

WestTurn News

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Western Sydney Woodturners

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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.

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The lunches at the Maxidays are always well received by the members who appreciate Brian's high standards.

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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.

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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.

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	
WOOD (many varieties)	

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 15th August	BUNNINGS Barbeque
Sunday 21st August	Maxiday Cancelled
Saturday 4th Sept.	St Marys Spring Festival
Sunday 5th Sept.	BUNNINGS (Fathers Day)
Saturday 11th Sept.	Ladies Day
Sunday 12th Sept.	Linnwood House

Annual General Meeting

Retiring Vice-President Manny Farrugia has requested that I express his sincere thanks to all members who have assisted him over the year in a great variety of ways. Their help was particularly appreciated during his recent health scare.

After four years in the position of Editor of this bulletin, Bill Hartley has decided to pass on the job and was delighted to see that David Burns put his hand up and was duly elected to the position of Newsletter Editor at the AGM. Thank you David and remember there are several members of our club who are willing to give reports of outside demonstration, take photos and there are a particular one or two who love to submit jokes!

The AGM went off without a hitch and the increase in joining fees were passed, it is now \$40 to join and the \$30 renewal still remains. It is worth noting that it will be necessary to rejoin if you have not paid your renewal by the 30th June every year wherein it will cost an extra \$10 and considered a new membership.

The election of officers was conducted with the following results.

President	Eddie Catford
Vice President	Ken Vodden
Vice President	Dan Austin
Secretary	Wayne Hipwell
Treasure	Bob Young
Editor	David Burns

All other positions remain as they were before and remain an integral part in the functioning of the club, without these people the club cannot exist and we rely on them heavily

A personal thanks to Mannie for all the help, support and assistance he gave me in the last twelve months without him by my side on many occasions I would not have made it, a very sincere thank you.

Presidents Report

We have just had another great month with a lot of positive activity and dedication from a small group of members making the facilities all the better for everyone concerned. The recent rain has slowed down the construction work in preparation for the container that we are presently negotiating with various companies in price availability and installation. While this has been a bit slow we are progressing well. There has been a start on the awning - in particular the design, organizing of material, roofing, guttering and all the things that are required to do before the actual building of the structure. Thanks to the group working on that project, Ken, Alan, Ray, Peter and everyone else that have lent a hand shovelling and digging holes.

We had the opportunity to have two Bunnings BBQ's this month which turned out to be very successful and well worth the effort financially, for those who helped out on those occasions a very special thank you. Again we took ourselves to Linnwood House on their open day and conducted demonstrations with sales of charity bowls etc, as always a very good day. We also had our maxi day, a day to remember as we had a father and daughter team from the Blue Mountains, our show and tell followed by the AGM and then followed up with a very informative, and comprehensive demonstration by one of our own members on the art of "intarsia". Thank you Karen, Alan and Ray for your efforts. On Sunday we will be holding our Christmas in July get together and if the numbers of those intending to go are any indication it should be another great success. I am looking forward to seeing every one as it is when all the different day members get together and renew acquaintances and in general enjoy themselves.

The training program has taken off in an unbelievable way, thanks to our more than capable trainer "Santa". We are able to cope with the new members as there are a lot who need training and have been recommended to us from outside sources, we are very appreciative of Santa's efforts and support in this area. Thank you Bob. To all those members, too many to mention by name, who have contributed to the work in a physical and some in a financial manner around the club and at demonstrations for the benefit of us all it is greatly appreciated and I thank you.

We have been doing little things to the trailer like fixing the lights, ordering new signs and fitting the new front wheel support all of this in preparation for the first outing to Bunnings. As there will be some time before it is needed again and plans are afoot for the fit out to start to get it fully operational.

Bunnings

Two great days 4th and 24th July both a little tiring but worth the effort raising a substantial amount all helping with going forward. While the 24th was a little short in numbers the two shift system works well and we will continue to go with it. My recent discussion with Bunning have indicated we are well respected and will be offered a regular day after the move to Seven Hills. Thanks to Rohan McCardell, Mannie Farrugia, Dave Matthews, Rob Stewart, Lynn Pitt, Peter Hannon, Sid, Reggie, Paul Collins, Ken Vodden, Brian Brooks Bob Taylor, Bob Young, Don Nixon, Russ Werner, Lex and Bob, Kevin Hilton, all for your help on these days.

"Become masters & turn master pieces"

Eddie Catford 9837 3311

NEW MEMBERS

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

John Devos
Kevin Whittaker
Phillip Sutherland
Robert Beaty

Wendy Healy
Ishtiaq Rahman
Tobis Sutherland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Collin Beal
Des Gay
Daryl Richards

Ray Brooks
David Parker
Ray Smith

Happy birthday to all, we hope that you had a great day with many more to come.

SAFETY STUFF

A REMINDER ABOUT SHOP SAFETY

We must all keep in mind the importance of SHOP SAFETY.

Please THINK and ACT responsibly at all times.

