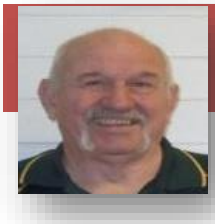
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AUGUST, 2018

Hello Everyone, it's Monthly Report time again and we are starting to get back on an even keel after two large demonstrations in Canberra and Newcastle. Even though Canberra was extremely cold there was a good turnout each day and all went well for our Charity and everyone involved. Greg Sheath and his wife Deborah came for a few days. Greg is a newcomer to the Club and even though he didn't have anything to display he was very helpful on the lathe and as well as selling camphor shavings and charity bowls. Thanks Greg.

We then went on to Newcastle and again it was good for everyone and our charity, also the weather was more pleasant than Canberra,

Demonstrations are getting harder to do due to lack of the number of members participating as the "oldies" are wearing out. It's your Club and we receive a lot of goodwill from going to and participating in these events for our Club as well as our Charity. You all think it's great when we hand over equipment to the Children's Ward so how about participating in demonstrations throughout the year. You never know you might like it and maybe you will get some benefit from it instead of wearing out the regulars who are getting tired of doing all the work.

I know that a lot of you make the bowls and other items for our Charity but what about others who can give a little extra from time to time.

Next item is Maintenance. The team is getting sick and tired of continually repairing machinery that has been abused by someone who doesn't know how to use it in the first place. If you don't know the proper way to use a machine or are not sure, Please……ask someone who does. Don't just destroy it and walk away and pretend it wasn't you as it's not difficult to find out the correct way of using any machine then you will be able to instruct someone else who doesn't in the future.

Sorry about the tirade but it gets very tiresome continually repairing things that should not be broken, Band Saw Blades alone cost a lot to replace.

We have had a few test runs on the new trailer have found it easy to load & unload plus it's very easy to tow. Remember the yellow box at the door is for anyone who would like to add to the Club's donation to the drought appeal. Just keep turning. Bob Young.

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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 –

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Ladies Day – Second Saturday of the month: $5

Contact: Anna Dawes – 9638 6995

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Maxi Day – Third Sunday of the month:

From 10:00am

(Lunch included) $6

Club Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month – 7pm

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 this month. We hope you have a great day with many more to come.

Name		Member since
Anna	Dawes	Jan - 95
Chris	Hardy	Nov -13
Geoffrey	Robinson	Sep -10
George	Dennis-Smither	Jun - 15
Ken	Vodden	Aug -09
Leonie	Singh	Nov -13
Malcolm	Harrild	Jan - 15
Michael	Jedniuk	Nov – 16
Renee	Crowther	May -17
Walter	Heifensdorfer	Oct -17

New Member

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

Gary	Young	10th Aug 2018
Alan	Piper	9th Aug 2018

Coming Events

October

October fest Cnr Caroline Chisholm Drive &Wilmot Avenue Winston Hills. Sales and Demonstration 14/10/2018
Set Up 7-8.30am. Starting 9am to 4pm.

November

Shelley Public School Blacktown
5pm to 9pm Sales and Demonstration
Friday 30th November 2018

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

Club Charity
Mount Druitt Hospital Children's Ward

We very much appreciate all the work members have done to make and sell Charity bowls; so far this year we have collected $8,614 towards our Charity
With the Stitches and Craft shows soon we need lots more Charity bowls please

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 Barbara.

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 176 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.

