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IF YOU ARE NOT WELL, YOU ARE NOT WELCOME AT THE SHED!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**THE WAVERLEY SHED
WILL REOPEN ON**

MONDAY, 19 JANUARY



NEXT "SOCIAL FRIDAY"

After the success of this social activity in late November, members and friends are invited to meet again for

**SOCIAL FRIDAY,
at 12:00 noon on 30 January
at Maroubra Seals.**

Those attending can get together and eat (or not eat), have drinks (or not) on the 1st floor of the Club. You don't have to be a member to come along, and if there's a Club member along with you, you can get discounts on food and drinks. At lunchtime, there's no need to book, so just come along!!

It is also a great way to meet members who may attend on different days to you, and new members as well. So, put it in your Diary now and we'll see you there!



PRESIDENT'S END-OF-YEAR REPORT

The first issue is, who is the President? Yes it is true I was the President for the last 3 years and the Constitution dictates that a President must retire after 3 years, ... I did.

Peter Black was elected unanimously as President at the AGM and I was elected Vice President, ... an easy transition. Since then Peter B has resigned as President but did not resign from the Board. The Board has elected me back to be President, Peter C and Peter B have congratulated each other as they continue their efforts.

As we all know, the major issue facing the Shed is where will we go when the Uniting bulldozers arrive to start their re-development. The two Peters have been working on finding a new site and with no success as yet.

We have visited many possible sites, we have looked at existing buildings in the three LGAs, vacant land in the three LGAs, more old churches that most people though existed with no success ... yet

We have spoken to Local Governments, State and Federal politicians, with no success ... yet.

We have gone west and spent a lot of time looking in the City of Sydney, one particular site looked fantastic, but no success ... yet.

We have contacted the UNSW that has a lot of potential buildings and sites, but no success ... yet.

Our current favourites are an existing building within UNSW campus and a piece of Defence land near the Randwick Sustainability Hub, neither are confirmed, neither will be easy. I am sure you will understand that I have had several favourites in the last two years but no success ... yet.

How long have we got here at WMH?

We have been getting advice from Uniting every six to twelve months and have been getting the same story for 3 or 4 years. That is, we have approximately another 18 months before we need to be out. We have been waiting for another up date because the threat is making us nervous we received the most recent Up-Date on 12 December.

It does not say how long we have but it does say that the proposal is a "*State Significant Development Application (SSDA)*". It then says "*We'll commence work on the detailed design of the redevelopment and continue our planning in 2026. Following this, we'll commence the builder tender process during 2027.*" It does not say when we need to be out by but my guess is that we have another 18 months from now. It also says the development will include "*Improved facilities for existing services, such as the Men's Shed and day services for seniors.*"

There is a full report on the Up-Date report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Proposals for the future. The world is changing and in the future we expect that the criteria for all grants will require that applicants be non discriminatory. The means we need to change the Constitution to allow women members. Your Board has proposed that the change should be made but the change will need to be put to an **EGM** and voted on by Members. It is proposed to call a EGM for February 2026.

The Shed has had a good year, daily attendance is up, we have had a year without safety incidents, we still have people wanting to join, the community if getting furniture fixed, less household items are going to waste and members are enjoying themselves.

We have refined the Party organisation with **Mike Barker** formalised as the Party Manager and **Dave Colwell** as the Chef, thank you both. Thanks also to **Tom Wolf** for his work in producing the best Shed newsletter ("Scuttlebutt"). Thanks to **Rodney Goldberg** for his maintenance efforts without which we would have had accidents, crashed machines and paid a lot to outsiders to fix them.

Our Patron **Marjorie O'Neil MP** is still one of our greatest supporters and purchasers of our output, Thank you Marjorie.

The **Supervisors** are making sure all is well each day. Thank you Supervisors.

The **Board** is working as a team, thank you for your support.

The person holding the Shed together is and has been for a long time Peter Black. He does most things and does them efficiently and well. We must all thank **Peter Black** for his devotion, his time and his efforts.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all back on deck and making new things using new skills next year.

Peter Charlton (President)



LETTER FROM UNITING

On 12th December, we received notification from Uniting in relation to its proposed development of the Uniting Waverley Estate (the WMH site).

We are informed that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) has approved the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the Uniting Waverley Estate redevelopment.



