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President's Report

Another month has passed and a lot has happened during that time.

As most would know our President is presently not in the best of health and as a result I am doing this month's report. It is a hell of a way to avoid your responsibilities Bob so hurry up and get better. Likewise to all other members who are experiencing some health issues do what you are told and get better soon.

The month has seen a number of members attend the Canberra and Newcastle Stitches and Craft show and whilst the Canberra layout was not as ideal as some previous years set up those attending still had a good time and enjoyed the experience, even if some people incurred some unexpected expense like having their car photographed which resulted in a contribution to the ACT coffers.

The Canberra report is also in this newsletter but the headwear of some members was something that had to be seen to be believed.

The turn-around time from Canberra to Newcastle was a bit tight with the Newcastle show being on the following weekend but all those who participated there also seemed to have a good few days.

It was after the Newcastle show that Bob went down with his illness and I think that all the rushing around that he and Lyn had done in the month leading up to these two events also had something to do with him becoming ill. Folks please remember that we are not as young as we used to be and the body needs to recover, so don't overdo it.

It seems that my report is a gripe session but this must be said.

This month there are a number of events coming up that we have been invited to participate in and it is disappointing, to say the least, at the response of the members and putting their hands up to represent the club. It seems that it is left to the same old faces, so please have a look at what you can do for the club in way of participation. Some of these events are only for a couple of hours and if we get support from the members it spreads the load and you will probably enjoy it as well. Give it a try.

I have noticed that there is some equipment that appears to be missing from the store also, particularly the steel rulers could members please check to see if they have accidentally put them in their bags and return them to the store. It is best if as soon as you use an item if you return it immediately and PLEASE put tools back where they belong not on just any hook.

I am also concerned about a couple of safety aspects that I have witnessed first hand and these involve the use of club equipment particularly power tools including the chain saw. If you are not familiar with the equipment then DO NOT use it. ASK someone who is authorised to use it to do or assist you with whatever it is that you want done. And when the job is completed then clean up the mess left behind immediately you are finished. This is not only good house-keeping but also a safety aspect.

Please remember to enjoy your wood working and be proud to show your work.

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FOR SALE

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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

19th September

17th October

21st November

19th December

Contact: Liam Healy – 0411560984

Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month:

\$5

12th September

10th October

14th November

12th December

Contact: Anna Dawes – 96386995

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Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

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

20th September – **Darryl Smith**

18th October – **Ron Gibbs**

15th November – **Alan Phelps**

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – 7pm

13th October

10th November

8th December

New Members

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

Anthony Dec

Happy Birthday

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

Chris Bennett	Anna Dawes
Phil Deale	Ken Vodden
Chris Hardy	Malcolm Harrild
Liam Healy	Jamason McDonald
Lizzie Mitchell	Ted Payne
Geoffrey Robinson	Leonie Singh

George Dennis-Smith

Welfare

Hi to all this month has been quite busy in welfare with a number of members being unwell and also members have lost love ones. Sympathy and speedy recovery to all members affected, as I am still new to the role I do encourage members to notify me of members or loved ones who are unwell or passed my email is s.attard84@gmail.com

Until next time stay safe stay well and happy turning.

Steve Attard

Coming Events

September

- **Linnwood House** – Sunday 13th – 10am to 4pm (setup - 8:30am)
- **Blacktown Volunteer Expo** – Bowman Hall Wednesday 16th – 10am to 1:30pm (setup – 8am)
Club Display and Charity sales ONLY
- **Wistaria Festival** – Saturday 19th and Sunday 27th 10am to 4pm (setup - 8am)

October

- **International Day of the Older Persons** – The Hub at Bungarabee – Demo & Sales – 10am to 2pm (setup - 8am)
- **Toongabbie Public School Twilight Markets** Friday 9th – 7pm to late (setup - 5pm) Demo & Sales

November

- **Linnwood House** – Sunday 8th – 10am to 4pm
- **Trend Timbers Open Days** – Friday 13 and Saturday 14th – 9am to 4pm

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!

BREED REPORT

The success of the students has been exceptional. All have completed work to a standard that wood turners of some years experience can relate to. Ten weeks is a short time but to see the students' confidence develop has been for me a rewarding experience.