B S FROM THE BUSH , SEPT 2018

Well, what a weekend that was. As mentioned in the last report, the Lions had thier annual trip to the Extreme 4WD weekend. As we do breakfast, lunch and dinner for the competitors and spectators a couple of us take our c'vans and stay overnight. We loaded the catering van on the Friday morning and drove to a place called 12 Mile. Happens to be approximately 12 miles from Wellington. Dropped the catering van off and two of us stayed to set it all up. I went out with a borrowed ute and trailer, Chris came out later with our c'van. All went well with no sales Friday night but after we went to bed the wind got up and started to rock the van, yes the wind rocked the van!!! About 4.30 Saturday morning the grass needed watering so went outside and then noticed a gazebo was blown over with most of our stores inside. After some consideration I decided to go back to bed. Tossing and turning, then another guy had to water the grass, then he rocked our van, so we got up and sorted out the gazebo. At 6.30 we were up and ready to cook breakfast. In short we had a good day with sales. Then the rain came down, it seemed good steady rain overnight, Chris slept well with the rain on the roof. Speaking to the the owner of the property who was dancing with joy as water is in short supply, he reckoned there was 40mm which fell. The competion continued until the end at 2.00 with the rain still falling. By the time we had packed up and some competitors leaving, the ground was so churned up we thought it unwised to attempt moving our vans and decided to go back on the Wednesday to pick them up. The things we do!!!!







Just after the extreme 4WD weekend, we had a so called changeover for the Lions. It is ment to be when one executive changes to another but when no one changes position you call it a virtual changeover or what? Anyway we had our Federal member Andrew Gee MP come and give a speech. For a polition, he's a nice guy. He spoke about all the carry-on going on in Canberra when the Prime Minister changed. All quite funny really.





Last weekend we had an Arts and Sculpture show. The Friday night they had a brilliant show of acrobats. Totally unbelievable what they did. I suppose they should be for $14,000 for the weekend. On the Sunday they had stalls and the sculptures were all judged. Good sunny weather back again. Thats all folks. Ken

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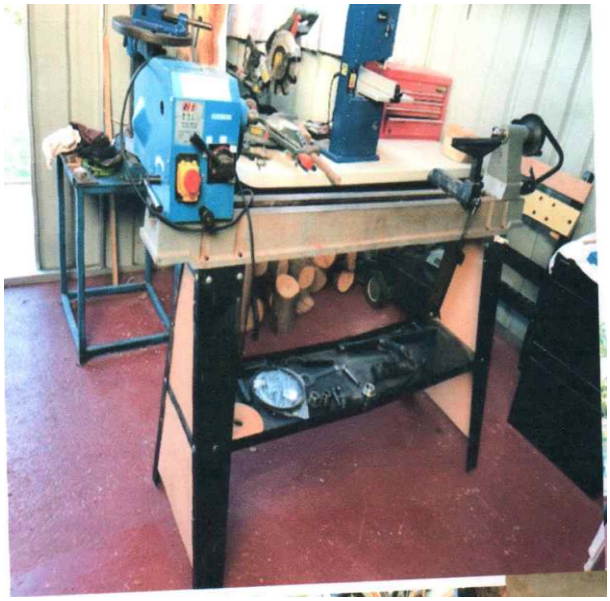
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Meet a member

With so many members and different days members attend it's often difficult to meet everyone in the club. This is the third in a series of interviews that Westurn is doing with members.

Meet Member Andre Quityn member since February 2018

Wes What things do you make?
I make bowls, platters, lidded boxes, and the odd candle holder. I'm starting to get more attracted to deeper hollowed vessels but I still have a lot to learn, and a few more hollowing tools to get.

Wes When did you learn to turn and why?
I learned to turn here at the club, doing the starter course. I've always wanted to try my hand at wood turning, and the club is the ideal opportunity to learn, with plenty of support from knowledgeable members.

Wes What do you like about the club?
I like the friendly atmosphere and banter, the willingness from all members to help out when needed, the encouragement I'm getting. The amount of equipment that's available, Plus the safe environment, I am Very glad I discovered this club!

Wes Where were you born?
I was born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. I arrived in Australia when I was 25 in 1988, as a backpacker. I guess I must've liked it here.

Wes Are you still working?
Yes I'm still working. I have my own business doing garden maintenance. Previous jobs include bartender, taxi driver, potter, website developer. I've always been my own boss.

Wes Do you sell the things you make?
Not yet, but I'm planning to.

Wes Do you have a lathe at home?
Yes I have a Woodfast midi lathe that I was lucky to be able to buy second-hand from the club. At the moment I spend about 8-10 hours a week on it.

