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President's Message

Annual member subscription of \$30 was due at the end of June. As you may know, a large portion of this is forwarded to the Guild who arrange our insurance cover. So if we do not receive your membership by the end of July we must assume you no longer wish to remain a member of this club. After that date you will need to apply for new membership of the Guild.

Ron Devinel

Stores, Equipment & Maintenance: [Graham Dawes](#), [Alan Phelps](#) and [Dave Matthews](#). Please let them know if you find any problems with any of the machinery in the hall.

Sick List: : If anyone knows of any of our members or their partners who are on the sick list, please contact [Graham Murray](#) (0412 913 508) who will send a card on behalf of the club.

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Western Sydney Woodturners

Workshops:

Tuesday and **Wednesday** from 9.30am (Entry \$5) and every **Friday Night** starting at 7.00pm (Entry \$3)

Committee Meeting:

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

Ladies' Days:

These dates have been allocated to Ladies' Day meetings:

26th July
28th August
8th November

Maxidays:

Third Sunday every month from 10.00am (Entry \$6) Usually a guest turner gives a demonstration, then Show & Tell.
Lunch is provided.

Christmas in July

This is being held on the third Sunday in July, 20th instead of the usual Maxiday. There will be no meeting at the club. Instead, members and their partners are invited to attend the **Toongabbie/Seven Hills RSL** for a smorgasbord luncheon at 12noon. Add your names to the list.

Coming Outings:

Saturday 6th September — St Marys Spring Festival

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An Irishman was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet.

'I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds.

When the Irishman returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 60lbs!

'Why, that's amazing!' the doctor said, 'Did you follow my instructions?'

The Irishman nodded...'I'll tell you though, by jae-suz, I t'aut I were going to drop dead on dat 3rd day.'

'From the hunger, you mean?' asked the doctor.

'No, from the blooody skippin!'

Around the Club



George Hulme with his student George Wells



Allan Phelps and Rohan McCardell puzzle solving



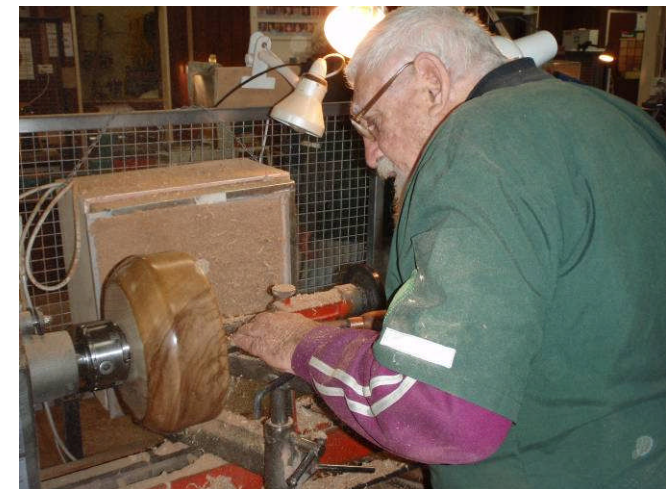
Neil Guthrie and Bob Young discussing pyrography



Peter Bohan perfecting his spindle turning skills



Dave Matthews is determined to keep the birds out



Tony Maberly shows the young ones how it's done

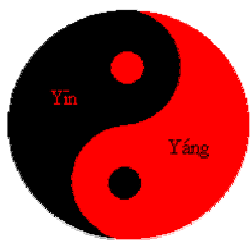
Maxiday Demonstration — 15th June

Glenn Roberts

Glenn decided to vary his demo from the usual method of operating from behind the lathe by coming out in front and interact directly with the audience. He told us that he was going to “walk out on a few limbs”.



He encouraged us give some thought to what the job is going to be and make pencil sketches to decide on the design rather than using the traditional approach of starting to turning it round with no idea what the outcome should be.



He demonstrated this practice by starting with a pencil sketch of the “Yin and Yang” symbol.

Glenn had decided to use that shape as his paradigm, that is, separating the work into two sections which could be distinguished by texture, colour, etc.



Starting with a disk, he marked on the shape using drawing tools then showed how the disk could be divided into two sections with a gap between them and held in position by stainless steel pins.

The project was to be a wall ornament in a contemporary style to suit a modern building.

A router was used to make the grooves for the pins and a two part glue used to secure them.

