WesTurn News

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Just as I was preparing to do this month's Presidents' Report I thought what am I going to write about and noticed that it will be the last one for the year.

Christmas is almost upon us. Where has the year gone?

As most members are aware some of the work around the club has slowed down such as the cutting of the timber that has been stored out the back near the container but a slight dent was made on that stock pile last Monday with Steve Attard playing with the chain saw and building up our stock of African Yellow wood and Camphor Laurel for members. Thanks Steve.

Our new Executive have implemented some new changes during the year with our new catering officer and also our treasurer making some changes which seem to be working so well done guys, keep up the good work.

Our Charity monies raised resulted in new equipment being purchased for Mt Druitt Children's ward and the official hand over occurred last week. The Hospital staff were extremely grateful for the equipment and expressed their gratitude for the equipment and the effort of members in diligently working to raise funds for this purpose.

I know I speak on behalf of the executive in saying thank you to the members for the work that they do in turning charity items.

This also leads me to the various demonstrations that the club attends where we sell these products however it seems that it is the same old ones who continually attend these demos. It is getting harder for some of us to do these due to our bodies breaking down. I ask if you can help with attending some of these demos then please do; they are a fun day and you can make a few bob for yourself as well as our charity

The Club had its annual Christmas function at Northmead Bowling Club with around 40 members their wives and friends attending. It was a great afternoon with everyone getting together and enjoying themselves. It is a pity we can't get more to attend these things as you are missing a good day. Thanks to Rohan for organizing this for us. On behalf of my fellow exec members I would like to wish all members the very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Paul de Belle

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If you have any suggestions or information concerning the club please contact any of the above committee

FOR SALE

Members don't forget we have a lot of Cherry, Sapele, Walnut, European Oak and Alder bench tops for sale at the club!

FREE CORIAN

White - 12mm and 20mm thick
Black - 12mm thick
Gray - 12mm thick

Shop items

Triple "P"

Friction Polish

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Club Shirts

Dust jackets

Club Badges

Pen Kits

Pen Blanks – Acrylics

Many more items also available

Shop Trading Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9am – 10:30am

12:45 – 1:30pm

Friday nights: 7pm – 7:30pm

See Les Coombes or 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 – 4pm $5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm $3

Third Saturday of the month:

9am – 3pm $5

Contact: Les Coombs –

0404 001 562

Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month: $5

Contact: Anna Dawes – 9638 6995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

From 10:00am

(Lunch included) $6

February 2019 meeting 17/02/19 at 11AM is Pen Making by Branka Hedges.

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – –

Pens wanted for the Australian Troops overseas

We are supporting our troops overseas if you have any spare pens you would like to donate please give them to the Convener on the day.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all our members For December 2018 and January 2019.. We hope you have a great day with many more to come.

Name	Member since
Alan Phelps	Jul -01
Charles Mumford	Jan -17
Jodie Buhagier	Oct- 16
Neil Guthrie	Jul - 03
Paul Fiores	F eb- 18
Scott Landall	Nov - 17
Stormy Fairweather	Feb -15
Allan Kirkland	Oct -96
Andrew Heffernan	Aug - 10
Ayras Ahmad	Sep– 18
Branka Hedges	Mar -11
Fred De Jonge	June -08
Jack Kestle	Apr -11
Janice Lane	Dec -13
Jim Lewis	Sep -17
John Connaughton	Nov -10
Lloyd Ives	Mar -11
Mark Dunn	Oct -06
Maxwell Tankard	Mar – 12
Raymond Saich	Mar -08
Russell Werner	Jan -09

Coming Events

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December2018 and January 2019 Please note there are no activities planned for Either month. Stay tuned for February 2019 activities.

Any members interested in going to these eventsplease put your name on the clipboards at the club

New Member

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

Christina	Casiraghi	29th Oct 2018

Club Charity
Mount Druitt Hospital Children's Ward

We very much appreciate all the work members have done to make and sell charity bowls.
These are a very popular item at our demonstration days and we need lots more charity bowls please for this very worthy cause.

Welfare

It's always nice to get a card from the members of the club when you are sick at home or in hospital.

