



WOODCRAFT GUILD TASMANIA INC.
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July - August 2021

September meeting - Tues 14th, 7 pm.

The September general meeting will be held at the Veterans Workshop off Lloyd Road at Dowsing's Point and **not at the Guild workshop**. Please bring 'Show and Tell' items to this meeting to share with the Veterans Workshop Members.

The location of the Veterans Workshop is shown in the photo below and the meeting time is scheduled for the usual 7.00pm.



COVID 19 Safety (stark reminder of consequences in NSW & VIC)

If you feel unwell or have possible COVID symptoms please do not attend any Guild activity.

Please note, all members attending meetings, Special Interest Group activities, workshop, etc **are required to complete a health declaration (once only)**.

We also must ensure that we all sign in at the QR tracing code on the door or manually sign in to an attendance book.

Please continue to regularly sanitise hands and feel free to wear a mask during meetings, if you wish - many Guild members have birth dates with dangerous numbers!!.

News from your President, Clinton Luckock

AGM is done for the year and the key points for those that were not able to attend are –

- Cosgrove H S lease finally signed off for the period ending on 31 March 2022
- Committee changes - Brian Ridler and John Grubb have retired from the committee after many years of dedicated service, Brian for 20 years and John for 13 years.
- President - Clinton Luckock, Vice President - John Penprase,
- Secretary - Ken Dowling, Treasurer - Tom Black
- Committee members – George Harris, Rod Daly, Murray Jessup and Kerry Fraser
- Two Guild committee positions available for any member who could give a little extra time to the Club and attend many of the eleven committee meetings.
- 6 new members have joined the Guild in the past year and considering the turmoil over the year with COVID and the school fire shut down for 3 months, this is a great outcome.
- Woodturning classes commenced in June and are well attended and attracting new members
- Health & Safety system improvements have been implemented to meet our insurance provider's requirements and there are more to come

Clinton attended the Tasmanian Men's shed Association (TMSA) AGM on 19 August 2021.

- New TMSA Committee elected
- TMSA grant funding has been increased to \$175,000 per annum
- New Hobart Central Men's Shed is in the planning phase for construction latter this year on land offered by the C3 Church in Anglesea Street, South Hobart. Funding through Rotary and others has been secured and this will be a very substantial Men's Shed and well worth a look when it is operational.
- Good discussions were held with a number of representatives of the various Men's Sheds

Display of Members work at the Rosny Library during August.

Trevor Semmens arranged a very professional display of about fifty items made by about a dozen Guild members in four cabinets at the Rosny Library. Thank you members and Trevor for another great effort!

Looking forward

The Cosgrove High School is planning major upgrades to the school in 2022 with a budget of \$20 million allocated by the Tasmanian Government. Final plans are expected by the end of this year. With the delay in sign off of the rental agreement for the Guild workshop and the current rental term ending on 31 March 2022 it is prudent that we investigate alternative locations which could be suitable for relocating the Guild should it become necessary. The Guild Committee has agreed that this course of action is warranted and so we will be reaching out to the TMSA for assistance and approaching Council's and local politicians to see if there are any good options available to us. There is no guarantee that we will find a suitable option or that we will be able to secure another year of use of our current location, but we feel it necessary to investigate any potential options in case it is required. Any viable findings will be brought back to the committee for review and updates provided to all members.

The first woodturning course with 4 members has finished and the second course commenced on 26 August with 5 members. There is a plan for another course for members in October and there are a few on the waiting list now so don't delay, if you are interested let John know asap.

Member Health & Safety (H&S) inductions and sign off on the use of Guild equipment has commenced so if you wish to get signed off to use any of the Guild equipment please contact the Guild H&S Assessors Kerry Fraser and John Penprase to organise a suitable time. The members attending the woodturning classes will be signed off on the use of wood lathes and bandsaws as part of the curriculum.

The Guild committee continues to work on workshop visits and guest speakers.

- Brian Ridler has offered to open his workshop for members to visit at 4.00pm on 23 November 2021 at 3 Tranmere Road, Howrah.

There are several other events in the planning phase that will be emailed out to all members as soon as the details are finalised.

kind regards, Clinton Luckock

New members at the Guild - Please make welcome and engage with new and newer faces at Guild meetings, do not be shy just introduce yourself and strike up a conversation. To help new members please remember to wear your name badge.

