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Western Sydney Woodturners

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President's Message

It would be pleasing to have a good representation from our club at Woodturn 2008 so we have included the details in this issue to jog your memory.

The success of the Creative Living Expo outing has left us short of our little bowls so I'm calling on you again members to help us build up our stocks.

Ron Devinel

Library: See [Wayne Hipwell](#) if you would like to know what is currently available from our library. He has organised the books and magazines and even dusted the shelves just for your comfort.



Please remember that all care should be taken with borrowed items and to bring them back as soon as you are finished. Just as in other libraries one month is usually sufficient time to have an item out.

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)

Maxidays:

Third Sunday every month from 10.00am (Entry \$6)

Usually a guest turner gives a demonstration, then Show & Tell.

Lunch is provided.

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.

Coming Outings:

March 29th, 30th

Dutch Club

April 6th

Bellavista Farm

April 13th

Merrylands Central Gardens

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Creative Living Expo

Rosehill 15th, 16th, 17th February

This was the replacement for the Stitches & Craft Show usually held at this time of the year. As usual, it proved to be a most successful venue for the club members to demonstrate their turning skills to the public and to encourage potential members to consider joining our club.



We had two lathes in continuous operation over the three days and these were manned by Bob Jarvis, Bob Taylor, Manny Farrugia, Ron Devine, Don Nixon, Graham Dawes, Rohan McCardell, George Hulme, Vince Harrison, Neil Guthrie, Bob Young and Allan Starkey.



Quite a few bowls were sold and of course camphor shavings for pot-pourri, with the proceeds of \$403 going to our nominated charity.

Rohan reports that one particular lady showed considerable interest in the activities of the club and took a brochure home to her husband, Allan, who has a lathe but his Wednesdays are taken up with golf. Imagine Allan's delight when he discovered that we also turn on other days so lo and behold on Tuesday morning there he was at the door with his cash in hand and we welcome another new member.



NURSE KNOWS BEST

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. 'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

New! Latest Ladies Kitchen Accessory



The "All Men Are Bastards" Knife Block

A Motoring Story – The Ford Anglia

The year was 1958 and I had not long purchased a second hand (1951) Ford Anglia, the upright model.

At the time I was going with a young woman whom we will call Booboo (this being due to the fact that my eventual marriage to her was the biggest booboo of my life). Booboo had a younger sister whom we will call Fatuar (for reasons of her figure) who was only about 14 years old. Fatuar had been asked by her school friend Maggie to come to Port Macquarie and stay in a tent with her family for 3 weeks at Christmas. The family was travelling up on Christmas Eve. Fatuar wished to be home for Christmas morning so she asked if we would drive her up to Port Macquarie on Boxing Day. She offered to pay for the petrol and as I was still only a carpenter's apprentice. I accepted the offer of payment for petrol.

When I told my friends my plans, they thought I was slightly demented because I hadn't had the car serviced in preparation for such a big trip. In those days there was no F3 freeway and you travelled to the north coast on the old Pacific Highway.



This road, in 1958, was very primitive and twisted and turned with only one lane each way all the way to the Central Coast. On the morning of the trip we set out at 8.30am for what I had been told was about a four hour trip. This information came from the father of the family we were to visit. I was not aware at that time that he drove an enormous Yank Tank with an eight cylinder engine and had done the trip dozens of times. My plan was to go up and back in one day and be home before nightfall.

They say ignorance is bliss. Well I was certainly ignorant.

About half an hour into the trip I noticed that the engine was misfiring and losing power intermittently. I pulled into a service station which luckily was open on Boxing Day—only to find no mechanic on duty. The owner was kind enough to have a look and declared that the fuel coming through the pump was dirty. Using their workshop I drained the tank and jettisoned the fuel. This required the removal of the petrol tank. I then cleaned the pump and carburettor. I now had to purchase new petrol and felt extremely lucky that I had brought my whole holiday pay with me. (No credit cards in those days).

We were now rolling along smoothly (well as smoothly as you can in a 1951 Ford Anglia). But Fate however was not finished with me.

Half way through the Bulahdelah State Forest a loud clanging sound came from the front of the car. I stopped and

raised the bonnet only to find that the fan had come off the fan shaft and punched a large hole in the radiator. To make matters worse, I could not find the nut that held the fan on, or the little half moon key that stabilises the fan on the shaft.

