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Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners Inc



Newsletter October 2026

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Important Dates:

Tuesday 3 November - RSVP for Christmas Luncheon
Friday 13 November - workshop open 9:30am - 3:30pm
Sunday 15 November - Christmas Lunch and Show & Tell at Dee Why RSL
Friday 27 November - workshop open 9:30am - 3:30pm
Friday 11 December - workshop open 9:30am - 3:30pm
Saturday 19 December - workshop closes for 2026 and Members conduct a deep clean
Friday 15 January 2027 - workshop opens for 2027

Committee items

The Special General Meeting motion to add specific Objectives to our Constitution was passed by a majority of Members.

Following the Special General Meeting your Committee reported on the following items:
- Committee Decisions. The Committee has decided to cancel the current Association Liability Insurance which was in addition to the Guild insurances and to reinvest interest on all Term Deposits as they fall due instead of being spent as part of the Club's operating funds.
- Guild AGM. Jenny Talbot attended the Guild meeting and reported the existing

Committee has been re-elected. Further Guild fees would increase by $5 in 2027 to cover increases in insurance costs. Lastly, if you have any single use plastic bags or paper bags the Guild could use for sale items at the Royal Easter Show next year, please provide them to Alex Bendeli.

- Maintenance. Alex Bendeli asked people to not forcibly push the wood against the bandsaw blade as this is ruining the bearings. Further to remember to vacuum under the bandsaw table as well as on top. Alex & Nick are working on design of dust extraction for the 3 benchtop lathes.

- Club Workshop Closure 2026 & Opening 2027. The Club will close and have a deep clean on **Saturday 19 December.** Your assistance in cleaning would be greatly appreciated. As in the past, the more cleaners, the shorter the time needed. The workshop will re-open on **Friday 15 January 2027.**

- Terrey Hills Market 2027. SNBW will attend on Sunday May 2.

- George Hatfield Gift. We have been honoured with the donation of George's Guild Life Membership framed certificate. It will be hung near our Life Member board.

Show & Tell

Unfortunately we didn't have Show & Tell this month but please bring the items you didn't get a chance to show to the Christmas Lunch Show & Tell.

Next Month's Show & Tell Challenge has a Christmas theme





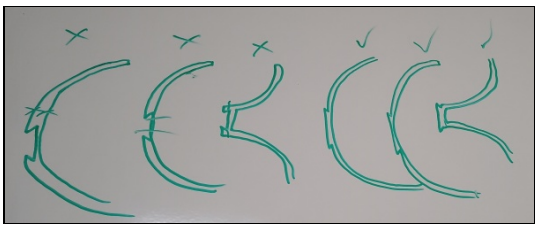




If you want to try your hand at a bowl after seeing Ken's demonstration please do. Just put some Christmas chocolates or cake in it to fit the theme. Remember there is free timber available from the Club Woodbank in the black box in front of the Woodbank boxes. Help yourself and turn some christmas trees, decorations, snowmen, santas, elves - whatever takes your fancy.

