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Newsletter - September 2025

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Important Dates

Saturday October 11 - Bunnings BBQ. More volunteers needed

Sunday October 19 - Next Club Meeting (no meeting in September)

Club Open Day declared a success

The aim of the Open Day was to improve the Club's engagement in the community, raise public awareness of the existence of our Club, and encourage members of the public to join the Club. It is really pleasing too Members have an opportunity to join together in a Club activity and to show their work, and if they're lucky, find a buyer.

It was great to see some of our less experienced members put forward some of their work for sale, and find a happy customer. Congratulations!

As you will see from the photos below the BBQ was set up outside to attract attention of passers-by and feed our visitors and volunteers. The meeting room was transformed into the sales area and the work area was very busy with 2 demonstration lathes. Thanks to

Ken, Jenny, Sandra and Tim for taking a turn at the lathe. Ken turned the bowl that was to be the lucky door prize, to which Tim added his well known finishing touch. Ken turned 2 further bowls that he donated so we drew lucky door prizes for them too. Photo bottom right shows Ken picking the winning ticket.

Huge thanks to everyone else who volunteered on the day to meet and greet, sell, and man the bbq. And the Club made a small profit - icing on the cake! All in all, a successful Open Day.





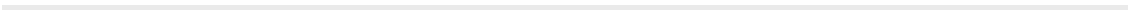
Show & Tell Challenge for October

Your Challenge for the next Show & Tell on Sunday October 19 is to do some piercing or engraving of a piece you have turned. We realise you won't have a handy dental drill but a lot of the work Catherine demonstrated can be done with your Dremel. You just need the right bur. Ask Catherine for some advice.

For a refresher you can review the write-up in the [August newsletter](#).

If you need inspiration just look at two of Catherine's fabulous creations below.

Of course we always welcome your latest turnings and a segmented rolling pin would be nice to see.



Something different to watch on Youtube

Introducing the **Lancaster Woodturners Coffee Club** (courtesy of Ken Cooper). This group is based in the US and has a weekly coffee club meeting online which you can watch on Youtube. The Convenor is John Kelsey with a large number of attendees, on occasion up to 50. You'll probably recognise some of the woodturners you follow in the attendees.



Some weeks they start with sharing news from each of the local clubs with representatives present online, then other items of interest, followed by a 'Show & Tell'. Other weeks they have a guest speaker. There are lots of questions asked during the sessions. As an example here's their [June 5 session](#). As you can see in the screengrab above it's a Show & Tell week, so if you want to get straight to that and skip the club news, start at 8:32.



This second example is from [14 April 2022](#). The guest that week was Jacques (Jack) Versey who has done some fabulous work with texturing and colouring which he started experimenting with in 1997. He then moved on to more sculptural work like these in the screengrab. Worth a look.

John Bellamy's tools are for sale

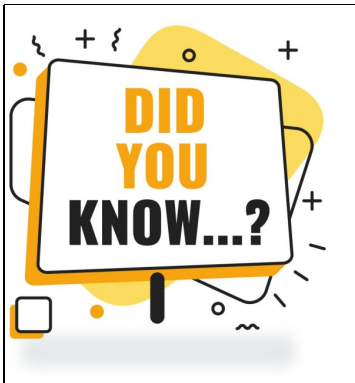
You'll find a collection of bits and pieces on a table in the clubhouse meeting room. They're from John's garage. If you want to buy something just put an amount you feel appropriate in the icecream container provided. You've only got until the end of September, so take a look. The collection is reducing quite quickly.

We need your help to finish some of

John Bellamy's work to sell

There's a couple of plastic containers under the tool table in the clubhouse meeting room with some items John didn't finish. His family have given them to the Club to make fit for sale with all proceeds going to the Club.

Take a look in the boxes and see if there's something you'd like to put your hand to. When we next have an Open Day or participate in a market we'll be looking for the items to sell. All good practice working out how to re-chuck something so you give it that perfect finish.



This is our segment to introduce new members, and remind existing members, on information about our Club that we might not otherwise think of mentioning to them.

If you have any suggestions on items we could include, please send them to [the editor](#).

Did You Know?.....There's a new workshop clean-up roster. To better maintain cleanliness and tidiness, there will now be a monthly 'intermediate clean' on the days specified below. This entails a general vacuum and tidy-up of the workshop area, a sweep, vacuum and tidy-up of the meeting room, cleaning the toilets and hand basins and mopping the toilet floors, emptying the shop-floor vacuums, cleaning the ceiling-mounted air filtration units, cleaning up the dust extractor room and replacing the large dust bags.

September - On the first Tuesday in September the Tuesday group conducted the first 'intermediate clean'.

The roster for October to June is below:

October - Wednesday evening group, on the first Wednesday in October.

November - Friday group, on the first Friday in November.

December - no intermediate clean required due to six-monthly deep clean.

January - no intermediate clean required due to workshop close.

February - no intermediate clean required.

March - Saturday group, on the first Saturday in March.

April - Tuesday group, on the first Tuesday in April.

May - Wednesday evening group, on the first Wednesday evening in May.

June - no intermediate clean due to six-monthly deep clean.

And so on ...

The Club Shop

There are lots of goodies in the Club shop. Any Supervisor can help you find what you're looking for. Simply pay with cash or direct debit. A list of the extensive array of items available is kept in the shop cabinets. See some examples below.



Letter openers



Clock parts



Cake slices



Pot Pourri lids



Pen cases



Wine stoppers



Happy Birthday to the members who celebrate their birthday in September

Brad Miles, Gary Munns and Nick Vertes

Welcome to our new member:

Mia Ellis. We hope you enjoy your time with us.



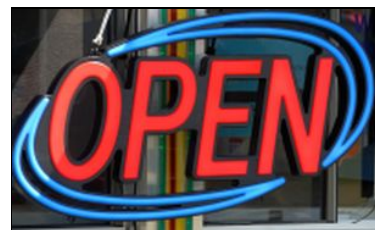
Club T-Shirts

If you are representing the Club at any event, including a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle we would be very pleased to see you wearing a Club T-Shirt to promote the Club.

We have plenty of stock in all sizes - just \$25. Ask a Supervisor to get one for you.



Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am - 1pm
Saturday mornings 8.30am - 1pm
2nd & 4th Friday each month
9:30am - 3:30pm



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