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Newsletter June 2026

Challenge Show & Tell at Annual General Meeting 26 July 2026 plus Sausage Sizzle

Your AGM is on Sunday 26 July at the Club Workshop starting at 9.30am. If you want to vote for your Committee you need to be there to cast your vote.

We're turning it upside down this year. To start there will be no official meeting at 9:30.

Instead we'll start with a demonstration of the Debribulator by Jonathon Livesey, followed by a Show & Tell. But this time there's a Challenge for the Show & Tell. See article below for details.

After the fun we'll get into the business of the meeting followed by a sausage sizzle. We do hope you can stay. We have very little opportunity to get together as a Club and we're keen to see everyone.

Challenges at Show & Tell 26 July 2026

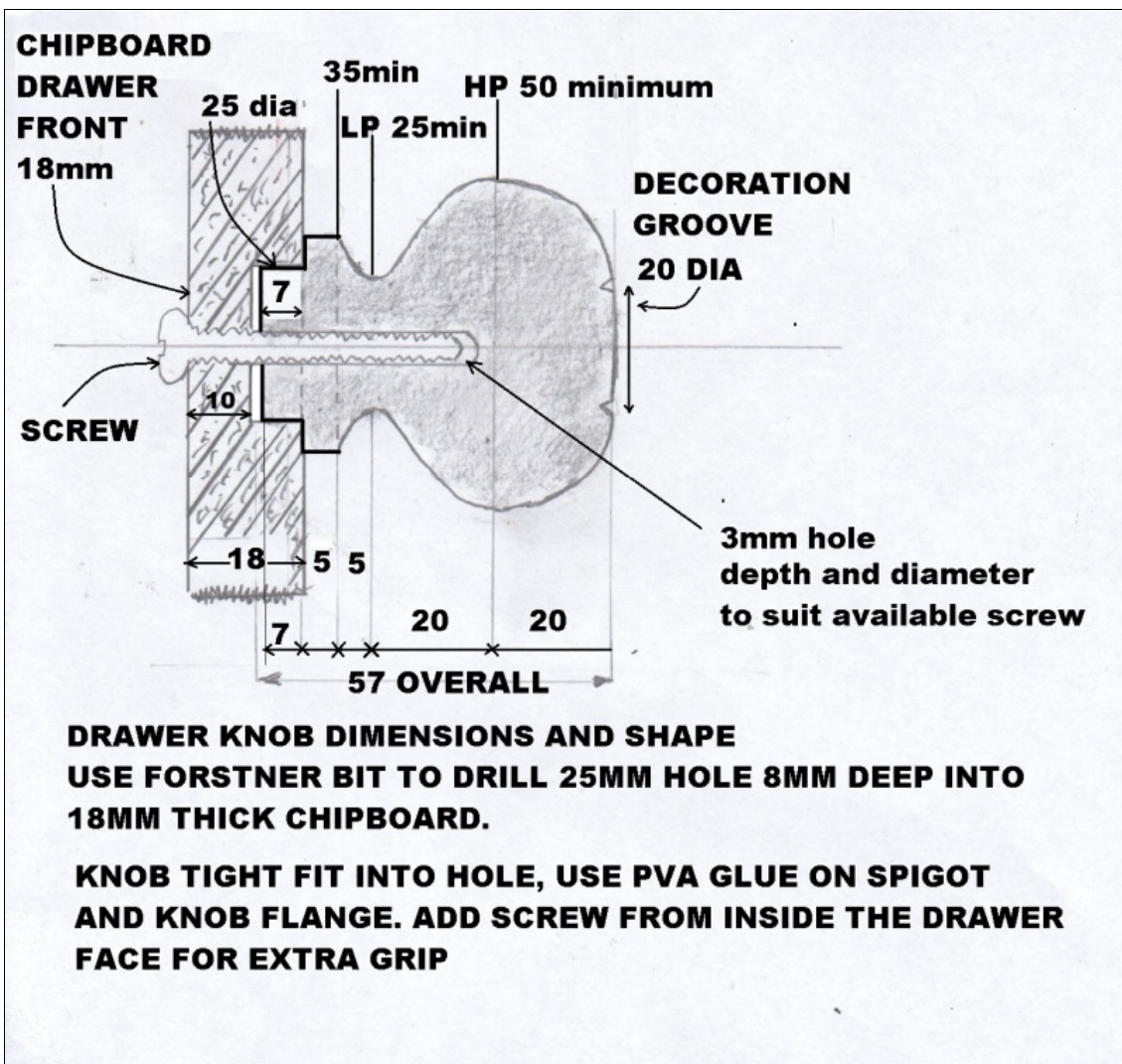


The first of two Challenges is to help the Woodbank with drawer knobs for the newly installed boxes.

Members can use their creativity in the design of the knobs. The Club will donate the timber so you have your choice of wood.

We need 2 knobs for each box.

They need to be at least 50mm x 50mm and two for each box. The design is up to you.



