WesTurn News

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President's Report

Back to the grindstone and everything is moving at a steady pace but there are busy times ahead. The Stitches and Craft Show is on the way and in a different building at Rosehill Racecourse. After many years in the Grandstand we will now be in the Exhibition Building.

Jobs around the Club are proceeding at a slow pace but at least they are moving.

We had a successful BBQ at Bunnings and another is on the way in March. This will be an extra one and every little bit helps the Club move forward.

Progress is still moving on the new demonstration trailer which needs to be purpose built to suit all our needs.

A booklet on the Club's induction information and a sheet concerning some courtesy in the comings and goings at the Club will be given to all members who attend the Club. Everyone should read them both and then there can be no excuse of "I didn't know", if manners, courtesy and machine operation are not adhered to.

As part of being allocated the building in the park opposite, the Club is responsible for looking after it. Blacktown Council has supplied paint and brushes to cover the graffiti and from time to time we will need to go and paint over it. When needed we will ask for helpers.

The parts for the big Woodfast lathe are still on the way and this will be fixed as soon as they arrive.

Maxi Day was a very good demonstration with Brendon Venner but a disappointing number of members attended (12). If we can't do better than that we might have to think towards bi-monthly Maxi Days. These Maxi Days are to help members learn new ideas or brush up on some old ones so let's get together and make them better.

Keep Turning.

BOB YOUNG.

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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 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: $5

Contact: Anna Dawes – 96386995

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Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

From 9:30am (Lunch included) $6

18th March – Hands on Day
Bring your tools and your lunch - $5

Guilio Marcolongo

Sat: 14th April – Workshop

Sun: 15th April – Demonstration

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – 7pm

13th March
10th April
8th May
12th June

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. Thank you so much!

Editor

New Members

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

Paul	Flores
Wade	Kernot
Andre	Quityn
Murray	Irwin

Happy Birthday

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

Member Name		Member Since
Adrian	Treuren	25/09/2010
Ben	Reardon	06/03/2015
David	Loker	21/08/2012
George	Hulme	20/11/2003
Jill	Catford	04/12/2013
Michael	Hughes	19/04/2009
Peter	Smith	19/09/2017

Coming Events

Fairfield Easter Festival – Good Friday 30th March to Easter Sunday 1st April – Fairfield Showground

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 31st March – 7am to 4:30pm Abbott Road – Seven Hills

Trend Timbers – Friday 13th and Saturday 14th April 9am to 4pm - 15 Railway Road North, Mulgrave

Stitches and Craft Show – Exhibition Hall Canberra Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th August (Wednesday 8th Setup)

Stitches and Craft Show – Exhibition Hall Newcastle Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th August (Wednesday 15th Setup)

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 ☺

B S FROM THE BUSH

Another month gone by and what has happened? Not a lot really so there is no reason to continue reading. Well this happened and that happened but really it has been too bloody hot. I believe it has been very similar in Western Sydney, over a month of temperatures above 33 degrees and no rain. Everything is brown and if it is not dead, it's dying (including me).

No BBQs, yes that's right, no BBQs but one is coming up this weekend when the temperature is going to be 34 again. I suppose I should say this report is written a week early as Chris and I are getting away for a couple of weeks. First getaway since we have been here (over three years). There will be plenty of photos next month as there are none this month.

Chris and I did spend a weekend in Orange and Yeoval as it was Banjo Patterson birthday celebrations. The great Aussie poet, for those who are wondering who the hell that is. It was a good weekend, plenty of music and wine, food and bush poets, all good except for one little thing. We took the caravan and one evening someone opened an unlocked passenger door to the car and took the laptop, tablet and camera. Could not understand why the door was unlocked and apparently it seems to be a feature of Fords! When you lock the driver side door, you hear a click and you think all the doors are locked. Not so, three are but one is not. We think we are so lucky, when much more was in the car, as this must have been happening for years. It so happened that all the previous B S Reports have been lost, someone might have a good read and hope you have had too. Catch you next time.

Ken

Maxi Day 18/02/18 — Brendon Venner

I feel I must apologise in advance, as I was asked to write a report after the event. Due to the fact my lovely spongy grey cells have hardened into stone my memory may be faulty, therefore I may have left some gaps in the narrative. However, I will give it my best shot.