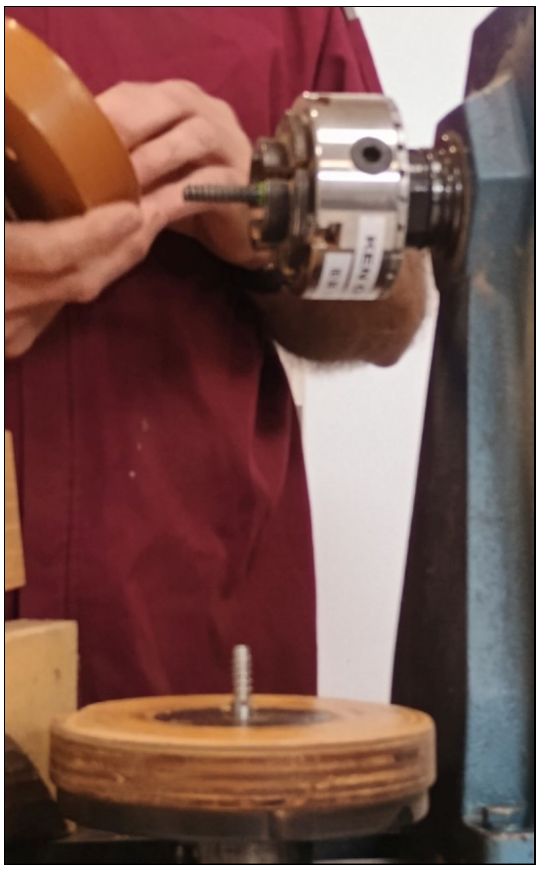
Bowl Demonstration by Ken Cooper

Ken brought in a number of different styles of bowls to show the wide variety of possibilities in design. He drew a number of examples with a spigot or with a recess and discussed the pros and cons of each. See his drawing at right.



The disadvantages of a recess are the inability for even thickness, or in the 3rd example, having little support for the chuck. Using a spigot doesn't have those negatives and you can remove it at the end if you wish.

Ken talked about using a faceplate or a chuck with a screw. (Photo at left). Either way the screw is too long for turning a small bowl so you will need to use packers. Ken had made a piece to act as the packer for the chuck with screw as shown here. It cleverly doesn't sit on the chuck jaws. (Photo at right)





Use a 6mm drill bit for hole to match the chuck screw. Note: measure the inner curve of the screw, not the outer curve. When screwing the chuck to lathe make sure you get a click at the end to ensure it is a tight fit.

Set your lathe belt with the small driver at the top, large wheel at the lathe base. This provides low torque and high rpm. If turning something large, change the belt position to provide higher torque, large driver at top of lathe, small wheel at the base.This latter belt setting means you only have to make a small adjustment to your speed to get a significant change.

To start turning rough down. Get speed as fast as possible with the least wobble.

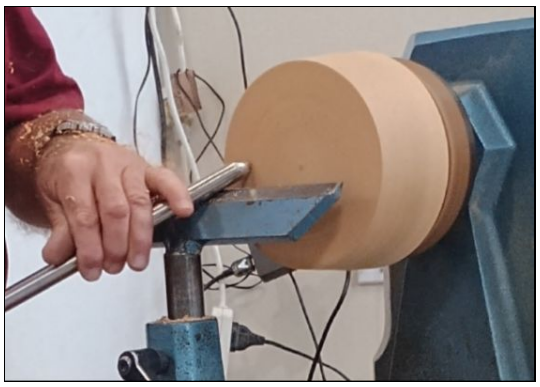
Never use a roughing gouge as it provides too much surface area. Use a bowl gouge. The other tool you shouldn't use on a bowl is a Skew. The exception is as a scraper, not as a cutting or slicing tool.



The tool at left is the correct shape for a bowl gouge.

If working the face of a bowl, ie. hollowing, have your tool angle at 2pm. If working out, towards the edge have the tool angle at 10am.
If when you're roughing down there's a lot of bounce, put the weight on the tool rest, do not push into the job.

To clean up the base you can either use a pull or a push cut. Photos below show pull cut on left and push on right.





To prepare a spigot you need to have the angle correct to match the chuck jaws. You can use a Skew (beginner) or a detail gouge (more advanced turner). Your aim is to get full contact between chuck jaws and spigot so the jaws won't mark the spigot. Best gap between jaws is 2-3mm.

Then start to shape by cutting edge from base towards chuck. Keep handle low and do a pull cut.



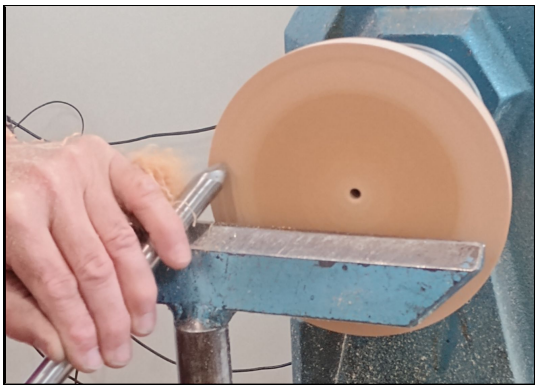
If the grain is going across the bowl, when turning the outside you need to cut from the centre outwards towards the chuck.





