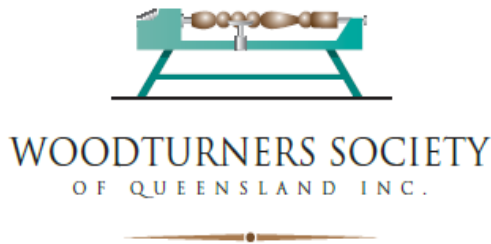


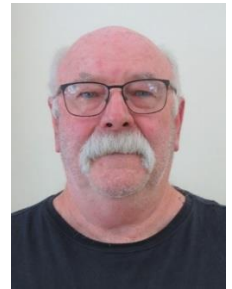
# Turning Talk

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## Vice Presidential Words *For February 2023*



Hello members and friends, and welcome to 2023.

As the Vice President, I am writing this column in the capacity of acting President.

This position of President was not filled at the recent SGM yet is key to the continued success of our club. Unfortunately, I am unable to take on this role due to work and personal commitments.

Existing within our membership, we do have the leadership skills, knowledge, and experience, for this key role. So please consider 'my ask for help'.

As a consequence of many tool thefts last year, we have now installed a security system as a last resort. It addresses our vulnerabilities and is regularly monitored. Thefts have now diminished; however, our vigilance remains.

Moving on to other issues, we have now successfully implemented the machinery accreditation procedure, whereby only those members accredited (as shown on your name badge) are able to use a particular item of machinery. If unsure on any aspect of this initiative, or training is sought, please seek out one of our Convenors for advice and guidance. A list of active Convenors is shown on the notice board.

Our training program for new members has been one of our success stories, and we have now commenced a third training session. Membership is increasing, and Courses are now being conducted on Monday afternoons, Monday evenings, and Tuesday afternoons to cope with existing, and new members wishes.

Our revised Web Site is now operational and will be regularly updated and modified as the need arises. We hope to eventually have a 'sale option' for members.

The need for volunteers to step up and offer their help at a management level has been previously requested. On an operational day to day basis this is particularly important for our Bunnings sausage sizzles. We have developed a good and ongoing relationship with Bunnings management, and the financial implications are significant. It is therefore important to accept their kindness when the opportunity arrives, and you can all help in this area. It is also a great team building opportunity.

And finally, welcome back to WSQ. We have a great year ahead.

**Mike Dunne**  
*Vice President*

## Secretary's Jottings

**The December's Meeting** commenced at 11.45 after the Ian Symes demonstration.

1. The President welcomed George Wolf and Neil Howard, who were elected to the 2023 Committee at the SGM on the 15 November. George and Neil were visitors at the meeting – could speak but not vote. John Reed also thanked Bob Kennedy, Phil Oostenbroek and Mallick Ramlackhan for their service to WSQ as Committee members.
2. The Minutes of the SGM were received by the Committee and will be formally ratified at the next AGM.
3. Correspondence was received confirming that the BCC will be carrying out a Structural Audit on Pine St on 13 January, 2023.
4. As a consequence of changes of Committee Members, signatories to the bank accounts were organized.
5. The Membership Report revealed that in the 2022 year 43 new members had been accepted. The Membership Applications of Terry Kelly, Gavan Clarke and Donna McCulloch were approved.
6. Information on a new Membership Program under consideration was presented to the Committee and approval given for a trial to be established.
7. An update on the progress of the Machine Accreditation process was given and the 3 categories – Competent, Supervised Operation, Formal Assessment required was explained. Some flexibility will be allowed in the transition phase but members must be wearing their badges with the appropriate colours to operate any machinery.
8. A Test and Tag on all machinery is scheduled for completion prior to the opening for the 2023 year.
9. All electrical work recommended in the Electrical Audit has been carried out, with further investigation of the issue with the 3 phase RCD in the main switchboard to be done.
10. Security cameras have been purchased for installation in both workshops and the Auditorium.
11. A major clean-up of both workshops is scheduled for 10 December.
12. Only one tender was received for the Jet tablesaw. It will be removed over the Christmas period.
13. The re-location of the compressor is now complete and there will be on-going monitoring of the temperature to ensure optimal performance.
14. The finishing time for the Mt Coot-tha Exhibition was discussed and it was resolved that it will continue to be as advertised on the brochure.
15. Organisation is in hand for the Christmas Party, the Bunnings BBQ on 26 January and the Chainsaw course on 21 January.
16. A volunteer is required to administer the Bunnings Power Pass scheme.
17. The establishment of priorities for 2023 as per the Strategic Plan will commence at the January meeting.