Congratulations to all, well done.

Need more mentors for next term please!

Baz

Librarian Report

Book No 50 titled "Woodturning Projects" is WAY OVERDUE for return AND the borrowers name is illegible.

Please return!!!!

A new DVD No 145 has been added titled "Triton Workcentre 2000 Training DVD"

Thank you to all members adding their member no when borrowing and to those who don't PLEASE DO SO

Happy turning - Gary

Canberra Stitches and Craft Show

As I mentioned in my B.S. report last month, I was going to Canberra to help out. As it happened, I had a good 4 hour trip arriving around 12.30. Paul Collins had just turned up a little before me, with the rest not long after.

We given the same place as last year but along a little which made our stand long and narrow. This happened to make it very difficult to arrange the tables required for the members stuff and still have enough room for the public to walk freely around. Each member ended up with 1.5 tables each with 2 tables for charity and a small area for the 2 lathes.

Once the tables were laid out and given a table No., each member drew their table No. and proceeded to set their table up. This seems a fair way of doing things so hopefully you win a good position this time and a bad one next time, it evens out in the long run. We had to make allowances for the President turning up late (approx 4pm) after his relaxing trip to Canada.

After the setting up, we went back to the caravan park where there were 4 van sites and 3 cabins booked. One cabin decided to go and get enough food for the 4 nights, the others decided to eat at the restaurant at the site some nights and the local club another night. I would suggest that a camp kitchen is number one on the list for any further visits, creating the friendly atmosphere that we hope will happen on these occasions.



SETTING UP



BUSY WITH SALES



THE MALE ATTENDEES



HAVING FUN WITH A NEARBY STAND



THE FULL MOB

On the first day, charity sales were well down and the circulation of the public around the tables was poor so it was decided to change things around a little which proved to be better on the second day. One of the lathes was packed away, creating a little more room.

Each day almost ran to script, things quieten down in the afternoon about 2-3 o'clock, giving time for a little fun with our neighbours who happened to make some strange hats. All involved had fun and the time went quite quickly.

One thing to mention is that the weather this year was much colder than our first year there and I believe there are a few brass monkeys still looking for what they lost.

The pack up went well on the Sunday evening and we were out of there by 5.30, some going straight home while the caravaners stayed till Monday. I left at 7 and believe others left before 8. Having a good trip home, arriving at 10.50. A good time was had by me, while Chris wishes she had been able to come too.

Ken Vodden

B S from the Bush

I have been saying it every month recently, another month has gone by, but this time it has only been a couple of weeks as our Editor, apparently is going away for a few weeks holiday and being so organised he asked if the report could be done sooner. Everyone who gets asked to do a report must say yes to our great newsletter.

As mentioned last month the Canberra Stitches and Craft Show came and went (full report in this newsletter) and with another unexpected trip to Sydney, it has been another busy few weeks. I managed to drop into the Club on Thursday for an hour and how the membership has changed. Still the old true and tried faces but a lot of new ones.

I think Spring is just around the corner as it is still chilly in the mornings but beautiful throughout the day and to prove it is warming up, some trees have started to bud, together with all the flirting the wildlife are doing seems to bring back memories.

As regards the building work, last week I got all the cabinets installed together with the benchtops for the kitchen and vanity all ready for the plumber and electrician to do the final connections. The electrician and plumber turned up and did a few connections but we are still waiting for it all to be done. The water tanks should be arriving on Monday and we have been promised that all will be done by the end of next week. Ha, ha, ha. At least the pressure is off me; all my work has been done for them to get things finished off. Still have the showroom to finish off and make other cabinets for the house so I have a new Boss now- Chris.

Seems to be another brief report this month, still hoping to get rid of the builders and settle into some sort of routine. It has been 10 months since we moved; the builders have been here for 7 of those months. I will have to find something else to talk about then. Anyway, best wishes to all.

Ken Vodden

Newcastle Stitches and Craft Show

The weather was a lot warmer than Canberra was the previous week where we were surrounded by Polar Bears and Eskmoes. It was that cold that the Members of Parliament were seen putting their hands into their own pockets.

