WesTurn News

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Presidents Report January 2020

Hello everyone I hope you all have had a good and Happy Christmas and will have a Happy 2020.

Now for the unhappy stuff:

The Club has recently had issues with the Rules and Regulations set down in our Constitution. The Constitution is there for the protection of all members but there may be some members who take exception to some items in it.

These members who have taken exception had ample time to object to them when the constitution was compiled before it was finalized. BUT on behalf of the Committee I would like to assure everyone that as in the past if someone comes to any or all of the Committee concerning any issues or amendments the Committee will consult from both within the Club or outside, should there be any changes they suggest. The Committee will then forward these changes to all Members for their review and consideration and they will also be advised of the benefits and difficulties such changes may incur.

Next, A very sad problem. Raymond feels he doesn't have the support of all the members of our Club anymore, consequently he has decided to Resign all his posts within the Club with the exception of items for our Charity, the Children's Ward at Mt Druitt Hospital. As Raymond has numerous positions within the Club, I have asked him to carry through until the A.G.M in July and he has agreed.

I am not sure if all members know what an essential part of our Club Raymond has been over the past 10 years. He has been outstanding in all categories and helped to raise for us over $80,000 in equipment and services over that time. Some things he has obtained for us were a grant for "Train the Trainer" courses, our main dust extractor systems and new lathes. For those who have recently joined the Club the dust on a busy day often made it difficult to see across the workshop. There have been many things that Raymond has helped us to get equipment for our club, the most recent was a heavy duty lathe with a grant from the State Government.

A few of his other posts are Membership Registrar, sending out the newsletter on email, operating the video and making videos of our Maxi Days for our Library. All in all approximately 12 other administrative jobs Raymond has been involved in.

Raymond's standing down at the A.G.M will leave many large holes to fill.

We have many exceptional members from many diverse areas and occupations who put a few members to shame. I have asked the Editor to include "Meet a Member" on Raymond for those of you who don't get a chance to meet him.

Members **WAKE UP** and **PULL TOGETHER** for the Club not just for yourselves and your wants and consider your fellow members in what you say and do. This will make the Club a happier place. Remember all the Committee Members and helpers are volunteers and do their jobs for the benefit of everyone.

Keep on Turning

Bob Young

Club Committee

President: Bob Young (0408760131)

Vice Presidents: Ian Frith and Steven Attard

Secretary: Alan Eipper

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Les Coombes and Bob Young

Stores, Equipment & Maintenance:
Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews, Graham Dawes (JP), Bob Young, Steve Attard and Ron Devine.

Welfare Officer: Robert Stewart
robandgailhotmail.com

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

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 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

Shop items

Triple "P"

Friction Polish

Sanding Sealer

Sandpaper

Club Shirts

Dust jackets

Club Badges

Pen Kits

Pen Blanks – Acrylics

Many more items available



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

Saturday Turning
3rd Saturday of Month

9am – 3pm $5

Contact: Les Coombes – 0404 001 562

Ladies Day – 2nd Saturday $5

Contact: Anna Dawes – 9638 6995
tandawes@optusnet.com.au

Maxi Day – 3rd Sunday

From 10:00am $6
(Lunch included)

February 23rd 2020 Maxi Day will be Lindsay Skinner who will be demonstrating turning and decorating platters.

This will be followed by Show and Tell.

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month 7pm

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 January and February 2020. We hope you have a great day with many more to come.

