

WestTurn News



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If you know that any member or their partner is not well, give Graham a call and he'll organise a card to be sent.

Catering Officer: **Brian Brooks**
The lunches at the Maxidays are always well received by the members who appreciate Brian's high standards.

Library: See **Gary Hansell** if you would like to know what is currently available from our library.

Stores, Equipment & Maintenance:
Graham Dawes, Alan Phelps, Mannie Farrugia and **Dave Matthews.**

Please let them know if you find any problems with any of the machinery in the hall.

Sick List: Erich Aldinger recently had a shoulder reconstruction. We wish him well for a speedy recovery.

All too often we overlook other people and unfortunately Graham Murray is one of these. Graham has had a bad time over the last year with his wife's health and his own. His kidney problems have led to him having to undergo dialysis 3 times a week at Liverpool Hospital, until arrangements can be made for him at home. We wish him and his wife well for the future.

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Western Sydney Woodturners Programme 2010

Workshops: Every **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

Maxidays: Third Sunday every month from 9.30am
There is usually a demonstration by a guest turner then Show & Tell. Lunch is provided. Cost \$6.

Committee Meeting: The committee meeting is held on the **second Tuesday of the month** starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums. All members are welcome to attend.

Coming Events:

Sunday 18th April Maxiday — Darryl Smith
Finishing

Saturday 24th April — Bunnings Blacktown

Saturday 8th May Ladies Day

Sunday 15th May Maxiday — Ken Cooper

Sunday 20th June Maxiday — Ernie Newman

Saturday 10th July Ladies Day



A REMINDER ABOUT SHOP SAFETY

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President's Message

WOW ——— what a month! It all started with the three no-turn days where we took the opportunity to finish all of the half finished jobs that had accumulated over a very long period of time in and around the club. What a difference a lot of paint and tender loving care can do. The outcome is that there is a nice fresh look around the club with the walls painted white with contrasting colours of brown and black. The number of members who supported the three days shows the commitment to the club as they sorted themselves out so that the more agile and younger members took sympathy on the more senior ones by doing all of the high work and leaving the lower section to those who were committed to the abundance of lower and more reachable areas.

The executive extends a sincere thanks and appreciation to all the members who participated and while not mentioning all of you by name I will make a special thank you to Gabby for her outstanding efforts. A job well done by all and appreciated by everyone.

As everyone is aware now, we participated in the Craft Expo. Our participation was arranged over a two week period and created a small problem in so far as we had very few charity bowls completed. So again you, the members, rallied to the call, cutting, gluing, trimming, preparing blanks. Many were completed at the club and countless number finished at home between the normal club days, ultimately giving us enough completed stock to take for sale. Again your creativity and eagerness to help out in a time of need was recognized and you came to the party. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and we thank you for your dedication and commitment to the club and its needs.

On the Sunday of the Expo we also had commitments at "Linnwood House" and while the day was not what we expected with the old car get together, it was still a pleasant and rewarding day for those who demonstrated.



LIGHT HOUSE PROGRAM. We had the opportunity to meet and greet the boys at the club recently. In the above photo are Joshua Robinson and Luke Dawson both from St Dominic's College with their mentors. As the time is getting closer and the finer details are being addressed with the "Light House" program Bob Young, Rohan McCardell and myself have been attending a TAFE certificate course in Mentoring as we will be

accommodating these two boys from the Catholic Education system starting at the beginning of the second school term for eighteen weeks. We are enthusiastic and looking forward to participating in this program with nothing but positive thoughts for accomplishment for both parties.

MAXIDAY Our Maxi day again very successful and it is always a pleasure to watch a professional as they come as a complete package, well prepared and able to maintain interest and attention. The topic Jack Butler chose to demonstrate, lamination, is one that is catching on and a lot of tips have been adopted by our members since. Jack was accompanied by his wife and other members from Northern Beaches. To those we say welcome and thank you for visiting; to Jack a very sincere thank you an excellent presentation. The piece you left will be displayed in our show case for all members to see and appreciate.

GUILD MEETING.

Visitors on Maxi Day were Bill Black, Chris Dunn and Graham Stoke from the Guild and also Jack Butler, Madge Butler and Gordon McKenzie from Northern Districts.

It was good to have and welcome the Guild Representatives to our club for their bi-monthly meeting and interesting to hear where they were up to with their activities and to elaborate on their involvement with the Royal Easter Show where they will be demonstrating. They need tops and base ball bats to give away at their stall which is next to the show bag pavilion. They also elaborated on the need for help at the upcoming Working with Wood Show where they are still looking for demonstrators and security people to man the display area for periods of two and a half hours.

As an incentive they are offering free entry to the show, so if you can help for one or more sessions on either or both days let your guild representatives or me know or contact the Guild direct. Don't forget you can purchase your entry tickets to the Show through the club at the discount price of \$5.