I asked a passing motorist how far it was to the nearest town and he informed me that Stroud was the nearest but it was 16 miles off the highway. Being ever the resourceful one I plugged the hole with soap from my beach bag (the one I got for Christmas only the day before) and searched my toolbox for a nut and a washer the right thickness.

Now with a pair of pliers and a file I fashioned a makeshift half moon key from the washer and refitted the fan. I then filled the radiator from a nearby culvert.

Limping into Stroud, I found the local service station closed but luckily the owner lived on the premises. The poor man was in the middle of his Boxing Day lunch and could not be persuaded to help me. I asked him if I was to remove the radiator would he solder the hole over so that I could go on. After much cajoling he agreed and I set about removing the radiator. You can imagine the state of my new Christmas shorts and shirt at this stage.

In those times no stores were open on Boxing Day and we hadn't eaten since breakfast. It was starting to get dark when we came to a small country town called Coopernook. I found the post mistress at home and she arranged for me to ring the girls' mother to say we were okay. When I told her we hadn't eaten all day she opened the shop which was part of the post office so that we could buy some arrowroot biscuits and milk. Remember, no fast food back then.

Stopping every now and then to top up the radiator, which was still leaking slowly, we hobbled into Port Macquarie and somehow found the caravan park and the people we were looking for. They were getting ready for bed as it was after 9.30pm. They had long since given up on us but they kindly took us in and fixed a meal.

Booboo and I went out to sleep in the car as there was no room in the tent. I tried to reposition the driver's seat to make more room and in my enthusiasm broke the support for the back of the seat. This meant I would have to drive home the next day with no back support.



Half an hour after settling down there was a knock on the window and Fatuar climbed into the back seat with Booboo and announced she couldn't sleep in there because the men were sleeping in the same room, in the tent, as the women. Naturally nobody got much sleep that night. When morning came Fatuar decided she would come back home with us and so after a hearty breakfast we set out for home with our leaky radiator and broken driver's seat.



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It turned out that we were setting out to drive back to Parramatta on the hottest day for years and so it was necessary to stop frequently to allow the motor to cool and top up the radiator. About twenty miles short of Raymond Terrace the motor just stopped and after checking for spark I came to the conclusion that the condenser in the distributor was dead. I walked to the nearest farm house to ask if I could use the phone but they were holidaying there and there was no phone. The gent who answered the door was kind enough to offer to drive me to the local post office where the postmaster lived.

The post office was extremely old and I suspected that the posters on the wall were the only thing holding it together. Just standing in the room, I could see signs of white ants. I was told the nearest service station was at Raymond Terrace so I rang them.

They agreed to bring me out a new condenser if I would pay the mileage. I agreed and about ¾ of an hour later two blokes rolled up in a ute and fitted the condenser. The condenser cost 10 shillings and 3 pence (\$1.05) but the mileage cost 3 Pounds (\$6.00).

Rolling again and stopping frequently to top up the radiator, we sweated in 40 degree heat (air conditioning was not one of the Anglia's features). The engine was overheating so we also had to stop frequently to allow the engine to cool down. On one such stop I walked around the back of the car to find the boot flap down. At some stage it must have unlatched and that my new beach bag that I got for Christmas with my new swimmers and towel in it had fallen out somewhere along the road.

Just past Gosford a slapping sound came from the engine bay and I found that the fan belt had snapped. At the top of the climb out of Gosford I pulled into yet another service station and luckily, was able to buy the right sized belt.

On my back lying under the car I realised that due to worn engine mounts I was not able to slip the new belt under the bottom pulley as the pulley was now almost rubbing on the cross member of the chassis. This was not going to stop me after all I had been through so I borrowed a long crowbar from the service station and with the help of Booboo and Fatuar I managed to lift the engine up enough to slip the belt under the pulley and fit the belt.

We arrived back at Booboo and Fatuar's home around 9.30pm hot and dirty and in my case filthy. The following day I found that my now flat battery was due to the generator packing it in and so I spent the last of my holiday pay to buy an exchange generator leaving me broke for the next 3 weeks. (Thank God for Mums).