IN OTHER WORDS, THE REDEVELOPMENT NOW HAS APPROVAL AND CAN PROCEED

The approved Uniting Waverley Estate redevelopment includes

- 231 independent living apartments
- 105 residential aged care places
- Ancillary uses, community facilities and village spaces such as a café, hairdressing salon, multi-purpose rooms, Seniors Gym, play areas and landscaped gardens
- Double the amount of useable landscaped spaces for residents and the community to use
- Improved facilities for existing services, such as **the Men's Shed** and day services for seniors.



Uniting will commence work on the detailed design of the redevelopment and continue their planning in 2026. Following this, they will commence the builder tender process during 2027.

These early activities will help ensure the new Uniting Waverley seniors' community will be of the highest quality. While Uniting are yet to set a timeframe for the staged construction

(and demolition) of the redevelopment or select the builder, they will keep us updated as they progress.

In the meantime, we are assured that there will be no immediate changes at the Uniting Waverley Estate .



LIAISING WITH WMH

On 11th December, I spoke with Jane McGuire, Health Service Executive Manager of the War Memorial Hospital, who was interested to catch up with the operations of the Shed, what projects we were working on, how the membership numbers were running and whether or not our garage sale was successful.

I was happy to advise that we continue to undertake a lot of community work, we had taken on a number of new members in the last month or so and that our garage sale was a great success, raising over \$3000.00. I would like to acknowledge the help the of the members who gave up their time on that Saturday to make the day such a success.

Jane made special mention of the matter of **PARKING** in the hospital grounds. As you should be aware, we are NOT to Park anywhere inside the WMH. Whilst parking is difficult, if you set your arrival to coincide with the operating times indicated in the adjacent streets, it will be less confronting. Please remember, the hospital is a very generous landlord and we have a very clear obligation to comply with this directive.

Finally, may I wish every one a very Merry Xmas and a bright and healthy New Year.

Peter Black



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As another year has drawn to an end, we have to acknowledge all the achievements of WCMS, its Board and members. Another year has passed with good humour and smooth interaction between members, an incredible feat when you consider the varied backgrounds of our membership.

Our only disappointment has been the lack of alternate premises, but let me assure you all that it has not been for lack of effort.

Members should be aware of the incredible time and effort that **Peter Charlton** and **Peter Black** have expended in searching for new premises. In the case of Peter Charlton it has entailed spending all his daytime hours all week, months on end, in this search and consideration of the options and possibilities.

On behalf of the entire membership of WCMS, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the two Peters' efforts and to express our gratitude



LASER ENGRAVER

Have you ever wanted to see how technology and woodworking come together? Now's your chance!

Our Shed has a **Laser Engraver** available and ready to use and we'd like to invite members to come and learn how it works.

A Laser Engraver is a machine that burns designs into wood, plastics, and other materials with incredible precision. You design your project on a computer, and the engraver does the rest, following your design perfectly every time.

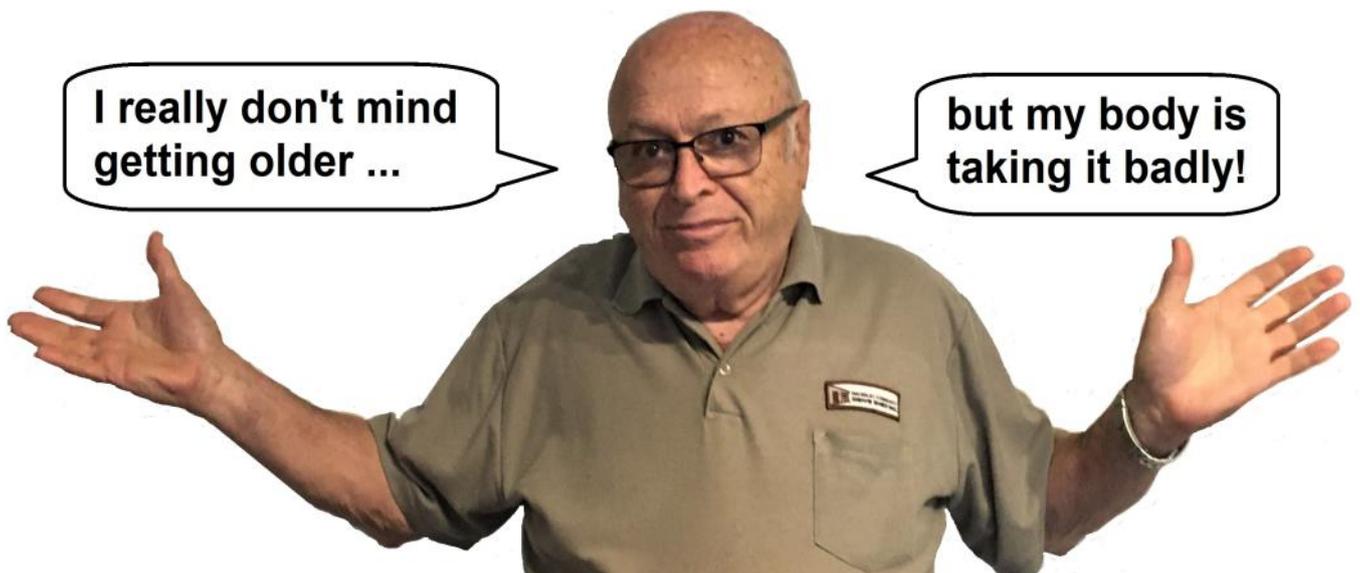
It's a fantastic way to create detailed signs, customise furniture and decorative pieces with professional results.

