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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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Last month with a good Guild member representation Chris Bennett of Pop's Shed demonstrated some of the latest woodturning tools and convinced some members that they are worth buying. With their enlarged range of turning items Pops Shed has become a popular browsing place for wood turners. The committee used the opportunity to purchase a set of saw toothed Forstner bits and two replacement tail stock quills for the workshop.



Our PMH insurance brokers have assured that our policy covers indemnity to members who injure a fellow member or member of the public. This policy is organized through the Council of Woodwork Clubs who have arranged insurance for many Clubs and Guilds. The CWC have stressed the importance of individual Guilds developing safety policies so that insurance will be continued. Previous Guild committees have done valuable work towards this but the CWC recommend that all Guild equipment be covered by safety procedures which have been read and understood by all members who wish to use the equipment.

The committee is drawing up papers to cover the operation of Guild equipment and simple questions which should be answered before the equipment is used. When these are completed all members will again be asked to sign a form to indicate that they have read and understood the procedures. To many members who have, for years been using woodworking equipment this may be considered an insult to their skills but we need to be able to demonstrate the efforts we have made to have a safe working environment. The present insurance is very important to all of us and we should be co-operative.

Special thanks to Ross and Jim who have quietened our band saw by replacing the bearings and re setting the blade.

At our March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting we will have a demonstration by a woodturner who is an expert in using the skew chisel and is commonly referred to in woodturning circles as "Robbo."

How are Exhibition pieces proceeding? Are you going to leave yours to the last minute?

Hope to see you with something for Show and Tell on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ray

# FEBRUARY MEETING AT POPS SHED



Our February meeting was held at Pops Shed in Chirnside Park. Pops Shed has become a popular supplier of wood turning equipment, tools and wood for many Guild members.

Chris Bennett, one of the co owners gave a demonstration of some 'new' tools and turning aids.



Chris demonstrated the latest tungsten carbide tipped tools. The cutting edge remains very sharp for a long period. The tip can be rotated to a new edge but can not sharpened.



The square end tool can be used as a roughing gouge. The round tip will do bowl gouge work and the diamond tipped tool can be a detail gouge.



The three tools on the right are for deep boring. The small head makes the tool less aggressive and less likely to get a catch.





The Henry Taylor Decorating Elf gives a chatter tool effect but with more control. It works best on hard woods and cuts optimally at 800rpm. Clean the cut surface with a stiff hogs hair brush.



The Con Chuck (above) is great for holding burls and deep bore items with a narrow opening. Up to 7kg capacity.

The Long Worth chuck (below) is a very quick to use for reverse chucking jobs.



Chris makes silicone moulds for making resin cast items such as pen blanks and bangles. There are split ring holders for finishing bangles.



The meeting concluded with a great morning tea and an opportunity to top up our supplies for the next few items that we are planning to make for the exhibition. Thanks to Chris and Brian for an excellent morning.



## SAFETY TIPS FOR MARCH

EMERGENCY STOP BUTTONS, know where they are on each piece of workshop equipment. If you need to use it, you will need it in a



### HAND PROTECTION

Most equipment we turners use involves the use of our hands. Safe operation involves procedures to protect fingers from being caught, cut, abraded or squashed.



PS! There may be a quiz on some aspect of safety at our next meeting.

## FORWARD PROGRAM

March 23rd Meeting; Guest turner Ian “Robo” Robertson  
April 27th Meeting; The Screw Man re technology of screws  
May 25th Meeting, Wood Carving demonstration  
Closing Date for Aust Woodturning Exhibition entries May 24th

## And to finish on an enlightening note; **Jargon Buster**

### **Profit**

A term used by advisers to describe the outcome of any investment they recommend.

### **Performance**

The response a parent receives from a teenager when Facebook is shut down in favour of homework.

### **Industry practice**

A custom chosen by an industry that represents the lowest standard within the industry.

### **Tax**

Mandatory payments made by unwilling individuals to unseen bureaucrats to be spent by incapable legislators on delusory projects that will ensure the re-election of the legislators.

### **CPI**

Consumer Price Index. A fiendish unit of measurement designed by the government to make us think that price rises are lower than they really are.

### **Inflation**

That which happens to a politician's ego on election to office.