Name	Member Since
Allan Kirkland	Oct -96
Andrew Heffernan	Jan -93
Aryas Ahmad	Sep-18
Branka Hedges	Mar -11
Fred De Jonge	Jun-08
John Connaughton	Nov-10
Lloyd Ives	Mar 11
Mark Dunn	Oct -06
Maryam Feizi	Oct -19
Raymond Saich	Mar -08
Roger North	Aug -19
Russ Werner	Jan -19
Fiona Deane	Mar- 11
Graham Dawes	Dec -92
Kate Wraight	Aug -19
Manny Farrugia	Oct -04
Mark Groombridge	Aug -19
Max Baldacchino	Aug-19
Mehmet Colpan	Oct- 14
Mick Barker	Jan-18
Steven Townsend	May -19
Tony Simiana	Jun -10

New Members

No new members joined since last newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Wollongong Crafters March 25th to 28th 2020

Cnr Crown and Harbour Streets Wollongong

Set up Wednesday 24/3/2020

Linwood House 10Th March 2020

Byron Road Guildford

Set Up 8.30AM TO 9AM.

Blacktown Show 14th & 15th March 2020

Demo, sales and Turning Competition

Trevor Toms Pavillion Set Up Times TBA

Enter via Kent Street Gate

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 family who are sick or in hospital please tell the welfare officer Rob Stewart or any member of the Committee.

MENTORING REPORT

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

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

Club Library

We have an extensive Library available to members on all aspects of woodturning and woodwork. These items are available for borrowing for maximum of a month at no charge.
Please see the Convenor of the day/night.

Question 5: Who bullies Ginger Meggs?



Question 4: What does the typical man have 13,000 of?

Members Welfare

February 2020

The welfare of members and their families 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 or SMS to 0409 450 776.

Since the last newsletter your club has sent cards to the following members:-

- *Ken Vodden.*
- *Kerry Boyce*

We wish them all well. If Anyone is missed be assured the good wishes and sympathies of our Club are with you and your family.

Rob Stewart

Welfare Officer.



Best wishes for the New Year and the New Decade

It had been my intention for this column to be a simple expression of hope that the new year and new decade would bring good health and contentment to all members and their families.

However, having received a very concerned delegation lead by Sam Sawdust I have acceded to their demand that I make a plea to that small number of members whose behaviour is significantly below the standard becoming of a member of WSWT so that they can regain the respect of all members. Some of the delegates were so incensed that they demanded that along with the list of bad behaviour I should name the members involved. It did take me some time to convince them that from my personal perspective it was better to be a Whim with money in the account than be indebted to lawyers.

The unbecoming behaviour they say they have witnessed includes:

- Inability to be involved in a civil debate.
- Shouting down other members, interrupting members when they are talking.
- Denigrating members by making snide, belittling comments.
- Accusing members of being untruthful without offering any evidence to support the allegation.
- Starting rumours and making false claims without first checking the facts.
- Whining about how the club is run but never offering a positive suggestion or personal effort toward running the club.
- Criticising a member but not having the fortitude to front the member one on one with their concerns.

I regret to say that I also have witnessed instances of the above and unfortunately acknowledge that for a very small number of repeat offenders this appears to be what may be described as “their way of life”. I so I feel for them.

No one is perfect but we are all capable of respecting our fellow members.

It is in the best interests of all members to note that that continued negative behaviour can have a negative impact on personal wellbeing.

Remember: It takes more muscles to frown than to smile.

It takes more effort to yell and abuse than to talk.

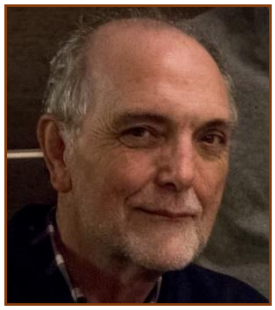
A calm and rational attitude facilitates logical constructive debate.

No one respects an abuser.

More debates are won with fact than abuse.

Quotes for the Month: The miserable have no other medicine but hope only. - William Shakespeare

Must Fly Woodchip



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5 February 2020

Dear Member,

As our club is regulated by the NSW Department of Fair Trading, we are required to comply with the constitution that we have registered with the Department. We are also required to comply with privacy legislation.

The Clubs Constitution, allows for any of our members, on request, to view a list of all members of the club, including the members name, address and contact details. Members who do not want their address and contact details to be shown on this list can opt out. Past versions of the membership application did not give members this option. This is being addressed with a revised Membership Application form.

