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PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2013

Hello everyone! Our Open Day is nearing quickly and I would ask you all to offer a hand in any way possible so as to make this day a success. It benefits everyone in the Club so please ask what you can do to help.

The shed is well on the way with just a few hitches to be ironed out then everything will be complete so we can cut some more wood to store and supply members at an extremely cheap price.

THE TWO CHUCKS ARE STILL MISSING and I ask all of you to check your workshop for them as it's easy to make a mistake and throw them in your bag without thinking and then not noticing them in our usual mess at home. Please have a look.

Our newsletter is to be continued by the generosity of Michelle Rowland and her ever pleasant staff. Thank you all.

The list of Demonstration venues is continuing on as usual so how about anyone who is a new member or has never been to one of these before sign on for a try. Even if only for a few hours or to help set up or pack up would be of great help. Sign on for a try on one of the lists on the boards, you never know you might like it and it makes life easier for everyone else. We have two venues on the 10th November with some of the regular participants unable to be there.

Another function coming up very soon is The Blue Mountains Challenge which is a very interesting day out so enquire about the day and see if you would like to attend.

Bob Young.

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SHOP TRADING HOURS

**Mon—Fri 9:00am 10:30am
12:45pm 1:30pm
FRI ONLY 7:00pm - 7:30pm**

See Shop Manager Paul Collins

CLUB MEETINGS

**SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
COME AND DISCUSS WHAT CONCERNS YOU**

Oct. 8th 2013
Nov. 12th 2013
Dec. 10th 2013

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

**THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
FOR THAT EXTRA TURNING TIME**

SEPT. 21ST 2013
OCT. 19TH 2013
NOV. 16TH 2013
DEC. 21ST 2013

09:30am to 3: 00pm
\$5:00 Ph: Liam 0411 560 984

LADIES DAY

**SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
FOR THE LADIES OF THE AREA**

SEPT 14TH 2013
OCT 12TH 2013
NOV 9TH 2013
DEC 14TH 2013

MAXI DAY

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
COME AND LEARN A LITTLE MORE**

SEPT. 15TH 2013
OCT.20TH 2013
NOV. 17TH 2013
DEC. 15TH 2013

09:30 to 3:30pm
\$6.00 Light Lunch Provided; Guest Demonstrators or
Open Workshops

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re 'THE POET'S DILEMA'

Newsletter deadlines come and go
Adding to our poet's woe
For every month he writes some verse
And sometimes has just cause to curse
When the ideas will not flow.

From the workshop now and then
A member's expertise inspires his pen
But like the hands that guide the skew
Direction is needed - from all of you
Towards topics of interest and things that have happened!

How can I help? I do not know
For my turning oft is touch and go
No source of inspiration there
When with the others I compare
Though the shavings lie thick below.

Perhaps some comment on finish, critique
Maybe a piece that is really unique
What do they have these pieces we love
That sets them from all others apart and above?
Not complacency, carelessness, nor pique!

Our many members, do they know
The challenge and value of our 'tell and show'?
The joy of setting upon the display table
Items of which they are increasingly able
Designs raising questions, begging others 'have a go'.

For while we are many, we are one
Sharing a turning adventure just begun
Many tools, tall tales, and loyalties
A club thriving, just as it should be
Through a love of woodwork and having fun.

Poet, oh poet, there is no dilemma
Keep writing your verses of whatever, whenever
While streams of shavings keep on flying
And knuckles may whiten with the trying
There will always be topics for your pen to endeavour.

'A non y mouse'.

In response to "The Poet's Dilema"; Issue 133, April 2011 and
"Sometimes a Poem Just Won't Come", Issue 159, 9 September, 2013.

Thanks to Michelle Rowland MP,
The Member for Greenway, for her
continued support which includes
the Printing of this Newsletter.



