



**WOODCRAFT GUILD TASMANIA INC.**  
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## **From the President**

Here are a few images from recent Guild activities at the February woodturning SIG. Michael Gaskell showing Sunil how to sharpen his bowl gouge.



Ken Dowling showing Sunil how to use it



Here is some good news for members....thanks Kevin for the heads up!

**Get 15% discount at Hobart CarbaTec 17 Farley Street Glenorchy**

Chris Hilyer at CarbaTec is offering Guild members 15% discount on most of the in-store range.

The products excepted from this offer are 'FESTOOL' 'SAWSTOP' and 'TORMEK'

Please advise the sales staff of your Guild membership when presenting product for purchase.

Brian Ridler  
President

## Woodcraft Guild Future Planning

Back in September 2019 the Guild Committee commenced discussions regarding the future direction of the Guild and what members want from their membership. While the Guild is a successful organisation for the past 34 years, is financially secure, has a well-equipped workshop and over 40 financial members we need to do some planning to ensure we remain successful.

While the membership is consistent it is not growing, we do not attract many younger members, a number of members do not renew membership after their first year and more than half of the committee members have served for many years in their roles. So, we set up a sub-committee to review what issues there are and what we offer our members.

The committee members contributed ideas, thoughts, opportunities and feedback received from members over time and these items were documented, prioritised and reviewed. While this process is continuing, this is what your committee is considering and working on:

Do we offer enough incentive and opportunity to attract new members? What more can we do to keep members involved and interested? Do members have enough access to the Guild workshop and equipment? The options we are considering are:

- Open workshop Saturday mornings to do your own projects;
- Sign off on competence of operating guild equipment;
- More field trips to workshops, other woodworkers, industry, Men's Sheds, etc;
- Follow up with members that lose interest to understand the reasons;
- Get more members involved with current Guild activities;
- Options to improve the Special Interest Group participation;
- Ask for member feedback and suggestions of opportunities to improve.

Another key issue of discussion has been the Guild becoming a member of the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA). This has involved significant investigation and discussion and the opportunity has come through with no negatives for the Guild only positives. We have therefore recently agreed to join the TMSA and will process the application over the next few weeks. It is important to know that nothing that we do or how the Guild is run will change by having this membership, we still remain an incorporated entity in our own right, but the Guild has one membership with TMSA similar to the membership we have with the Council of Woodwork Clubs.

One immediate advantage of TMSA membership is a 15% discount at Carbatec on most items (excluding Festool, Tormek and Saw Stop). All you need to do to get this discount is tell Chris that you are a TMSA member.

The Guild Committee would appreciate any member feedback about any of the above.

Clinton Luckock

## Sell, Swap, Give away

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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## Future meetings

March 10	Murray Jessup will give a practical demonstration of centre fire ammunition loading. Following the demonstration, Murray will host a discussion on wooden gun stock making.
April 14	Visit to Formspace 153b Argyle Street Hobart to view the operation of a 4 axis CNC routing machine. Access to the site is via a lane next to a construction site and opposite L&H Electrical Wholesaler.  We plan to visit the workspace at 5.30 then go for a meal at the Tasmania Inn corner of Warwick and Campbell Streets.  Members whose names are entered on our Guild whiteboard you are all booked in.  For the others. To allow me to confirm numbers with the Hotel, Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:woodguildtas@gmail.com">woodguildtas@gmail.com</a> or text/phone Brian Ridler on 0427 479 625 prior to April 7
May 12	John Penprase will lead a discussion on methods of adding a cyclonic pre filter to a shop vac.
June 9/ July 14	TBA
August 11	Annual General Meeting

## Special Interest Groups:

### Box making:

This group, led by George Harris, meets on the **second** Saturday of each month, at **10.00 am** in the Guild workshop. Jewelry boxes and small lidded boxes are challenging, but very rewarding. It is woodworking on a small scale, but similar design and construction challenges apply on full scale furniture. New participants always welcome.

Phone George on 0409 973344. Router techniques and the use of the Guild's router table are also featured.

### Wood Turning:

The woodturning Special Interest Group fixture meets on the fourth Saturday of the month, and is being led by John Penprase. Start time is 9.00 am, and members are asked to contact John Penprase or Brian Ridler or just turn up on the day for a look.

## Committee for 2019-20

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**Guild meetings:** second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm at Cosgrove High School, Main Road, Derwent Park. Enter by **Felicity Lane**, which is adjacent to the Motors used car yard in Main Road. Meetings are held in the Manual Arts block. Telephone any Committee member for more specific details.

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

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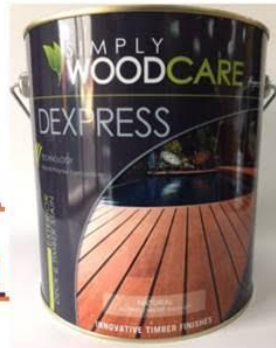


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