If you are aware of any members or their families who are sick or in hospital please tell the welfare officer Rob Stewart or any members of the Committee.

MENTORING REPORT

Our Student Mentoring program starts again in Term 3 if you would like to be a mentor, please see Barbara.

All mentors need to have a working with Children approval. If you have done yours please check it is still valid or to apply visit

https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check

Librarian Report

Our Library has some 178 books, 155 DVD's and 199 magazines which are all available to members.

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Sunday 21st October Maxiday demonstration day was with Simon Begg







Simon did a wonderful demonstration of bowl decoration using a Dremel and other rotary tools



The bowl Simon worked during his presentation. A video of the day is available in the club library. The Video is split into two one-hour sessions covering both the morning and afternoon demonstrations.





The Maxi Day Show and Tell was very rich and included the work from members our club and those of the other clubs who joined us for Simon's demonstration.





Members Welfare

Our member's welfare is important to our club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still no longer with us. Let me know at ***email address robandgail@hotmail.com***

This month cards were sent to Bob Taylor, Jill Catford, Robyn Mahoney and Carmel Szabo.

If anyone is missed be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our Club are with you and your Family. Rob Stewart

Bs from the Bush November and December 2018

Hi there from the Bush. Just a short few words this month as it has been a very busy time with Christmas fast approaching and lots of last minute things to do.

Most importantly, your donations for the Drought appeal were graciously received by the Local Drought Relief Co-ordinator in the area. Your efforts were truly appreciated. This also goes for the farmers in the Wellington area who are all struggling and any assistance is very highly valued.

It was great to catch up with a lot of the members at the Christmas party on 2nd December 2018 and have a good old chat which I miss greatly.

May I take this opportunity from both Chris and myself to wish you all a merry and safe Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.



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DONATION: Ken Vodden of the Western Sydney Wood turners presents a cheque to Councillor Anne Jones. **Photo: Contributed.**

Wood Turners donate to drought relief

DROUGHT relief efforts presided over by Lions club's District 201N4 Drought Disaster Relief Co-ordinator Anne Jones have received an unexpected boost from an unlikely source during a recent hay distribution effort at her property.

Ken Vodden from the Caves Wood Gallery in Wellington presented the councillor with a cheque from the Western Sydney Wood Turners association, a group of hobbyists and craftsmen who have been following along with the Dubbo region's drought relief efforts from afar.

Mr Vodden, who is still a current member of the Wood Turners, still contributes to the organisation's monthly newsletter and has informed other members in the club of the plight currently faced by farmers facing extreme drought conditions.

Thanks to Mr Vodden's efforts, the club is 'very aware' of the harsh conditions farmers are currently struggling through and the stories of hardship spurred the organisation's membership of one hundred and fifty men and women to pool resources and donate.

– DANIEL SHIRKIE

Take care over the festive break and look forward to providing further word from the bush in 2019

Ken

Meet a member

With so many members and the different days members attend, it's often difficult to meet everyone in the club. This is the sixth in a series of interviews that Westurn is doing with members



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Alan Piper member since August 2018

Wes: What things do you make?
Alan: I have made bowls,& pens plus a candlestick holder and would like to try my hand at other items such as wine stoppers, lamps and lidded boxes.

Wes: When did you learn to turn and why?

Alan: I took up wood turning 3 months ago after attending the 3 day beginners course here at Western Sydney Woodturners Club. As I had recently retired my wife and I thought it would be a good idea for me to take up a hobby where I could enjoy making something preferably from wood and meeting like minded people, who are willing to help each other.

Wes: What do you like about the Club?
Alan: I like the very friendly, helpful, jovial nature of all the people and their willingness to offer advice, assist or show you other ways to do something, allowing you to continually improve on the things you turn.

Wes:: Where were you born?
Alan : I was born in Grafton NSW and lived in the nearby town of Ulmarra until I started my work life in Sydney.

Wes: Are you still working?
Alan: I decided to retire in April this year. I have working for Telstra all my working career. The first 8 years of my career I was doing Telephone Exchange Maintenance and the last 35 years have been in the Information Technology area with computer systems.

