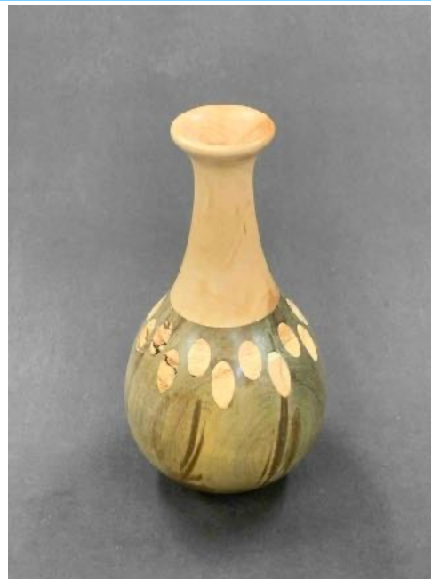




A beautiful vase made by Mike Buck

Presidents Blog

It's great to see the creativity in the club. At the Guild meeting Phil took us through one of the beginner carving projects where we could see guidance forms through to the many ladies heads carved by participants. Show and Tell brought a great range and the point of difference this month went to Dennis Toovey who brought along some of his creations made from drift wood showing a vastly different way to utilise the natural resource we all like. And then Mike Buck took us into another level of creativity on how to create model wheels with spokes and tyres while using a lathe pen mandrill to provide support and consistency.

We had been doing so well - but it couldn't last - more bandsaw blades damaged beyond repair. The common cause - incorrectly secured wood - so please ask your leaders for guidance and help. Also we had agreed which bandsaw was for which purpose - it is noted on each bandsaw - please follow what was agreed.

Unfortunately toilet hygiene has deteriorated so please take more care and if accidents happen please clean up after yourself or don't be embarrassed to discretely ask someone to help.

We are working hard to get Art of Wood back this Oct - so please get some entries in and let me know - we need 10 entrants and 15 entries.

We are planning to have a BBQ again this year in November. Mark B and Garry have taken lead roles and they ask if you can help please talk to them about how.

And as a bit of fun we will have a 'Spin Off' on the day, with a prize for the spinning top that spins the longest. Hopefully you will donate your creations (best and working prototypes) so we can donate them as Toys for Charity. We will have a box under the sign in desk for any contributions you can make that helps bring that bit of joy to families who are stretched.

Paul Glenton
President TWG

Project David - Paul & Mark

Occasionally we get a different request for help. In this instance it was a request from Accessibility Properties. They had recently helped a client into an independent living property moving him away from institutional living. Their client, David, is a tetraplegic and has been so for 12 years after a mountain bike accident. Before then David loved making things with wood and had 40 years ago been given a couple of book end kauri slabs that he could no longer work on. The slabs were stood up where he could regularly admire the grain.



The ask was could we sand down and oil the slabs. When the wood was dropped off David came along and told us about what he saw in the wood and enjoyed looking around Mark's workshop.

We were amazed by both his sense of positivity and humour and left us with a deep feeling on just how much enjoyment he would get once the task was done. Luckily the recent workshop visits by the Evening Turners meant we had open space in Mark's workshop. As the slabs were 1.8m we didn't want to move them much if we could avoid it - our muscles aren't as strong as they once were.

We were amazed with the colour that came out and the finish we achieved, which was oiling with linseed and a light buff - David didn't want a high sheen, just the wood talking for itself - a good decision as you can see in the photo. Though we were a bit worried as the wood sucked up the oil like someone having a first

drink at the pub after a long period in the desert. David sent us a photo of the slabs once on the wall, and reiterated his thanks and appreciation. He donated \$400 to the guild by way of thanks.



Ballance sustainability Award Plaques

Greg and Phil have started working on the 2026 Ballance Sustainability award plaques which are due at the end of the year. We are making the 11 provincial plaques from Tasmanian Blackwood which Geoff Brann donated for the job.

Noticeboard

- It has been noted that the men's toilets frequently have evidence of less-than-ideal aim. If this happens to you please clean it up or let someone know if you are unable to do so yourself - thank you.