Wes Do you go to the club community Demonstration days?
If I can I do, I went to the last one.

Wes How many days a week do you come to the Club?
At the moment 2 days a week, usually Monday and Wednesday, but that will change in spring when I get busier with work. Winters are quiet for me so it's the perfect time to have started turning.

Drought Appeal

Two motions tabled and passed at the August meeting were:

1. ***The club make a donation of $500.00 to the drought appeal and that this be a one off situation and not to be the normal in the future.***

2 ***For a period of two months members will be given the opportunity To make a personal donation to the drought appeal.***

These donations are to be added to the club donation and distributed via an organisation that is: (a), To be determined, and

(b) That does not subtract administration expenses etc.

Members wishing to make a donation should place it in the locked box on the Front Desk. The box will be cleared by the Treasurer with the donations being secured in the shop safe. All donations will remain anonymous.

Secretary
16 August 2018.

Members Welfare

August 2018

Our member's welfare is important to our club. Please let me know if you or someone you know is unwell, or worse still no longer with us. Let me know at email address robandgail@hotmail.com

If anyone is missed be assured that the good wishes and sympathies of our Club are with you and your family.

Having been away for the last "Western News" this is a catch-up report. For the July/August period your club has sent the following cards:-

- *Sympathy card to the family of long term past member Dr Sydney Churchward who has sadly passed away.*
- *Get well cards have been sent to the following members, Barbara Clark; Paul Collins and Danny Klajman. For those who have already recovered we wish them well and those still recovering we wish them a speedy return to good health and fitness.*

Rob Stewart Welfare Officer

Public and Products Liability Insurance

Advice for individuals who may wish to take out their own Public and Products Liability Insurance should they wish to sell their own wares at markets and public events (which are not sanctioned events of Western Sydney Wood turner's Inc.).

1. *The organisers of the market/event where the stalls will be located may have Insurance in place covering both the organisers and the stall holders and this should be established by the individual member first before committing to a stall.*

2. *Should an individual member like to look at an annual policy this may be available at www.stallinsure.com.au.The premium for a Public and Products Liability policy with $20 million Indemnity limit for under15 events per year is $334 (as at 13/08/2018).*

   In the event a person is injured by an item you sold you need Products Liability. Should the injured person be a child under 18years of age they have a period of 7 years from the time they turn 18 to bring an action against you. The courts would settle in the economic climate at the time of the action and the cover you have is that at the time of the incident.

3. *An event sanctioned by Western Sydney Wood turners Inc. is:*
   a. *An event which has been approved by the Club Executive and is covered by the club Public and Products Liability Insurance*
   b. *An event where club equipment is used to demonstrate woodturning*
   c. *Attending members sell their own wares*
   d. *Members promote the club*
   e. *Club charity items are sold*
   f. *Members wear a club shirt.*

4. ***Members who wish to sell their wares at events <u>not sanctioned</u> by the club, when organising their attendance and/or actual participation in the event***

   <u>MUST NOT</u>

   a. ***Imply, suggest or infer that their participation in the event is in any way related to Western Sydney Wood turners Inc.***
   b. ***Use any club equipment***
   c. ***Sell club charity items***
   d. ***Display or wear any item that identifies them as a club member.***

Bob Young
President - August 2018

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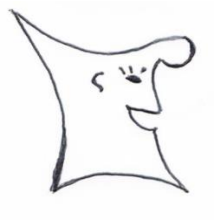
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Getting Older

I must be getting older
And I don't know who to blame
All the words now have new meanings
Though they still sound just the same.
And I was so good at English
Now I get the words all wrong
Cause when I put them in a sentence
It's just like they don't belong.
Like, when a bloke was really happy
It used to be ok to say "He gay"
A "Rap" was how you hit a door
And "Hi" Just meant g'day.
"Grass" was grown upon your lawn
We used a "Pot" to cook a stew
A "Score" was what your team made
And a "Dope" meant silly you.
A "Dyke" that was just a little dam
A "Poof" a puff of smoke
And "Bread" was flour and water
Now if you've got none well your broke.
And "Cactus" was a prickly plant
But now it means you're dead
A "joint" was an old run down shack
A place to rest your weary head.