Andy was the first to arrive, followed by me, then George, then in quick succession Manny and Joe, Eddie and Jill, Paul with the trailer, Paul de Belle, Bob Taylor with Colleen ,Fiona and finally Bob the Preso who detoured to Belmont to set up his van.

It was a bit of confusion at first, all the other stall holders were attempting to set up their stalls so we were dodging around crates and wire containers. There were forklifts moving partitions and various items around the floor.

We located our area, unloaded the trailer then placed everything in our immediate area prior to set up as we were waiting for the electricians to source our power so we could set up for our demonstrations. We then set up our tables for our Charity and for the Members. Members then set out their work for tomorrow then we adjourned to the caravan park at Belmont. It was'nt the "Odd Couple" it was the "Odd Trio" Paul Collins, George Hulme, Rohan McCardell. I am still trying to find the bloke who wanted to use a chain saw when I WAS TRYING TO SLEEP at night.

Thursday we were ready when the show opened at 10am. There was a steady stream flowing past our area with many stopping to appraise our items, in particular any items that were essential to their craft and our Charity items in particular Camphor shavings. The crowds started to wane about 2.30pm, no doubt school pick-ups were to happen but there were still people moving around our display up until closing time of 4.30pm and even after that. Finally we headed back to our accommodation in Belmont for a meal and of course to have a look at the footy. We saw South's have a victory much to the delight of Jill, the one eyed South's supporter.

Friday started much the same as Thursday, a rush at the start then it settled down during the day. People continued to watch our demonstrations and view our items. We had a bonus in the morning as we were joined by Mr, wait for it, Devine, who was only in the place for one minute and there he was being filmed by NBN Television doing coverage of the show. One Member was heard saying that he would probably end up on the cutting room floor as he did not have the help of make-up so we think the light from the reflection from his bald plate might have ruled him out, the price of fame Ron. The crowds again seemed to slow down around 2.30pm but a few people were still viewing our wares.

Due to previous commitments I had to leave that night so was not able to include in this report the final two days of the show or the amount of money that was raised for our Charity but I would like to invite any new members to come along to our many demonstrations. You are all welcome to participate at our outings where we all have a great time so please come along and join us.

Rohan McCardell

Thank you

This letter essentially serves as a thank you towards the people of the Western Sydney Woodturners Inc. in providing their guidance and immeasurable knowledge upon the art of turning. Allowing both Pat Carter and I, the pleasure of being able to complete significant parts of our HSC projects in the shop and the ability to hold the knowledge and techniques, to apply to further woodworking projects.

Initially, the design of both of our projects prior to the HSC failed to take into account the time and technique required to be able to successfully turn the legs of our projects, to fulfil our desires. The minimal turning experience either of us had would have inevitably caused disaster in regards to the desired aesthetic of our whole project. However, through the guidance, particularly of Liam Healy and a number of other knowledgeable representatives that happened to be there on the Saturday, both Pat and I were able to inherit knowledge about the dying art of turning, and produce traditional pieces that would ultimately contribute a great deal to the aesthetics of our major works. The memory of the Saturday grows fond, as we continue to receive emails, as friendly invitations to rejoin demonstrating the welcoming attitude of the Woodworking culture.

For this kindness and immeasurable sharing of knowledge, Pat and I would like to show our gratitude in thanking you, by showing the final products of our major works, and the contribution made by the entire Western Sydney Woodturners community in assisting us to complete these.



I would like to thank the club for allowing Benjamin Lewis and myself to join the club and Liam for using his own personal time to mentor and assist us where needed.

Just this term we completed the final touches to our projects and have submitted them for HSC marking.

Below are pictures of the turned Pedestal post for my chess table and a picture of the whole project.





Road Safety



A couple of questions for you to ponder.

1. What are the 5 most important things so far as ensuring you maintain the correct pressures in your vehicle tyres?
2. What are these?

(a) 

(b) 

(c) 

Answers and an explanation next month.

Reminder

I hope you have not forgotten that in April I offered a challenge to members to write the words to a new song based on the song "I've Been Everywhere". The new song to be titled "We've Turned Every Wood."