We're fortunate to have **Steve Weymouth**, one of our experienced Shed members, who knows his way around the Laser Engraver and is happy to show others how to use it. If you'd like to learn, please put your name on the list on the whiteboard, and we will hold a course to take you through how it operates (from design to print) at the Waverley Shed,

2:00pm, Wednesday, 11th February, 2026

Whether you're curious about technology, want to try something new, or are keen to add a new skill to your woodworking toolkit, the Laser Engraver is a great place to start.

Come along, have a look, and see what this amazing machine can do!





CHRISTMAS FUN AT BUNNINGS

Report by Frank Fay

On Thursday, December 4, 2025 the Waverley Men's Shed participated in the **Bunnings' Christmas Family Event at Eastgardens.**

Shed members present included **Peter Black., Mo Dhanoya, Rodney Goildberg, and Frank Fay.**

We helped children assemble **wooden Fire Trucks** designed, and assembled into kit form by **Ian Dawes.**

The kits were made up from pine blocks that had carefully been pre-cut by Ian and were held together by double-sided sticky tape. The children helped to push the different pieces together and then used wood screws to attach four wheels. There were lots of delighted faces when their new trucks rolled across the table for the first time!



In total we assembled and distributed **50 trucks.** The pace of construction turned out to be perfect as we worked from 6pm to 8pm and the last truck rolled off exactly at 8pm.

Bunnings, who are one of the Shed's supporters, very generously assisted with materials and supplies as well as a thoughtful thank-you in the form of a gift certificate.

Bunnings puts on a good show for Christmas. Other participants at the event included a police car; live goats, sheep and ducks; face painting; penguin bowling, fairy floss, popcorn, Father Christmas himself, and reindeer races.

The Waverley Sheddors have participated in this event previously and other Sheddors are encouraged to participate in future opportunities. **It's fun!**



SAVE THE DATE!!

The Committee of the Waverley Community Men's Shed is considering the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss and determine the changes to the Constitution as to allowing women to be members of the Shed

There are still some formalities to be attended to, so the formal Notice of Meeting cannot be circulated, however it is intended that the meeting is to take place on

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING,
at 2:00pm on 18th February 2026
at the Shed, WMH at Waverley.**

Please put this date aside (and note it in your Diary) until you receive a formal notification of the meeting being held on this (or any other) date.

A man was watching TV and enjoying a beer.

"Don't go," he yelled at the screen. "Do not enter that building. Walk away. Argh, you stupid man!"

His wife called from the kitchen, "What on earth are you watching?"

"Our wedding video."



END-OF-YEAR PARTY DECEMBER'25

Report and photos by Mike Barker

Members and guests have again gathered to celebrate the end of another year at the Waverley Shed. The contribution to the party by all Shed attendees was of the highest order, and very much appreciated.

The quantity, quality and variety of food was even better than our last birthday celebration, and the financial contribution helped in purchasing other party goodies and leaving a little over for coffee/tea/biscuits next year.

Dave Cowell was, as usual, outstanding in getting the hot food cooked, and he was assisted by other members.

Our regular and reliable volunteers (along with some new faces) did a remarkable job, and this input meant that the clean-up went smoothly and we all got home earlier.



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SHED GOINGS-ON (CURRENT PROJECTS ETC.)