On the trip over two days I had removed and refitted the petrol tank, fashioned a half moon key for the fan belt, removed and refitted the radiator, replaced the condenser and fitted a new fan belt only to find the next day I needed to replace the generator.

Late in 1959 I replaced the differential and in January 1960 I traded it in on a brand new Volkswagen Beetle and fell in love with German engineering.



Neil Guthrie



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Maxi Day Demonstration 24th February

Club member Anna Dawes is a very well-known turner and demonstrator and we were pleased that she could find the time to demonstrate at our Maxi Day. The fact that she also brought along her husband Trevern was a real bonus. Trevern is a photo journalist and gave us the benefit of his knowledge of how to take better photographs of our work.



He showed how to use a light-box made from an inverted card-table with white sides and fitted with several reading lamps. The idea is to eliminate shadows by using reflected light from several sources. He does not use flash as this produces too many highlights and Trevern always mounts his camera on a tripod to eliminate movement.

With modern digital cameras which no longer have the cable-release option, he explained that a short time delay of say ten seconds could allow the camera to become steady again after you press the shutter release. He had plenty of examples of his work and the photos were of excellent quality.



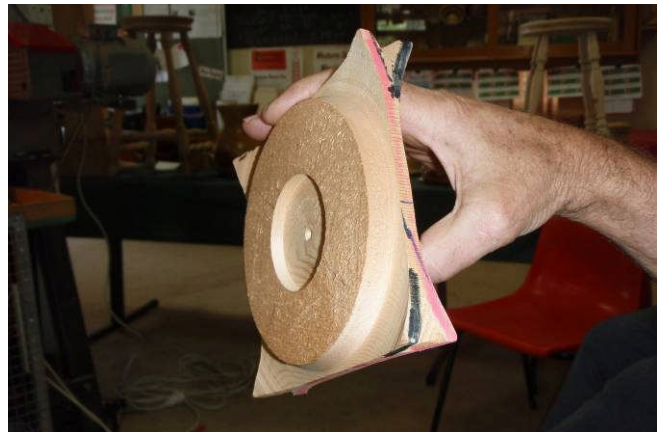
Now I know how to really improve the quality of my photographs and how to eliminate the unwanted backgrounds. Perhaps I could eventually match the images in the magazines.

Meanwhile, I need some shots of the Show & Tell for the newsletter so where is my flash camera?

When Anna Dawes performs you get the benefit of her many years of contact with top level turners. She is always on the lookout for new ideas which she can pass on. Her wide knowledge and considerable skills together with a warm, confident presentation style and use of a small whiteboard made it a pleasure to be in the audience.



She gave so much information and so many ideas regarding safety, design, timber selection, etc I regret that I didn't make notes or a recording that I could refer to.



She spent some time on natural edge turning, which is popular in our club at the moment and showed how to turn those square bowls with the wings curving alternately upwards or downwards.



A Selection from Show & Tell 24th February

Alex Bendelli, who is Vice_President of the Guild, generously agreed to conduct the Show & Tell.

<p>Manny Farrugia Several segmented pieces including a lidded box and two rather large urns.</p>	<p>Erich Aldinger Again Eric submitted some pieces of novel design such as this box in a box and the sliced carving. He also had two natural edge burl bowls.</p>	<p>Larry Bailey Larry showed this large camphor laurel vase and an attractive platter with a wavy surface.</p>
<p>Graham Sugar Graham's segmented bowl was made from purpleheart, maple and zebrino. He also had a camphor bowl and a pepper-grinder.</p>	<p>Syd Churchward Syd turned this wooden mortar from one of our glue-ups of donated offcuts.</p>	<p>Bob Hodge (Santa) Bob brought the stool and pedestal in to illustrate skills needed for repairing antique chairs and tables. He also showed some winged bowls.</p>
<p>Rohan McCardell Rohan presented quite a story about this early attempt at segmented turning. I think the moral of it was "Don't lose the centre."</p>	<p>Eddie Catford Eddie's pot-pourri bowls were particularly attractive and his dip & biscuit container demonstrates how a design change can overcome a problem</p>	<p>George Wells George's weeks of careful work, turning the legs so that they are identical, have paid off with this stool. His camphor laurel container has a screw lid.</p>