It is up to all of us to fulfil our commitment by wearing at all times:

- *DUST MASKS,*
- *PROTECTIVE GLASSES,*
- *SUITABLE CLOTHING,*
- *FOOTWARE ETC.*

IT DOES NOT HURT TO DISCUSS SAFETY WITH OTHER MEMBERS IF THEY ARE NOT DOING THE RIGHT THING.

REMEMBER.

IT IS YOUR BODY AND YOUR LIMBS.....

Show & Tell 20th June



Alan Eipper; Cake stand
Liquid amber, silky oak
Friction polish



George Hulme; Lidded bowl
Burl
Spray finish



George Hulme; Lidded bowl
Burl
Spray finish



Ray Smith
Model Car
Finished with Danish oil



Les Pritchard
Wheels



Ray Smith; Bowl
Danish Oil



Ray Smith; Lidded Box
Pine; Danish Oil



Ray Smith; Intarsia
"Bushie"
Danish oil



Les Pritchard
Wheels



Les Pritchard
Wheels



Ken Vodden; Odds & Sods
Pacific maple; Lacquer



Ken Vodden; Laminated vase
Tasmanian oak, Jarrah



Manny Farrugia
Laminated Gavel & block



Erich Aldinger ; Bowl
Silky oak; 7008



Bob Hodge (Santa)
Kitchen repairs



Erich Aldinger; Sugar bowl
Camphor laurel; 7008



Erich Aldinger; Pencil box
Camphor laurel; 7008



Erich Aldinger; Lidded box
Mulga; 7008



Erich Aldinger; Fruit bowl
Camphor laurel; Kunos oil



Neil Guthrie; Lidded box
Spalted Jacaranda; 7008



Neil Guthrie; Lidded box
Jacaranda; Rosewood; 7008



Neil Guthrie; Bowl
Camphor laurel; 7008



Neil Guthrie; Platter
Camphor laurel; 7008



Neil Guthrie; Burl Bowl
Brown Mallee; 7008

Show & Tell (Continued)



Dom Vaticano; Cup
Mulga; Estapol



Dom Vaticano; Vase
Maple; Estapol



Steve Hitchcock; Lidded box
Paper bark; Friction polish



Steve Hitchcock; Dish
NG Rosewood; Friction polish



Steve Hitchcock; Offset
plate
Meranti; Kiwi boot polish



Steve Hitchcock; Lidded Bowl
Syd. blue gum; Friction polish



Alan Eipper; Vase
Foundling; Friction polish



Alan Eipper; Trinket Dish
Red gum; Friction polish
Hand embroidered lid

Christmas In July (August)

Our Christmas in July, held on Sunday 1st August at Blacktown RSL seemed to be a great success.



A large number of members and their partners attended and from most accounts, had a good time.



The food was of a high standard, maybe selection a little low. As a good time was had by all, we hope our Christmas party will be held at the same venue.



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Maxiday Demonstrations 20th June

Karen Blewden & Alan Game

Once again our demonstrators came from that talented group at the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc. Father and daughter team Allan Game and Karen Blewden gave an impressive and informative session, with each taking their turn in their presentation.



They showed the importance of having a detailed drawing with key measurements and if possible a "pencil gauge" so that markings can be easily transferred to the job. The importance of this preparation was well shown in Karen's presentation of a "spoonfoot leg" and Allan's chalice.



The calm, confident approach which Karen and Allan showed in their techniques and use of tools showed the benefit their extensive training and experience in the trade.



Ray Smith

A big thank you to Ray for giving us a presentation of the Intarsia process, a form of wood inlaying similar to marquetry. The technique uses varied shapes, sizes and species of wood that are fitted together to create a 3-dimensional mosaic-like picture.



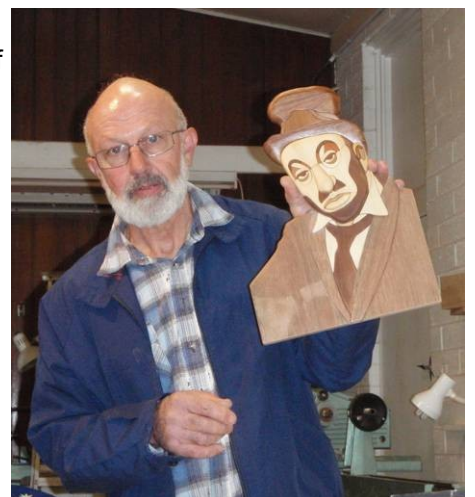
After selecting the specific woods to be used within the pattern, each piece of wood is then individually cut, shaped, and sanded.

Ray brought along his patterns, hand jigsaw, scrollsaw, sanding machine and plenty of examples of his work. If you read the Show & Tell section of recent Westurn Newsletters you will be aware of the prolific output of Ray's work and the very high standard of everything he produces.