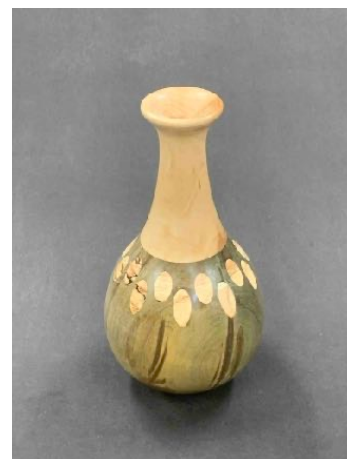
Thursday Woodcrafters

The Thursday group is centred around teaching and developing member's woodcraft skills.

During the past month, there has been a very good turnout of members, with a wide range of projects being undertaken. A number of experienced members have generously shared their knowledge and skills. Gavin Bell with Scroll Saw projects, while Roy Tregilgas has provided guidance with turning and Mike Buck has contributed his expertise across the full range of woodcraft skills. The Thursday group continues to provide a welcoming environment where members can learn new skills to enable them to complete some of the more intricate parts of their projects. On a few days it has been standing room only in the Tearoom. Some of Mike's detailed work is below - come along to learn how!



Bracelets, tiny wheels with spokes and a vase worthy of The Art of Wood.



Scrollsaw group

Gavin displayed some more of his prolific work - I love the grain enhancing the 'walking on water' picture. Jacob brought some of his beautiful Intarsia work to show, and an impressive photo album of his work. A couple of Intarsia projects have since been started. It is a shame that attendance is down, but I hear some of the carvers are having scrollsaw instruction to cut out the jewellery they are working on so perhaps there will be more members getting involved...



Definitely worth more than \$20 Gavin

Evening Turners

This keen bunch brave the cold winter nights to keep working on their skills. They have been lucky to have Colin's guidance recently, as well as Roy's. Amongst a mix of projects, there has been a lot of pen making (naturally), as Colin has shared his tips and tricks.



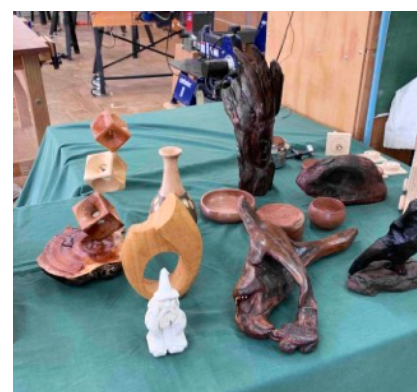
Carvers

More great work from this dedicated group



The Turning group must have been so busy they haven't had time to send through any photos or news about what they are doing - maybe next time! I hear there are monthly challenges...

August's Guild meeting saw lots of work displayed. Phil demonstrated the micromotor some of the carvers are using and explained the progression of the 'Ladies Head' project.



Denis Toovey displayed some of his unique drift wood creations and has offered to guide anyone who may be interested in creating similar sculptures.

THE ART OF WOOD EXHIBITION 2026

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The Judges - 2026

The Nuts and Bolts

TIMETABLE:
 Open for entries: 1st August 2025
 Entries Close: 15th September 2025
 Winners announced: 1st October 2025
 Exhibition open for viewing: 1st October 2025
 Exhibition closes: 31st December 2025

CATEGORIES:
 Plain Bowls and Platters
 Embellished Bowls and Platters
 Hollow Forms/Vases
 Domestic Boxes
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Items can be NOT FOR SALE

Total Prize pool \$9,500

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September 2026 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	Mon 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Saturday New Carvers	9.30am	Sat 5th
Turners	9.30am	Tues 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Scrollsaw	9.30am	Wed 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Woodcraft Workshop	9.30am	Thurs 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,
Saturday - Openworkshop	9.30am	Sat 12th, 26th
Guild	1.30pm	Sat 19th

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DUTY ROSTER

September		Sat. Openworkshop
October		Turners
November		Scrollsaw
December		No Meeting
January		No Meeting
Feb-27		Thurs Woodcrafters
Mar-27		Carvers
Apr-27		Sat. Openworkshop
May-27		AGM
Jun-27		Turners
Jul-27		Scrollsaw
Aug-27		Thurs Woodcrafters

Duty Roster Responsibilities:

- Catering - tea, coffee and snacks/baking.
- Set up seating and pack up afterwards.
- Arrange a talk, demo or guest speaker.
- Advise the president 2 weeks prior so it can be advertised for interest.

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