Harry Jacobs was seen making *Hanukkah Menorah candle sticks* for his family in time for Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. (below)



Not to be outdone, our other maker of Judaica, **Sid Lewinsky** is also making a number of different *Hanukkah Menorah candle sticks* for the various members of his family (above)

A pair of *ornate brass lamps* were brought in to the Shed to be polished. Some effort was made to polish them by hand but it was hard work so **Peter Robilliard** used **Richard Cortis's** polishing wheel to complete the job with a bit less effort. (right)



David Berman has repaired/restored a *rocking horse* that has been in his family for generations. He was helped by **Mo Dhanoya** and **Dave Colwell**. (left)



The making of *possum boxes* continues unabated. Here **Steve Fox** is seen putting the final touches to a few. (left)

Peter Black has made 2 *sit-on street library boxes* for Woollahra Library (right)



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New member **Harold Sher** is making **chopping boards** as his first project at the Shed (above)



Nick Tyrrell is making sure that the "action" of the **toy kangaroo** he has carved is correct (left)



Ron Anderson is making a **bookcase** (right)



Peter Charlton is slicing a log for **Harry Jacobs**, who wants to make **chopping boards**. (left)



William Honeyball is making a 2 storey **toy garage** at the request of a family friend. **Sid Lewinsky** is seen discussing the toy plans with William (left)

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William Honeyball, ever keen to help to please all community members, has just finished repairing a **Japanese box** brought to the Shed. (right)



Ian Dawes has made a **3 storey toy car garage**, complete with a car lift that incorporates a winch with a ratchet mechanism. (left)



Rodney Goldberg is making a **table** for the Randwick Children's Hospital, Rodney is a volunteer working with the therapists at the hospital. (right)

Mo Dhanoya is helping **Tony Mandarano** to make a sectioned **chopping board** (right)



Kenny Lazarus is making **playing card holders** for the frail and elderly (left)



THE WENTWORTH COURIER

The Wednesday, November 12, 2025 edition of the **Wentworth Courier** featured stories and photos of **Peter Charlton, Peter Black, Graham Ely, Cliff Munro, David Berman and Harry Jacobs**, members of the Waverley Men's Shed. We now feature those photos with the hope that the proprietors of the Wentworth Courier will have no objections to us doing so.



NOVEMBER SOCIAL FRIDAY

Eight members attended the **November'25 Social Friday** at **Maroubra Seals** on 28 November. We had lunch at the Club and talked on for about 1 1/2 hours. This social event was very successful and we are all looking forward to more in the coming year,

The next Social Friday will take place on **Friday, 30th January.**



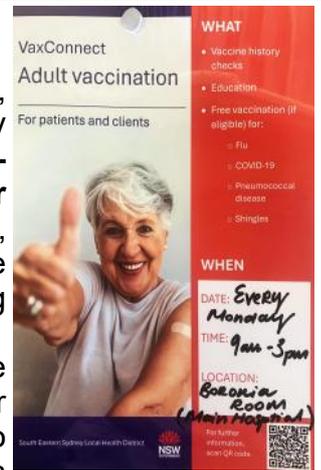
BLACKENED CHICKEN RECIPE

1. Clean chicken
2. Place chicken in oven
3. Go check your Facebook

VACCINATION REMINDER



On 1st December, we were visited by **Katie, the Vaccination Nurse at War Memorial Hospital**, who explained the importance of being vaccinated (especially at the age of most of our members), and also the various vaccines that are available free of charge.



Many members proceeded to make appointments to be vaccinated in the near future.

DO YOU USE THE "FUELCHECK" APP?

By Tom Wolf

Most of our members and readers already utilise this **free app** on their telephones, it is accessible on any device connected to the internet, including smartphones (both Apple or Android), tablets, desktop computers and laptops..

Once installed, **FuelCheck** provides real-time information about fuel prices at service stations across NSW & ACT using information from cellular, Wi-Fi, and Global Positioning System (GPS) networks to determine your approximate location. To find your nearest service station, or your current distance from a particular service station, you must enable Location Services on your device/browser and give **FuelCheck** permission to use your location data.

The **NSW Fair Trading** website contains more detailed information on **FuelCheck**, including the price reporting obligations that must be met by service station operators.

Apart from providing fuel prices, it can also be used to identify the location of the nearest service station for your type of fuel that is available near your location, a really useful tool when you are really low on fuel and saves you circling around looking for a service station..