After some months WSWT held its first Maxi Day for the year with thirteen members gathered to see Brendon Venner's demonstration titled Finishing, Polishing, Steam bending and Decoration.



As a touch of serendipity Andy Tappouras bought in his effort at making a Gourd shaped Mandolin, the body of which used steam bent segments. This being one of his subjects Brendon and Andy had a deep discussion on the problems and solutions while the members looked on.

Brendon commenced his presentation with a discussion on finishing and he appears to have a liking for Shellac, and discussed the various types, cuts and their uses.



On the lathe Brendon proceeded to turn a two handled cup, this required a number of steps starting with the preparation of the blank including news print lamination, he then proceeded to turn the outside to the shape required. The blank was then separated. To be able to hollow the bowl of the cup he attached a spigot to the bottom with hot melt glue this required a couple of stages to prepare the blank to fit his chuck. He then went on to hollow the cup.

The meeting then broke for lunch with our usual BBQ, sausages, bread roll accompanied by a superb salad, my compliments to the chef. After lunch was show and tell with five members work on display.

To digress, there are members of the club who think that show and tell is only for "experts" (this rules me out) This actually defeats its purpose as this activity gives all members the opportunity to gauge their progress. Any criticism is constructive and always given a kindly fashion.

In conclusion Brendon's demonstration went smoothly and was well prepared with plenty objects to pass around, in all very professional.

Unfortunately, due to family commitment I had to leave after Show and Tell so I missed his segment on decoration. Never fear this will be covered by Anna Dawes in a follow up article.



Brendon's demonstration of burning wood with electricity to create 'Lichtenberg' figures was of great interest with impressive results.

Basically, created by pre-treating the wood with a conductor and applying an electrical current.

Necessary to use a transformer and use a foot control to turn on and off.

Timber needs to be pre-sanded to about 320-400 grit beforehand as too much sanding afterwards will destroy the pattern created.

Conductor: 2 tbsp. baking soda dissolved in a litre of water. Generously apply to wood and let soak right in. apply another coat just prior to burning. Be careful as this will not work if the timber is too wet, so some experimentation is a good idea.

When done and before applying a finish wet down and brush over with stiff bristles to remove small loose particles of charcoal

Watch video of the demonstration before trying this and check out a few YouTube postings with care.

One good site for putting the idea into practice is
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVQmPdsdKsU

have fun and take care

Steve Hitchcock and Anna Dawes (in order of report)

AUSTRALIA DAY 2018 DEMONSTATION FOR ROTARY AT THIRD SETTLEMENT PARK

It was a bright summer's morning and very humid when I arrived at about 7.00am. Dave Matthews, Bob Young, Rohan McCardell, Barbara Clarke, Alan Phelps, Fiona and Manny arrived early to set up. When I arrived, they had already set up the gazebos and the tables ready for the display of sales items. We had a good display of various items for sale, both members and charity items. Something to suit almost anyone. Some members made some sales and we took about $110.00 in the charity box. The banana stands were again a big hit.

Dave Matthews and Alan Phelps made some spinning tops, which as usual was popular with the kids, Alan also made some dolls also popular with the young girls.

We had a steady stream of interested visitors in both our sale items and woodturning in general. It was a little quieter than last year, I was talking to the President of The Rotary Club and he said that he thought we were about 150 visitors down on last year

There was bacon and egg sandwiches for breakfast supplied by Rotary and free tea and coffee supplied by the local Scouts.

A Flag Raising Ceremony was held at 9.30am by the local Scout Group followed by a Citizenship Ceremony it seemed well attended with many Local Dignitaries and Politicians in attendance. The Ceremony to place the stage where the A Bush Band from Toongabbie Music Group had earlier entertained those gathered in the park with Aussie Music

Other Activities included, Local Historical Society, Bush care group that offered a guided walk at 10.30 am and trees for a tree planting scheme, and a corn toss for the kids both big and little. Sydney Antique Machinery Club had a display of old machinery and handmade steam engines. Antique Steam Engine Rides were also available. There was a beautifully restored 1930 Dodge sedan and a 1960 Simca Aronde that had two gear levers just too confuse everyone. The Jowett Car Club had some interesting veteran cars on display again this year.