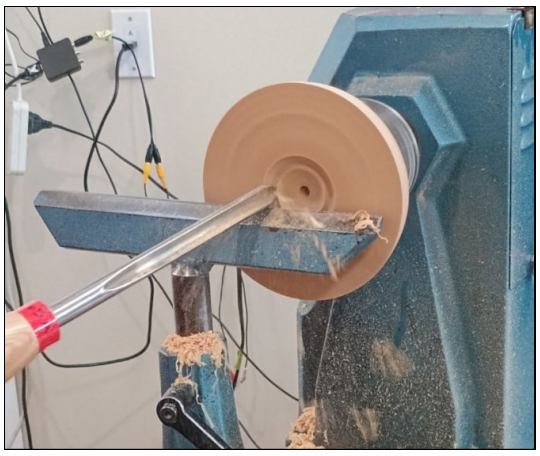
The shape of the outside of the bowl will determine the inside shape. Can use a push or pull cut. Push cut is more difficult to keep bevel rubbing but will produce a cleaner cut. Use a scraper to finish the outside. When using a scraper you don't want to use every bit of the scraper edge. Only a small area.

When you're happy with the outside turn the bowl around. Fix spigot in chuck. First step then is to clean up edge of bowl with a pull-cut. If you're more experienced you can use a push cut.



You can make a depth hole with a drill.





Then start the hollowing cut. Start with tool closed. Once started the cut, open the tool a bit and move handle toward you with bevel rubbing all the way across. Start with hand position you want to end up with. It might be a bit uncomfortable to start but is much easier to open tool and continue cut. Note in the photos below where Ken's tool handle begins and ends.


KEN COOPER





Keep some mass in the bottom of bowl so you can complete the edge to the width you want with reduced vibration. You can keep some steps in the bottom to give you a step to put your bevel against.

Use calipers to measure the consistent thickness of your bowl wall. If your bowl gouge won't cut around the bottom of the bowl easily you may need a differently ground gouge - a "bottom feeder" (below left). This gouge isn't as steeply ground. Or if you don't have a bottom feeder you can use a scraper (below right). If the bowl is starting to vibrate you can use you hand behind the edge and thumb on the tool to reduce vibration.







Ken cut the bowl in half on the bandsaw to check the consistency of the bowl side. He felt the base was a little thicker than he would have liked.

Ken's Additional Tips

Tip 1: Use your finger as support when changing tool rest height.

Tip 2: A bowl gouge nearing the end of it's life can easily be ground into a small detail gouge. See photo from Mike Darlow book at right.

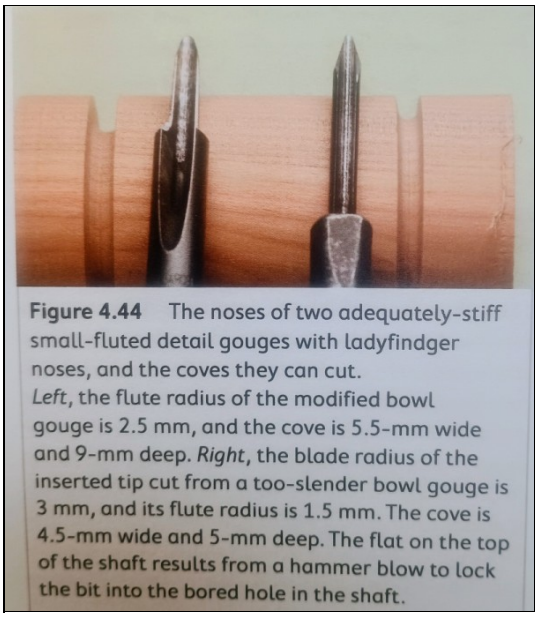


Figure 4.44 The noses of two adequately-stiff small-fluted detail gouges with ladyfindger noses, and the coves they can cut. *Left*, the flute radius of the modified bowl gouge is 2.5 mm, and the cove is 5.5-mm wide and 9-mm deep. *Right*, the blade radius of the inserted tip cut from a too-slender bowl gouge is 3 mm, and its flute radius is 1.5 mm. The cove is 4.5-mm wide and 5-mm deep. The flat on the top of the shaft results from a hammer blow to lock the bit into the bored hole in the shaft.