As an example of use, even though we had half a tank left at the time, a search of the fuel prices for our return drive from Bondi Junction to Ryde on 19 December 2025 found that, with the exception of the independent Metro service station at the corner of Avoca St and Rainbow St, Randwick (a bit out of our way) which had E10 for \$1-86.9, all other service station in the East were charging between \$2-06.9 and \$2-19.9 per litre.

The prices along Victoria Rd and Lane Cove Rd had similar prices, except for the Metro on Victoria Rd at Balmain, where the price was **\$1-59.9**, a saving of up to \$0.60 per litre (or about **25%**).

When driving around Sydney, my wife and I often find huge discrepancies between fuel prices, and we have found this **free app** extremely worthwhile.



CUTTING SMALL BITS

When cutting small parts on the **table saw** or the **drop saw**, glue the part to a bit of **scrap timber** which will extend the small bit and allow for safe cutting.

The easiest way to glue that bit, is with a **hot wax gun**. It is the fastest, most solid way to glue the items that will allow for **easy and quick separation** when finished.





WAVERLEY CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS' BUGGY PROJECT

While he was assisting at the recent Waverley Repair Café, Tom Wolf was asked by **Robert Lewis** if anyone at the Waverley Shed could help out to electrify a **4 wheel garden buggy** for the **Waverley Cemetery volunteers** to carry their garden implements up the slopes. This project involved either or both making alterations to parts of a vehicle by metal lathe or welding. **Richard Cortis** immediately came to mind, and Robert approached Richard to use his lathe to widen the drive boss from a smaller 4 inch diameter wheel so that it could drive a 6 inch wheel.



Richard did the job on his lathe, it took an hour with Robert and another hour re-calibrating the lathe tools, it was quite a complex job. Richard had to re jig the cutting tools on the tool post and run the lathe backwards to do the job. Then he had to re-set and re-calibrate the tools in the tool post, a challenging job. Richard suspects this job may develop further and he may be called upon to make further alterations by boring out the other wheel hub.

Robert has written thanking Richard for his efforts.



FUN & GAMES CONTINUE AT MMV

Using **board game pieces** made the the Waverley Shed by **Tom Wolf**, the residents at **Mark Moran Vaocluse** enjoy their fortnightly activity conducted by Tom and Sandy Wolf. In the run-in to Christmas, the activities included a lively game of **8-person "LUDO"** and a **Karaoke sing-along Christmas Carols "pass the parcel"**. Everyone got a prize and the **snowflakes** made by Tom last month were distributed, the residents writing their names onto them and they were then hung on the trees outside their rooms.

Great fun!!



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BIRD OF THE MONTH

Article and photos by Ian Dawes

Australian Pratincole (*Stiltia isabell*)

The Australian version of the roadrunner, although not related to the American one (which is a ground cuckoo).

Curiously described in The Australian Bird Guide as a “long-winged shorebird of inland plains” pratincoles are most closely related to plovers and are found mainly in arid and semi-arid plains across northern Australia (although they can also be found around the Riverina area in NSW).

The male pictured seemed to spend most of its time on the gravel runway for planes flying into the Berkeley River Lodge in the Kimberley in far northern WA. For those who like a luxury holiday the Berkeley River Lodge is a great place to stay if you are interested in good food, wonderful scenery, birds and fishing – it is not served by roads so one has to fly in, hopefully missing the pratincole when landing.

Sadly the Lodge was very recently severely damaged by Cyclone Fina in the off season, hopefully it will be back in business by the time it would normally open after the wet season.

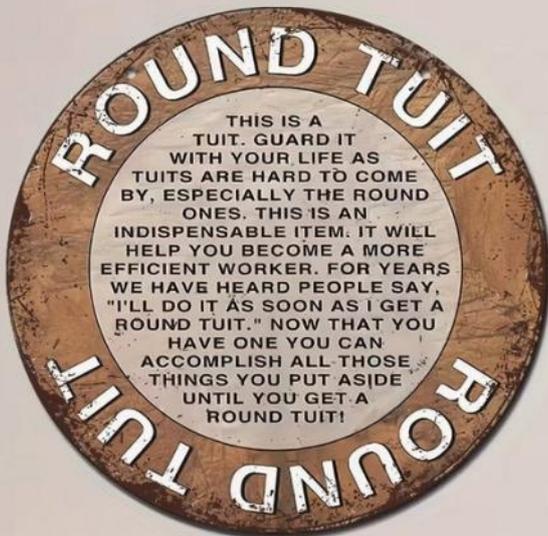


PROJECT IDEAS CAT DOORSTOP

This great idea was found on the website of Hornsby-Berowra Men’s Shed



A cut-out cat attached to a wedge doorstop.