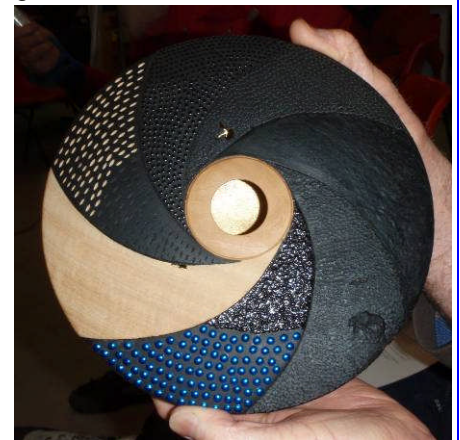
Glenn emphasised the advantages of becoming proficient with a particular tool such as a good quality bowl gouge. He has designed a stainless steel handle to hold any tool with a ½ in shank and another tool to mount on the lathe, fitted with a thread that the scroll chuck screws onto. Thus the job (still on the chuck) can be supported in many positions for further work such as carving, texturing, bleaching or colouring.



He also gave some valuable information regarding the method of smoothing the inside of hollow forms with small opening.

Glenn showed how to achieve textures with a wire brush, Dremmel, engraver, arbor-tech, and scaling tool.

This sample piece shows carbon black craft paint with various textures, blue beads and perpendicular paint.



The bottom picture shows oils finish and an example of bleaching.



Show & Tell 15th June



Erich Aldinger

Banksia Nut Vase filled with pewter
World Clock; Claret Ash
Three Hanging Scent Balls
Gidgee Duck
Jacaranda Vase

Bob Hodge (Santa)

Balls
Small lidded box

Manny Farrugia

Segmented Bowls

Bob Young

Reg gum burl bowl; 7008
Lebanese Cedar bowl with key-cutting
swarf in clear acrylic (unfinished)

Don Nixon

Bowl; NSW scented rosewood
Bowl; Juniper

Gary Hanson

Vase; Cypress pine; Instant Estapol

Eddie Catford

Bowl; Camphor laurel; 7008

Mike Harvey

Lidded Vase; Juniper; Friction polish

John Malysiak

Bowl; Camphor laurel; Instant Estapol
Vase; Cypress pine; Instant Estapol

Allan Phelps

Selection of bowls and pot pourrie



THE LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll need to go to the toilet.

Law of Gravity

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tyre, the very next morning you will have a flat tyre.

Variation Law

If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters

The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of the Theater

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

Murphy's Law of Lockers

If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Logical Argument

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance

If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

Bi-monthly Guild Meeting at Macarthur Region

By Erich Aldinger

As you are all aware, the bi-monthly meeting of the Sydney Woodturner's Guild which was hosted at the beginning of the year at our club, rotates around the various clubs affiliated to the Guild. Last Sunday it was the turn of Macarthur region and to my surprise a great number of members and visitors attended, close to 60 I believe.

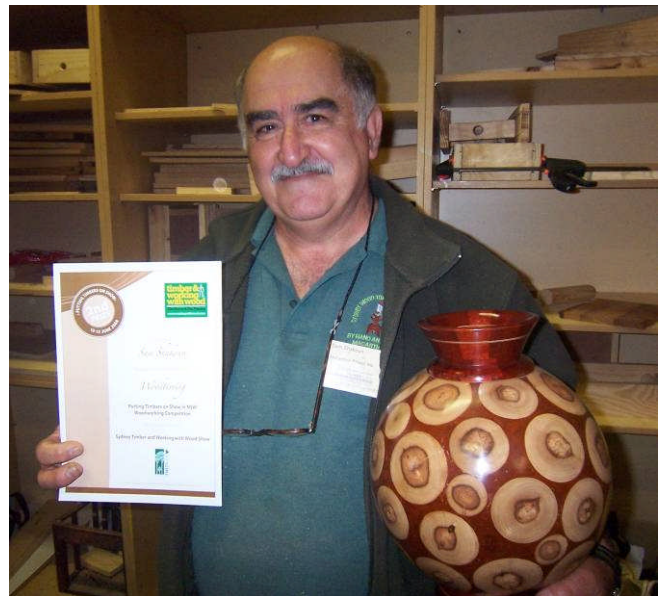
The Macarthur members meet once a month at a local High School, with the use of the school's large and well equipped wood working rooms.



The demonstrator for that occasion was Kaye Paton, who held a captive audience turning an off-centre figurine ball point pen. Very interesting and a

challenge for quite a few members watching.

One of the members of Macarthur's club is the well known Sam Skakuri, who creates some beautiful segmented works, one of which he presented at the Show & Tell. It won him a prize at the recent Working with Wood Show held in Sydney.