It all started to wind down slowly after the Ceremony we still had a few people looking and then we all started to pack up about 11.00 and were gone by 11.30am

Overall, I think all those that participated had an enjoyable morning. A lot of fun and banter.

Terry Boddy





We Think With Our Head - Have You Ever Thought About Your Head

Our brain is in our head so it is assumed that if we think we use our brain and thus use our head. However when thinking have you ever thought about your head and what else makes up your head and what some of the important parts do for you?

Let us think about that for a moment and concentrate on some of the major components, namely:

The Skull One Brain Two Eyes Two Ears Two Nostrils One Mouth.

Some may say that the **Skull** is inactive or dormant. If so they are not the thinkers amongst us as the skull is constantly carrying the other components and protecting the brain

The **Brain** is, in computer speak, the CPU (central processing unit). That is, provided we engage it before activating the eyes, ears, nostrils and mouth. If the brain goes on strike or is injured there is a strong possibility that the other components will either not operate or operate correctly.

The two **Eyes,** the two Ears and the two **Nostrils** work as teams of two and have the wonderful ability to work alone if one is subjected to injury or fails.

In many respects they act as our escorts, guide dogs, security guards as is appropriate at the time. They guide us to pleasant sights, smells and sounds and also protect us, using sight, sound and smells, from perils by detecting dangerous objects, projectiles heading our way, poisonous gasses, fire, flood etc., etc.

Only on the rarest of occasions will the eyes send out a negative signal, usually on instruction from the brain. The ears are well behaved and never emit anything unpleasant to others. Occasionally the nostrils will not be pleasant to others if they get too close but this is not their fault as the odour is usually caused by something eaten or maybe teeth not cleaned.

The **Mouth** however is a loner and in many instances, seems to adopt the attitude that it can work alone. How often have we heard the phrases?

"He/she puts the mouth into gear before engaging the brain" "What a foul mouthed individual."

"Boy does she run off at the mouth" "Would be nice if he ever said a nice word about someone."

"Will she ever check the facts before she opens her mouth?"

On balance it will "sometimes" warn us of food that we should not consume, that is if it takes the time to chew it properly and consider what is being consumed.

Seems to me too many of us use our mouth too much and/or use it carelessly. We should be using our brain to take far more notice of the information being provided by our eyes, nose and ears.

If you agree please tell a politician.

Quote of the month: If it tastes good spit it out. The cardiologist

Must Fly
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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.

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Handover of Charity Items to Mt Druitt Children's Ward.

In January, Bob Young, Danny Klajman, Rohan McCardell and I travelled to Mt Druitt Children's ward for the official hand over of the latest fundraising appeal.

The club handed over $10,000 worth of goodies including a new vein finder, a laptop and trolley as well as non-perishable items that were requested by Mildred from the hospital for the parents who had stayed over with the children and were unable to source any food nearby in the mornings.

Mount Druitt Hospital Children's Ward nurse unit manager, Mildred Villason said that the staff from the ward were delighted to receive the new devices.

"A new vein finder will allow quicker and more accurate cannulations and increase the level of comfort for our littlest patients." Mildred said.

"The second laptop and trolley will help make the ward more efficient.

"Our families appreciated the selection of non-perishable food helping parents of patients who are busy tending to their loved ones.

"We are privileged and honoured that Western Sydney Woodturners continue to assist the Children's Ward at Mount Druitt Hospital and we are appreciative of their ongoing long-term support"

Whilst it was nice to hear Mildred speak highly of the association that the club has with the Children's Ward it was also a little sad in some respects as the handover day was also the final day of Mildred's role at the hospital as she was retiring on that day.

Mildred, thank you for the friendship that you have extended to the club and we wish you well in retirement.

Paul de Belle



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Western Sydney Local Health District

06 February 2018

Western Sydney Woodturners Inc
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Dear Woodturners,

Thank you very much for your generous support and donation to the Children's Ward at Mount Druitt Hospital.

