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**** NEW SHOP TRADING HOURS ****

MON - FRI 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
12:45 PM - 1:30 PM

FRI ONLY 7:00PM - 7:30PM

NO TRADE OUTSIDE THESE TIMES
UNLESS BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another month and I am still here no slashed wrists yet. A big thanks to everyone involved with Newcastle, no matter how big or small, everyone and everything was a credit to our Club.

It looks very good for the next one at Rosehill.

The dust extractor for the container is edging forward and should be finalised shortly.

We should also see some work on the barbecue taking place very soon.

August and September are very busy months for our Club with various venues available to promote our us.

We also have new members to the Club and I take this opportunity to welcome them and hope they have a happy future with us.

Raymond and Alan have started on our archives and we hope to have some idea of past events and happenings in our Club as well as an organised idea of our club paperwork.

Thank you guys. A short one this time- Happy Turning.

Bob Young.

EDITORS NOTES

Somebody please hit 'pause'..... Thanks :)

I have absolutely no idea where the last month has gone. It honestly feels like last week I was submitting the August newsletter.

I looked at my calendar today any realised the flurry of emails I have received this week were in fact for tonight's deadline !!!!!

So..... if I have missed anything - please forgive me and I will either include on our new face book page "Western Sydney Woodturners" and/or next months newsletter.

Remember this is your newsletter!!

Your contribution/comments are needed + welcome.

Email: healydesign@bigpond.com or leave a message on 0412 12 12 08 and I will call you back.

Thanks, Wendy

Western Sydney Woodturners Programme 2012

Workshops:

These are the times you can meet your fellow club members and make use of our fantastic facilities to create your newest masterpiece, after all that's all why we joined is it not ??

Monday	8.30am—3.00pm	\$5
Tuesday	from 8.30am,	\$5
Wednesday	from 8.30am	\$5
Thursday	from 8.30am,	\$5
Friday Night	from 7.00pm.	\$3

From NOVEMBER - 3rd Saturday of the Month		
Saturday	9:30—3:30	\$5

..... Courses & Training:

See Page 6 for our current schedule

Club Meeting:

The club meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums. All members are welcome to attend.

Maxi-days:

Third Sunday every month from 9.30am. There is usually a demonstration by a guest turner then Show & Tell. Lunch is provided. Cost \$ 6.00

Please see the notice board for the Upcoming list of demonstrators and topics.

Out & About:

Our club takes great pride in supporting our local community groups + their events:

Please see the notice board near entry
For upcoming events.

If you can join us for any or all please write your name on the respective clipboard on the wall.

Note: If for any reason you do write your name down and are not able to attend— please let one of the committee know a.s.a.p. Thank You.

NEW MEMBERS

WESLEY WALKER
MICHELLE THOMAS
ROBERT SMART
KITIONE RATU
TED PAYNE
DAVID LOCKER
CALLUM GORE
MARIA JAMETT

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



Thanks to Michelle Rowland MP, Member for Greenway for her continued support which includes the printing of this newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

SERGE CUJKO

ANNA DAWES

SANTA HODGE

TED PAYNE

LIAM HEALY

KEN VODDEN

GEOFFREY ROBINSON

ITEMS FOR SALE

CLUB SHIRTS	BADGES
PEPPER GRINDERS	SALT GRINDERS
SAND PAPER	PEN KITS
PEN CASES	PEN PARTS
LETTER OPENERS	FRICTION POLISH
TRIPLE "P"	POLISH CLOTHS
TIMBER SEALER	PERFUME APPLICATOR
WOOD (many varieties)	

The Big Wet

I often write of Autumn
And sometimes write of Spring
But rain turned all the colour into grey
I missed the autumn colours
I missed spring sunsets too
In summer it just seemed to rain each day

My morning walks were soggy
The gardens really boggy
So washing had to find a place between
And though you'll think I'm grizzling
The rain just kept on drizzling
I've never seen a greyer duller scene

But as I write it's sunny
That's really kind of funny
Cause winter's here and it's a big surprise
The Lorikeets are calling
The last dead leaves are falling
With sunshine blessed sunshine in my eyes

Who switched the seasons all about
It's better though than deadly drought
But I'd prefer to not have such extremes
Sweet placid weather suits me best
And I'll dispense with all the rest
Then I'll be in my Hammock dreaming
dreams

Neil Guthrie



NEWCASTLE CRAFT SHOW AUGUST 2012

I would like to thank everyone who helped with Newcastle from those who made charity bowls, the people who came up on certain days and the team that stayed for the full five days.

We all had a good trip to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre and started to set up on an area that looked as large as a football field.

The convenors supplied us with seventeen tables which allowed us to ring the area and have a large central section for display. If possible we would have liked to have more members' work to display as this reflects on the qualities of our members abilities and ideas.

We had both lathes set up demonstrating as well as Wendy on her scroll saw, in addition to Liam and Ken doing some pyrography.