Woodies Christmas Luncheon
Sunday 15 November.
RSVP Tuesday 3 November 2026



Our Christmas luncheon this year will be in the COURTYARD located within the recently renovated Dee Why RSL. The venue offers multiple dining options, including its Bistro, Aqua, Tastes of Asia and the Courtyard. These options are all accessible from the Courtyard.
Undercover parking is available, with access via Clarence Avenue.
Further details about the venue available from its website.

Please add your name to the sheet in the Club by Tuesday 3 November to ensure you have a seat.

In addition the Club is offering all Members a free Christmas gift from the WoodBank.

Most members will be aware that a huge effort is being undertaken to clean up the area under the Clubhouse which houses our WoodBank. Catherine Ritter & Chris Falvey has been doing an outstanding job sorting out the timber best for woodturning and the aim is to get all timber up off the floor. To assist in that a large amount of Mulberry has been set aside with blanks being turned to make the timber useful for Members. It is still work in progress but if you want a piece it will be available soon. We will have a Show & Tell as part of our Christmas Luncheon and everyone is encouraged to bring along their piece of turned Mulberry to 'Show'.
Also if you had items to show at the October Get-Together bring them along too.

Sale of Nova 3000 Lathe



The club is offering a Teknatool Nova 3000 Swivel Head lathe with cast bed, 8 speed range and stand for sale. Supplied with a tool rest though with neither chucks nor centres. In good working order.

Please inspect it in the club.

Club members are asked what they think would be a fair market value and price for the lathe.

Forms for **valuation submissions** are available with the **valuations' box** on the club sign-in desk. Each member may submit one club valuation form. You don't need to be interested in purchasing the lathe.

The sub-committee will average all valuations and advertise the **agreed price** the club will accept for the **Nova Lathe and stand**.

Interested buyers will have one week to put their name and telephone number into the **buyers' box** on the sign-in desk.

Should there be multiple interested buyers the subcommittee will draw a name from the **buyers' box.** The successful buyer will be notified by phone. Unsuccessful bidders will also be notified.

If the drawn individual no longer wishes to complete the purchase a second name will be drawn from the box. This process will be repeated until a successful buyer is drawn.

Important Dates For Your Diary:

Closing date for submission of **valuations**: 1pm Friday 30 October 2026.

Announcement of **agreed price**: 1 pm Friday 6 November 2026.

Closing date for submission of **interested buyers'** names: 1pm Friday 13 November 2026.

Payment must be made to Club by the successful person by 30 November 2026. Should funds not be forthcoming, a further draw will occur and the process repeated.

The sub-committee's decision will be final.

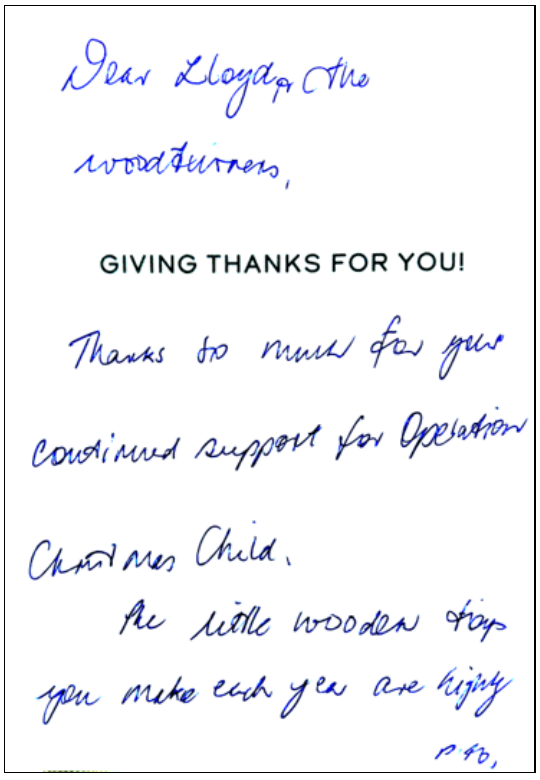
Announcements will be made by email from Lloyd and by posters in the club.