Bill Black adjudicated over our Show and Tell with very constructive comments and indicated the quality of the work was far too good not to be entered and judged in outside events. He encouraged the members to think seriously about it. His sentiments were echoed by Chris Dunn also from the Guild.

NOTE All moneys for the \$5 tickets to the Working with Wood Show must be paid in full no later than 18th May 2010

OPEN ON MONDAYS. As most of our members are aware there was interest in opening Mondays and after a survey it was obvious there was a need. So we are now open on Mondays from 8.30. A.M. - 3.00 P.M. While the two days we've had so far have been a little slow we expect that will change similar to when we opened Thursdays which is now one of the busiest days.

EASTER EGGS.

On Saturday I was accompanied by Dave Matthews and attended the children's ward at Mt Druitt Hospital where we gave many bowls filled with Easter cheer eggs to as many children as possible. This is a commitment we look forward to annually and if I may say a very worthwhile and rewarding experience as it gives them a few moments to forget what their problems are and enjoy our gifts.

BOYS BRIGADE.

Thank you Manny Farrugia, Ray Smith, Ken Vodden, Alan Eipper for your help and in some cases stepping out of your comfort zone to assist in preparation, explanation and demonstrating to this group of eight boys and their leaders. According to Alan Hall from the Carlingford Boys Brigade he was very impressed in the way they were accepted, the explanations of the facilities and in particular the demonstrations. The boys were pleased to be taking home scrap pieces and a baseball bat each. It is always good to hear these comments as it gives you confidence in other activities you may get involved in.

VALE VINCE HARRISON



It is with great sadness that we report the death of our fellow member Vince Harrison.

Close friend George Hulme has kept us informed of Vince's condition since the diagnosis of cancer was made just before Christmas.

To Vince's wife Janina and other members of his family we extend our sympathy and warmest thoughts to you at this time.

On a lighter note, it is again a great pleasure to welcome more new members to the club and to recognize members' birthdays. There are no immediate plans to divulge actual ages, but don't step out of line!

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Eddie Catford 9837 3311



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NEW MEMBERS

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

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Scott Moehow

Andris Karklins

BIRTHDAYS for MARCH

Happy birthday to all who had a birthday in the last month...

Don Hughes

George Hulme

Bob Jarvis

Darryl Lane

Thomas Stanly

Dom Vaticano

Adam Whitsun-Jones



CRAFT EXPO 11th—14th March

A huge thank you to all those who helped set up on the Wednesday and all those who worked over the four days of the Expo. Those involved were for one day or more included Rohan McCardell, Gary Hansell, Manny Farugia, Ron Devine, Bob Taylor, Graham Sugar, Don Nixon, John Malysiak, Ken Voden, Terry Boddy, Brian Brooks, Dan Austin and Rob Stewart.



Believe me, we all had a busy time demonstrating, selling, meeting the people, making bowls for charity. Every bit helped, from the tops and baseball bats for the kids to the forest of Camphor that was turned into shavings and boxed for sale. It was nearly impossible to keep up the flow: no sooner were they shaved and boxed than they disappeared and another lot was needed.

The same happened with the charity bowls; they were going nearly as fast as the shavings. A record was collected for our Charity, Mt Druitt Children's Ward, for any demonstration so far, a total of approx \$1450 in four days.



The members' own work was a very large hit and everyone seemed to be happy with the sales of items. One problem is that members need to sign and state the wood description if possible and also the price of their own work as other members selling their items cannot do them justice if they constantly need to check with the turner "how much?".

Overall the Show was terrific, with the size of our stand (6m x 6m) being divided into Demonstration Area, Information and Coffee/Tea Area and a separate area for our Sales. As usual the other stall holders were friendly and chatty which makes for a pleasant time.



Finally, Thank You to all the guys who packed everything up and returned it to the Club. Last, but not by any means least, a great big Thank You to all the Staff at Expo who bent over backwards to accommodate us. Lots to look forward to at the next Show.

Linnwood House 14th March

In contrast to Expo, Linnwood House was extremely quiet. The weather and atmosphere was good but there were not as many people as usual. The Model Trains were their display this time. A few shavings and bowls were sold but very little personal items. The next Open Day will have American Cars on display, let's hope they brighten up the day and have a better turn up.



The saving grace was the usual egg and bacon roll, cooked up by top Chef, Russ, which always brightens the day.

We collected \$33 for our charity on the day but that is better than nothing. Thank you to Rohan McCardell, Dave Matthews and Tony Maberly for turning up for the day and helping me set up and pack up.

by Bob Young

Jack Butler Demo — 21st March



Jack became interested in turning in 1999. He was really impressed at a demonstration by Simon Priem who was able to turn a complete lidded box using only one chuck. Jack said that he has progressed over the years and now uses 4 chucks!. He has been influenced by Guilio Marcolongo (boxes with coronet style features) and Lois Green who at WoodTurn 2008 got him hooked on segmented boxes. Jack showed us quite a collection of lidded boxes of various styles.