Meeting closed at 1.20pm.

### **The January Meeting was held on 14 January 2023**

Meeting opened at 8.05 am.

Present: Mike Dunne, Binny Willis, Barry Wilson, Reg Weber, Alwyn Clark, Neil Howard, John Donaldson, George Wolf (9.15)

Apologies: John Reed, Brian Creese

1. Approval granted for membership of the Women's Creative Centre at Greenslopes Shopping Centre which will allow members to exhibit and sell items on commission.
2. The Annual Financial Statement was presented to the meeting and accepted for forwarding to the Auditor.
3. The trial of the new Membership Database is currently being set up and will run in tandem with the current system.
4. As a result of the decision to retain the Jet Thicknesser, amendment will be necessary to the signs in the workshops.
5. A comprehensive Orientation Program for new members is to be developed by John Reed and Binny Willis.
6. The clean-up of both workshops was a very successful project with a great deal of surplus stuff was consigned to the dump.
7. The issue of Security keys to Pine St was further discussed and it was resolved that quotes from locksmiths would be obtained to ensure that access was controlled but available to key stakeholders.

8. Neil Howard will carry out an audit of signage at Pine St and upgrade the Phil Harris sign in the Auditorium.
9. In response to members' requests new Forstner bits will be purchased for general use and 2 sets of chucks and small Cole jaws will be purchased for the Training Program.
10. Bunnings BBQs are scheduled for 26 January and 12 March. Mike Dunne advised he had attended the compulsory meeting at Bunnings, and we will be required to attend such a meeting every 3 months.
11. The meeting was advised that there will be 3 Training Courses commencing in January – Monday afternoon, Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon.
12. The priorities for Administration will be established at the February meeting.
13. The Display cabinet is to be cleaned and the fan repaired to make it dust proof before it is re-organised.

Meeting closed at 10.15am

**Binny Willis**  
Secretary

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting 2023**

This is to advise members that in accordance with the  
Constitution  
of the

**Woodturners' Society of Queensland Inc.**  
The

### **Annual General Meeting**

will be held at  
**19 Pine Street, Greenslopes**  
commencing at 9.30am  
**on Tuesday, 21 March 2023**

#### **Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 15 November 2022
3. Presentation of the Management Committee Report
4. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report
5. Appointment of the Auditor for the current year
6. Life Membership Award
7. Other Business

## Diary for February 2023

Week		Date	Day	Session	Convenors	Convenors	Time
Week 1		02/02/2023	Thursday Morning	Convenors Workshop	All Convenors		9am Till 12pm
Week 1		03/02/2023	Friday Morning	Open Workshop	Alwyn Clark		8am Till 12pm
Week 1		03/02/2023	Friday Morning	Toy Group	Barry Wilson	Peter Churchward	8am Till 3pm
		04/02/2023	Saturday Morning	Demonstration			
Week 1		06/02/2023	Monday Arvo	Training Program	Mick Phythian		2pm Till 5pm
		06/02/2023	Monday Evening	Training Program	Mick Phythian		6pm Till 9pm
Week 1		7/2/23	Tuesday Morning	Open Workshop	Wayne Molloy	Bob McGeechan	8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Arvo	Training Program	Wayne Molloy		1pm Till 4pm
			Tuesday Evening	Open Workshop	Mick Phythian	Dan Woodward	6pm Till 9pm
			Tuesday Morning	Downstairs Workshop	Barry Wilson		8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Morning	Shop	Don McMillan		8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Morning	Library	Peter Wyer		8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Arvo	Pyrography Group	Rosie Thornton		1pm Till 3.30pm
Week 2		9/2/2023	Thursday Morning	Project Tuition	Rob McKee		9am Till 12pm
Week 2		10/2/23	Friday Morning	Open Workshop	Alwyn Clark		8am Till 12pm
Week 2		11/2/23	Saturday Morning	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill		8am Till 12pm
Week 2		13/02/2023	Monday Arvo	Training Program	Mick Phythian		2pm Till 5pm
		13/02/2023	Monday Evening	Training Program	Mick Phythian		6pm Till 9pm
Week 2		14/02/2023	Tuesday Morning	Open Workshop	Wayne Molloy	Bob McGeechan	8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Arvo	Training Program	Wayne Molloy		1pm Till 4pm
			Tuesday Evening	Open Workshop	Mick Phythian	Dan Woodward	6pm Till 9pm
			Tuesday Morning	Downstairs Workshop	Barry Wilson		8am Till 12pm
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			Tuesday Arvo	Pyrography Group	Rosie Thornton		1pm till 3.30pm

