

WesTurn News

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President's Report

Our Open Day is over for another year and a big Thank You to Andy and Paul for the work they put in getting it organised. We were not as busy as in other years but anything is better than nothing and everyone seemed to have a good time and there was lots of interaction between the members and people who had called in to see our Club.

Many thanks to all who helped prepare the Club for the day as well as those who helped on the day and the "few" who put everything back on Monday. A special thanks to Fiona for all her work in preparation of scones and cakes and to Manny, together they helped to make it a great day in the catering department. Also Russ for all his work on the barbecue and all those who were demonstrating on the lathes outside. Thanks to all.

Leo Kelly from Blacktown Council opened the day for us and he was very impressed with our setup and the condition of the building as he remembered it before the Club took over.

Except for our Christmas Get together at Rene's Pizza, Blacktown not a lot is happening on the run up to Christmas. Hope to see more names on the list for the Party.

Our Sander is now back on line so treat it tenderly.

The Open Day produced quite a number of new members along with a promise of more to come in the near future.

Not much else happening so see you next year. Have a Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to all those who have helped the Club throughout the year.

Bob Young.
Happy Turning.

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If you have any problems or information concerning the club please contact any of the above committee members.

Shop items

Triple "P"

Friction Polish

Sanding Sealer

Sandpaper

Club Shirts

Dust jackets

Club Badges

Pen Kits

Pen Blanks – Acrylics

Many more items also available

Shop Trading Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9am – 10:30am

12:45pm – 1:30pm

Friday nights: 7pm – 7:30pm

See Paul Collins and Bob Young for more details



Thanks to Michelle Rowland MP, The member for Greenway, for her continued support which includes the printing of this newsletter

Club Trading Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am – 3:30pm \$5

Friday Nights: 6:30pm – 9pm \$3

Third Saturday of the month:

9:30am – 3:30pm \$5

20th December

17th January 2015

21st February

Contact: Liam Healy – 0411560984

Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month:

13th December

10th January 2015

14th February

Contact: Anna Dawes – 96386995

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Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

From 9:30am (Lunch included) \$6

15th February 2015

15th March

19th April

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – 7pm

10th February 2015

10th March

14th April

Librarian Report

An Audit of the library shows a lot of BOOKS/MAGS/DVD's are way OVERDUE to be returned. On finalising the Audit it will be NAME and SHAME TIME so please get what you have OVERDUE back and avoid the embarrassment of having your name in print for the wrong reason.

DO IT NOW _____ NOT LATER

Regards Gary

Club Badges

If anyone who hasn't received their name tag yet or if you need a new one, please let me know and I will make you one when I can.

Jimmy Singh

New Members

Welcome to all our new members this month.
We hope your stay is both long and rewarding
Leslie Coomebs

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all our members this month.
We hope you have a great day with many more
to come.

December 2014

Doug Cox	Brian D'arcy
Neil Guthrie	Bill Hartley
Scott Landall	Alan Phelps
Liam Rodger	Peter Ryan
Raymond Saich	Manuel Spiteri

January 2015

John Brinson	Russell Werner
Fred de Jonge	Mark Dunn
Ana Erni	Branka Hedges
Andrew Heffernan	Lloyd Ives
Jack Kestle	Allan Kirkland
Anthony Kyle	Janice Lane
Graham Murray	Sonja Ringstad
John Satchwell	Maxwell Tankard
John Connaughton	

Merry Christmas

Have a wonderful Christmas and healthy
New Year. Thanks so much for all your
support throughout the year and have a
safe holiday. See you all next year!

Happy New Year



From the Editors



Members,

As some of you have **not** been diligent in ensuring only
sawdust and shavings are placed in the Sawdust Bins we are
now at risk of losing our privileged position of being able
to dispose of our shavings at the Golf Club. A new sign and
photo is now on display at the Club as a constant reminder
to ensure you only place sawdust and shavings in the
Sawdust Bins.

