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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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Hello everyone its newsletter time again. By the time you see this we will have had another Bunnings Barbecue and we hope it was a great success for the Club.

Thanks to everyone for donating your odds and sods for activity boards for the Fairy Garden at the Children's Ward at Mt Druitt Hospital and the Pre-School Kindergarten at Lalor Park School. All of these projects will be made and completed in due time. Manny has made a small Japanese stle bridge for the Kindy at Lalor Park School. Thank you very much for the time and effort you have put into this which is very much appreciated.

The "terrible trio" in the guise of Easter Bunny helpers, Paul deBelle, Les Coombes and myself went to the Children's Ward at Mt Druitt Hospital to deliver Bowls and Easter Eggs to the little ones having to stay in hospital over Easter, it was great to see all the happy faces. This is something the Club does every year at Easter. Below is some information that I gave to the media section re the Clubs Efforts . Thanks to you all.

For more than 10 years The Western Sydney Wood turners have been looking to bring a smile to Mount Druitt Hospital's youngest patients. Easter was a prime example of their work as they handed out eggs in handmade wooden bowls.

Children's Ward Nurse Unit Manager Kate Lowe said the seasonal Gifts put a smile on many faces. "it's tough being in hospital and you're a little kid missing out on special celebrations like Easter and school holidays "Kate said.

Western Sydney Woodturners President Robert Young said the group creates "anything which involves woodwork" including bowls and knick knacks for the kitchen and furniture such as tables and chairs. We recently made a Japanese inspired walk Bridge for Lalor Park Public School plus currently making six activity boards for the Children's Ward at the Hospital which can be taken out and played with in the gardens." Rob said. Timber is donated to us for our projects which are sold on demand.

Over the years we have raised more than $90,000 for the Children's Ward at Mount Druitt Hospital. Thank you Western Sydney Woodturners for making our young patients happy. For more information about our Club visit http:// www.westernwoodturners.com/about.html.

Keep on Turning Bob Young

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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

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 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

May 2019 Maxi Day 19th May at 11AM is Branka Hedges who will be demonstrating Pen making using Epoxy Blanks Lunch will be at 12.30pm. This will Followed by Show and Tell.

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 April 2019.. We hope you have a great day with many more to come.

Name	Member since
Andy Tappouras	Dec -10
Daniel Emerson	Apr- 19
Danny klajman	Jun- 15
David Searle	Apr - 11
Eva Steli-Gajdos	Jul - 15
Greg Sheath	Nov- 17
Jin Cha	Apr - 18
Lawrence Benjamin	Oct – 13
Lawrence Mifsud	Nov- 08
Mark Parsell	Jan -16
Nev Parsons	Nov –14
Peter Bohan	Feb – 08
Rodney Brown	Mar – 14
Tamer Ghazi	May -18

New Member

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

Colin Carr	03/Apr /2019
Daniel Couzens	03/Apr /2019
Daniel Emerson	03/Apr/2019
John Frizzu	02/Apr/2019
Haydn Young	01/Apr/2019

Coming Events

Blacktown Festival Alive & Parade Day 25/5/2019
9am to 4pm.

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

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

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 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

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.

Please ensure that you include your membership number and name when booking things out of the Library.



QUESTIONS FROM THE QUIZMASTER:

I hope you enjoying the questions and those for May are scattered throughout the Newsletter.(If you think they are too easy we can always make them harder.)

Question 1-How many nations occupy whole continents?

Question 2- How many midget submarines entered Sydney Harbour in 1942?

Question 3- What was the second James Bond Novel to be made into a movie?

Question 4-Who was the "Godfather"?

April 2019 Welfare Report

Our member's welfare is important to the Club.Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still no longer with us. Let me know at e-mail address roband gail@hotmail.com

During last month a card was sent by your Club to the following member.

Les Pritchard.

We wish him well and hope he enjoys better health in the near future. If anyone is missed be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our Club are with you and your family.

Rob Stewart

Welfare Officer.

Our Easter Show Winners 2019

Congratulations to both Robyn Mahoney and Ray Saich on their recent wins at the 2019 Easter Show.

Robyn won First Prize for entry of carved pencils which was very effective and unusual.



Ray won First Prize for his segmented Vase plus Best in Exhibit.



W e have some very talented turners in our Club and am sure we can all benefits from their tips.

Question 1: One (Australia).



Do We Treat Our Cars Better Than We Do Our Bodies?

As we age we complain about our aches and pains and how our bodies will not do what they used to but in your elder years do you deserve to have a body that performs to your expectations??? Consider this.

* The average life span of a human is 70 plus years whereas the average time you retain a motor car is 10 minus years.

* When your car no longer performs to expectations you trade it in on a new one. There is nowhere you can purchase a new body.

* You put the appropriate fuel in our cars so that it will perform correctly. Do you fuel your body correctly by eating and drinking the right foods?

* You wash, polish and garage our car so that they look good. Do you protect our skin from the sun? Do you moisturise it correctly?

* You don't regularly overload your car so as to protect the suspension and allow it to perform well. Do you eat to excess so that you come obese and overload your body?

* You put protective covers on headlamps. Do you wear safety glasses?

* You take our car to the mechanic for regular servicing. Do you only see the Doctor when you have a problem or do you have such things as a regular colonoscopy, blood test or a check for skin cancers?

* When the mechanic tells you the car needs new tyres, brake pads etc. wiper rubbers etc. you do as suggested because you know the consequences if you delay. When the Doctor says you need to have a hernia repaired, take off some weight, have a mole removed or have a stress test do you delay as long as possible or completely ignore the advice?

* You put the correct tyres on our car. Do you wear fashionable shoes that can cripple your feet?

* You change the filters on your car to avoid the intake of pollution. Do you wear dustmasks?