Week		Date	Day	Session	Convenors	Convenors	Time
Week 3		16/02/2023	Thursday Morning	Convenors Workshop	All Convenors		9am till 12.30pm
Week 3		17/02/2023	Friday Morning	Open Workshop	Don Randall		8am Till 12pm
		17/02/2023	Friday Morning	Toy Group	Barry Wilson	Peter Churchward	8am Till 3pm
		18/02/2023	Saturday Morning	Open Workshop	Brian Creese		8am Till 12pm
<b>Week 3</b>		20/02/2023	Monday Arvo	Training Program	Paul Machin-Everill		2pm Till 5pm
		20/02/2023	Monday Evening	Training Program	Paul Machin-Everill		6pm Till 9pm
Week 3		21/02/2023	Tuesday Morning	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Alwyn Clark	8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Arvo	Training Program	Rob McKee	Alwyn Clark	1pm Till 4pm
			Tuesday Evening	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Brian Creese	6pm Till 9pm
			Tuesday Morning	Downstairs Workshop	Barry Wilson		8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Morning	Library	Peter Wyer		8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Morning	Shop	Don McMillan		8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Arvo	Pyrography Group	Rosie Thornton		1pm Till 3.30pm
Week 4		23/02/2023	Thursday Morning	Project Tuition	Rob McKee		9am Till 12pm
Week 4		24/02/2023	Friday Morning	Open Workshop	John Reed		8am Till 12pm
Week 4		25/02/2023	Saturday Morning	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill		8am Till 12pm
<b>Week 4</b>		27/02/2023	Monday Arvo	Training Program	Paul Machin-Everill		2pm Till 5pm
		27/02/2023	Monday Evening	Training Program	Paul Machin-Everill		6pm Till 9pm
<b>Week 4</b>		28/02/2023	Tuesday Morning	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Alwyn Clark	8am Till 12pm
			Tuesday Arvo	Training program	Rob McKee	Alwyn Clark	1pm Till 4pm
			Tuesday Evening	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Brian Creese	6pm Till 9pm
			Tuesday Morning	Downstairs Workshop	Barry Wilson		8am Till 12pm
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**Mick Phythian**  
Convenor

## Date Claimers

### for Demonstrations and Show & Tell Forums

All members must sign-in and pay the \$5 entry fee.

Date	Demonstration	Show & Tell Forum
<b>Saturday 4 February 2023</b>	<p><b><i>Waved edged Bowl</i></b> Dan Woodward will start off the 2023 Demonstration schedule with a waved edged bowl.</p> <p><b>To Join the Zoom Meeting</b> – follow this link:  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83898014078?pwd=TnV1c3BOUFg4MURnODhyK3I3cXJmdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83898014078?pwd=TnV1c3BOUFg4MURnODhyK3I3cXJmdz09</a></p> <p>If you need to manually enter information:            Meeting ID: 838 9801 4078            Passcode: 462130  <b>9am Start</b></p>	
<b>Saturday 18 February 2023</b>		<p>Our first Show &amp; Tell Forum for the year.</p> <p>Bring along what you have been working on over the break or maybe some new-fangled tool that Santa brought you. Maybe you could bring along your own Waved edged bowl!</p> <p>Or, come along and see what other members have been up to and be inspired to expand your repertoire.</p>
<b>Saturday 4 March 2023</b>	<p><b><i>A Boring Demonstration</i></b> Rob McGregor will conduct a demonstration on a drill press that will show you tricks and techniques that prove that there is a lot more to 'boring' than you might have thought possible.</p>	
<b>Saturday 19 March 2023</b>		<p>Join in the always lively discussion generated by the recent activities of our members in their workshop. It's always a great opportunity to ask for advice and tips on techniques and learn from some very experienced turners.</p>
<b>Saturday 1 April 2023</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>Saturday 15 April 2023</b>		<p>There is bound to be much discussion on demonstrations seen at <i>Turnfest</i> by our members who attended.</p>
<b>Saturday 6 May 2023</b>	<p><b><i>Wave on a Bowl</i></b> Allan Short will demonstrate how he turns a wave on a bowl, one of the demonstrations that is featured in the <i>Turnfest</i> schedule.</p>	
<b>Saturday 20 May 2023</b>		<p>If you were game enough to attempt Allan Short's <i>Wave on a Bowl</i>, then bring it along and let us</p>

