

WesTurn News

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President's Report

Once again into the breach.... Paul Collins, Paul de Belle, Alan Eipper and myself took a trip to Mt. Druiitt Hospital, Children's Ward to finalise The Club's Charity Donation of equipment which included two babies' cots and other equipment which included a Lifter for heavy kids to be lifted and moved about. It can take up to 150Kg so Paul Collins was sequestered for a lifting demo by laying on a bed and being strapped in a harness and lifted up and out of the bed and then put back in. If it works for him it will work anytime on kids. Thanks Paul for being our guinea pig. We were then feted to a morning tea of tea, coffee and cakes with the cakes being made by Mildred who manages the Ward.

Next in line we have been doing more wood cutting, painting and naming the timber out back for use by the members. Geoff Robinson and Dave Matthews have both been a great help cutting, sorting and stacking. Also another thank you to all the guys who have been painting the timber for preservation.

The varieties of timber out back are African Olive, African Yellow Wood, Camphor, Tallow Wood, Chinese Pine, London Plane, Jacaranda, and White Cedar; all in good supply so buy some and make something different maybe.

It doesn't look like we will be having a Christmas Party this year due to the usual inactivity of members, so maybe we might go to a Pub or such for a drink and a meal. Please let the members of your Executive know whether this is feasible and if you would be interested.

Membership is still on the increase which is great and we hope to have more new members in the future.

By the time you read this Linnwood House will be over and I expect it will be its usual nice and pleasant day.

OPEN DAY is upon us on the 29th November so no Maxi Day this month. Let's all chip in and help make it a great day and remember we need everyone to help set up and then clean up after.

Until next time, HAPPY TURNING

Bob Young

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

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 that the lending period is one month.

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

12:45pm – 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 – 3:30pm \$5

Friday Nights: 6:30pm – 9pm \$3

Third Saturday of the month:

9:30am – 3:30pm \$5

15th November

20th December

Contact: Liam Healy – 0411560984

Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month:

13th December

Contact: Anna Dawes – 96386995

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Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

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

16th November – NO maxi day

21st – NO maxi day

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – 7pm

11th November

9th December

Club Badges

If anyone who hasn't received their name tag yet or if you need a new one, please let me know so I can arrange a time with you to take your photo and I can make up your badge as soon as possible.

Assistant Editor

New Members

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

Young Koh

Greg Gibbons

Jim Nabhan

Coming Events

November

- **Trend Timbers Open Days (Demo only) –** Friday 14th and Saturday 15th
- **Club Open Day –** Saturday 29th November

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

Happy Birthday

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

Syd Churchward

Paul Collins

Paul de Belle

John de Vos

Hans Freke

Stephen Hitchcock

Peter Hough

Don Hughes

Michael Jones

Bruce Park

Robert Smart

Bob Taylor

Gary Todd-Maddix

Bob Young

Wood For Sale

Don't forget members we do sell wood at our club. We have recently got more different species of wood in stock which includes: African Olive, Camphor Laurel, Chinese Pine, African Yellow Wood, London Plane, Jacaranda, White Cedar and Tallow Wood. So if you would like to buy some wood please ask the convenor on your day.

Editor

Welfare Report

This month there have been members still getting over the flu and well on the way to recovery. There has been some more serious problems with back nerve problems, eye operations, red back spider bites and hospitalization of some of our members and their wives.

All is not bad as we have seen one of our members return after a knee operation and he appears to be happy with his progress and looking to have the other one done as soon as possible. As always we are very conscious of our members and their wives with ongoing problems and hope the treatment and convalescing leads to a speedy recovery.

Eddie C

P.S - There is not a lot to worry about the welfare of our two members who moved to Wellington the house is ship shape and they are very happy, they have started to relax a little and take things a little slower, they are having the normal hick ups with some authorities but making progress with the builder. His words "a lot different to the city life, very hot but very happy"

Our Move to the Bush

Dear Members,

It has only been a week since the move to Wellington, but there has been a lot of water under the bridge! I am not going to bore you with the detail but as the photos show, there has been some stressful times.