**THIS ROUND TUIT
SHOULD BE ISSUED
TO ALL NEW SHED
MEMBERS!
... AND MANY OF
THE OLDER ONES
TOO!!**



FISHING CLINIC

By Gary Sheppard

Recently, I attended a three day fishing clinic held by my fishing guru Roger Osborne (**Rogersfishing on Youtube**). What Roger doesn't know about fishing isn't worth knowing! And he's such a great guy, super friendly, enthusiastic and inspirational with an amazing support team.



A couple of times each year Roger holds clinics where you can learn about catching fish and catching beach worms (which make the best bait).



Catching beach worms in particular is a skill that has evaded me for ages and I am determined to master it. They are slippery little buggers and you need just the right technique in order to nab them. So, some hands-on lessons got me up to speed. Much better than trying to learn it from a Youtube video.

In regard to fishing I learned how to "read" a beach, what structures attract fish, where they hang out and why, and what species can be found in various locations and water depths.

What are the best baits to use and what rigs suit each species, what kind of rods and other gear work best etc. It was all very useful, I know it will improve my fishing success rate 100%

Instead of just turning up at a beach and hoping, I'll know where to fish and how to do it.

And to top it all off, I got to hang out with a great bunch of blokes so there were lots of stories told and laughs to be had.

If you're into fishing I would thoroughly recommend attending one of Roger's clinics.





FINISHING OILS

With so many of our members now working with natural timbers, the finish achieved is of importance.

This article is aimed at making our members aware of the qualities of the finishes. The main article was featured in an old model shipbuilding newsletter in the 1980's by an author whose identity, after such lapse of time, could not be ascertained, HOWEVER, it is enhanced for us by observations by **Ian Dawes** and we thank Ian for his contribution.

TUNG OIL, also known as "China wood oil", is one of the oldest and best wood preservatives. It is extracted from the nuts of the tung tree native to the Orient. This tree is now commercially grown in the Gulf States.

The name comes from the Chinese word "tung", meaning stomach, because it has a purgative reaction when taken internally.

This oil is deeply penetrating and serves to bind the fibres of the woods and thus seal and preserve them. Heat will not draw out tung oil as it will other oils. It is water and solvent resistant.

To apply, rub on with a soft cloth until all the oil is in the wood and not on the surface. Immediately wipe off all the excess from the surface as a thick coat of surface film will wrinkle on drying. If the oil becomes tacky, wipe it off with a rag moistened in fresh oil. It is also possible to thin the oil with turpentine.

The oil should soak into the wood anywhere from 30 seconds to 10 minutes depending on weather conditions and the properties of the wood. Wait at least 12 hours between coats.

It is recommended that three coats be applied with a rubbing of 4/0 steel wool after each coat to assure a smooth surface.

Subsequent cleaning and polishing should be done with lemon oil. If a brush is used to apply the oil, it can be cleaned with mineral spirits or lacquer thinner.

Tung oil tends to dry non-glossy, a varnish made with tung oil has more lustre. There are other staining products containing tung oil with which wood can be stained.

You do have to be careful with tung oil, as it will solidify or jell in the jar or container once it is exposed to air.

LEMON OIL is very good for use as the final oil finish, especially over tung oil. It should not be used over a wax finish, and it is recommended that you should use pure lemon oil, not one that contains linseed oil, bee's wax or silicones.

LINSEED OIL is an extract of the flax seed. It dries slowly but seals well. Always use boiled linseed oil and not raw linseed oil as the latter contains the non-drying elements of the oil.

The linseed oil reacts with oxygen to become a solid film. When it dries it leaves a soft surface and has poor moisture resistance, allowing double the moisture to pass compared to tung oil. The finish should never be overcoated with lacquer or shellac.

CHEMICALLY MODIFIED OILS penetrate faster and deeper and dry more quickly and harder than unmodified oils. They are particularly good for woods with a natural beautiful grain. They usually dry without gloss, giving a natural oil finish.

You should allow at least eight hours between coats. Some of the products readily available are:

1. Penetrating finish oil;
2. Danish oils containing resins which polymerise and dry in the wood;
3. Teak oil which are used on highly resinous woods such as rosewood and teak.