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OPEN & NOVICE ENTRY FORM



Rules

- 1 Persons may enter up to 3 entries. A separate form is required for each entry.
- 2 Entry must not have been entered in any other competition, except any "IN HOUSE" competition.
- 3 Novice section is open to any individual who has never won any award in any competition.
- 4 All entry forms must be either emailed to Guild Secretary at: cdunn136@yahoo.com or mailed to - Secretary SWG, 28 Hayman Ave., HINCHINBROOK NSW 2168 on or before 3rd October 2008
- 5 All entries must be at Meadowbank T.A.F.E. on or before 9am 11th October 2008. (T.A.F.E. open from 12:00pm 10/10/08)
- 6 Any entries, including those that are for sale, must stay in exhibition area until after competition prize giving. *
- 7 The judges decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into, what so ever.
- 8 An individual may enter in both the Open & Novice Section with the same article.
- 9 Professional Woodturners may not enter the competition.

Prizes - \$300 1st, \$200 2nd & \$100 3rd. Novice winner receives \$300. No entry charge.

The prize presentation will be held during lunch time on Sunday 12th October

Please complete one form for each entry

Open Competition: Yes No Please tick the appropriate Box Below Novice Competition: Yes No

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City: _____ Post Code: _____

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Please Tick Appropriate Box

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY

Item: _____

Timber used: _____

Finish Used: _____

Other: _____

I hereby agree to abide by the rules as stated above

Signature _____

Further information can be sought by contacting Chris (02) 9600-7197 or 0404-222-726

* The Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc charges 10% of any sales

February 14th brought to mind this thought of the pleasures on this special day:

"No greater love can any solace bring, than the hand I held last night, four aces, and a king."

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

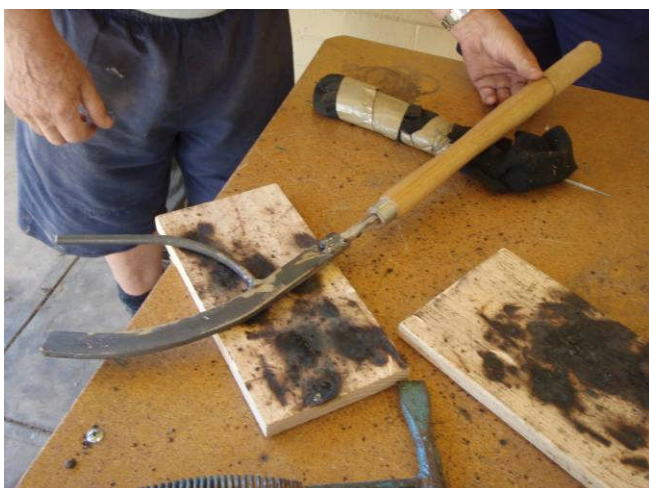
At our weekday meetings at the Twin Gums workshop there is always plenty of activity. You really must try and get there early if you want to claim a lathe and do some woodturning, but there is also a little band of always working on projects to make our club work better. You'll find them gluing pieces of board together so that they act as bowl blanks for members to turn into bowls which can be sold at demonstrations with the proceeds going to our charity, making dust extraction fans for the lathes, and fitting shelving where needed.

Lately I've spotted these "quiet achievers" making some handy tools to put in the storeroom for use by members.

Manny Farrugia was a toolmaker in a previous life and his skills are very evident when you see the results of his metal-bending, welding and shaping of steel. His assistant Graham Dawes is also very skilled working with both wood and steel. Give him the length of your bandsaw blade and he'll make you a replacement just like a bought one!



When finished, this tool will be a scraper specifically for the inside of bowls. The arm extending from the side rests on the toolrest and maintains a horizontal attitude and prevents the tool twisting and so prevents the dreaded "dig in".



It's good to see "Il Presidente" hard at work. Here's Ron Devine shaping a handle for one of the tools which the boys were producing en masse. He was part of the team and spent the morning producing the handles for the tools.



The boys produced a variety of tools. One was a scraper for doing the top of the inside of a bowl especially under the lip. It has an adjustable tip so that the position and angle of the tip can be set and secured with a nut & bolt.

The picture below is of a clamp designed for use when gluing the pieces that go into the making of segmented bowls.



PERFECT HEARING

A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbour. 'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty.'