Western Sydney Woodturners has some very wonderful members, many of whom offered their help in different ways, some of which was accepted towards the end. The reason for not accepting earlier was the fact I didn't know what I was doing when loading the container. It was 26 years ago I last moved and in that time you tend to store a lot of so called rubbish. Many members came up to me and offered their best wishes and some very nice words were said which made it all the more difficult to leave the club even for a short while. I'll be back. I wish to thank all those members for their best wishes, the members I didn't get to say farewell to and all those I have had the pleasure of working with, we will get together soon.

As for the move itself, everything went well except for the bloody container. I was told not to over fill it which meant not putting more than 8 tons inside. Well, how heavy is 8 tons???? One member said about 8 cars. Can you imagine putting 8 cars inside a 20 ft container? I can now tell you it is quite easy, in fact try 13 cars, yes; I was 5 tons over weight. This created the problem because the truck they sent could not lift the load. With less than 2 weeks before we had to vacate the house this happens! Many phone calls after to get someone or something to lift this thing it was still a problem. Just by chance, Chris saw a crane companies truck in Blacktown, got the number and I rang. This was the Friday before we had to be out the following Thursday. They sent someone out to check the site and all was good, they could do it. The price please!!!! They could supply the crane (60 ton one, no one knew how heavy the container was), had to get a tilt truck. Did not get to know the price until the Tuesday, still not sure when it was going to happen. Phone call came later that morning to say it was happening at 1 o'clock. The crane turned up and had three goes at setting up as it was crossing the neighbours driveway, the ground was soft and plenty of power line above, once the crane was in position the truck turned up, the container was in the air then on the truck and gone all within 5 minutes. How easy was that? Chris was at work, I rang to say we are going to Wellington that afternoon as the truck was delivering the container at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. We set off arriving at Wellington about 8pm, good job we had our caravan set up here. Container arrived. All was good; we travelled back to Sydney after unpacking the car and trailer arriving in Blacktown about 5pm. We reloaded the car and trailer again before the removalist came on Thursday 6am for the furniture. We arrived intact 2 o'clock Thursday.

This is the story of the container; we have problems with Telstra (internet and landline) but all getting sorted. The neighbours are great, enjoying the quiet life and more to come next month in ----" **B S from the Bush.**"

Best Wishes from Ken and Chris



WESTERN SYDNEY WOODTURNERS

Welcome to our 25th Anniversary

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

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Our 'bangers' were a big hit at Bunnings



I could only help out for the afternoon so I arrived at Bunnings at lunch time to be greeted by some very weary members. So with the afternoon shift arriving we were able to give the early starters a well earned break. A few had to go but many had a quick break, a bite to eat and a refreshing drink and were back into it. They told me it had been very steady all day and supplies were already getting low. Things were getting desperate so Bob and Alan set off to buy more supplies.

Being a long weekend I think a lot more people were out and about doing their DIY projects and buying things for the garden and they certainly had good appetites. Lynne and Leida were kept very busy buttering bread and at times had trouble keeping up.

We were down to our last few slices of bread when the cavalry arrived with more sausages, bread and butter, they couldn't have timed it better. The people kept arriving; we kept cooking with very little letup. Closing time for the bbq is 4pm and we nailed it, selling the last of our cooked sausages right on 4 o'clock. Perfect.

The club would like to thank all those members who gave some of their time, some were there all day, and the money goes a long way to help with the maintenance of our tools and equipment.

Thanks; Rob, Dave, Rohan, Alan, John, Bob & Lynne, Lawrence, Leida, Ken & Chris and Robert.

Ron Fathers

A man was sitting quietly reading his paper one morning, peacefully enjoying himself, when his wife sneaked up behind him and clobbered him on the back of his head with a huge cast-iron frying pan.

"What was that for?" the man screamed in pain.

"What is this piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name Marylou written on it?"