The equipment provided – Veinfinder and EMeds Laptop and Trolley – will enhance the level of care we can provide our littlest patients and increase the efficiency of the ward. The non-perishable foodstuffs are already been used and are much appreciated by our parents and families.

Our current BDMH Expansion Project is delivering state-of-the-art new facilities for both hospitals to meet the future health care needs of our growing community. We look forward to keeping you updated of our progress that will allow us to deliver healthcare in innovative ways.

With your help, we can continue to provide vital health care services at Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals. Thanks to your valued donation, you are helping us achieve our vision of *Better Health Service for the people of Western Sydney and Beyond.*

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Sonia Hollands
Fundraising and Events Manager
Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals

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One must always be aware of important safety guidelines, regardless of the type of spindle sander you choose for your needs. Don't forget that you're using a device with a powerful motor, abrasive spindles, and other heavy items. Also, it's important to know how the machine works so that you're always informed and knowledgeable about your equipment. This can prevent turning a valuable asset like a spindle sander into a dangerous liability.

It is strongly suggested that you get valuable teaching instructions before using this machine for your first time

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

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE.

In recent months there has been concern over the use of the **"ROUGHING GOUGE"**

It appears some member are using this tool in a very **dangerous** manner and the executive wishes to remind ALL members new, old and experienced that this tool is used for what it is called roughing square to round **spindle turning** and not on end grain or bowl work.

It is in the interest of **all** members that the use of all tools be used in the correct way and if you see a member using a tool incorrectly then discuss with them the correct tool to use for what they are doing.

This should be done in a consulted manner not one of aggression which can lead to further lack of confidence in other tool use.

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ITEM NUMBER 45 OSCILATING SPINDLE SANDER

ATTENTION. It is most important that you read the instruction sheet on the wall behind the spindle sander as there has been some damage due to the table inserts NOT being changed at the same time when the sanding sleeve has been replaced. These inserts are different in size so when they are fitted there is a minimal gap not allowing the work piece to be caught and causing possible damage.

If you're familiar with woodworking and construction, then you've most likely been exposed to at least some type of sanding device ATTENTION. It is most important that you read the instruction used to help smooth out flat edges but what about sanding your individual pieces of wood that may be curved and not uniform in shape? For example, perhaps you'd like to build a circular frame for a painting or you fashion furniture with flowing designs that aren't boxy in shape? In those situations, you're going to need a more specialized tool, like a spindle sander, to get the job done.



A spindle sander is essentially a small-diameter rotating cylindrical drum covered with a gritted paper sleeve and supported on a work table. It is designed to achieve a smooth, flat finish on wood pieces that are characterized by curved edges. This device can also smooth the interior surfaces of deep hole cuts; which other sanders don't reach as easily. While the spindle sander thrives on its ability to rotate, the oscillating spindle sander takes this operation even further, with the ability of its spinning drum to move up and down along its axis as it rotates. This has several benefits, including the reduction of static friction, which would otherwise cause burning or band marks to appear on one's work pieces. It also extends the life of the machine's sanding sleeve by spreading its wear across a large surface area so that all the action doesn't occur in exactly the same place.

Bench-top models are smaller units (that also feature motors) with bases built to support on-board storage for extra spindles, sleeves, drum plates, and table inserts. A bench-top model's sanding drum sits on top of a washer-like drum plate located in the middle of a table that ultimately supports the wood being sanded. Sanding sleeves then fit over the drum, while the unit's table insert rings slide down over both the machine's drum and sleeve components. This serves to eliminate any open space between the various sizes of drums and the table itself.

It's also helpful to note that a homeowner can convert an ordinary router or drill press into a spindle sander

Spindle sanders offer several benefits. Firstly, they're ideal for smoothing out odd surfaces, arcs, contours and other unusual curves that conventional belt and orbital sanders cannot reach with their more traditional flat shapes. Secondly, they offer variety and versatility in their use of different sizes and diameters of abrasive drums to smooth out uniquely-shaped pieces of wood. Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, they take up considerably less space than other types of floor-mounted devices, which comes in handy if your workshop has a lot of other bulky tools.

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