Please use the appropriate bins for: sawdust and shavings
- garbage - recyclable material - waste timber.



Alan Eipper
Secretary

Items such as those depicted in
this picture

MUST NOT

Be placed in the Sawdust Bins

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2014

6.00PM / FINISH



RENE'S PIZZA PALACE

SHOP1/21CAMPBELL ST

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Located under Blacktown Council building.

Corner of Civic lane and Campbell Street

B S from the Bush

We have been here for five weeks now and the trials and tribulation of moving is beginning to sink in. For those who are interested, read on, otherwise move to a more informative report.

The Weather - This seems to be very similar to Western Sydney. Some very cool nights and a lot of days in the low to mid 30s. Recently we have had nice rain at night which makes the place look good in the morning.

The Birds - There are a lot of colourful parrots (spoken like someone who knows what they are talking about) of course, plenty of Cockatoos, Willy Wagtails and (someone said) Apostle Birds (they go round in groups of twelve!!!!). We were told that after the fires in the Blue Mountains last year, a lot of birds moved to this area.

The Bugs - Trying to give you a true perspective, the bugs are a major part of the bush. Not too many flies although we have a couple of fly catchers around the place which gets filled quite often very quickly but every bloody thing else under the sun arrive here. From large beetles, moths and very small flying things. First couple of nights here we had the lights on the house and when it was time to go to bed we noticed all these flying bugs around the lights. What do you do? Spray, which we did the first time and in the morning we had to vacuum everywhere to pick up the bugs, the next night we ignored them and in the morning the things were crawling everywhere, not flying, still vacuumed the place! Now we have sealed a lot of gaps, put fly screen or netting where there was not any and kept the lights down low (don't get ideas).

The Traffic - Still getting some traffic noise from the Highway at night, traffic going to the Golf Club and Caves down the road during the day but that will mean future customers.

The Time - At the moment we have organised the house to the best we can, the container is maybe a third empty, no room to offload any more, done a few thing around the house and now waiting for the builder. The plans should be going to Council this week. Don't hold your breath. So what is there to do, visit places, shopping, eat, drink and do Sudoku. I will have to join the men shed soon!!

Friends - We are been lucky enough to have very good neighbours, very helpful. Some of the family have been to see us, our neighbour in Blacktown came and a visit from Eddie and Jill was very welcomed.

Just to wrap thing up, it is very slow here at the moment, we will be back for a week or so at Christmas and hope to see most of you then. When you can sit back in the evening with a view like below with long evening shadows, looking at the kangaroos, woodturning book on the table and a glass of Vino in hand,

Life is good. See you.



Ken Vodden

Welfare Report

This month has been a very good month as far as having sick or unwell members. It seems that we have all got over the winter blues and back to our good old selves. I hope this is right as I have not had any reports to the contrary.

As this is the last report for the year I wish all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy, Safe and prosperous New Year returning to the club after a well earned rest to a new and fresh healthy start in 2015.

Eddie C.

Safety Matters

A Reminder About Workshop Safety.

We must all keep in mind the importance of WORKSHOP SAFETY. Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times.

It is up to all of us to fulfil our commitment by wearing at all times;


- ✓ Dust masks
- ✓ Protective glasses
- ✓ Suitable clothing
- ✓ Footware
- ✓ Ear protection

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A Day at Linnwood House



When I arrived at 8.30 am Dave Matthews and Bob Young had just started to unpack the trailer. Set up was done in due course. The day went along quickly with plenty of tyre kickers. 'PUN' on the Rover Car Club being present. Both Dave and Bob had good sales but alas I did not sell anything. Charity sales were good and a lot of spinning tops claimed by eager children. The weather was wonderful warm, sunny and dry. The day was a fantastic experience and I will be back again.



John de Vos

Club Open Day

Leonie and I arrived at the club at 7.30am. A few members were already there helping out so we went and had a look at the other members stuff. There were some great stuff made by our many talented members.