"Oh, honey. Don't you remember two weeks ago when I went to the horse races? Marylou was the name of one of the horses I bet on."

The wife seemed satisfied and headed on to do some work around the house, feeling a bit sheepish. Three days later the man was once again sitting in his chair when his wife sneaked up on him and again hit him on the head with a cast-iron frying pan.

"What's that for this time?" the man shouted, clutching his head.

"Your horse called."

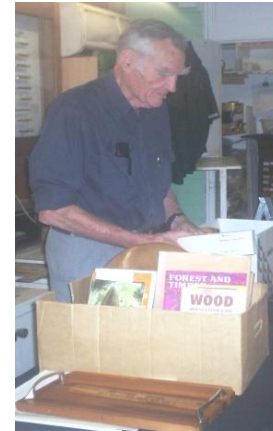
Maxi Day Presentation By Dick Turner

Wood properties and identification

The attendance by members and guests for the Maxi day this month was a little disappointing with only some 15 members present for what turned out to be both an interesting and informative day. One could say the roll up was a little embarrassing for a club with the number of members that we have.



Dick Turner, a former member of Western Sydney Woodturners and now a member of the Blue Mountains group arrived armed



with numerous boxes of different types of timber, both already turned and non turned samples as well as many books on timber and their uses and some handouts for those present.

Dick started his presentation with the words “Wood is good and in some cases it is stronger than steel.”

The latter part of that statement was to my mind thought provoking at best, but as he then went on to explain with the example of a house made out of say 4x3 hardwood and it has gone through a fire. In many cases the frame is still standing yet those buildings constructed with steel are all warped, twisted and bent.

Timber is an important resource for civilization, and there are records that show it was used in construction as far back as the ancient Romans and Egyptians, so it has been around for a long time and its uses are as pertinent then as it is today. And the fact that it is a renewable resource is also something that is important to remember.



There are basically two types of wood, soft wood and hard wood. Softwood is much lighter and paler than hardwoods. Pine is an example of a softwood tree and Jarrah is an example of Australian Hardwood.

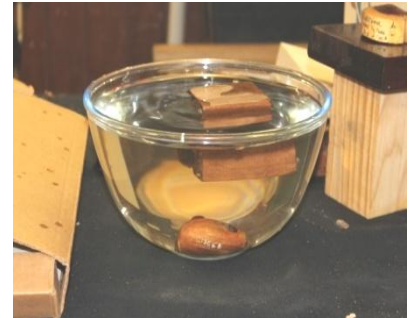


Another important feature of timber/trees is the water content. Growing trees may have as much free water as it does by the weight of the tree, it may contain free water as there is moisture across the whole piece. Once a

tree is felled and starts to dry out there are internal forces in the timber which leads to the cracking or checks in timber, one of the curses that we all experience in pursuit of our hobby.



Particular interest was the “float test” that Dick used to show that not all timbers float, and depending upon the species of timber some were more buoyant than others. It was interesting



to see that Gidgee timber was not at all buoyant and sank like a rock to the bottom of the bowl.

Further information that Dick provided relating to the identification of timbers was that many factors are obvious in the identification of that species, particularly when you consider that the standard list of names of Australian timbers is around 500 species, then each species can have a number of variants, as an example there are in excess of 700 species of Australian Eucalypt.



Now you know why is easier to identify some timbers that we are using from our own experience such as say, African Olive, London Plain, Jacaranda, and Camphor Laurel to name a few.

As if this wasn't mind blowing enough Dick also discussed the different types of trees in that they are either deciduous or evergreen.



Dick went on to explain various methods for the hobby turner that are available to assist in the drying process including the use of a microwave oven.

It was easy to understand that Dick's experience as being a former forestry worker he had a mountain of information from his life experience.

As with all maxi days after lunch which was admirably attended to by Eddie Catford and Paul Collins. We progressed to our show and tell which had a good number of samples available. One item which was not only unique but was also a hot topic of conversation was the clock that had been done by Ron Fathers.