		see how it turned out. Otherwise, simply bring along what you have been doing in your workshop.
<b>Saturday 3 June 2023</b>	<b><i>Skew - from Woe to Go!</i></b> A full-day workshop on the Skew by Rob McKee. Bring your own skewers along, learn how to sharpen them and use them to successfully master the traditional cuts. <b><i>Places will be limited and booking will be essential.</i></b>	
<b>Saturday 17 June 2023</b>		Bring along the beads you have cut with your skew!

Binny Willis  
Secretary

## Library News

### Books

Legend	Title	Author	Borrower
4.2.7	Woodturning Visualised	Cramlet R C	
4.2.17	Woodturning a Foundation Course	Rowly Keith	
4.2.26	Woodturning Theory	NSW Tafe	
4.2.35A	Woodturning Woodworker Guide	O'Donnell Mick	
4.5.26	The Art of Making Small Boxes	Lydgate Tony	
5.1.11	Complete Guide to Wood Finishes	Alklen Mick	
5.1.13	Furniture Finishing And Refinishing	Sunset Books	
6.1.33	Fun at the Lathe	Bell	

### Magazines

Legend	Title	Author	Borrower
9.24.55	American Woodturner No 2		

### Magazines & Books Still Out

Legend	Title	Author	Borrower

After a Stocktake on 14 December 2022  
These Items were found to be missing from the Library.

**Members could you please check at home to see if you have any of these items.**

Peter Wyer  
Librarian

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## Reg's Box Making Group

After making a few simple boxes as practice using the Incra routing system, the Box Group were looking to embark on their first group project. As most of the group had limited previous experience in woodworking and box making, it was decided that each member would build a veneered box as a group learning exercise.



The approach was to build a box from MDF and cover it with special veneers, for a unified look. MDF! I hear you say. Well, it is a low cost, stable substrate for the veneer, that does not move with humidity changes and ultimately you will not see it.

Veneering opens up a whole new world of possibilities. Veneers come in a multitude of grain patterns usually cut from rare wood species that would not be available as solid timber. The inside of the box can be a different contrasting wood to the outside, providing an element of surprise when

opened. The outside veneers can incorporate special panels, contrasting borders, grain pattern designs, parquetry, marquetry, or any combination of these.

As no-one had used veneer in the past, it would also be a fun introduction to the techniques involved.

As the joinery would not be visible, the box was constructed using simple mitres and lap joints to attach the top and bottom panels. The MDF substrate is not visible - **except** the edges, when the box is opened! To avoid this issue, a strip of matching timber was glued into the MDF sides where the lid will be sawn off. This small strip hides the substrate and protects the edges of the veneer.

The sides of the box were cut and the insides veneered using clamps and clamping cauls (a caul is simply a stiff piece of wood used to apply pressure where a clamp can't reach). A bottom was profiled to fit a groove cut into these pieces. The inside faces are sanded and finished. It was then time to glue up the box, using tape to bring the miter joints together. The lid could then be sawn off - exposing the timber edges of the lid and box sides.

Now the fun began!

The outside veneers were prepared from alternate sheets of veneer so that the grain would run seamlessly around the outside of the box. These panels were cut to the final dimensions and glued to the exterior. The top surface is the feature of the box, so people adopted a different approach for their box.

Some included "book matching" of the grain





Others, used timber borders around the lid edges for a visual impact and veneer protection.



While others adopted a more "unified" look but added trays to support the box's intended use.



If you want to get involved, sessions run on Tuesday afternoons. Contact Reg Weber for further information.

**Harold Wiltshire**  
*WSQ Member*

## An Important Request

Throughout the year Toy Group members (and a couple of other Club members) collect timber that is donated to WSQ for Toy Making. This timber is often made available at no cost to other Club members. It would be appreciated if people helping themselves to timber donate a woodcraft item that can be given to the timber suppliers at the end of the year in appreciation of their donations. Completed items should be handed into us by the end of September.