It seemed like half a camphor tree was cut into shavings for charity boxes and two tables set up for bowls and banana stands etc. for sale.

The tables around the rest of the area were filled with members' items for sale — a fantastic display that greatly reflected on our Club.

We all answered many enquiries on the Club, wood and numerous other queries, there were even some who had travelled from Sydney and showed interest in joining.

As in the past, many people questioned and purchased the members' work as well as taking great interest in the turning displays where small items were made from tops for kids to honey dippers and shawl pins for the big kids.

Each afternoon we travelled back to Teralba Caravan Park for a few "drinkies" and a barbecue to which both Andy and Ken proved you can kill any steak by turning it into char.

Paul and Andy could not get enough blankets or the A/C to work properly so they both turned into little polar bears overnight chattering teeth and all.

Eddie completely rebuilt the bed in his and Jill's cabin to a super bed which took a long time to reorganise when they went home.

Liam & Wendy's new tent was "christened" by Pauls Collins "red cordial" while he 'supervised' the pitching of tent in the dark (because Wendy lost the torch) - fortifying it for two nights of very windy weather.

All in all it was a very successful time for us and the Club and I feel Expertise Events were happy with the outcome, with more to come in the future.

Ken and Chris decided to travel on up north for while, and knowing Ken's liking for trips, will probably stay away for months.

Till the next Event Thanks Very Much to everyone involved.

Bob Young.



**CLUB DEMONSTRATION
@ LAURIAN NOVALIS SCHOOL
SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST**

A pleasant day was enjoyed by four of the Club members at the Laurian Novalis School in Dural. Dave Matthews was first to arrive, followed by Rohan McCardell, Bob Jarvis and the “Preso” Bob Young, who brought the Club trailer.

The School goes from Primary through to Year 12 and operates under the Julian Steiner System. Classes include jewellery making, blacksmithing as well as normal subjects.

We set up the cover, tables, lathe and displayed our charity bowls and camphor shavings.

Dave started the Top production and the demand was on.

Bob Jarvis, Bob Young and myself were on standby for Dave and fielded general enquiries about wood turning, as well as explaining our items we had on sale.

The grounds of the school are well set out. Dave Matthews said you could train mountain goats to climb here as the school is on the side of a hill and there are some slopes to negotiate moving around the school.

Our charity scored well, we made approx.. \$150 from the sale of our bowls & shavings.

We have been invited back to next year’s Fete and look forward to returning there.

Rohan McCardell.

At The Bay

The sand was so white
In the soft morning light
As I walked at the edge of the Bay
And the soft lapping foam
Made me feel right at home
What a wonderful start to the day

As the water flowed back
The foam left a track
And each wave, as it left, did the same
Nature’s etchings in sand
Looked as if they’d been planned
As a part of some gigantic game

Just to make it complete
As the foam lapped my feet
It was knowing my world was on side
And my thoughts were all mine
I lost track of all time
Just the sun on my back was my guide

I will go there again
I may yet, not know when
But I will for the calm that it brings
And I’ll walk in the foam
And I’ll let my thoughts roam
For my heart hears my soul when it sings

Neil Guthrie





MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITAL PRESENTATION

Ken, Paul, Eddie and myself travelled out to Mount Druitt Hospital Children's' Ward for the presentation of the thermometers and monitors purchased with the money raised from our Charity Fund. This was all made possible by everyone's efforts over the year making bowls and various other items for sale at our demonstrations. Sincere thanks to all for your work it is greatly appreciated as it enables them to purchase equipment which they otherwise would not be able to afford.

We presented the equipment to the ladies, and to make Eddie's day they wheeled in and displayed his famous breast pump much to his dismay. What colour is red Eddie?

Coffee, tea and a large assortment of "low calorie" cakes were there for everyone.

They took us on a tour of the fairy garden outside where the kids and their parents can enjoy something different.

The lady from the district health promotions section was there taking pictures of everything and obtaining lots of information about our Club to go in their newsletter as well as many local newspapers. She also knows and has worked with politicians who she said she will see if they would visit our Club – Raymond get your silver tongue in working order!

The Hospital is having an Open Day in October for their 30th Anniversary and we were asked if we would like to attend to demonstrate and sell our goods.

All in all an enjoyable and successful morning for all.

Bob Young.

TRAINING COURSES

CHAINSAW BASICS

- 4 currently / 6 required
A short course covering the basic operation and safety precautions of using a chainsaw.

BEGINNERSCost \$ 70

- 2 currently / 6 required
RUN OVER TWO SAT 8:15 - 4:15 (BRING OWN LUNCH)

A two day course.

Day 1 - Getting to Know your Lathe + Tools
Introduction to Spindle Turning
Day 2 - Introduction to Face Plate Turning

INTERMEDIATE.....Cost \$35

- 3 currently / 6 required (BRING OWN LUNCH)

GET NOTES FROM LIBRARY BEFORE COURSE STARTS
This course continues on from the beginners course.