Linwood house 8th September 2013

The day started with Dave Mathews having to line up with the jeeps that were part of the display in the grounds of Linwood House. Our President Bob, VP Paul, and good to see one of our newer members Denis Keane, who may have some photo 's to accompany this article..... We duly set up our stand and our charity table complete with Bowls, Camphor Shavings and Banana stands. By this time Russell had set up his barbecue stand so we had our usual bill of fare according to our personal tastes. The numbers were down some what, I suppose you could blame it on the Election and the big garden show that was on in Sydney. Denis came away in the knowledge of how to turn tops, it was good to see how under Daves teaching he is now proficient at this. I would like to see more newer members at "Demos" like this, as it is a fun day and you get to talk to people and tell them about the Club and the joy of woodturning as well as telling them about our Charity. As mentioned before, the crowd was down but we still managed to sell our Charity

Items. John Walker had such a good time he left and then came back in the afternoon. As all good things come to an end, it came time to pack up the Trailer and tidy up around our area. A really good day was had by all and I would like to invite any member to come to any of our outside or inside "Demos" and share in the good times we have, you would always be welcome.

Rohan McCardell



MAXI DAY SEPT 2013 WITH SANTA HODGE

On this day Santa Hodge must have thought it was time to get back to the basics. The techniques around the club lately has been a little ordinary and this, I believe, was well timed. Oh no not the basics again. Once you know the basics, then you can build on these. 'I know' I hear you say. Well, do them then!

Bob started with a brief description of carbon steel and high speed steel and which gives off what coloured sparks. Carbon is white and HSS is yellow (I know I hear you say).

How do you sharpen a skew? Look at some around the club, no wonder people have problems with the tool. It is sharpened with a 70 degree angle, ground parallel to the cutting edge and equal on both sides.

How to sharpen a detail gouge and now that ceramic sharpeners are on the scene, all making the tool more sharp therefore making it easier to cut wood. The use of diamond files to sharpen carbon scraper tips (Santa is keeping up with technology). He also happened to mention, he had won a Robert Sorby sharpening machine. What about the concave grind? All to be revealed.

It was good to hear a little about the material we use the most - wood, timber or some say lumbar. How a tree grows, parts of a tree. Summer and winter growth, medullary rays, the way a tree gets it food, this all effects the turner

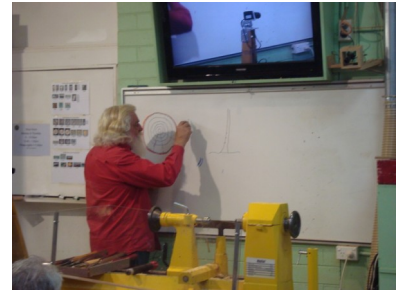
With the use of a lathe, Santa proceeded to turn a turning tool handle with a hard piece of timber where he got a lot of chatter. Reasons for this was explained, one of which was shown by use of the lever principle - tool overhang.

How to part off the right way, the peeling cut. Then he show us how to make an indexing mechanism if you haven't got one on your lathe.

Santa finished up by talking about small projects that can be made with offcuts of wood and practicing your skills on these projects. A good, basic demo where all, either learnt a little or was reminded about some things.

It must be said, the catering staff did a good job as it was your first full maxi day in your control. The kitchen was spotless when you left, thank you.

Thanks to all those who helped in the set up and putting back at the end of the day.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Hi all members !!!

Here is the latest news!!!!!! I am re-organising the Library as Many new Hard Bound Books have been added encompassing woodturning, cabinetmaking, finishing techniques and other subjects. These carry on from number 135 onwards and should be of interest to all.

So enjoy!!!! And Now for the bad news!!!!!! Too many books and DVD'S are overdue for returning to the Library so if you are one of the culprits please return the items ASAP as it is not fair to other members who want to borrow them.

I know it's easy to overlook this so YOU have a look and see if you have something outstanding and make an effort to return it forthwith.

Remember borrowing from the Library is for ONE MONTH not 2 or 3 or 6 or 12 months as is the case with a few Bound Books and DVD's.

The time has come for Naming and Shaming those who do not abide by the Borrowing Rules. Please respect your fellow members requirements for books and DVD's by returning them promptly to the library. After all is said and done, ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER

Regards Gary

New Members:

Welcome to all our new members who have recently joined, we hope your stay is both long and rewarding.

3592	Mr.	Hawkes	Corben
3593	Mr.	Masonwells	Joshua
3594	Mr.	Black	Matthew
3590	Mr.	Colman	Shannon
3591	Mr.	Flavell	Josh

Happy Birthday:

Wishing each of the following members a very happy Birthday, with many many more to follow.