**Barry Wilson**  
*Co-ordinator*

## Jest a Moment

The doctor really wanted to go fishing, but he didn't want to lose any income. Therefore, he asked his assistant, a not too bright fellow, if he could not be there the next day, dismiss the heaviest cases and try his hand at the simple ones. This was the agreement. Two days later the doctor returned and asked: - How many patients did you treat? Three, answered the proud assistant/caretaker. - The first one had a headache and was given paracetamol. Brilliant, answered the doctor. The second one had a splinter, which I pulled out with tweezers. Good, good said the doctor! The third was a lovely young lady, who came running into the office, tore off all her clothes and shouted. "You have to take care of me, I haven't seen a man in two years!" Good God! What did you do with her said the doctor?! She got eye drops.

**Anonymous**  
*WSQ Member*

## Chainsaw Course

After some delays due to the Christmas break and the availability of the 4X4 Qld trainers, I'm very happy to inform the club that the long-awaited chainsaw course was completed on Saturday 21 January at the WSQ premises. Nine WSQ attendees were fortunate to have two excellent trainers, Tony, and Andrew, who provided a comprehensive and government recognised chainsaw course (AHCMOM213). The workshop entailed a morning of lectures and videos followed by an afternoon of chainsaw maintenance (including sharpening and air filter care) and usage.



*Maintenance Instruction*

The morning and early afternoon sessions covered the theoretical aspects of chainsaw maintenance, kickback causes and prevention, risk management, and finished with a theory test. Potential hazards and safety procedures were important messages throughout the day. The key points included the risk assessment of the site as well as the use for appropriate PPE. The latter included head protection (especially for the eyes, ears and respiratory system), leg protection with chaps, and HiVis snug fitting clothing.

The critical nature of a team approach with a trained spotter was emphasized. The course recommended the spotter's position during cutting was 3.5 metres behind the operator and slightly to his or her right side. In this position, the spotter can watch the direction of the chainsaw bar entry in relation to the operator's body and thereby ensure the operator is away from a kickback line. In addition, the spotter observes the site and has overall responsibility for safe cutting.

During the afternoon session the attendees were required to demonstrate a rip and various cross cuts including bridging, swinging, narrowing and plunge. Different causes of chainsaw kickback were emphasized again in the afternoon.



*Operator & Spotter in Place*

Each attendee was required to perform all cuts safely before they successfully completed the workshop. The trainers also assessed the spotter's performance in keeping the operator and site safe. Chainsaw work is a "team sport" with each member having responsibility for their own and other's safety.



*Students and Instructors*

Overall, the workshop was very successful, and we are grateful to the 4X4 Qld club for their assistance. On behalf of all the attendees we are grateful that the WSQ Management Committee were able to fund the workshop through grant funding. We look forward to assisting the club by assisting WSQ members (especially John Carney and Bob McGeechan) who are the cornerstone of chainsaw tasks at WSQ.

**Keith Greenland**  
*WSQ Member*



## Demonstration - 3 December 2022

Our demonstrator for this “All Things Christmas” was our man of many talents – Ian Symes. Ian is not only a very accomplished woodturner and demonstrator, but he is usually the man behind our Zoom presentations, our resident tech expert, our database consultant and “fixer-upperer”. A very valuable member of WSQ!

He began this demonstration with a very ambitious plan to produce 3 objects – an inside-out Christmas decoration, a penguin and a turned Santa box.

### The Inside-out Christmas tree decoration

Ian opted to turn this item as a standing decoration on a base but pointed out that it could also be a hanging decoration for the Christmas tree.

He chose Tassie oak for this demonstration but cautioned that care needs to be taken cutting the fibres of this material. He pointed out that the key to the exercise is to have fully dressed timber so that the 4 pieces are perfectly square and accurately align when taped together. As an added precaution, Ian also uses a dab of CA glue on the joins at each end.

Ian used a steb drive and centre so that each of the 4 pieces of timber were gripped. A cup centre could also be used.

The dressed squares glued and taped at each end.

The 16mm template used as a guide during the turning process to check sizes of each of the branches and from the extremity of each branch to the centre line.