Alex Bendeli very kindly created this drawing to give you an idea of the size of the knob you need and the fixing. However, the design is up to you. This is just a suggestion. It would be great to have a variety of knob designs, so GO FOR IT.

The second Challenge is Cheese boards or Trivets.

The idea is to have member made Cheese boards or Trivets available for Sale at the Club Open Day on 22 August. The Club will donate ceramic tiles from the Club Shop and 8 spare cutting boards provided by Nick Vertes. You can make it round or keep Nick's oblong shape. Proceeds go to the Club if sold at the Open Day, but glory goes to you.

Workshop Open Day Saturday 22 August 2026



Last year we held an Open Day in August. See photo above. We publicised it by handing out flyers at the Forestville, Roseville and Forest Way shopping centres on a number of weekends. We had over 60 people attend, purchase items, buy a sausage and enjoy the demonstrations.

This year we plan the same arrangement on Saturday 22 August. It's important we are seen to be part of our local community.

We need volunteers to man the bbq, meet and greet visitors, demonstrate, and sell members turned creations.

If you have a local shopping centre where you can hand out leaflets or put posters in shop windows please let us know.

There's a helper sheet on the meeting room table or simply let Catherine or Julie know if you're available to help on 22 August.

Repair to Hatfield lathe





Ken Cooper dealt with the repair to the Hatfield lathe. Ken explains below:

'It appeared the tail stock hand wheel was never properly fitted to the tail stock feed screw so whenever anybody tried to self eject a tight centre, instead of the centre releasing the handle would just unscrew and spin.

What I have had done is get a keyway machined into the threaded tail stock screw and a corresponding slot in the handle so when the handle is slipped in position over the keyway it's permanently attached and can't just unscrew. So when someone needs to self eject the centre there's no way it can unscrew anymore. It's not permanently fixed, it's still serviceable but will not spin freely the way it used to.

It's exactly the same technique for how an electric motor pulley is attached to a motor shaft. Very common.

I also replaced the bearing in that area because it had been crushed due to an inexperienced person over tightening the tail stock hand wheel.

As mentioned in the old TAFE notes, the hand wheel on the tail stock should be tightened until firm and then backed off about 1/8 of a turn to relieve the strain on the tail stock bearings and the headstock bearings to reduce wear and damage.

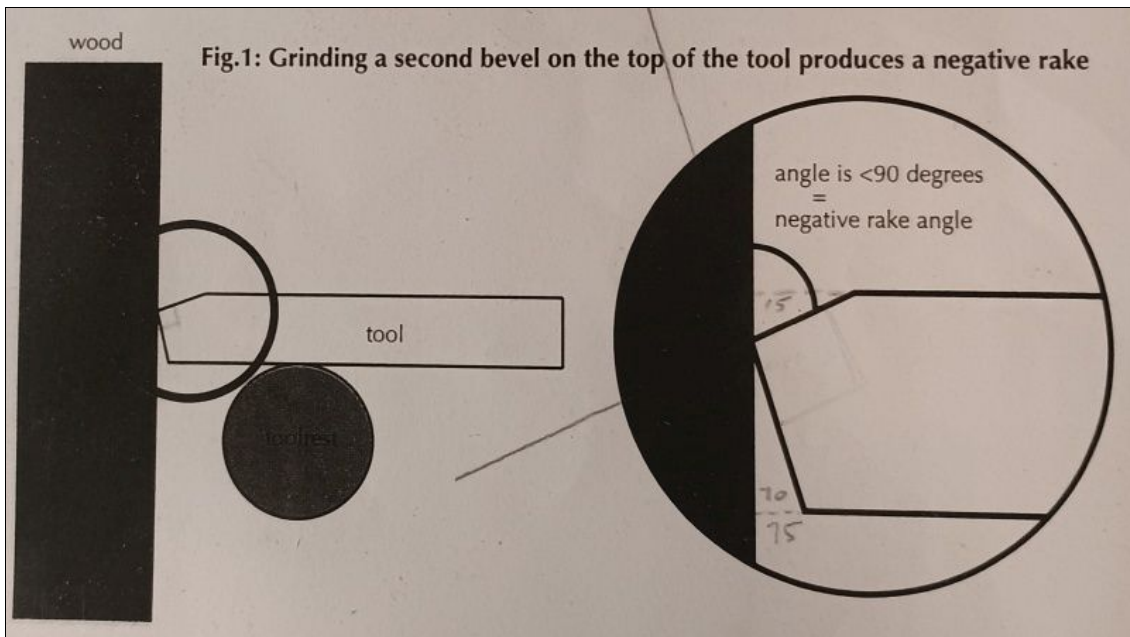
Hopefully everyone will now enjoy using the Hatfield lathe with ease.

Negative Rake

You've probably heard people mention negative rake. But did you understand what it means. If not, that's not a problem. It's explained here by Tracey Malady.