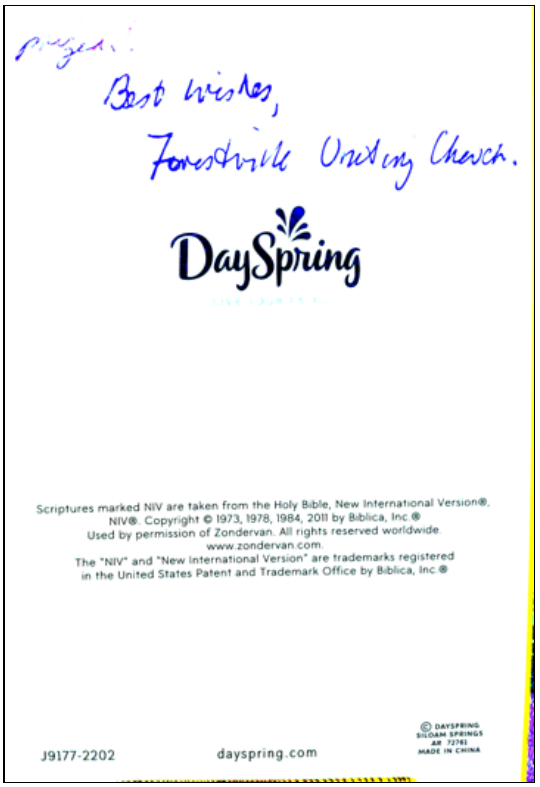
Sub-committee to ask: Ken Cooper, Julie Jarvis, Jonathan Livesey

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Toys for Operation Christmas Child

On 20th October we handed over the rest of the toys for Operation Christmas Child. These 80 were to Robyn Jacobs from the Forestville Uniting Church. That brings the total to 200 for Operation Christmas Child. A big thank you to those who assisted in making them.







Bunnings Success & Request for Help at Future BBQ's



The woodturners fundraising BBQ on Oct 10 was an outstanding success. Our club raised

the most SNBW has raised in recent fundraising BBQ's. Congratulations to the many volunteers who helped with the cooking, serving and order taking. Our teamwork and service was excellent. One customer commented on how quickly we were serving their order compared to previous Saturdays.
The Bunning Events coordinator visited during the afternoon rush and was very pleased with our setup and customer service.
On Saturday we "sold" out of Lucky Dip items, Twice! Even after Julie brought additional item to replenish the Lucky Dip box. In addition we received healthy donations to Pancreatic Cancer. Keep turning Tops, Toys and Christmas Trees and if you'd like to emulate Jenny T, hippos, penguins, mice and many other animals popular with the kids. It promotes our club and the woodturning craft.



Our next BBQ is Saturday Dec 5. Our goal over the year is to raise approximately $100/ member, enough to pay the club rent and electricity. Please consider volunteering to help. A strong roster of volunteers reduces the stress of organising the fundraising and puts FUN

into fundraising. Please add your name to list on the meeting room table.
In addition this time Andrew organised for us to have a small woodturning display table which generated significant interest. Bunnings have now agreed we can have a sale table. We just need to sort the logistics as we need a dedicated sales person in addition to those working on selling sausages.



Lathe Etiquette

Please member to ensure lathe spindle lock is NOT engaged when you leave it and unplug lathe at end of day (not just switch it off at the GPO or power board).

Condolences

Our sympathies are extended to Lionel Hirning on the passing of his wife.





Happy Birthday in October to

Jenny Talbot, Bruce Wilson, Ken Cooper, Dean Tams, Cheryl Lynn, Peter Comerford, Nicola Yakich

We hope you have a great day!

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.

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





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