"Acid" was something we used
In Chemistry at school
And winter was the only time
that we could say we're "Cool."
A "Trip" meant falling over
When we tangled up our feet
And lollies were the only thing
That we could say were "Sweet."
A "Camp" was just a little tent
Set up out in the scrub.
We only "Stuffed" our chickens
And food was our only "Grub."
If someone had a bit of luck
We'd say that's really slick
Now when something's great mate
Well they say it's "fully sick."



Must Fly Woodchip

REMAINDER OF ARTICLE FROM PAGE 12

It is much easier to use a steady rest if you have two banjos, allowing the tool-rest to be moved from one side of the steady rest to the other without breaking down the set up. While there are several types of steady rests the one that always come up is the use of a One way Steady Rest which employs roller skate wheels and is adjustable for a wide range of centre heights.
It appears the main tools to use when doing long spindle turning are the spindle gouge, the round nose scraper to bring to round without catching and the skew.

In all the research it was most obvious that of all tools be very sharp even to the point of sharpening just before you start turning.

As this is all about the steady rest it must also take in the need for the tool in the first place and that being to minimise chatter, whipping and how to overcome these problems in long spindle turning.

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.

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Item Number 50

Steady rests

At some point when turning a long slender cylinder, you will go past your ability to control its vibrations while using your skew. That's when a steady rest comes to the rescue. They are the solution to turning long, thin spindles. A number of good commercial examples are available, and plans abound to build your own.

You can often limp through turning one long spindle using a skew and the "hand wrapped around the work" trick. It usually takes a lot of sanding to correct the result, however. A steady rest makes turning long spindles appreciably faster with far better results. When you turn your next flagpole, instead of running up the white flag, use a steady rest.

The above is a description of a steady rest and its application however there are some interesting factors relating to how and why to use them. At some point, as spindles get longer and thinner, wood's proclivity to bend over- whelms the turner. The first sign of a problem is what is called harmonic chatter: The tool rubbing against the spindle sets up a harmonic vibration in the piece that imprints a pattern of flat spots in the work, often in a spiral pattern. As you turn thinner, there will be a point where the wood buckles sufficiently that it rides up the bevel and over the tool edge — the result? A big catch or dig in for the masses.

This will happen when the stiffness of a round bar drops by a power of four as the diameter decreases. Therefore, a 1/2" diameter turning is 16 times more prone to harmonic chatter and buckling than a 1" diameter turning. This does not take into account the number of other factors but does give some understanding of the problem. We can predict that chatter will start to be a problem when a 1" spindle reaches 12" in length or when a 2" spindle reaches 23", etc.

How much chatter will vary with the species of wood, straightness of the grain, turning speed, sharpness of your tools and your technique. A piece of white oak is much stiffer than a piece of poplar. Grain running the length of the billet is better than the grain running out the sides. Higher turning speeds generally give more chatter than lower ones, and very sharp tools are crucial. And yes, it's true that good technique can overcome most chatter problems — but at some point, you need to resort to a steady rest.

Useful skew techniques are slower speed, keeping the tool as close to a right angle to the work as possible, and setting the tool-rest a bit high. When you use a skew in a normal planning cut with a high tool-rest, wood removal happens in about half the cutting edge, biased to the heel. To work up to a shoulder, you must slide the tool forward slightly on the rest, all the while keeping the bevel running flat on the work, such that the tool cuts at the very heel.

This is the heel cut, and it is also the only way to start on the end of a cylinder. It is the most vibration-free cut of any tool, and what you need to resort to when you encounter bad chatter. Overall, in terms of technique, the sequence in which you turn a spindle is very important. It is almost always best to turn from the centre to each end and remove the thinner areas last.

Another technique, mentioned in most turning books, is to wrap your hand around the spindle (once it is round, of course), all the while holding the tool down on the rest with your thumb.

REFER TO PAGE 11 FOR REMAINDER OF ARTICLE