The day started off slowly with only a few people coming in the morning but as the day went on it got abit better with some more people coming in around lunchtime to have a look and to buy some things but then the afternoon got very quiet so our sales weren't as good as other years.

It was a beautiful sunny day so it was a shame that not many people came to have a look at all the wonderful work done by our talented members. They not only missed out on buying some beautiful works of art but also seeing our talented members at work demonstrating turning, scroll sawing and pyrography.

Blacktown Counselor Leo Kelly officially opened the day than afterwards he and his wife had a look around and was very impressed with our work. The Director of the Workers club Jim Buckley also came as well as some members of the Northern Beaches club which was good.

We did have some people interested in joining our club and doing our training course, most of them were woman which was good but overall it was just a great day social day for our members.

Thankyou to all the members who helped out and donated prizes for our raffles.
Hopeful next year it will be a lot bigger and better.

Jimmy Singh

Club Open Day Photos



Toongabbie Public School – Christmas Markets

On Friday the 14th of November John Miles, Leonie Singh and I arrived at Toongabbie Public School at 5pm. Dave Matthews was already there. A few minutes later Ron Devine came. We then had to wait for Bob Young to come as he had the tables and charity bowls. Luckily we didn't have to wait too long. We just finished setting up when Rohan came. After we finished setting up, we all went to have a look around the other stalls and brought some dinner. It was very quiet at first but as the night cooled down, around 7pm things got very busy. It was a 40



degree day that day so it was nice to be outside in the nice cool night air. We all made some sales. Which was good. The charity did pretty well also thanks to Ron Devine. The banana stands sold out like always. There were heaps of other stalls there selling lots of different things including: clothes, krispy kreme donuts, makeup, jewelry, pot plants, cards and much more. Around 8pm the Zumba dance group performed some dancing on stage in the



hall. The music was so good that it even got Dave and Ron dancing. At around 9pm the raffle was drawn and John was lucky enough win a 3 month Gym membership which he said would be put to good use. All of a sudden it got very windy so some of other stalls started to pack up early. But we just kept on selling until around 10pm. It was a very entertaining and great night. I hope we can do it again next time. I had a lot of fun and it was a lot better than being stuck inside on a very hot night.

Jimmy Singh



Trend Open Day

The Trend Open day was held on the 14th and 15 November and whilst there were only two names on the list for attending, which was disappointing.

Initially, I thought that with me doing the setting up for a club demo for the first ever time it could be a disaster, however my fears were allayed when I was informed that Eddie Catford would also be coming to help, and that Paul Collins would be arriving later in the day.

Once we were set up, initially things were a bit slow but by mid morning there was a steady flow of people and it was good to catch up with similar minded people from near and far. One familiar face was our member; David Burns who arrived with several other members from the Orange Men's shed. It was good to catch up with David who looks well and appears to be enjoying life in the Central West.

In addition there were several other guests from further afield who enjoyed chatting about wood turning and their experiences.

Most of the other clubs in the area like Hawkesbury, Cumberland, Ornaments and Sydney Carvers were there showing off their capabilities. All with something different to offer. One thing that I did notice was that whilst I think we have a greater number of members than those clubs mentioned here they had far greater representation than western Sydney did. Surely we can support the club at these functions and also support those businesses that support not only the club but also the individual members.

It is fair to say that there were a few other members who attended on both days who provided assistance with turning demonstrations as well as promoting our club and to those I say thank you.

Saturday morning began with a telephone call from Paul Collins telling me that he would be late. He was carrying on about having had a ride in an ambulance late Friday night and that he would tell me about it when he arrived. About 45 minutes later he made his appearance wearing a beanie, which I thought was a bit odd considering it was shaping up as going to be one of the hottest November days.