A negative rake means an angle that is less than 90°. A negative rake tool is basically a scraper with another bevel ground on the top edge. This extra bevel means that the tool is

less likely to catch or dig in when turning wood on the lathe, especially hard woods or burls. When you hold the negative rake scraper flat on the toolrest and horizontal to the lathe bed, the top bevel is angled to the wood at less than 90° , creating a negative rake (Fig.1).



If you are working on manmade materials, a conventional scraper is even more prone to catching. However, with the negative rake scraper, this becomes less likely.

I was taught, like many other turners before me, that when using a scraper, you must always raise the handle of the tool so that the cutting edge was lowered, creating a negative rake angle. If the handle was not raised, there was an increased chance of getting a catch. With a negative rake scraper, the negative rake has already been ground in place. Negative rake scrapers are not used to remove a lot of material quickly, but rather as a finishing tool. Taking light passes over any tearouts or raised sections should give a smooth finish. Generally you start with a conventional scraper to remove material and then swap to the negative rake scraper towards the end of the turning.

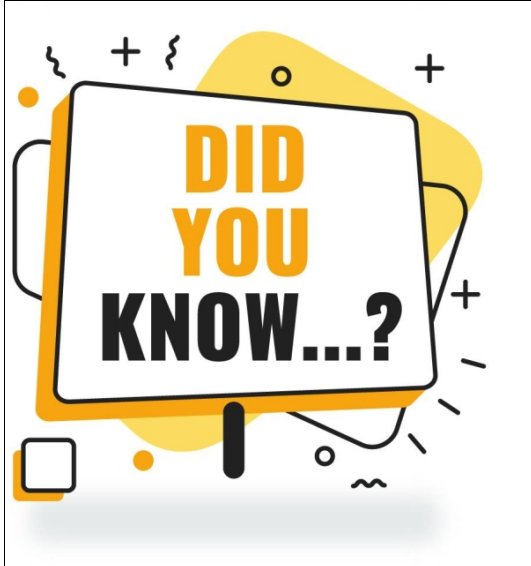
Why are negative rake scrapers or cutters so popular, when the same effect can be achieved using a conventional scraper raised or in a sheer scraping technique? I believe that the appeal is in the ability to rest the tool flat and horizontal on the toolrest. This appears to be more ergonomic and less tiring than concentrating on keeping the handle of a scraper raised.

Is there a practical difference between negative rake scrapers and replaceable negative rake cutters? I don't think so. The cutting edge is at the same rake angle in both scenarios. Many turners are adapting some or all of their scrapers to negative rake scrapers which is easy enough to do. The angle of the top bevel is open for discussion but a 70° bottom bevel and roughly 15° top bevel is a popular setup.

I won't be modifying my scrapers. I like them just the way they are. However, I appreciate the advantages and I will definitely consider purchasing some replaceable negative rake cutters to complement my cache of tools.

Tracey Malady is a Melbourne based woodturner who enjoys sharing the lessons learnt during her journey in woodturning. She has been a member of the Forest Hills Woodturning Club in Victoria for 8 years.

Did You Know?



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?.... The really cute Hippos, Chooks and Penguins we see in the shoebox ready for Bunnings BBQ giveaways are the creation of Jenny Talbot. The kids who get them in the Lucky Dip love them.



Recently Tim Doherty thought of adding to the appeal by adding ears and a tail to one of Jenny's hippos. The hippo, below left, Jenny agrees, has more character than ever. And she has experimented in adding natural touches to her hippos. The newly embellished versions are below right and at bottom.



Did You Know?.... The prize winning items from the Royal Easter Show are now in the Display Cabinet. Thanks to the winners Chris Falvey and Nick Vertes for cleaning the cabinet (it was very dusty) and displaying everything beautifully, newly polished.





Happy Birthday in June to

Ian Blume, John Cottle, George Hatfield, Keith Hills,
Warwick Howells, Patrick Lee, Riccardo Nati and Ian
Terley.

We hope you have a great day!

Welcome to our new members

Mike Seymour, Bruce Wilson, Peter Davies

We hope you enjoy making shavings with us.



Get Well Soon

Lloyd Ross and Tony Fidler

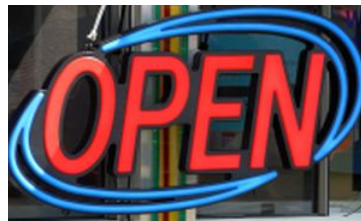
We wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you in
the Club very soon.

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.
Or if you need a comfortable shirt you can get dusty
without worrying, we have one for you.
There's plenty of stock in all sizes - just \$25. Ask a
Supervisor to get one for you.



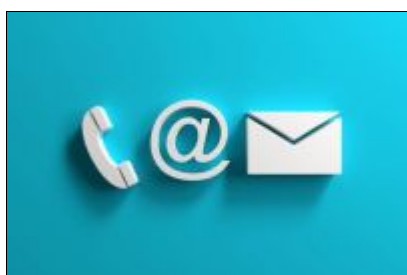
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2nd & 4th Friday each month
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