

SEGMENTED MOB MEETING NOTES
MELVILLE CLUBROOMS
Sunday 13 April, 2025

Present – Don Clarke, Ian Hamilton, Ross Flint (to 1035), Geoff Stapylton, Aiton Sheppard, Ray Dallin, Stan Nolan and Ivan Lucic (from 1020).

Apologies – Syd Harvey, Kerry Nilan, John Townsend.

WEBSITE (Link to our Google Drive)

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZXKXiCAKthAjxLWn1NCrY9UhL1xim9Cz>

BEGINNERS TRAINING COURSE

Don brought in examples of his bowls to show at the conclusion of the course. He explained that one should make the feature ring and then the bowl to fit.



Don showed the open segment vase he was making. A whole ring at the top, like the solid base is needed to prevent the item shattering when turning it. Don is also experimenting with a Greek style feature ring design. There was some discussion between Don and Geoff on designing feature rings.



At the end of the meeting Don helped Ray to cut Ray's feature ring pieces in the shed.

Not everyone who participated in the training course was present. On the behalf of all concerned, Aiton recorded the Mob's thanks to Don for the time and effort he had put into training. It was very much appreciated by everyone.

It was agreed that we do more training courses from time to time.

AROUND THE TABLE

TREV – brought in a selection of ring-hinged boxes to show the variety of 'Celtic Knots' he had been experimenting with. The incomplete one he did not think was very successful so the design will be modified.





AITON – brought in the sample rings he made up with lengths increasing by 5mm from 20-75mm lengths (refer to photo overleaf). He used these to cut appropriate lengths of hose clamp bands from the set Ian had purchased for folk who ordered them. The sample rings are a useful tool to help in design and also assess the appropriate segment widths necessary to prevent the insides of items coming to the outside, as had happened to the shallow salad bowls Aiton was trying to make. Two early efforts failed – one resulting in a small platter and the other in a much smaller shallow salad bowl.

STAN – asked for light timber to compliment the Jarrah segments he was using in some 'Egyptian' style bowls he was making up at the request of his family. He asked for help to cut segments accurately.



IAN – advertised the belt sander and planer that John Townsend wants to sell for \$150 each. Anyone interested should contact John directly on 0405 143 407.

RAY – brought in a box of pieces he had made up for his feature ring. He needed help cutting these accurately into segments and asked for Don's assistance to do this on the table saw using the Incra sled. Ray was also seeking out some light coloured timber to compliment Jarrah segments. He was having trouble with the rings for his training bowl which will need to have some rings cut off and replaced with ones that are accurately cut and assembled. Photos of Rays stuff are on the next page, #6.

GEOFF – has finished his training bowl with feature ring. His photos are on page #7. He is trying to make up a sled by 3D printing so that he can cut 7.5 degree angles.

IVAN – just popped in for the company and a chat. We are always pleased to see him when he is available to attend.





The meeting concluded at 1040 when we adjourned to the shed to assist the folk who wanted some help. Again we record our thanks to Don for all the help he has offered those who needed it.

2025 PROPOSED MEETING DATES

APRIL – **Thursday 24.**

MAY – Sunday 4 and Thursday 15 and Sunday 25.

JUNE – Thursday 5 and Sunday 15 and Thursday 26.

JULY – Sunday 6, Thursday 17 and Sunday 27.