This is not to say that the other items were not worthy of comment. It continues to amaze the talented people that we have in the club.

Paul de Belle

Show and Tell

Ron Fathers

Cypress & Redwood
Cabothane



Camphor
Friction Polish







Ted Payne






Buffing Oil

James Singh

Camphor
 African Olive

Triple P & Friction Polish & Tung Oil

European Beech
 Mulberry
Lacquer

Max Tankard








Jacaranda
Triple P








Hardwood

Ray smith

Jacaranda
 Jacaranda & Teak
 Blackbutt - *Min Wax*
Friction Polish

Friction Polish

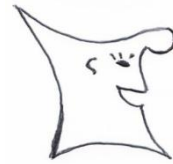
Cherry & Teak
 Rock Maple & Teak
 Beech & Camphor laurel
 Cherry & Sapele
 Silky Oak,
 Kauri Pine, Cedar,
 Huon Pine, Camphor

Thursday At The Club





RETARDED GRANDPARENTS



After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils to write an essay on how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very Well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He Watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts! Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones, who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

Question

Should members be concerned about the ability of the President and Secretary to properly exercise the functions of their respective positions? I understand they left the Club premises last week to collect a trailer load of timber and returned with an empty trailer claiming that what was offered was no good. Is that their story or were they unable to find the address?

Quote of the month

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.' - *Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)*

Must Fly Woodchip

The Chevie

My very first car was a Chevie

I was just 17 at the time



The car was kept in such tender thought
By the owner who bought it brand new
As he lavished on it the love it was due
From the very first day it was bought



Built in 1928 it really was quite strong

To change a gear you'd double clutch

With brakes on all wheels and a hand brake too



The metal wheels had wooden spokes
The canvas roof was water proof
But 65 miles per hour was all she would do



It had running boards like all cars then

And pistons as big as jam tins

With a back seat as big as a single bed

And roll down curtains as well

The perfect car for a young bloke



On that subject that's quite enough said

I wish I had that car to day

I'd pay it back with care

For all the weekends away at the beach

For me and all my mates

For my education on cars

No text book or manual could teach



I think we remember our first car

As a milestone we had to achieve

I'm glad that mine was the Chevie for sure

With its solid steel bumpers

And crank handle start

They don't make 'em like that any more



Neil Guthrie

Couple in their nineties

A Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a checkup, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember.... Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. 'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure.' 'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks. 'No, I can remember it.' 'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?' He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.' 'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!' Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment. 'Where's my toast?'

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CHUCK JAWS



Chuck jaws are an integral part of wood turning, they like the tools and chucks we discussed previously have an important part to play making sure the correct set is chosen when we mount a work piece in preparation for turning.

Unfortunately for the average or new turner they are not aware of the many different types, styles and brands available and use the set of jaws that were originally supplied with the respective chuck when purchased, while this is acceptable for the general day to day turning it will be obvious over time these jaws are not practical for all types of work and you will start to look for a more suitable alternative. This is when it becomes very interesting as there are so many different brands, styles, types, sizes and costs that make it prohibitive to have them all.

Some of the names given are in most cases the same in all brands such as 25, 50, 75, 100 mm spigot jaws, step jaws, pin jaws, long nose jaws, dovetail and extended dovetail jaws, cup jaws, bowl jaws, power grip jaws, Cole jaws and the list goes on. From this it is obvious by their name what they are used for and where ever possible should be changed on the chuck (usually a simple method of undoing the eight Alan headed securing screws.) before proceeding. As the price of chucks can be a determining factor if it is possible to have two or more chucks set up with the most common jaws you are most likely to use consistently this will save time if you find you have to change jaws for a specific application.

With the tail stock out of the way and work piece firmly supported in the chuck with **correct** jaws small and large pieces for bowls can be turned with safety.

Warning, as with any tool that removes wood and rotates at high speed, precaution should be taken. Be sure to follow the owner's manual on the proper operation of the lathe machine and any accessories that you purchase and use.

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.