Wes: Do you sell the things you make?
Alan: I have not tried to sell anything I have made yet, they have been for our own use at home or given as gifts to friends and family.

Wes: Do you have a lathe at home?
Alan: No I do not have a lathe at home but may look at getting one sometime next year.

Wes: Do you go to the club Demonstration days.?
Alan: I saw one of the club demonstrations prior to joining but have not been a part of one as yet.

Wes: How many days a week do you come to the club?
Alan: I go to the Club on Wednesday's.
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Important Notice to Members

In order that we may keep our records up to date would you please let Raymond Saich or a member of the Club executive know of any change of address, Telephone number, Email address etc.

Linnwood House Sunday 11th November 2018

I arrived around 8:20am and Don was there waiting for me. We were set up by just after 9am. Linwood house did a lovely Remembrance Day Service. They had quite a few English cars there on display. It was a lovely sunny day, we made some money for charity. I sold a few items myself, sadly Don didn't have a good sale day, but he sold the club very well.

Dave Mathews.









LIBRARY NEWS

We have several new books which were recently donated by a member. These are

1. ***"More of Blizzards Wooden Toys"*** *by Richard Blizzard. This book covers all types of making toys from simple to advanced projects. It has toys for toddlers, outdoor toys and model making such as cars, trucks, planes, dolls house, even a self propelled go cart (billy cart) with brakes !. All have detailed plans, material lists and measurements in both imperial and metric. There are some really good projects in this book suitable for all skill levels.*

2 ***"Ultimate Woodwork Bible - A Complete Reference with Step-by-Step Techniques"*** *by P. Davey & B. Plewes. If you want to expand from woodturning into woodworking then this book will give you a basic overview of everything from hand tools to machinery, construction methods, joints, timber, finishing, hardware, sharpening, etc. It really tries to cover just about everything you need to know about woodworking.*

New DVD *: If you missed Simon Beggs's recent maxi-Day demonstration on embellishing bowls and boxes then this is worth a look. He covered carving and texturing with a Dremel with various cutters, painting techniques and so on. This is definitely worth watching.*

Just a few other points*:*

- *All loans and returns must be registered in the loan books.*
- *Books are 2 weeks loan, magazines and DVDs are for 1 week.*
- *All returned items are to be filed numerically NOT randomly in the library. Returned magazines especially seem to be shuffled like a deck of cards.*
- *Members are always welcome to donate books and magazines to the library.. Please leave all donations at the convenors desk packaged with my name and library donation clearly marked on them.*

Until Next Time Rod Brown Librarian



The Future. Are you ready for it?

Did you know that 2018 is like a roll of toilet paper? Like life, it is, as the nearer the end the faster it disappears. With this in mind I thought it appropriate to share some very interesting predictions as the FUTURE is approaching faster than the roll of toilet paper.

Mechanics and Service Stations, as we know them, will fade away. Parking meters will be replaced by meters that dispense electricity.

A petrol engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electrical motor has 20. Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are only repaired by dealers. It takes 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor. Faulty electric motors are not repaired in the dealership they are sent to a repair shop to be repaired by robots. Your electric motor malfunction light goes on, so you drive up to what looks like a car wash your car is towed through.

While you have a cup of coffee and out comes your car with a new electric motor!

In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. Who would have thought of that ever happening? With today's smart phones, who has a camera these days? What happened to Kodak will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5-10 years.

Forget the book, "Future Shock", welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution. Software has disrupted and will continue to disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.

UBER is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world! Ask any taxi driver if they saw that coming.

Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties. Ask Hilton Hotels if they saw that coming.

Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go-player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

In the USA, young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of IBM's Watson, you can get legal advice (so far just the basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. There will be 90% fewer lawyers in the future, (what a thought!) only omniscient.

Specialists will remain. Watson already helps nurses diagnosing cancer, it's 4 times more accurate than human nurses.

Face book now has pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.

Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars are already here. In the next 2 years, the entire industry will start to be disrupted.