Another mentionable feature was the fantastic lunch provided by the two "Chefs", whose names I didn't get, but the contented smiles on the members tell it all! A real challenge for our own inimitable "Keep out of my kitchen!" Rohan McCardell.

I must say, the experience to visit different clubs should not be missed. One sees and learns a lot of how other clubs operate. Next bi-monthly meeting is at the Southern Highlands, in beautiful Bowral, with Mike Cassidy demonstrating. I can't wait. Who will join me?

2008 Timber & Working with Wood Show

The recent petrol price rise to \$1.60 per litre, the \$20 fee for car parking together with the admission charge may cause you to reconsider the decision to attend the show, but not for long, because after all it's something rather special. The show was very popular as usual and so a half hour wait in a queue was necessary before we even got into the place.



But it was worth it to see such great displays of tools, machinery, timber products and the bits and pieces we collect to extend our hobby.



And the timbers available! Our own Trend Timbers was there of course but they had plenty of competition from several other suppliers from Bilinudgel, Grafton and Tasmania.



There were wood carvers, woodturners, furniture makers and instrument makers such as Hugh Jones with a couple of his harps soon to be exported.



Of course the Guild had an exceptional display.



A major attraction this year was a chainsaw carving demonstration by Deborah Lloyd of New Zealand. It was very noisy and the carving looked fairly primitive but you have to appreciate the difficulty of producing nice flowing curves while wielding a heavy chainsaw.



It was a great day out and I'm already looking forward to next year's show. And the coffee was magnificent!

Lalor Park Woodies

An ode submitted by our resident poet Neil Guthrie.

In a crafty bunch of turners
If you care to take a look
You get a sense of every kind of bloke
Some are careful ever careful
Some get technical as well
And some just jump right in and go for broke

It's amazing to a lot of us
When someone joins the group
And they haven't turned a single thing before
And then within a moments time
They're doing lovely work
They soon catch on to what each chisel's for

At Lalor Park we have a group
With skills of every kind
From fitters through to engineers and all
For they'll make a tool from nothing
Machines get fixed at once
It seems to me no order is too tall

Our magazine The Western News
Is known to be the best
And we know where the credit goes for that
With articles and graphics
And hours of clever work
If I wore one I'd gladly raise my hat

Our volunteers, a special few
Are speedy to respond
Whenever there's a job that needs a hand
Like setting up or taking down
With lathes and what goes with 'em
Our trusty little demonstration stand

Some members come to chat the breeze
Some come to do a job
But everyone is busy with their quest
And every time I look around
To see what's going on
I feel this mob is just the very best

Neil Guthrie

On Sunday July 6th, 2008, at four minutes and five seconds
after 3:00 AM in the morning, the time and date was:
03:04:05 06/07/08

This will never happen again in your life time.

Teaching Maths

1. Teaching Maths In 1970.

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for £100. His cost of production is $\frac{4}{5}$ of the price. What is his profit?

2. Teaching Maths In 1980

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for £100. His cost of production is $\frac{4}{5}$ of the price, or £80. What is his profit?

3. Teaching Maths In 1990

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for £100. His cost of production is £80. Did he make a profit?

4. Teaching Maths In 2000

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for £100. His cost of production is £80 and his profit is £20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

5. Teaching Maths In 2007

A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands. He does this so he can make a profit of £20.

What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question:

How did the birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down their homes? (There are no wrong answers.)

6. Teaching Maths 2017

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IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ... But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it –

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or laugh.....
either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires



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Blacktown Spring Fair — 31st May

We had a good number of members attend the Fair to demonstrate what we are about to the Blacktown community. Demonstrators included Ron Devine, Rohan McCardell, Manny Farrugia, Dave Matthews, Bob Jarvis, Bob Taylor, Terry Boddy and Alan Phelps.



The morning started out quite cold at the early hour we had to set up our gear because our vehicles had to be out by 8am. But our location on the green behind the stalls meant that we had plenty of people passing.



The day turned out to be nice and warm and because of the number of members attending, we each had an opportunity to wander around the venue for a while and enjoy the Fair.



Plenty of people were interested in watching our members turning such things as various type of tops and bag-holders. It was amazing how many tops were given away to the kids and the sale of our small bowls for charity was very successful.



Dave brought a small battered platter along to spin his tops on. He was surprised when one customer purchased his platter together with a collection of tops that happened to be on it at the time.

Altogether we had a great day and made \$184 for our charity.

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