

WesTurn News

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President's Report

Hello Everyone, it's that time again and hopefully this time we will have our wood storage in Twin Gums Reserve as everything is now completed.....fingers crossed.

The cleaning and organising roster seems to be working reasonably well so far so let's see it continues. Thanks to all who have participated, it helps a lot in the smooth running of the Club.

The list of demonstrations still keeps coming but we need more volunteers to cut the workload on the usual people who attend so everyone - names on the board and help the charity as well as the Club.

We will be getting more timber soon... Camphor Laurel and African Olive. Remember we have good supplies of various timbers which are considerably cheaper than anywhere else so see your Convenor if you want some. Anyone wanting timber is to see the Convenor on the day to open the store and the shed to arrange selection.

The A.G.M. is coming up soon so pick up your envelope from the front desk which has your renewal forms as well as sheets for nominations for the Club's Executive; also we need volunteers for the various jobs concerning the running of the Club.

We are still missing a Chuck with 100mm jaws so everyone please check your toolbox to make sure you haven't inadvertently put it in with your tools.

Librarian Gary Hansell has asked me to remind everyone that all books and DVD's must be signed for with a Club number and a one month limit is applicable on both books and DVD's.

That's all for now "Happy Turning" everybody and remember if you can help in any way the Club can be a better place for all.

Bob Young

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

Wood for Sale

Members don't forget that we have lots of wood for sale out the back.

The varieties are: African Olive, African Yellow wood, Swamp Mahogany, Camphor, Banksia, White Cedar, London Plane, Jacaranda, Tallow wood, Silky Oak.

For more information ask the convenor for the day.

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

: 12:45 – 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 – 4pm \$5

Friday Nights: 5pm – 9pm \$3

Third Saturday of the month:

9am – 3pm \$5

20th June

18th July

15th August

Contact: Liam Healy – 0411560984

Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month: \$5

13th June

11th July

8th August

Contact: Anna Dawes – 96386995

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Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

21st June – Terry Baker

starts at 9am - sharp

\$20 including lunch

12th July – Ken Copper – Stool

(AGM) (Second Sunday)

16th August – Darryl Smith

20th September – Alan Phelps

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – 7pm

9th June

14th July

11th August

New Members

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

Cyril Law	Shaun Slater
Jamason McDonald	Ian Frith
Patrick Carter	Ben Lewis

Happy Birthday

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

Terry Boddy	Robin Campbell
Leslie Coombes	Alan Eipper
Ron Fathers	Tony Fryer
Simon Godbehere	Zuleica Hartmann
David Hinchliffe	Joni Mitchell
Tony Motbey	Sid Sanbaiah
David Sobel	John Walker

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

Terry Baker

Woodturning is only a small part of Terry's repertoire, he puts in a lot of time on design and a lot of work in embellishing/inlay/burning or colouring to make HIS piece stand out from another. It's the different and unusual piece that is going to sell. He is a craftsman and has a lot to share and teach us.

Come along Sunday 21st June 9am, \$20 including lunch.

Coming Events

July

- **Linnwood House** – Sunday 12th – 10am to 4pm

August

- **Stitches and Craft Show - Canberra** – Wednesday 5th to Sunday 9th
- **Stitches and Craft Show – Newcastle** – Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16th

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

MEMBERS – WE REALLY NEED MORE CHARITY BOWLS! So PLEASE make as many as you can 😊

Librarian Report

Don't forget to check out our great library as we have many varieties of wood magazines, books, DVDs and videos for our members to borrow and don't forget to please return your borrowings in the correct numerical order and remember **TO ENTER YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBER**. The lending period is one month.

Gary Hansell

Welfare

Well what a difference there is in a month. Last month not a lot was happening, then this month it appeared every second member or a family member had taken ill necessitating in some cases hospitalization, to those people and all members who have been and still on the mend we wish you all a speedy recovery while maintaining medication and convalescing. As it is now officially winter it may be a timely reminder to have that flu shot that we are encouraged to have on an annual basis as most of us are in our senior years. Please keep up the good work in helping me being aware when members or family are unwell.

Eddie C

B S from the Bush

By the offside this time—one of us is very busy gyprocking (guess which one?) Workshop/gallery gyprocked—except for a couple of ceiling sheets! We have had rain and found a leak, good that we hadn't done all the ceiling! Hole cut in insulation and waiting for it to drip/dry out. It may take a long time!

Minus temperature at night, very frosty this morning and only 13 forecast for today, but sunny, so looking good.

Stop working in the workshop now, so time to help the builder with the extension—also gyprocking! Extension building moving quickly—went to Dubbo to pick tiles then was told to pick taps, so another trip! Lots of noise with nailguns being used and bobcats outside getting the driveway ready—let alone builders and noisy radios! Quite happy to get away to Dubbo.