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Some additional comments from **Ian Dawes**:

OTHER OIL FINISHES:

Like lemon oil there are a number of vegetable oils that can be used to enhance the appearance of wood. **ORANGE OIL** can be used straight but like lemon oil is useful over other finishes.

I use it to revive the appearance of bowls that have become somewhat dusty or lacking in lustre with age. The smell is also something that the boss likes (so it gets used on furniture as well).

For bowls and other items to be used with food it is best to use an edible vegetable oil of which there is a range available - grape seed oil and oils used in cooking or as salad dressing are fine.

For food use, definitely avoid Tung oil (which is great for sealing floors) or linseed oil, which is toxic to humans but great for cricket bats. In fact the best approach for a salad bowl is to use the oil that is in the salad dressing – and after the meal is over rinse the bowl and wipe off any excess oil.

I have removed the varnish layer from a myrtle bowl we use for salads (made by a professional – the bowl not the salads) and it now has a rich patina from the salad oil, much better than its appearance under varnish.

Oils that polymerise and harden include tung oil, linseed oil, and walnut oil. If you want to coat an item for outdoor use and are considering Danish oil (which is based on linseed oil) make sure that it contains an antifungal agent, otherwise it will go black with fungal growth on exposure to the weather.

For items that will be subjected to hard wear one can use Tung oil, or a commercial spirit-based varnish, e.g. one based on polyurethane. This is available for a matt, satin or gloss finish.

If you don't like the high gloss from any of these on a bowl you can put the bowl back on the lathe and use 0000 steel wool to gently give a more satisfactory appearance. I don't like water-based polyurethane since it is very viscous and hard to apply without leaving brush marks.

Another alternative, especially for bowls is to use a wax-based finish. There are commercially available ones with the wax dissolved in a solvent – either forming a liquid or a gel.

These are rubbed on a bowl and then with the lathe turned on the application cloth is used to provide friction. The heat will allow the wax to penetrate the bowl to provide a very acceptable finish.

Waxed surfaces will gradually dull with age, but can be revived with orange oil. My own recipe is to use beeswax dissolved in eucalyptus turps with a small dash of boiled linseed oil. The mixture in a glass or plastic jar is gently heated in a saucepan of boiling water until the wax melts/dissolves. On cooling it forms a gel that is easy to apply.