As we have had a number of instances where members have moved house, changed email address etc. and forgotten to advise the club or did not provide their email address I would like to take this opportunity to ensure your details are correctly recorded and are in accordance with your wishes.

This will also ensure monthly emails about the newsletter, annual renewals or any other information is sent to your correct email/address as appropriate. It is important to note that posting letters to members is much more expensive than using email.

To ensure that the membership register correctly reflects your wishes, please enter your current details below and return to me by Email, Post or returning this document in a sealed envelope addressed to me.

As this is an opportunity to do a full audit of the database, I would very much appreciate it if you respond even if you think your details are correct.

*If I do not receive your response by 21 February 2020 it will be assumed that your details are correct. It will also be assumed that you **DO NOT** want your contact details included on the list of members.*
Yours sincerely,

Alan Eipper
Secretary
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Full Name: _____ ***Membership No:***_____

Preferred Name: _____ ***Date of Birth:*** _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ ***Mobile:*** _____ ***Email:*** _____

[ ] Please include my address and contact details on the Club's list of members.

[ ] Please DO NOT include my address and contact details on the Club's list of Members.

Name: _____ ***Signed:*** _____ ***Date***_____

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 eighth in a series of interviews that Westurn is doing with members.

Raymond member since March 2008

Wes: What things do you make?
Raymond I like to make segmented bowls, Ken Vodden got me interested in segmented turning and I have been trying to perfect that skill since. Manny who has so many tremendous skills showed me how to put a pattern in a segmented bowl, which has served me well.

Wes: When did you learn to turn?
Raymond I learnt to turn with Bob and Bill at the Model Farms School Community College and I joined the club in 2008. Over the years I have been a regular contributor to the Royal Easter show and have been awarded an array of prizes including a highly commended, a third prize, a second prize and last year a first prize and best in show.

Wes: What do you like about the Club?
Raymond Social isolation is a growing challenge in our community and the club has done some wonderful things over the last 10 years to provide a place of haven for the lonely and lost. I am also impressed by the great things we have done to provide opportunities for school students to come to the club and learn the craft of woodturning. For a brief moment, to also share a glimpse of working life. Many of our members have a lifetime of experience and it's great to see an opportunity to pass this on through our mentoring program. I am also impressed by our new member training program and how that has given our new members the skill to become capable engaged members.

Wes: What do you see for the Club
Raymond I would like to see the club, a place of diversity, where everyone, can contribute and find a place of comfort. Where everyone is accepted, for whom they are and not what. A place where raised voices and derision is left to fade away. Where every idea is accepted and discussed not ridiculed and discarded. A place of skill, laughter, Plus understanding and collegiality.

Wes: Are you still working?
Raymond No Unfortunately, I retired some years ago due to my declining health. I worked on an early main frame computer and then spent most of my working life in the Medical Imaging Industry. I installed some of the first CT systems in various countries including Australia. Since I retired; I have been working with a number of charities, to promote the care of patients with the same disease as myself and to promote awareness of rare diseases. In 2016 the Governor General kindly awarded me with an OAM in recognition of my work to support the Pompe disease community. Currently I am working with our patient association to have Pompe disease added to the newborn screening program, to save the lives of babies born with the disease

Wes: Do you think the club's charity makes a difference?
Raymond Yes I think the clubs charity program has been wonderful and something that all members both past and present should be proud of. This is a remarkable group effort, to get the timber and the glue, the blank, then turn it and then sell it. It's outstanding that we have raised so much year after year and we can make the lives of the children, parents and staff a little easier.

Wes: Do you have a lathe at home?
Raymond Yes I do but I don't spend much time on it, as I prefer to come to the club.

Question 1: What is a Mandrill?

Congratulations Manny Farrugia

Best wishes from your wood Club colleagues on your eightieth Birthday on 13th February 2020 and trust you have a fantastic day.

