the tailslock a little
- Set the tool rest at an angle when making a sloping surface - as for a dibber

## SOME TOOLS KEN USES

- A square skew - useful to remove small amounts to fit lids
- Henry Taylor fluted parting tool - useful to make small beads
- A plastic tube – useful for blowing out shavings from containers
- A small table which fits on the lathe bed – a slat on its under side to fit between the bed spaces
- Square boards, sandpaper size, with various grades of sandpaper glued on – for sanding places which need to be sanded flat
- A counter weight for balance when using a large face plate – screw in place after loosening lathe belt so that balance can be checked (useful for offset turning)
- A small diameter tail stock – so that it is easy to work close to the bottoms of items
- A bowl gouge can be used for spindle turning
- A parting tool – a much over looked tool



Ken's "Crush Chuck"  
Useful for working on the bottom of end grain items, a small finial will fit into the head stock while the base is worked on.  
Fits into chuck jaws but the edge in the have been rounded off.



Ebony inserts



Inside – outside  
Turning and then  
offset turned.



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be the AGM. There will be an election of Guild officers and committee members. It is important that there are members who are prepared to nominate or make nominations for these positions. Members who are prepared to accept a position but cannot attend the meeting should give their permission in writing.

## **BRIAN CHRISTIAN AWARD**

The Brian Christian Award is presented at the AGM.

The award was established to honour the memory of Brian Christian a founding member of Koonung Wood Turning Guild in keeping with the standards that Brian established by his own deeds and workmanship.

The aim of the award is to recognize a member for their improvement in woodturning since joining the Guild while at the same time having contributed to the Guild.

The committee of the Guild would like to receive nominations from members for a recipient of this award to assist them in their selection for this year's award.

## **UPMARKET 109**

Due to its success last year the Cottage is again holding Upmarket 109 to give participants the opportunity to display and sell their hand made items. Because some guild members had sales and the Guild gained commission the Committee has decided to take part again this year.

UPMARKET 109 WILL BE HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## **GUILD DEMONSTRATIONS**

The committee has decided that the Guild should take part in demonstrations at the Whitehorse Historical Society open day in September and the Whitehorse Spring Festival in October. Full details will be given nearer to the event. Please be prepared to participate.

A little jocular (pun)ishment

1. She was only a whiskey maker but he loved her still.
2. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
3. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
4. Don't join dangerous cults: Practise safe sects.
5. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
6. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
7. A rubber band was confiscated from an algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.