Suggestions for visits - speakers - demonstrations - activities

Any suggestions would be gratefully accepted by your Committee to help it's planning work to deliver interesting meetings, visits or activities. Please talk to a Committee member or email your suggestion to: woodguildtas@gmail.com

2021 Royal Hobart Show - planned for Wed 20th - Sat 23 October - can you help the Guild? Clinton will lead planning in the September and October meetings. Cross your fingers that the Covid19 Delta variant does not reach Tasmania!

Vin Smith - Halls Machinery

At the July meeting George Harris talked about the life and impact of Vin on wood workers and turners in Tasmania. Vin was a unique character, in today's overused adjectives iconic and passionate! He even persuaded some of his customers to establish our Hobart based Woodcraft Guild of Tasmania. Vin ran a very successful business in Warwick St and was lucky to employ Claire Miller who could manage Vin and the tools & machinery which packed the building. Old woodworking machinery, driven by feet or hands, fascinated Vin and he bought many rare pieces which with help from Guild members were established in the mid 1990's as the Vin Smith Collection, in the old Geeveston Town Hall.

George has provided links to an excellent interview he provided at ABC Radio Hobart and also a photograph taken at the Collection in Geeveston, showing Melissa Smith, Arts Tas, Launceston, Sue Brezinscak, Huon Valley Council and Claire Miller, now a spritely eighty five old.

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Links to useful websites

Here are some websites which sell a wide range of new and used tools, equipment and consumables which could interest and tempt you!

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<https://www.carbatec.com.au> - Carbatec range

<https://interwoodshop.com.au> - squares / measuring etc

<https://www.timbecon.com.au>

<https://www.cwsonline.com.au> - Carrolls Woodcraft Supplies

<https://protooling.com.au> - japanes knives, woodwork tools

<https://www.finetools.com.au> - woodwork tools, many Chinese made

<https://www.thewoodworks.com.au> - large variety of products, brands

<https://www.japanesetools.com.au> - anything Japanese in tools, knives

<https://vintagetoolshop.com.au> - second hand, vintage tools, Melb.

<https://www.woodworksupplies.com.au> - Professional Woodworkers Suppl

<https://www.timberbits.com> - tools, woodturning supplies, components

<https://www.vespertools.com.au> - Australian made tools, heirloom quality

<https://www.thetoolworks.com.au> - Henry Eckert Toolworks

<https://www.machineryhouse.com.au> - Hare & Forbes machinery

<https://www.arbortechtools.com/au> - Australian wood carving options

<https://www.tritontools.com/en-GB>

<http://www.woodreview.com.au> back issue options, best Aust w/w mag

Guild Membership Fees - reminder - please pay your membership asap or contact the Treasurer, if you need to check.

Buy - Sell - Swap - Give away - Loan

If you have an item to sell, swap or give away, then send me an email and a photo, and we will advertise it for you.

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Guild meetings: second Tuesday of each month from 7.00 pm to 8.30 - 9.00 pm at Cosgrove High School, Main Road, Derwent Park.

Enter by **Felicity Lane**, which is adjacent to the Z o o p e r / Motors used car yard in Main Road. Telephone any Committee member for more specific details.

All members and any guests are welcome to join us in a BBQ, at 5.30 pm.

Contributions for the Newsletter and Website please!

To help increase content and interest in our Club newsletter please email images of your work or interesting items, web links to useful projects or tips whenever you can. Photographs of 'show & tell' items shown at Club meetings and items made at the Box Making and Wood Turning SIG's, will also be used on the TWG website.

Enjoy happy days in your workshop, Murray Jessup, Newsletter Editor.

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Display 1 of the Guild display at the Rosny Library during August, setup by Trevor Semmens



Display 2 at the Rosny Library



Display 3 at the Rosny Library



Display 4 at the Rosny Library



Michael Gaskell and Clinton Luckock at the July meeting, members show and tell on Jigs



Rolling pins with Celtic knot by Kerrie Fraser



Vase with Celtic knot by Kerrie Fraser



John Sheppard and son, world globe on Huon pine sphere



Michael Gaskell demonstrated making this mug tree at the Saturday Wood Turning SIG, white oak



Greenland and the North Pole and Arctic, John Sheppard