Once he lifted his beanie thins started to fall into place. The ambulance ride was to take him to Blacktown Hospital to have 9 stitches inserted into a cut to his head that he claimed was caused by him falling out of bed, yet the story that was relayed to the ambulance driver was that his wife, Jenny, had hit him with a rolling pin, which he claimed was said on jest.

Many a true word is often said in jest. At least he did turn up to support Trend and as an ambassador for the club.

Thanks to all the members who turned up to help out, not only to chat to interested people but to fly the flag for the club.



Paul de Belle

Wednesday at the Club



Neil Guthrie



Rod Brown



John Miles



George Wells



Russ Werner



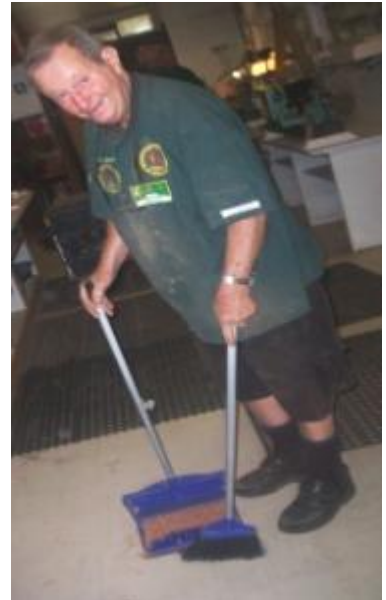
Graham Dawes



Manny Farrugia



Mehmet Colpan



Ron Devine



Bob Jarvis

CARS



Since the age of twelve
When awareness raised its head
I found I had a passion for the car
I loved the shapely bodies
I loved the sound they made
The older models were the best by far



I knew I had to wait some time
Before I'd have my own
So while I waited I would learn their breed
I could recognise a Buick
I knew the mighty Dodge
The Oldsmobile was one to take the lead



The Studebaker sure stood out
The boot was as long as it's bonnet
It looked like it was coming as it went
De Soto was a common sight
You don't see them today
De Soto made me wonder what it meant



Chevrolet were popular
And so was Henry Ford
The Rolls Royce and Daimler were so rare
I've loved Jaguars and Cadillac's
The cars of way back when
We love the lovely oldies 'cause we care



Now the way to see these cars
Is at antique motor rallies
Enthusiasts restore them just like new
It costs a lot of money
It costs a lot of time
If I had the money it's what I'd like to do