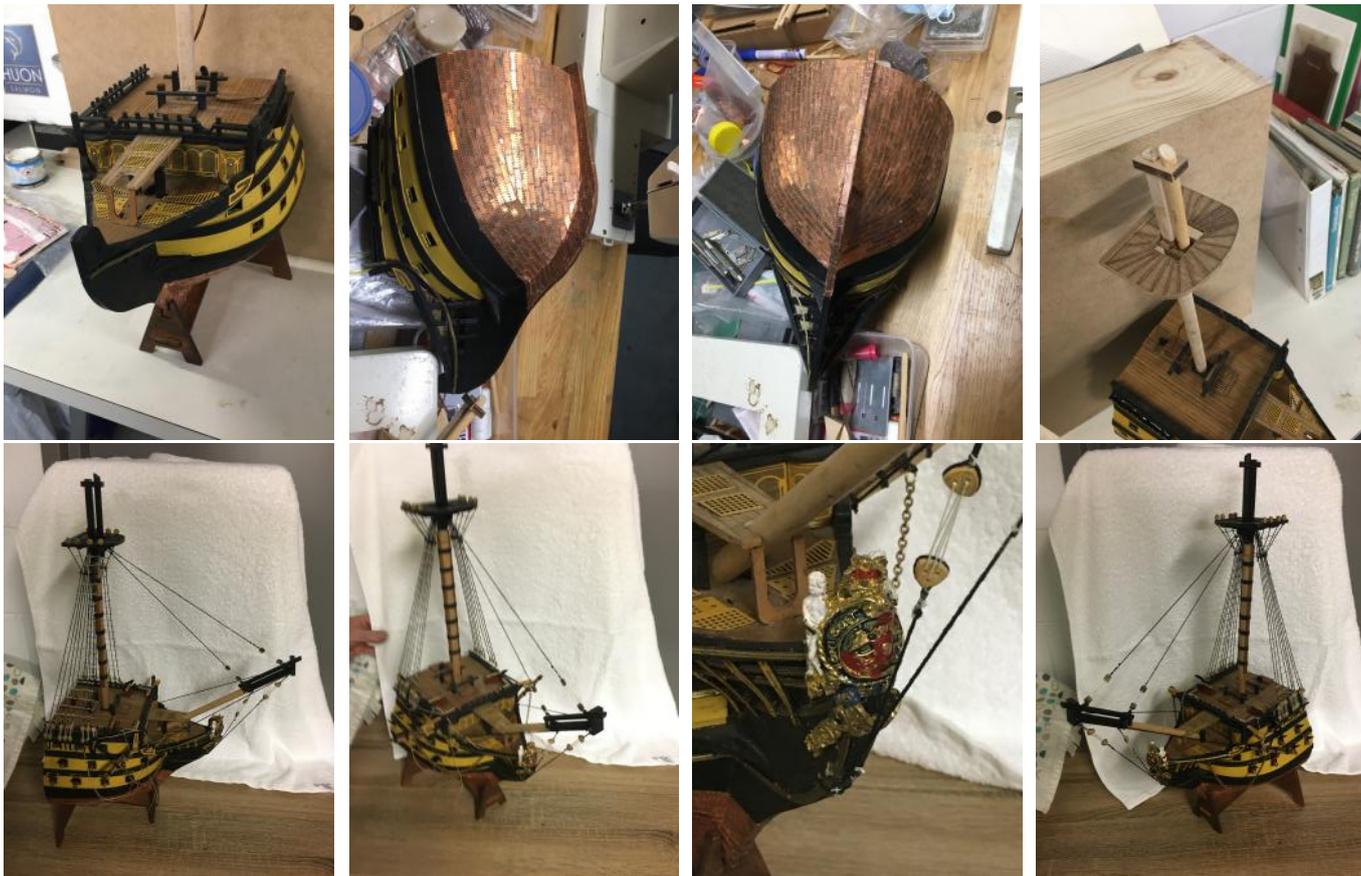
Finally, there are many other options, e.g. penmakers are probably familiar with cyanoacrylate finishes. I recommend that you look at past issues of woodworking magazines, which frequently feature special techniques for finishing a project to appreciate the wide range of available methods and products



**There really
was a time
when men
drove in
peace.**

"VICTORY" FOR WATSON

Tom Wolf finished building his "*HMS Victory Bow Section*", including fully copper tilting the hull, at **Mark Moran Vaucluse** in early 2024, the model was then stored at MMV. **Dach Hall** helped Tom with the model at MMV.



MMV is a residential and nursing home where Dach is a resident and where Tom volunteers by running a Men's Shed 2 days a week.

The search then started for a suitable home for such a distinguished model, and the result became a forgone conclusion when, during ANZAC Day celebrations, **CMDR. Aaron Scott, CSM, RAN**, the then Commanding Officer of HMAS Watson, the Royal Australian Navy's maritime training school and naval base at the South Head entrance to Sydney Harbour at Watsons Bay, visited MMV.

CMDR Scott expressed interest in the model and Tom donated it to HMAS Watson for display in the wardroom. A more suitable home for the model could not be found.

Lt-CMDR Eric Close, RAN, made the display case, and on "Trafalgar Day", 21 October 2025 (220th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar), the model went on display at HMAS Watson



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All this took a period of time, but finally arrangements were made for the formal hand-over (or “commissioning”) of the model, and **Tom Wolf**, his wife **Sandy**, together with **Dach Hall** and some of the **residents of MMV** attended for morning tea in the wardroom,



The group was welcomed on arrival at HMAS Watson by **Lt-CMDR Justin Raward, RAN**, who explained some of the history of the base and showed off some of the historical displays at the base.

It was to everyone’s delight that **CMDR Kathryn Jones, RAN**, the current Commanding Officer of HMAS Watson was able to join us for the duration of the sumptuous morning tea, **CMDR Jones** replaced **CMDR Scott** as CO of the base, and it was then double delight when **CMDR Scott**, who was in Sydney for a course, also joined in the festivities.



A great time was had by all.



**My doctor said,
now that I'm
older, I need to
install a bar in
the shower.**



STILL MORE FAVOURITE T-SHIRTS

It seems that interesting T-shirts seen around are never-ending, we actually have a rule against wearing offensive garments at the Waverley Shed. It is hoped that seeing more of these will so offend you as to send us some more!!