You have until 30 October 2015 to submit your entry. Entries should be given to the Editors in a sealed envelope. The editors will pass the entries to me for judging. The judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entertained despite any bias on the part of the judge.

The winning entry will be announced and published in the December edition of WesTurn. A magnificent prize will be presented to the winner.

Quotes of the month:

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.
- Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.
- ZsaZsa Gabor

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SOME KIND SOUL



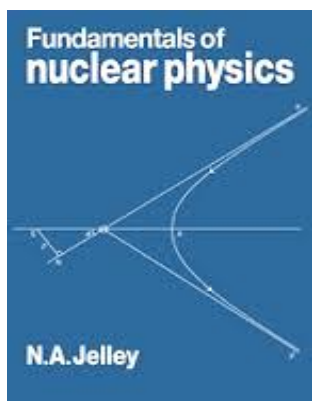
It's not hard to write some words
And have some of them rhyme
The hard part is to know just what you'll say

It's not that I write poetry
They're more like little ballads
They tell a story in a certain way

Not everyone who reads our mag
Would want to read my ramblings
And I can only hope that someone will
And if they don't who knows of it



This started thirteen years ago and yet it's going still



In this long time I've written
On every topic known
Well what I mean is known to me and so
I don't write nuclear physics
Or other science fiction



I'm strictly limited to what I truly know

What I need is some kind soul
To put together topics we could use



For I am running out of them I've used an awful lot



And this would make it interesting
As new thought might inspire
And remember things we thought we had forgot



Neil Guthrie

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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Drying Wood Microwave Oven

Microwave drying timber is a good technique to utilise where you need something dried in a hurry. I found this technique on Google and found it works quite well, when I used it. The trick is to follow the procedure to the letter! So let's start cooking.....

What you need:

Of course you will need a microwave oven. Bought or borrowed from the kitchen (ask permission!) It is not important if it is a turntable model or not, and the power level isn't important either, we will only be using low level, (defrost setting.) The only important factor is the size of the door!! The piece must fit in it. You will need some scales to weigh the piece. You will need to measure accurately small amount (5 grams steps) I've used a set of digital scales that has 5 grams steps, and got good results.

The Technique:

First you need to prepare the piece. Rough the piece until the wall thickness is about 10% of the total diameter. This allows you to re-mount and finish it off when dry with the benefit of enough meat in the walls to allow for any distortion. Speed here is important, as most woods are prone to crack if left to air dry, if left alone for a length of time, cover with a wet cloth, or place it in a sealed bag. Here goes:

- **Weigh the piece and record the weight.**
Place the piece centrally in the oven, set the power level for defrost
- **Set timer** depending on the size of the piece:
- Up to **200mm (8 inch).....1 minute**
- **200mm to 300mm (12inch)...2minutes**
- Over **300mm (12 inch) 3 minutes**

After setting the oven (defrost setting and time) **Start it:**

At the end of the cycle, remove the wood from the oven and allow to cool.

Leave to cool for at least ½ an hour.

This is the end of one cycle:

Replace the timber in the oven and repeat the cycle, at the end of the **4th cycle** weigh the piece and record the weight.

These 4 cycles are one drying program.

At the end of the program, allow it to stand for an additional ½ hour

keep repeating the programs until the weight remains the same between any two programs!

This would indicate that the piece is as dry as it going to get and the piece is finished.

A few points to keep in mind:

Don't try and rush things. The idea is to do it slow and deliberate. Take it slow!!!

Check your setting before starting the microwave. Too much heat will result in poor performance.

Check with the master of the kitchen!!!

If you follow the instruction that I have outlined here, you are barely warming the wood, so the possibility of damage to the microwave is no more than cooking your oats for breakfast.

(Good luck with that argument!)

Cranking up the power or lengthening the time, may well cause all sorts of problems.

Gum pockets in the wood will boil and explode. And they are very hard to get off. As well, you can cause tainting of the oven if the heat is too great.

(Just keep the last comment to yourself!)

I hope you find this little bit of information interesting and might give it a try someday.

Have a go!

Lawrence Mifsud

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.