

# WesTurn News

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## President's Report

Another month, the very hot weather is over (we hope) and it is time for another report. Time seems to be going faster all the time.

The Intocraft show has gone by and I would like to thank everyone for their help and assistance in making it a successful event. In all we had 17 members who attended over the five-day period. A big thanks to those who helped set up and then at the end pack up the trailer etc. which is no mean task in itself. I would like to especially thank my wife Lynne who manned the charity table all the time which helped greatly to relieve the load on the others. Also, I would like to thank "Just the Vice President's wife" Lyn de Belle who helped on the charity table on Sunday and to pack up. Many thanks Lyn.

The management tell us that the show will be much bigger next year as it will incorporate other companies with different exhibitors so everyone should benefit.

The cleaning roster of the club seems to be having a good effect and the place looks neater and cleaner, so let's try and keep it that way. We quite often have people call in to see us so "Have Pride in your Club".

I was shown an overseas magazine that had a section in it on our website praising it as "the best they had ever seen" so thanks to Lindsay and all involved for a fantastic job.

Happy Turning

BOB YOUNG

# Club Committee

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

## FOR SALE

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

## FREE CORIAN

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

## 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 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: Liam Healy – 0411560984

## Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month:

Contact: Anna Dawes – 96386995

tandawes@optusnet.com.au

## Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

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

**19<sup>th</sup> March – Alan Phelps  
Superglue Finishing  
Steve Hitchcock**

**Sushi Tray**

**16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday  
(No Maxi day)**

**21<sup>st</sup> May – David McDonald  
Pen Boxes**

# Club Meetings

**Second Tuesday of the month –  
7pm**

14<sup>th</sup> March

11<sup>th</sup> April

9<sup>th</sup> May

## Pens Wanted for the Troops

Can members please make and donate any pens for the troops. Please give them to the convenor on your day. Thankyou so much!

Editors

# New Members

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

Ben Smith                      Patrick Leary  
David Saunders                Janelle Somerville  
Richard Leniston

# Happy Birthday

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

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Member Since</u>
Michelle Archbold-Thomas	December 2016
Jill Catford	December 2013
Gregory Evans	June 2011
Michael Hughes	April 2009
George Hulme	November 2003
Bob Jarvis	September 2000
Phil Langdon	August 2016
Cyril Law	May 2015
David Loker	August 2012
Ben Reardon	March 2015
Peter Roffmann	August 2016
Joerg Semmelroggen	January 2017
Alan Tran	October 2016

# COMING EVENTS

## March

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Trend Timbers Open Days  
15 Railway Road Mulgrave
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Rivergum Market  
49 Withers Road Kellyville (10am to 2pm)

## April

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – Bunnings BBQ  
Abbot Road Seven Hills (7am to 4:30pm)
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - St Bartholomew's  
Ponds Road - Prospect
- Any members interested in going to these events please put your name on the clipboards at the club

## Members Welfare

Our member's welfare is important to our club. If you or someone you know is unwell or worse still no longer with us. Please Let me know at email address;  
[robandgail@hotmail.com](mailto:robandgail@hotmail.com)

If anyone is missed be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our club are with you and your family.

Rob Stewart

## Lunar New Year - Nurragingy Reserve

Hello fellow members on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February the Lunar New Year festival was held at Nurragingy Reserve where myself and five other members of the club attended demonstrating and selling our wares.

The members who attended where as follows Rohan McCardell, Bob Young, Paul Collins, Dave Matthews, Mark Buhagiar and myself (Stephen Attard).



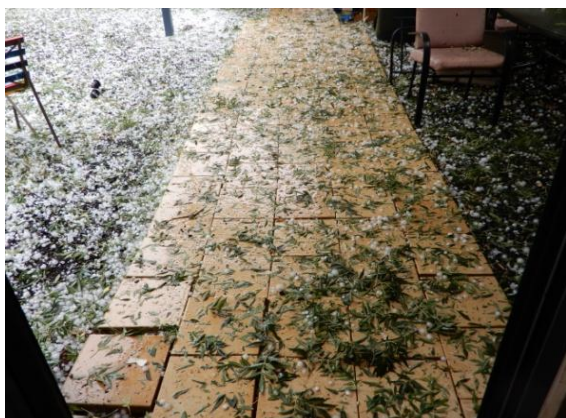
The afternoon began with the members setting up our designated area, I arrived later as I was travelling from work and the boys had begun setting up after much confusion about our allocated position. We were given our final position and we continued setting up our display.

Many people visited our display with all members and the charity making sales. People made a lot of compliments on our work and interest was generated with live turning which was being carried out, also people made a lot of enquiries about joining.

At the end of the night we all helped to pack up the trailer and leave our area clean and tidy, we finished just in time with Bob Young's generator calling it quits during pack up time. A big thankyou to all who attended for a fun evening and look forward to representing the club at our next event. Steve Attard

## **B S FROM THE BUSH, MARCH 2017**

Who would have believed it that it's only ten months to Christmas, sorry for the bad news. Autumn is on it's way, with the temperature gradually lowering from day to day, from the mid 40's to the high 20's. We would love a drop of rain though. Managed to harvest a few veg's and saved a few seeds for next year.