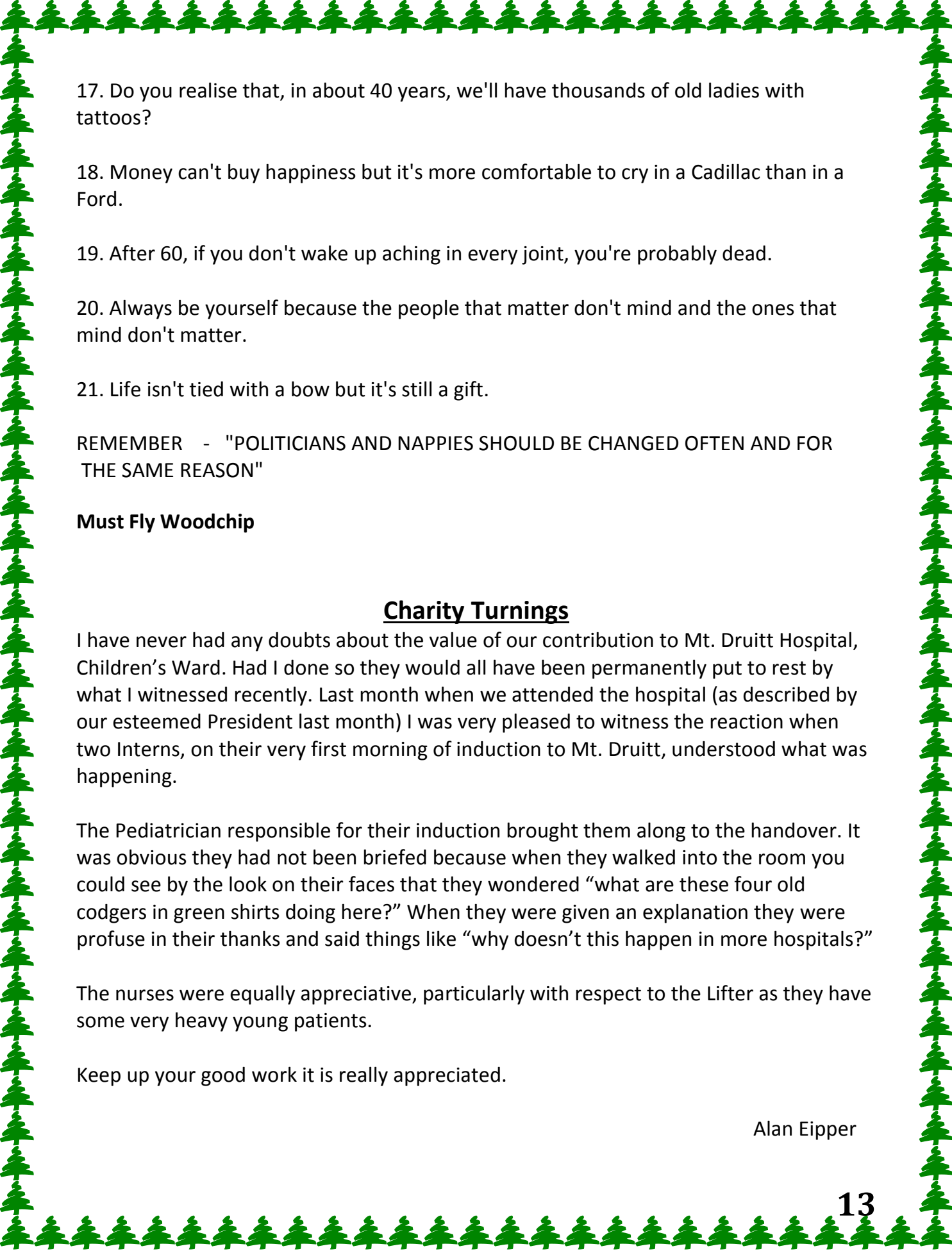
Neil Guthrie



APHORISM: *A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth.*



1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humour you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. (a) A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
(b) A good time to keep your mouth shut is when SHE is wrong.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Stroke a cat and you will have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - it could be the right number.
13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.
15. Be careful about reading the fine print there's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

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17. Do you realise that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies with tattoos?
 18. Money can't buy happiness but it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than in a Ford.
 19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.
 20. Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind and the ones that mind don't matter.
 21. Life isn't tied with a bow but it's still a gift.

REMEMBER - "POLITICIANS AND NAPPIES SHOULD BE CHANGED OFTEN AND FOR THE SAME REASON"

Must Fly Woodchip

Charity Turnings

I have never had any doubts about the value of our contribution to Mt. Druitt Hospital, Children's Ward. Had I done so they would all have been permanently put to rest by what I witnessed recently. Last month when we attended the hospital (as described by our esteemed President last month) I was very pleased to witness the reaction when two Interns, on their very first morning of induction to Mt. Druitt, understood what was happening.

The Pediatrician responsible for their induction brought them along to the handover. It was obvious they had not been briefed because when they walked into the room you could see by the look on their faces that they wondered "what are these four old codgers in green shirts doing here?" When they were given an explanation they were profuse in their thanks and said things like "why doesn't this happen in more hospitals?"

The nurses were equally appreciative, particularly with respect to the Lifter as they have some very heavy young patients.

Keep up your good work it is really appreciated.