2934	Carter	Kaye
2507	Catford	Eddie
2659	Catford	Shane
2455	Hansell	Gary
2736	Karklins	Andris
2081	McCardell	Rohan
3081	Miles	John
1562	Mottram	Bill
2719	Stewart	Rob
2862	Williams	Bob
3584	Williamson	Grant

WELFARE REPORT

I am advised that Eric Aldinger is now at home which must make him feel a little better being in his own surroundings and comforts, close to family and friends. We all wish him well in his recovery endeavours, and someday maybe a visit. Also I am advised that John Clark has had a pretty bad trot over the Last 6/8 weeks and is now at home recovering from pneumonia, Heart bypass and kidney failure, obviously hard to keep a good Man down. Keep up the recovery and hope to see you soon.

To all members, it is important to let me know of someone who is not well, so I can send a card to them, so they know that they are not forgotten and maybe cheer them up a little. Hans Loomans has had another trip to the Hospital, with Kidney Problems, we wish him well and a speedy recovery and back At the Club soon.

Eddie.

Club Events

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Blue Mountains Challenge Saturday October 19th

BlackTown Arts and Crafts Sunday October 27th

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THE WOOD TURNER.

There are three stages of woodturning and I liken them to driving a car.

The first stage is “learning.” The second is “experienced.” And the third “professional,”

Learning.

This stage is all about getting to know what a lathe is how it works, what tools are, what those tools are used for and how to use them. Also start to identify timbers and their characteristics.

This stage is important to instill confidence while demonstrating how to do basic turning practicing with all the tools explaining their various uses. It is also important to explain the “right” tool for the “right” job however there are some tools that have various uses and this should also be explained and demonstrated. It is important that where ever possible they should always use the same tool kit or better still their own tool kit as this becomes an individual feel and you become more comfortable when using them as the weight, the angles of the grind and the sharpness is constant. Preferably the Mentor is to be consistent with little or NO interruptions or advice from one or more other people which only causes confusion.

At NO stage should the “experienced “or “professional” step in and take over as this has a tendency to make the mentor look bad and create confusion. If you feel you must say something then call the mentor to one side and discuss what you believe to be a problem. **Don’t do it front of the learner.** Remember you don’t know what has preceded your intervention!!!!!!! And you yourself may end up wrong.

As they become more capable over time they should be progressively left on their own until they feel they are confident to go to the next level, the “experience.”

Experienced.

This stage is where you are confident in your abilities and of your “L” plates and out on your own it is the best stage, the fun stage, the stage you are a hobbyist, you know you want to continue with turning and interested in experimenting with shapes, designs, the mean, (a separate topic) different timbers and all the good things you have seen others produce and proud to display and open for constructive critique from other experienced turners. You have confidence in you own ability, your own person and respected in what you have to offer in opinion and guidance to others even new turners where you get a great deal of satisfaction.

This is the stage most turners don’t progress past but do have a tendency to specialize in specific areas with very diverse results. All this make for many interesting discussions revolving around HOW you achieved that result.

Professional.

This stage is the equivalent to the racing driver, the perfectionist no room for error the turner who has done it all, demonstrates for a living, writes books, designs tools, world renowned, someone who has been dedicated for many years spent many hours studding the technical side of timber, experimenting with cutting edges and angles and endless hours at the lathe so all their actions are more automatic than concentration. They generally have a few tricks up their sleeves and when demonstrating have a tendency to do it so quick you are not sure what or if they actually did do something. Regrettably they are unfortunately generally the first to ridicule and criticize openly but are not backward in taking short cuts knowing they can get away with it and unless you are watching very carefully they will slip in an action with the tool they are using instead of changing tools. Professionals are generally invited to demonstrate and their credentials checked therefore it is not necessary for them to resort to any out of the ordinary display, a quip, a story or even a more detailed description is more acceptable than what some may consider a potential dangerous and unsafe procedure.

A special note

The writer accepts some comments may be controversial but suggests you ask yourself the following before you are to outspoken

Have I ever written a document? Do I offer my work up for critique? Do I give any time to help new turners? Do I offer myself to be a mentor? Do I participate in functions? Do I participate in the management?

I believe part of these if not all are part of being a good turner as they are all a necessary component in your personal achievements as without these you would never have started turning.

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