You won't want to own a car anymore as you will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it you will only pay for the driven distance and you can be productive while driving. The very young children of today will never get a driver's license and will never own a car. This will change our cities, because we will need 90-95% fewer cars. We can transform former parking spaces into parks. Worldwide1.2 million people die each year in car accidents. Autonomous driving will save a million lives plus worldwide each year.

Most traditional car companies will doubtless become bankrupt. Traditional car companies will try the evolutionary approach and just build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will do the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels. Look at Volvo, no more internal combustions engines in their vehicles, starting with the 2019 models, using all electric or hybrid only, with the intent of phasing out hybrid models. Many auto engineers are terrified of Tesla and so they should be. Look at all the companies offering all electric vehicles. That was unheard of, only a few years ago.



Can you assist with this query?

Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe that your club was once part of the Sydney Woodturner's Guild. Presently I am the Editor of the Guild magazine "By Hand & Eye.". I am looking for old copies of the magazine from 1989 and earlier. & wish to borrow them to scan them into electronic form. I will most definitely return them.

.Could you ask your older members if they have any old copies that they would be prepared to lend me and your help would be most appreciated.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

P.W. McLeod

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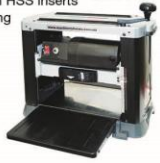
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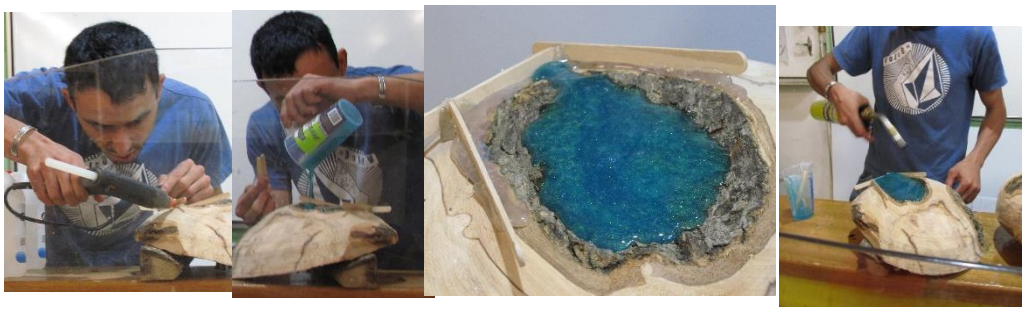
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Steve Attard's Resin Demonstration, November



Steve's demonstration engendered a lot of interest and certainly held the attention of a pleasing number of attendees including a visitor from Hornsby. The process of using resin in our work was explained clearly and is no longer perceived to be a daunting process.Several kits have already been ordered by members eager to 'have a go'. Ian's tasty lunch was well received as was an interesting display on the 'show and tell' table.









Keep this date: **17th February, 2019, Branka Hedges,'Pen Making'**

THE BACK PAGE

Item Number 53 ***Saw Stop Table Saw***



The recent purchase of this Saw iscomplementing our ongoing upgrade of equipment with quality and safety in mindand being a leader in our fielda club envious of many.The saw with its revolutionary Safety system prevents majoraccidents to the operator's person.

While there has been some reservation from some members it should be remembered that it is a table saw and should be used as such. You would not use wet wood, aluminum or cut nails in the old machine why would you want to do it with this machine. The following sums it up ……

The electronic detection unit detects when a person contacts the blade, a small electrical signal is induced into the blade by electrodes placed around the arbor. Although this low voltage, high frequency signal is too small to feel it can be measured by the detection system. When human skin comes into contact with the blade (or arbor), a portionof the signal is absorbed by the body due to the inherent electrical capacitance of the human body. As a result, the signal on the blade gets smaller and the detection unit recognizes this as contact.

Wood and other non-conductive materials such as plastics, foam, cardboard, corian, melamine, etc., do not cause a drop in the signal because those materialsdo not absorb the signal on the blade. Conductive materials such as Aluminum and other materials carbon fiber materials, mirrored acrylic, carbon filled materials etc., will typically cause the brake to activate. If you need to cut these materials, the safety system can be placed in "By Pass Mode" to temporarily disable the brake.

This procedure is explained in detail in the operation instruction manual.

Exerts have been taken from the "Saw Stop" operator's manual.

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*