Alan Eipper

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is different in OZ

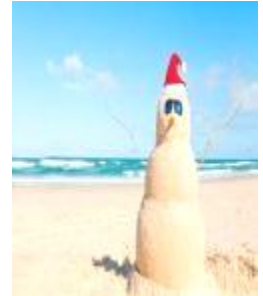
Not like other countries it seems

Our Christmas cards might make you think it snows

Families still get together

But round a barbeque

And where you'd find a snowman no one knows



Our weather doesn't need a coat

It hardly needs a shirt

And the kids will end up playing in the pool

With lots of good old Zink cream

To save them from the sun

At Christmas it's the best way to keep cool



We like to have a Christmas tree

It's tradition so they say

And presents round the tree inspire delight

While children love to dress it up

With baubles and frosty stars

And all in all it makes a pretty sight



One more thing that I like

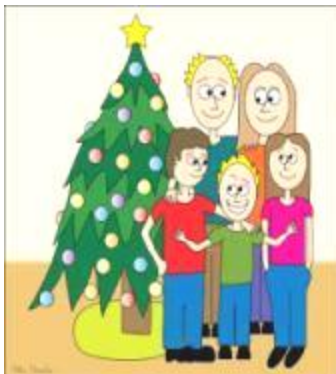
Is seeing folks and friends

Some you haven't seen at all that year

And catching up with rello's

To have a drink or two

A glass of wine or maybe a frosty beer



Neil Guthrie

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KNOW YOUR TOOLS

ITEM 12

GRINDING WHEELS

Grinding Wheel Marking System

Example: 51 - A - 36 - L - 5 - V - 23

Prefix	Abrasive grain size				Structure	Bond type	Manufacturer's record
	Abrasive type	Coarse	Medium	Fine			
Aluminium oxide C Silicon carbide	8	30	70	220	Dense 1	Resinoid Resinoid reinforced Shellac Oxychloride Rubber Rubber reinforced Silicate Vitrified	Manufacturer's private marking (to identify wheel) (use optional)
	10	36	80	240	2		
	12	46	90	280	3		
	14	54	100	320	4		
	16	60	120	400	5		
	20		150	500	6		
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				(Use optional)			

Soft ABCDEFGHIJK Medium LMNOPQRSTU Hard VWXYZ
Grade scale

Standard marking system for aluminum-oxide and silicon-carbide bonded abrasives.



GRINDING WHEELS

Grinding wheels are part of the bench grinder and an important tool in wood turning as they are used on a regular basis keeping our tools sharp. They come in a vast array of sizes, shapes and colours. The above is an index used by the majority of manufactures and should only be used as a guide to explain what the configuration of an individual wheel is. This code will normally be printed on the paper sticker on the side of the wheel along with hole size and manufacturers details. For our purpose we will limit our discussion to wheels we are most likely to use, being the grey wheel, pink or white, CBN and ceramic wheels 8 inch diameter x 1 inch wide.

The grey wheel is normally a hard wheel and used for removing or shaping soft or mild steel quickly and generates a lot of heat giving of visual sparks and if not careful will burn or blue the edge very quickly. Constant quenching or cooling is necessary.

The white or pink wheels are a softer compound wheel, they are not as aggressive and give far less sparks and don't generate as much heat as quick as the grey wheels therefore more suitable for sharpening tool steel and high speed steel, again continual quenching is necessary making sure not to burn or blue the edge.

CBN wheels are generally aluminum or stainless steel bodies with diamond impregnated outer circumference and are used for tool steel and high speed steel more for fine tuning and a finishing grind to a tool. These wheels are more expensive than those above but are far better for finishing.

The ceramic wheel has all the attributes to that of the CBN but more expensive again.

It should be remembered that the aggressiveness of all grinding wheels is determined by the size and type of compound the wheel is made up of and I strongly suggest you refer to the above chart, discuss your needs with suppliers before you settle on a purchase.

Eddie C.

Note. As in all professions there are many and varied opinions and ways of doing things. This is true of wood turning. These articles are the results of my reading article publications.