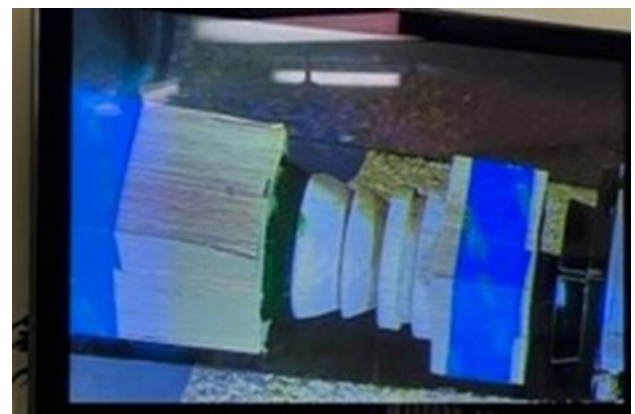
The glued and taped timber on the lathe. It's important to use brightly coloured tape so the

parameters of the timber are clearly defined. Decide which is to be the top and the bottom of the tree and mark it accordingly with a parting tool. This is an important mark because only the tree section will be taken down to round with a parting tool.



Using the template, the position of each of the branches was marked with a small skew.

He used both a spindle gouge and a skew to form the branches, admitting that sometime the spindle gouge was difficult to get into the corner and necessitated the use of the small skew. He stressed that it is important to have a horizontal start with the spindle gouge and to roll it down the branch to refine the shape. Otherwise, this refining of the shape was done with the small skew.



The branches being shaped and then refined after using the parting chisel to establish the starting point.

The template is constantly used to check the shape and positioned of the branches.



Ian then gave the piece a very careful light sand before applying water-based non-toxic dyes. The branches were painted green and the excess dye carefully wiped and the bucket was given a bright red treatment.



Finally the piece was taken off the lathe, separated and repositioned then put back together using Titebond 2 to each face, clamped and bound for 24 hours.

The Christmas tree, with its green branches and red bucket, is now ready for remounting on the lathe, ready for its outside shape to be turned.

Ready for the final turning having been remounted in a chuck after a spigot was turned on the base. A roughing gouge was used to turn it to round, a spindle gouge to refine the shape and turn the finial at the top.



*The final free-standing Christmas decoration*

### **The Penguin**

(Unfortunately, I was so engrossed in this process I forgot to take photos). *Editor's Note:* The following is a photo of a flock of penguins Ian created at home.



Ian had prepared a 32mm piece of timber with a Tassie oak middle, a hairy oak piece glued on for the tummy area and black wattle for the wings of the penguin attached to the sides.

He started between centres and turned a spigot for mounting in a chuck. Using a spindle gouge he turned the shape of the head and worked down the body ensuring the wings were in the appropriate position in relation to the head.

He turned the beak and drilled a hole to fit it and attached black beads for the eyes.

The cute little penguin is beside the turned Christmas decoration.



Unfortunately, time ran out and Ian didn't get the chance to turn the Santa box. It can be seen on the left of the picture with the flowing beard.

Despite not getting to finish his very ambitious plan to turn 3 objects, Ian's demonstration was absolutely engrossing and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, and we certainly did appreciate the skill and planning that went into the two objects that he did complete.

**Binny Willis**  
Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

A summary of our financial position for December 2022:

Income	\$	Expenses	\$
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	\$2,227	Bank Charges	\$ 53
Christmas Party	\$ 300	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Expenses	\$ 373
Container Refunds	\$ 96	Christmas Party Expenses	\$1,606
Donations - General	\$ 59	Cleaning	\$ 210
Event Income	\$1,658	Electricity	\$ 623
Interest Received	\$ 42	Event Expenses	\$ 787
Library Sales and Fees	\$ 81	Library Purchases	\$ 59
Member Training	\$ 75	Members Badges	\$ 146
Membership Fees	\$ 895	Plant & Equipment Purchases	\$ 756
Profit on Sale of Non-Current Assets	\$ 300	Property Expenses	\$ 567
Sales - Shop	\$ 611	Rates & Taxes	\$ 429
Sales - Soft Drinks	\$ 91	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 76
Workshops Fees	\$ 710	Supplies and materials	\$ 111
Total Income	\$7,146	Telephone & Internet	\$ 169
Total Cost of Sales	\$1,605	Workshop Expenses	\$ 369
Gross Profit	\$5,541	Total Expenses	\$6,335
		Net Earnings	-\$ 794

Profit from Bunning BBQ \$1,900.