An advantage of using the segmented approach is to make use of smaller pieces of timber.. He uses a radial-arm saw and has built a jig designed to hold the timber and the cut piece with suction from an industrial vacuum cleaner. The saw blade is tilted (usually 15 degrees from the vertical for a 12 segment project) and a spacer positions the stop block in the correct place to give consistent pieces.



Jack uses all the tricks to get accuracy. He has a digital angle finder which measures to the nearest 0.1 of a degree, and actually weighs each of the 2 component parts for the glue he favours to join his segments, using a tiny digital set of scales. He stressed the importance of accurately setting the saw blade angle and striving to make all the segments fit perfectly without needing to sand them.

He suggested a method of using some scrap timber and cutting 3 segments, holding them together and testing for 90 degrees with a set square. The go to putting 6 together and testing for 180 degrees on a flat surface. If necessary, make fine adjustments to the saw at each stage.

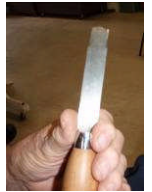
Jack glues a veneer on each join (approx 0.6 mm thick) to give a contrasting colour. He uses Tech-niglu (a 2 part epoxy) which is slower to cure which gives him time to set up all the pieces. He butters glue on each face, rubs them together and wraps the bundle in plastic before putting on a couple of screw hose clamps.



When the glue has set, usually overnight, the job is mounted in a chuck and turned in the usual way. It is important to get the job centred correctly to prevent the segments finishing up narrower on one side of the box than the other.

Jack usually marks the job so that one third is for the lid and two thirds for the base. After the lid has been parted, it is mounted in the chuck, turned and the finial added.

Perhaps the most tedious part is fitting the lid. Jack says that a parting tool's profile can mean that the shoulder can cut as well as the point so he has made a special tool from flat steel ground on both sides for this purpose.



When the lid is fitted, the top and finial is completed with a detail gouge before the base is finished inside and outside. A plug is fitted to fill the hole in the base before he sands and polishes. The completed job has evenly spaced segments which contrast well with the veneer pieces between them.

Jack's demonstration was well prepared and well presented in his usual friendly manner, and let's hope that it inspires club members to have a go at a project a bit more challenging than the usual.



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Show & Tell 21st March



Ray Smith explains the details of his Charlie Chaplin carving to Bill Black from the Guild who conducted the Show & Tell session.



Stephen Hitchcock has his burl platter appraised by Guild President Bill Black.



Rohan McCardell
Cheese board and knives



Ken Vodden
Laminated bowl



Ken Vodden
Laminated Vase



Ken Vodden
Laminated bowl



Stephen Hitchcock
Burl platter



Stephen Hitchcock
Burl bowl



Stephen Hitchcock
Burl bowl



Ray Smith
Laminated jug



Ray Smith
Laminated Cookie Jar



Erich Aldinger
Jacaranda Sugar bowl



Erich Aldinger
Serviette rings



Erich Aldinger
Silky Oak platter



George Wells
Laminated platter



George Wells
Laminated platter



Rohan McCardell
Jacaranda Clock



Jack Butler
Laminated Lidded Box

Dutch Club

Another great weekend where we were extended the welcome the Dutch do so well. Their club has updated their facilities and we were allocated an area under the new awning next to our old friend Simon Priem who was demonstrating clog-making on a machine he had re-stored.



There was a lot of interest in our tops and bowl making and a generous interest in our charity bowls raising \$218.70. Thank you to Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews, Alan Phelps, Richard De Groot, Steve Hitchcock, Eric Aldinger and Brian Brooks for helping to set up, demonstrate, man the tables and help pack up on Sunday. All of this is again appreciated.



To all the members who called in to observe and support us on the two days we thank you and look forward to your help at future events and maybe doing a little demonstrating.

CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

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BLOOPERS

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water".
The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus".

Ladies, don't forget the Rummage Sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason said "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get!

At the evening service tonight the sermon topic will be :What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

A rather short woman approached me in the Supermarket and asked: "Could you please get me a tin from that high shelf?"

I did so, noting jovially, "My wife has this problem!". But an icy look had fallen across the woman's face. Looking down, I realised what I was handing her; a large tin of prunes!

Aussie Stockman's Honeymoon

An Aussie stockman and his wife had just got married and found a nice hotel for their wedding night. The man approached the front desk and asked for a room.

He said, 'We're on our honeymoon and we need a nice room, with a good strong bed.'

The clerk winked, 'You want the 'Bridal'?'

The drover reflected on this for a moment and then replied, "Nah, I reckon not. I'll just hold onto her ears until she gets used to it."



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