Back to the rain, like Sydney, lots and lots, wish we had our rain tank not just drain pipes leaning on the ground! This is red mud country. Vegies growing well—so far don't need to water them but thanks for the advice Anna.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again, but meeting the locals, lots of new people moving from the western suburbs to the bush.

Lots of frost and mud on excavation of driveway past shed, drainage pipes going nowhere on extension and shed!

Chris Hardy



An elderly gentleman...

Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect.. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.' The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

I love this one!

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. 'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

A senior citizen

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy: 'So I hear you're getting married?' 'Yep!' 'Do I know her?' 'Nope!' 'This woman, is she good looking?' 'Not really.' 'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well.' 'Does she have lots of money?' 'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

Three old guys

Three old guys are out walking. First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?' Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!' Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer.'

A man

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but its state of the art. It's perfect.' 'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty.'

Morris

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

KOI SOCIETY

Andy, George, Leonie and I arrived at Fairfield showground around 8am. We got busy unloading the trailer and setting everything up. We had a lot of space like we did last year. We were just putting our stuff up when Lawrence and Rob arrived.

There were the usual stalls around like plants, fish, rabbits, ferrets, food, jewelry, clothes, and lots of entertainment including singers, dancers and drummers.

There were lots of people coming around our stall during the day to have a look and to buy our stuff which was good. The crowd got even bigger when the drummers set up behind us; they kept everyone entertained including us, it was a lot of fun.

Everyone was kept busy during the day selling and talking to customers. Rob turned some spinning tops for the kids who came by. George and Andy turned a few honey dippers.

Everyone had a great day, we all did well with our sales and the charity did really well also which was good. So members next year why don't you come check it out.

Jimmy Singh



Bunnings BBQ

Another Bunnings BBQ done and dusted! A bit slow on the customers this time, leaving Paul worrying about making a profit, but I'm sure we did in the end. A little bit trickling into the club coffers to keep us in new machinery and gadgets (and band saw blades ;-)). These BBQ days are a major source of income for us.



Overall it was a good social day, with plenty of banter, (especially picking on Bob!). Thanks to those who came along and put in a bit of effort for the Club (YOU'RE Club – OUR Club!). For those who didn't, you missed out on a bit of fun and socializing.

Russ

Carolyn McCully's Completed Dragon.

Back in April we had the pleasure of having Carolyn McCully demonstrate her skills in pyrography and water colours. As you can imagine it is very time consuming and she was unable to complete the piece she started while demonstrating. So, guess what arrived in my inbox the other day? A DRAGON! Carolyn was so kind to send us a copy of the finished article and what a beautiful piece it is. A very talented lady, thanks Carolyn.



Rose Engine

MAXI DAY - MAY 24, 2015

What was to be a demonstration of a "Rose Engine" by a member of Ornamental Turners Group Australia, turned out to be three engines on display by members Arthur, Lou and Peter.

Bob Young introduced and welcomed our guests, and the event got under



presented for demonstration were each individually made by them, often over many months, using new and recycled components. The compound engineering vices used to mount the cutter motors alone could easily cost \$100's. The first Engines built by OTGA had the vice mounted motors bolted down to the platform supporting the



way around 10:30 as the set up needed took a little longer than expected.

The Rose Engine design/concept apparently dates from the 1700's in Europe and may have been used for decorating turned items in wood and clay.

The Engines that Arthur, Lou and Peter



whole assembly. They have now changed to switchable magnets, BIG improvement. There is much detail available online if further info is wanted.

Arthur had a camphor bowl mounted on his Engine and proceeded to decorate the rim and exterior wall using one of many hand made cutters that he had made.

Lou had a platter of about 25cm mounted on his machine and used a flower patterned cam to inscribe the internal floor of his platter. Lou also displayed some



clear perspex panel that he had decorated that could be used in a variety of ways. Peter spoke briefly of the history of the Engines at OTGA.

We broke for lunch, and as usual our (two hatted) chefs did good. Thanks Fiona and Manny.

The demonstrations continued after lunch, followed by a show and tell by our members as well as items by OTGA and visitors from the Hunter. Graham Dawes had on display an Engine he had built many years earlier that was very similar to those from OTGA, so maybe that original design from the 1700's got it right.

P.S. Mr Rose no longer holds the Patent.

An enjoyable and informative day for all who attended.

Tony Motbey

Some days are better than others.

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a great huge, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing!

But enough about me, how's your day going?"