A week or so back, we were reminded of a previous hail storm which wiped out our caravan back in Blacktown. These hail stones were smaller but more of them and for a longer time. No major damage this time, thank goodness for our new carport! only a few trees pruned. We did have a promise a few days later though, which was gratefully received. (Think about it!) I am becoming quite a farmer, went out and bought a tractor (yes I know, another toy to play with). Thought it would come in handy for about 200 tons of soil we would like moved that our builder dug out for the workshop. If there are any offers to move the soil please let me know. I am sure some of you could loose a few pounds.

I know the Intocraft show was on at Rosehill last week, could not make it this year as we had the Vintage Fair and Swap meet on. Had to BBQ from 6am til 12 mid day grossing \$4500 for Lions, not a bad days work. Hope all who went to the show had a wonderful time!!!!!! Cheers until next time. Ken.

## Maxi Day with Anna Dawes

### Three Edged Bowl from a Cube

Not a bad turn out today considering a few of our regulars couldn't make it. The photo on the right is another example of a 3 sided bowl but the one Anna is making today is starting with a cube. Looking at a square block of wood it was difficult to see how she could turn a bowl with 3 edges. Never the less, when shown it becomes clear, it is all to do with the mounting on the lathe. You could make this with any timber but you may get some tear out or chipping with open grain so she recommends a medium grain like Jacaranda or Camphor Laurel.



Anna had her brother-in-law, Graham Dawes, there to add some of his vast experience to the demonstration and it didn't take long as they showed us his homemade live centre using a bearing. Simple to make but a handy tool to have in your workshop.



After mounting the timber corner to corner between the headstock and the live centre Anna started to create a spigot and it was now that she invited any members to have a turn. Mark first then Jodie went up, just briefly, to start the shaping. Graham then fine tuned the spigot with a slight dovetail to fit the chuck.



Now with the spigot mounted in the chuck Anna started to shape the outside but was quick to let the members contribute. This time it was Fred, Leida and Steve each having a turn under the watchful eye of Graham.





Time flies when you're having fun and before you know it, it's time for lunch. Once again, our caterers, Ian and Paul, did a fine job. Thank you both so much for your hard work.

Lunch was followed by Show & Tell, hosted by Anna.

After 3 different people had a turn at shaping Anna thought a bit more refining was needed until she was happy with the outside shape. Anna likes to use Liquid Paraffin before sanding to keep down the dust and it also raises the fibres to improve the sanding finish.



Anna then started the hollowing out process taking a lot of care removing the waste around the 3 points of the bowl, getting it thin at the top before removing all the waste further down into the bowl. Sanding and finishing like a normal bowl but with some extra care.

The only thing to do now is to finish the bottom. To do this Anna turned a 'jam' chuck to fit the inside of the bowl then a little hot melt glue to hold it and with the live centre up she could finish the bottom to her liking. Then removing the live centre for the final cleanup.



Anna encourages all of us to try turning a 3-edged bowl, it's a very nice looking bowl, not too difficult and not beyond most of the members at our club. Thank you, Anna, and Graham, a very interesting and informative demonstration.

Ron Fathers

### **Bunning's BBQ**

In February, we had our Bunnings B.B.Q. & once again the usual people came to help, I spent 8 hours straight cooking without a break, just like the rest on my colleagues. I have only been a member just over 2 years now & I just love this club, as it has helped me so much with my problems, so I give back as much as I can. It's pretty poor when the same old members do all this work, just because they want to help our club. It was not a good day for the club & I've been informed it was the worst day we've ever had at Bunnings.

I personally would like to see more members put themselves out now & then for the club, because if you don't the present caring lot just won't do it anymore. They give a lot & get very little thanks, & what they do is raise much needed funds so we can get things we need. It's a great day with the guys, a lot of fun & a lot of self-satisfaction. I sincerely hope I see a few more members put their name up on the board. Take care everybody & good wood turning.

Ian Frith

# Show and Tell

Les Pritchard



Steve Hitchcock



Pacific Maple – Ceiling Paint



Structure Timber – Triple P & friction polish

Leida Jedniuk



Banksia – Triple P



Fred de Jonge



Cedar - Vanish



# Dr Turner



This column is in two parts the first being a follow up to my February column where I reported on the views of my new reporter Dr Turner. She stated that her initial observations were very preliminary but it appeared that a new malaise seemed to have permeated the club since the introduction of the cleaning roster. She said that, thus far, it appeared only a small number of members had fallen victim to this dastardly infection but feared that if not addressed it could spread throughout the membership. She was referring to what she described as the “not me I’ll just sit or hide syndrome.” When I asked her to explain that she said that she had observed a small number of members who remained seated or “left the building” as soon as the Convenor outlined the cleaning tasks for the day.

On the positive side she did say she was very pleased to see the good level of response which has the club in a cleaner and healthier state.