Latest news - NSW Office of the Children's Guardian No images? Click here



Latest news

New proof-of-identity requirements now in force



The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) has enforced new proof-of-identity requirements for anyone applying for or renewing a Working With Children Check. ACIC requires these higher standards to reduce the risk of identity theft and to further protect the safety of children.

For more details please go to https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au and then select Proof of Identity

Types of document you will need

- One commencement of identity document (such as birth certificate)
- One primary use in the community document (such as driver licence)
- Two secondary use in community document (such as Medicare card and bank card)

Commencement of identity documents

Provide one of the below:

- Full Australian birth certificate (not an extract or birth card)
- Current Australian passport (not expired)

Question 2: What Country's currency is considered most difficult to counterfeit?

Christmas Donations to Parents 2019

In early January, our executive represented by President, Bob Young and Vice President, Ian Frith, together with Paul de Belle attended Mt Druitt Children's Ward for the official hand over of the medical equipment and also the non-perishable goods that were purchased with the remaining funds from the Charity funds for last year.

The hospital staff stated that the new equipment was already being used and was greatly appreciated. They also acknowledged the fact that the non-perishable goods was great for the parents of the children who were admitted to the ward and was something less that the parents had to worry themselves with as far as trying to get something to eat while they were with their sick children.

Club members who assisted in raising funds and making bowls etcetera for our charity can feel justifiably happy with the knowledge that their contribution to Mt Druitt Children's Ward is doing some good things for people who are doing it a bit tough..





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Australia Day 3rd Settlement Reserve

Sunday being Australia Day, started off well. Danny was there to help set up. Tony Taylor ,Rob Stewart, Gail, Rohan McCardle and Alan Eipper where all there for the day.

It was a very hot day and pretty quiet one at that with not many people around. We sold some charity bowls plus we also sold some things ourselves which is always welcome.

Thank you to all those who attended on the day.

Dave Matthews





Urgent Important Notice

As you are all aware the Club uses kitchen bench top timber for Charity Bowls and sales to members. Unfortunately Ron Fathers is no longer able to collect this as he is to enter hospital shortly. Ray Smith is also unable to continue also.

Therefore, I am asking for Volunteers who have a trailer to collect this on behalf of the Club. The situation is that if we do not get any Volunteers then **we will no longer be able** to supply bench tops for both our Charity and our members. **Let's not let this valuable resource be lost to the Club and its members**. If you can assist in this regards please come and see me so we can discuss further.

Thank you to both Ron and Ray for your assistance in the above to date which is very much appreciated by the Club Committee and the Club Members.

Looking forward to your replies

Bob Young

President.

Question 3: Who was Sherlock Holmes Landlady?

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The Back Page

Cut off dates for articles

Please note the cut off date for articles to be included in the Newsletter is the last day of the month. All members are welcome to submit articles for inclusion. PLEASE SEND THEM TO THE Editor at searleds77@bigpond.com.

Question 6: What are the Colours of the five Olympic Rings?

Articles For Newsletter

Could I please ask those members who attend our demonstrations, maxi-days etc, if you could take some photographs and a brief description of the event so these can be published in the newsletter I am sure all members would be interested in reading about the events of the day. Thankyou Editor.

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.

Change in Club Operating Hours

Please note that following the June 2019 meeting a motion was passed that the Club will not be open on Public Holidays.

Buy and sell

Should you have any items that you want to buy or sell please submit these to the editor by the cut- off date and include full details and a photo if possible?

Answers to the Quizz Question Brain Busters.

1. A Baboon, 2. Japan, 3.Mrs Hudson, 4.Whiskers, 5 Tiger Kelly, 6. Black, Blue Red, Green and Yellow

Maxi Day 23rd FEBRUARY 2020

Please note the maxi day will be held on the last Sunday in February 2020

For this month only due to unforeseen circumstances.