INTRODUCING THE ADVANCED COURSE

- 2 Minimum / 4 Maximum (BRING OWN LUNCH)

A two day course (8:30am to 4:15pm). Cost..... \$ 75

Covers: Precision Face Plate and Spindle Turning

All pieces must be accurately turned to shape and sizes specified.

Timber: Supply your own—the article to be made is a useful piece of artistic but practical worth.

HOMEWORK: YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACCURATELY DRAW THE THREE PIECES THAT MAKE UP THE ITEM PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE COURSE.

YOU CANNOT START UNTIL THIS IS COMPLETED TO ASATISFACTORY STANDARD. COLLECT THE NOTES AND PRO-FORMA DRAWING AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS PRIOR TO STARTING DATE.

MASTERING THE SKEW.....Cost \$35

- 1 currently / 3 required (BRING OWN LUNCH)

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Always remember that safety starts with YOU.

I have a little Satnav
It sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend
It tells you where you are

I have a little Satnav
I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones
My Satnav is my wife

It gives me full instructions
Especially how to drive
"It's thirty miles an hour", it says
"You're doing thirty five"

It tells me when to stop and start
And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever
Safe to overtake

It tells me when a light is red
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively
Just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front
And all those to the rear
And taking this into account
It specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car
It still gives its advice

It fills me up with counselling
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it
And get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,
Makes sure I'm properly fed,
It washes all my shirts and things
And - keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages
And my tendency to scoff,
I do wish that once in a while
I could turn the damned thing off.

Author—Unknown ...



Report of Demonstration by Anna Dawes on Sun 19Aug 2012

We had the pleasure of Anna, one of our club members, demonstrating how to turn square edged items, mainly bowls.

Anna is a first class turner with a wide experience . The standard of her work is first class and has been accepted by most of the best galleries.

Anna demonstrated mainly on square, rectangular and triangular shaped items. These are a bit tricky to turn as its difficult to see the extreme edges of the item when they are spinning. All you can see is semi vague shadows.

You really need to concentrate on what you are doing otherwise you can hurt your fingers or hand and damage the work piece. But its not all that hard once you get used to it. A variable speed lathe is a big help.

Anna uses a lot of glue on blocks for holding the pieces and gave us a some very good advice on how to use hot melt glue with these and how to remove the block after turning .

I was quite interested in how she fixes glue blocks to the irregular and serrated bottom of a burl by using hot melt with a series of wedges and glue around the perimeter of the block to keep it parallel with the top face.

Its almost impossible to describe this but very interesting to see.

Anna went on to show us how to make a small rectangular bowl .from the branch of a tree plus a few other items.

The tools Anna uses are mainly a heavy 16mm bowl gouge with a swept back All her tools are very well sharpened grind.

Every step was described in detail and clearly so we could understand everything she did.

Some of us were enticed to have a go and found out that it wasn't all that hard but you need to concentrate on what you are doing.

All in all it was a good day. So we look forward to another demo. by Anna some time.

Steve Hitchcock, one of our vice presidents was our convener for the day and everything ran quite smoothly under his guidance.

Grahame Dawes looked after the lunch which was a hot sausage on a roll plus salad which went over well.

Alan Phelps

*A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO SUBMITTED ARTICLES AND
ITEMS OF INTEREST THIS MONTH :)*

New Alphabet

A is for apple, and **B** is for boat,
That used to be right,
but now it won't float.

Age before beauty
is what we once said,
But let's be a bit more realistic instead.

Now The Alphabet

A's for arthritis;
B's the bad back,
C's the chest pains,
Perhaps car-d-iac?

D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight,
can't read that top line!

F is for fissures + fluid retention,

G is for gas which
we'd rather not mention.

H High blood pressure
--We'd rather it low;

I For incisions with scars
you can show.

J is for joints, out of socket,
won't mend,

K is for knees that crack
when they bend.

L 's for libido,
what happened to snuggles?

M is for memory;
we forget what comes next.

N is neuralgia,
in nerves way down low;

O is for osteo,
bones that don't grow!

P for prescriptions.
We have quite a few,
Just give us a pill and
we'll be good as new!

Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?

R is for reflux,
one meal turns to two.

S is for sleepless nights,
counting our fears,

T is for Tinnitus; bells in our ears!

U is for urinary;
troubles with flow;

V for vertigo,
that's 'dizzy,' you know.

W for worry,
NOW what's going 'round?

X is for X-ray,
and what might be found.

Y for another year we are left
here behind,

Z is for zest **WE** still have
-- in **OUR** minds.

We've survived all the symptoms,
our body's deployed,
and

We're keeping twenty-six doctors
fully employed.

**IF YOU ARE OLD,
HAVE A GREAT DAY.**

IF NOT, YOUR TURN WILL COME!

Author - Unknown