Net cost of Christmas party \$1,300. Christmas party net cost \$340 after applying unused grants, \$965, from prior and current years. There were no other extraordinary income and expenses.

**Mallick Ramlackhan**  
Treasurer



# Dangers of fractal wood burning -

Hobbyists

## What is it?

Fractal or 'Lichtenberg' wood burning is a hobby technique which creates patterns in wood that resemble branching or fractal patterns by applying electrical current from a high-voltage source across wood items that may have been soaked with a chemical solution. The outcome is it burns random patterns that look like lightening on the surface of the wood.

Basic designs may use microwave oven transformers with high voltage outputs connected to leads placed or held on the wooden surface

## Why is it dangerous?

The manufacture, assembly or use of equipment for fractal burning or Lichtenberg machines is dangerous, as the device contains live accessible wiring and components which exposes the user to high-voltage electricity and the very high risk of death. For the basic method of design and construction seen to date there is no way to make the equipment safe, or any way of using it safe.

Electrocution and death is the likely result if you use this equipment.

**The sale or use of this equipment has been prohibited by law in Queensland.**

Note: This equipment is not related to pyrography pen wood burning tools, which use an electrically insulated heated tip to burn patterns in wood like a soldering iron may do.

## What you can do

Don't use or promote this type of equipment or this method to obtain patterns for any hobby project. If anyone asks about this device or effect explain the risk of electrocution and death, indicate it is not an accepted process for any project.

Discourage anyone from sharing information on making or using this equipment.

If you find anyone prompting or selling this equipment report them to the Electrical Safety Office.

## Where can you find information?

For more information on the fractal wood burning equipment prohibition, visit

<https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/safety-and-prevention/hazards/electricity/electrical-products-and-equipment/electrical-product-recalls/fractal-wood-burning-equipment>

## What has led to this equipment being prohibited?

In 2021, a young male was electrocuted from a device he assembled himself to create Lichtenberg patterns on a wood working project.

There have been many similar situations resulting in electric shocks and fatalities in Australia, New Zealand and America.



## Zoom Meetings for WSQ Demonstrations

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## Letters to the Editor

**From:** [Neil Howard](#)

**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2023 1:29 PM

**To:** [gholbeck@hotmail.com](mailto:gholbeck@hotmail.com); [Mike Dunne](#)

**Subject:** Pic from Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Aust Day

Hi Geoff and Mike,

Please find attached a pic of some of the crew who ran the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Aust Day.

I think we all lost a few kilos in sweat during the afternoon, and unfortunately shopper numbers were down, so sales were a bit down on previous... Still, it's money in the bank!

We just have to find a way to encourage more members to volunteer, and not leave it to the same dedicated crews almost every time!

*Kind Regards,*

**Neil Howard**

*Committee Member*



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## Membership Matters

Birthdays for January & February		New Members
<b>January</b> Donna McCulloch Ian McKenzie Christina Kastrissios Rod Iffinger Phil Lonsdale Leanne Stephenson Sara Rose Eason Barry Wilson	Geoff Holbeck  <b>February</b> Noel Ryan George Wolf Margus Karilaid Paul Machin-Averill	Terry Kelly, Gavan Clarke Donna McCulloch

Please give the new members a cheery hello and introduce yourselves when you see them at the club.

**Alwyn Clark**  
*Membership Secretary*

## Jest a Moment

Recently printed in June edition of 'Cambium' – the newsletter of the Guild of Woodworkers Wellington (GWW) in New Zealand

REVISED TOOL DEFINITIONS (Thanks to Naenae MenzShed newsletter.)

1. **Wirewheel** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard earned callouses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say "Oh Shit".
2. **Drill Press** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching wood blanks or flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in your chest.
3. **Table Saw** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.
4. **Band Saw** Another large stationary power saw primarily used to cut large pieces of wood into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the firewood box after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.
5. **Wood lathe** Often used to create shapely firewood and to throw roughly rounded wood across the workshop. Also an effective machine for turning solid wood into material ideally suited for composting. Can also quickly fold loose clothing in a circular fashion and remove long hair in the blink of an eye.
6. **Straight screwdriver** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert slotted screws into non-removable screws.

**Anonymous**  
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