The second is a skill test, developed by Dr Turner, of your lateral thinking and your knowledge of your craft. The answer to each question is related to woodturning and/or woodworking. Answers will be provided next month.

1. The old style of shaving required you to .....(r).
2. You can toss a ball or ..... it.
3. An elite athlete usually does this before a major competition.
4. After the competition the athlete will often .....
5. A stone mason had a variety of these.
6. The Army insisted this be combined with spit.
7. Think of what you hate at the dentist.
8. Essential for good coffee.
9. A dedicated craftsperson practices to ..... his/her skills.
10. He was the father of Joseph of the coat of many colours .....’s
11. There is one on every ship.
12. The Government will put a ..... on expenditure when things get tight.
13. A badly constructed building could be all a .....
14. Carpenters will do this when making a special joint.
15. Cattle are called ..... and the last part through the gate is the ..... (combine into one word).
16. If it is not properly aligned it is .....
17. Excessive pricing is often known as a price .....
18. There are many types and some are absolutely super.
19. The bane of any housekeeper.
20. It is on every beach ..... and bathers often leave ..... behind (combine into one word).

## Quote of the month:

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them! Phil Pastoret

**Must Fly**

**Woodchip**

## First Training Class for 2017

### New Format

We have just finished our first class for 2017 and under our new format. It has been considered a success by all involved. Rod Brown and Graham Dawes, the main teachers, were assisted by Alan Phelps and myself.

We started day one with eight newbies all keen to get started at 9am. They included Elaine Chui, Liz Davis, Danny Assabgy, David Pennell, Max Semmelreggen and his dad Joerg, Kim Reeves and Jodie Buhagiar. By 3pm after many beads and hollows they were 12 exhausted people.

The following week on to faceplate and some nice bowl and platters were turned.

The third day was a student's choice and all picked an item they wished to learn about. This included a couple of bowls, including one ambitious bowl by Liz, and a goblet by Elaine. Jody and Kim decided to try a pen, in fact they finished up making five, including two which were donated to Pens for the Troops.



Pretty good for beginners

Ron Devine

Training Coordinator

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### Quotes

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

What's another word for Thesaurus?

# 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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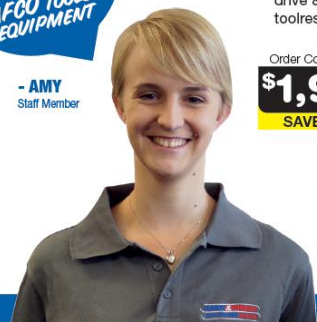
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### Item Number 36

### Jargon 2

**Abrasive cloth:** A form of sand paper only with a cloth backing generally better than paper as it is more flexible, longer lasting and no sharp corners.

**Arbortech:** A power carving device using a cutting wheel with teeth to shape the work piece.

**Backing up:** Now called shear cutting or slicing – cleans up the surface finish.

**Bevel:** The surface, at a certain angle to the tool blade, generated by grinding and sharpening the tool.

**Bits:** Usually denotes a drill bit. For drilling holes on the wood.

**Boring:** Drilling a hole.

**Carbide Cutting Tools:** Not to be confused with High Speed Steel an example is cemented tungsten carbide as used in tipping saws and router cutters etc. this is not a steel at all, it is powdered carbide fused into a solid with a cobalt binder.

**Centre Points:** The positioning points for the spur drive at one end and live center at the other end.

**Chuck:** A device used to hold a piece of wood to the end of the spindle. If a piece of wood cannot be held between centres it is held in a chuck.

**Collet:** A type of chuck jaw. A set of collets are closed by the action of a tapered chuck ring.

**Crotch Figure:** A lovely grain pattern found where two limbs of the tree divide.

**Dead Centre:** This fits into the tail stock barrel. It supports the wood and acts as a bearing. It does not rotate with the wood as a "live" centre does. As it is fixed and does not rotate, lubrication is required to prevent burning. They are usually given away with the purchase of a machine.

**Flitche:** A slab of wood cut from the log usually with some bark on it.

**Forstner Bit:** Generally, has sharp saw tooth like shapes around the periphery along with a flat cutting edge across its base. Generally, will burn unless used at very slow speeds and are ideal for lathe work.

**Green Timber:** Freshly cut wood with a very high moisture content.

**Horse Power:** 746 watts of power equals 1 horse power. Motors are always less than 100% efficient but the output power is usually quoted on the ID. plate.

370 watt = 1/3 horsepower.

550 watt = 3/4 horse power.

750 watt = 1 horse power.

**Indexing:** Used to divide the circle of rotation into equal divisions. If you wanted to make a 24-flute column you would use an indexing plate with 24 holes on its periphery to hold the column while you routed each flute.

**Kiln Drying:** A commercial process heating an enclosed container stacked with wood to speed up the drying or seasoning process.

**Live Centre:** Revolving support centre in the tailstock. Contains bearings so the point can rotate with the wood. (Unlike the dead centre which has a fixed point and does not rotate)

**Pin Chuck:** A kind of chuck which grips in a drilled hole. Handy for initial hold of irregular bowl blanks.

Eddie Catford

**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 publication