The advances in technology mean that any part of a car can be replaced. The replacement of some parts may be expensive but you know that you will have a working car with no side effects.

The advances in modern medicine mean that some but not all parts of your body can replaced. The replacement can be very expensive and you could have ongoing side effects. Unlike your car some come with high risk factor.

Like me you may not be guilty of all of the above but if you are honest with yourself you will recognise those that do apply to you.

Quote of the Month: Practice the pause. Pause before judging. Pause before assuming. Pause whenever you're about to react harshly and you'll avoid doing and saying things you'll later regret.

Author: Lori Deschene

Must Fly Woodchip

Our Club Bridge Builder

Lalor Park Public School approached the Club to build a bridge to go in a garden at the school. Manny volunteered to undertake the task both designing and constructing the bridge to the school's specifications. After a week of toil he managed to produce the bridge as pictured. It will be put into place on Tuesday the 7th May. Job well done!!!
Manny





This is the bridge built for the Lalor Park Public School out of donated materials. A job well done which demonstrates the talent we have amongst our Club members.

Easter Egg Presentation

18TH April 2019

This is one happy little girl receiving an Easter gift from the Clubs Friendly Easter Bunnies (L to R) Bob Young, Paul de Belle and Les Coombes at our charity MT Druitt Hospital Children's Ward.

Well done Boys. (See Presidents report for further details).



St Bartholomew's Church Demonstration

Dave Matthews and Russ Werner enjoyed a very pleasant day on Prospect Hill, selling our wares, doing a bit of demonstrating on the lathe and generally just chatting to other stall holders and passersby.

St Bart's volunteers put on a nice venue.We were entertained by the Town Crier, together with a trio of wandering minstrels, plus period soldiers firing their muzzle loader rifles. The number of stall holders was down a bit this year due to rainy weather the day before.

It is truly a shame that, in a club with so many members, there was only Dave and I there to represent and to show off and sell our wares.
(Sorry, there are no photos.) Dave forgot to remind me to take some).
Russ.

.**Question 2.**Three

Pen Making Websites

For those members who have an interest in making pens included in this newsletter here is page 3 of various websites to source components and other information which. May be of interest to you.(Page 4 will follow next month).

Site Name	Website	Country
Penkits UK	www.penkitsuk.com	UK
Penkits and Bitz	https://penkitzandbitz.co.uk	UK
Penn State Industries	www.penstateind.com	USA
Perfect Pens & Pencils	www.perfect pensand pencils.com.au	Aust
Pops Shed	www.popsshed.com.au	Aust
PTownSubbie	https://ptownsubbie.com	USA
Rapture Resins	https://raptureresins.com	USA
Red River Pens	https://redriverpens.com	USA
Richard Greenwald	https://richardlgreenwald.com	USA
Rockler	www.rockler.com	USA
Royal Palm Resin	https://royalpalmresin.com	USA
Shed life	https://shedlifellc.com	USA
Signature Pen Company	www.signaturepencompany.com	USA
Silver Pen Parts	www.silverpenparts.com	USA
SMA Diffusion	https://boutique.smadiffusion.com/index.cfm	France
Solimould.co.uk	www.solimould.co.uk	UK
Strongink.	www.strongink.com.cn	China
Tasmanian Turning Supplies	www.tasturningsupplies.com.au	Aust
Taylors Mirfield	https://taylorsmirfield.co.uk	UK
Tennessee Pen supply	www.tennesseepensupply.com	USA
Testors	www.testors.com	USA
The Epoxy Resin Store	www.theepoxyresinstore.com	USA
The Golden NIB	https://thegoldennib.com	USA
The Turners Workshop	https://www2.theturnersworkshop.co.uk	UK
The Walnut Log	www.thewalnutlog.com	USA
The Wood Bucket	http://thewoodbucket.com	USA
The woodturning Store	https://www.thewoodturningstore.com	USA
Timberbits	www.timberbits.com	Aust
TMS	www.tournage-mecanismes-stylos.fr/	France
T.Shadow & Company	http://tshadow.com	USA

Question 3: From Russia with Love

B S FROM THE BUSH – MAY 2019

First of all I have to apologise to our editor and the members for not doing my report last month. The month was much busier than normal as I attempt to explain later.



Early last month, Wellington had a visit from the channel 7 weekend weather presenter James Tobin. This was very early morning and arranged by Wellington Arts so obviously a lot of arty stuff was on show, including our stuff.



It pleases me to say we had a fall of rain about 3 weeks ago, around 30mm in one fall and 2 falls of about 10mm few days later. How the land changed arround here. It almost turned green overnight but was short lived as it is now back to what it was 4 weeks ago.





There was another what we call a 'Hay Run' and as the photo shows there are plenty of farmers still wanting hay.



For the last 2 years we have been talking to the Dubbo Regional council about a bird aviary at the caves complex. They are spending three and a half million dollars on a tourist experience building(whatever that means). With the new building the bird aviary had to be got rid of. We offered to take it as it should be kept in the area. The council said yes 18 months ago but had to be done in Feb(hot time of year) and re-erected within 3 months ready for public display. We said no to that. Time went on and again the council came to us this Feb. We had a couple of cool days so we went for it with the help of five prisoners from the local jail, we got it all moved to our place. We have almost got it erected and ready for some birds. As well as the aviary, there was a couple of trees coming down. A claret ash, some eucalypt and a paper bark together with two truck loads of mulch. The guys I have here on a Wednesday night for turning practice came with the gear they have and we had fun slabbing up the timber, some good and some bad.





Cheers for now Ken







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QUESTION 4:Marlon Brando.

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.

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.

Answers To questions from the Quizmaster

Answers: 1.One (Australia), 2.Three 3.From Russia with Love 4. Marlon Brando