There were many interested members who stayed back after the AGM to see how Ray produces such attractive pieces. He went through the whole process from tracing or copying the shapes, selecting the timbers, cutting and sanding the pieces, gluing and finishing.

Intarsia, is another example of the broadening range of interest that members are exhibiting aside from woodturning and I anticipate a considerable interest in this new form of woodwork thanks to Ray's enthusiasm.



SICK LIST

Sonja Omoruyi
Des Gay Hans
Get well soon, we miss your smiling faces!

Eddie Johnson
Loomans

Club Activities

Garden Area

The awning area and the container area has been going along together as they both required excavation and now both require concrete. With the weather hopefully improving, the concrete will be laid, Bob Young and his team which includes Ray Smith and Manny Farrugia will be arranging the delivery of the container.



That will be a sight to be seen when that arrives.

Excavation for Container

Another project taking place is the enlargement and levelling of the back area so we can have an awning built with pavers underneath.



With the original help from Dan Austin and his digger the project got underway. A little rain made the little digger work hard until it got too slippery and finally surrendered.

Eddie came to the rescue with one of his neighbours having a bigger digger. Arriving at 7 am, the day started early but was completed by 10.30. This also included the excavation of the area required for the container. The soil from this area was used to level the area for the awning. The flower wall was levelled and built with help from many members but overseen by Alan Eipper, Ray Smith and myself. With the flower wall built and the footings for the awning dug, the weather hasn't been kind to us so there is a brief pause and hopefully we will resume again as soon as it dries up.

Trailer

One of the main projects for this year was to find a trailer and kit it out for the demonstrations we do around the area.

Manny Farrugia very kindly donated a trailer to the club which needed a little tender loving care. After some discussion on design and pricing, another member of our club, John Kostrzewa, put his hand up and organised the renovation to be done.



The people who did the work need to be highly congratulated as it was a very professional finish they did and for the right price!!

They are: **HABIB BROS.** truck and car repairs, 125 Fourth Ave., Austral 2171. Tel. No. 9606 0664.

We now have a trailer which fits the standard of our club, and will be pleased to take it anywhere we go for demonstrations or even BBQ's. We have just taken receipt of three Club signs to go on it, the only thing to be done is to decide on the final layout for the interior, shelving etc. Then it will be stocked up and ready to go.

A very good effort by all concerned

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Wandering and Wondering

by Neil Guthrie

I wandered through the paper barks
On a dusty leaf strewn path
The filtered sunlight glistened on the ferns
A lizard scuttled through the rough
And lorikeets flew by
The path wound on with shady twists and turns

I stopped to hear the crashing
Of the ocean through the trees
The buzzing of the insects seemed in tune
A Russ tree caught the dappled rays
With autumn coloured leaves
To say that frosty winter would come soon

A vine had grown up through a shrub
And covered it with leaf
It looked like some child's leafy hideaway
In my imagination
I saw the joy it gave
It made me want to go inside and stay

The path emerged from shadow
On a sand dune white as snow
The ocean just beyond was bright dark blue
My now quite heightened senses
Were soaking in the scene
As if I'd never see again this view

The seagulls ran along the beach
And squabbled as they went
There was no other person here in sight
Just pelicans and cormorants
In nature's paradise
I wondered if my being here was right

I knew that I was part of this
But such a tiny part
The ocean there was such a vast expanse
And the sky went on forever
I marveled at it all
My heart my soul my senses in a trance

As the students attendance is spread over three days and goes for eight weeks it is anticipated they will learn the basics of wood turning along with the experiences of their mentors. While this has been the first week they all appear to have settled in and give the impression of being keen to return next week.

Their experience is varied in ability but all appear to be eager to learn showing plenty of enthusiasm and intensive interest.

Josh and Luke from the "Light House" program continue to attend and are in their last five / six weeks with us, both have completed a stool and various other items and are now working on long term items that will be presented to them on completion of their program, they both settled in well and are respected by the club members.

Linwood House

A great day was had at Linnwood House with Rohan McCardill, Dave Matthews, Don Nixon and Bob Young helping to keep things lively.

It was their big day with a large display of Vintage Cars and motor bikes, even including a couple of old Holden "Eddie Mobiles" (N.R.M.A. Vans) in their original colours. Rock and Roll dancing demonstrations and a large Band played enjoyable music all day.

Russ' BBQ tent had an extension this time and has gone up market selling tea, coffee and Mars Bars in addition to the delicious sausage sandwiches.

There was a large crowd on the day, including some ladies from the North Rocks Evening View Club, and they all took a liking to our charity bowls, banana hangers and camphor boxes. A very generous crowd of people donated \$240.65 for our Charity which was a very pleasing result.

The usual bunch of Kids were supplied with tops and baseball bats.

It was an extremely pleasant day as usual, even the weather was kind to us.

MENTORING PROGRAM

After the school holidays final negotiations were completed with the State Education and Seven Hills High School. All the paper work and mentor checks completed allowing the commencement of seven students to start in the mentoring program early this week.

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