Show and Tell

Ray Smith



Oak - Ebonizing Solution
then Danish oil



Corian - Polished



Maple - Stain and Danish Oil



Camphor Laurel - Danish Oil



Corian - Polished

Les Pritchard



Camphor - unfinished



Jacaranda - unfinished



Jacaranda - unfinished



Jacaranda - unfinished



Jacaranda - unfinished



Jacaranda - unfinished

Manny Farrguia



Various - unfinished



Various - unfinished



Various - unfinished

Ron Fathers



Corian - Polished



Rosewood - Friction Polish



Camphor Laurel - Friction Polish

Steve Attard



Blackheart Sassafras - Friction Polish



London Plane - Friction Polish



New Guinea Rosewood
Friction Polish

Raymond Saich



Rosewood & Mahogany -
Friction Polish



Men Are Just Happier People!!!!



NICKNAMES

*If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.
If Mike, Dave and John go out, they affectionately call each other Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.*

EATING OUT

*When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50.
None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.
When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.*

MONEY

*A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.
A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.*

BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush & toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, soap, & a towel.

*The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337.
A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.*

ARGUMENTS

*A woman has the last word in any argument.
Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.*

FUTURE

*A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.
A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.*

MARRIAGE

*A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.
A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.*

DRESSING UP

*A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash,
answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.
A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.*

NATURAL

*Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.
Women somehow deteriorate during the night.*

OFFSPRING

*Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favourite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.
A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.*

Quote of the month:

A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing! - A wise man

Must Fly Woodchip

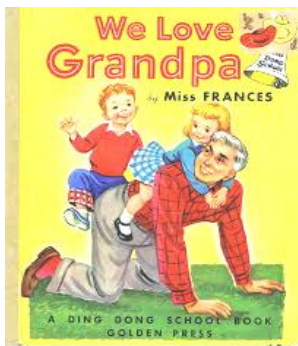
Grandkids



We have a lot of Grandpas in our group
And each will have their funny tales to tell
Of little things the grandkids do and say
Especially at Christmas time or Easter
When Santa or the Easter bunny
Comes to make their day



You wonder when they say things
Who taught them to say that?
Oh the cleverness of their uncluttered minds
They read and write by seven
They walk and talk by two
Of genius their might be other signs



For us grandpas there's a lot of joy
Whether the child is girl or boy
Their lovely innocence is charming then
Their life is just so simple
So unburdened by the world
Until they reach the lofty age of ten



School adds a new dimension
And homework rules their life
Sport becomes their new found reason
And training fills their time
Mum's car becomes a taxi
And Saturdays are busy for the season



Neil Guthrie

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 fulfill our commitment by wearing at all times;

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

It does not hurt to discuss safety with other members if they are not doing the right thing.

REMEMBER..... It is your body and your limbs.....



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(G161)



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(W382)



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(W322)

1200 CFM



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- 1 x DCK-2 Dust Accessory Kit (W344)



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(K047)

SB-12 Table Saw

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- 510 x 680mm cast table
- Tilt arbor 45°
- 3hp, 240V motor



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(W452)

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\$1,309

(D162)



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(W680)

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Getting to know your tools

Item 17

Finishing Friction Polish

For our charity bowls we turn a lot of what is called Pacific Maple. Which is a combination of around 5 or 6 different species of wood. This is difficult to sand and prepare for finishing plus difficult to get a good finish. This is because of its very soft porous and open grain.

Conversely if we use a hard close grain such as Camphor Laurel, Jacaranda or African Olive etc, our friction polish will work a lot better.

So let's talk about Pacific Maple. If we can do a good finish on this we can do a good finish on anything

Say we have a charity bowl on the lathe. We have to sand this up to at least 400grit or even finer say 1500grit otherwise the polish wont shine.

We then apply a coat of triple P all over the bowl.

Then run the lathe at a medium speed so the wax won't get thrown off and with a rag, polish the job, letting the wax melt into the pores and then wiping it clean.

The triple P includes a cutting compound in powder form that burnishes the timber and acts as a bit of a filler. We now get a small rag or kitchen paper and apply the Friction Polish thinly and evenly. The polish relies on heat and pressure to work. And only apply thin coats otherwise it will build up and go streaky. Then add some more polish to the rag and with the wet part and the lathe running at a medium speed start to polish. Once you feel that there is no more polish flying off increase the speed up to what you feel is a safe max. Speed and move the rag back and forth to generate a lot of heat and generate a shine.

At this stage we recommend around 5 coats.

Alternately we can use a lacquer based sanding sealer on the wood first. This may take several coats which we then burnish with a rag and generate heat to dry it out and hopefully create an excellent base for our friction polish. After this is dry we recommend sanding the surface with around 400Grit to get rid of any raised grain. We then apply triple P as before and then use the Friction polish.

For close grained timbers we can eliminate the lacquer and if you wish apply triple P direct. This stage is generally not necessary. You can use the friction polish straight on to the wood.

With heat and pressure it will work.

If you are really keen you can finally finish the job with a clear furniture wax. At this stage I am developing some especially for use on a lathe.

Alan Phelps

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.