

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.

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.

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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
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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	16th May	Maxiday — Ken Cooper
Sunday	16 th May	Linnwood House
Saturday	29 th May	Blacktown Festival
Sunday	20th June	Maxiday — Ernie Newman
Sunday	4 th July	Bunnings St Martins BBQ*
Saturday	10 th July	Ladies Day
Sunday	18th July	Maxiday
Saturday	24th July	Bunnings St Martins BBQ*
Sunday	15 th August	NO Maxi , Bunnings BBQ*

* St Martins is in Blacktown

Sick list

Bob Jarvis has been in hospital having some much needed knee work. We look forward to seeing Bob up and about back at the club soon.
Kevin Hilton is undergoing tests for an unknown problem and we wish him well.
Graham Sugar's wife has been admitted to hospital and is in intensive care. Our thoughts to Graham and his wife for a speedy recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to all who had a birthday in April, and we hope you had a great day with many more to come.

Mark Adair
Peter Bland
Kevin Hilton
Greg Maloney

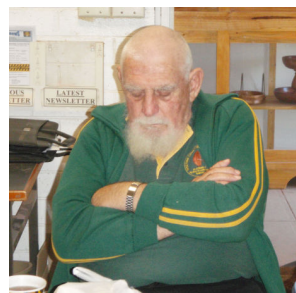
Eric Aldinger
Ron Devine
Robyn Mahoney
Jacqui Sharp

NEW MEMBERS

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

Dave Parker
John Ekins
Suraj Suresh

Robert Hyde
Gordon Ekins
Siddharth Sambaiah



Tony and Greg deep in thought at a lunchtime meeting.

Riverstone Bi-centenary Festival.

The day was well supported by Dave Matthews, Rohan McCardell, Bob Jarvis, Alan Eipper, Ken Vodden and Eddie Catford. We also thank those other members who called in for a short time on the day.

We had another good day where the weather was kind in a very festive atmosphere with a lot of interest in our top and base ball turning. There was also considerable interest in members completed items however slow in sales but our charity bowls went very well returning \$153 for the day.

See Ken Vodden's report on page 6 in this issue.

Bella Vista

Another good day, the weather fine and as always a most enjoyable day by those who attended. There was a lot of interest in our demonstrations, along with a mile long line of kids waiting for our famous tops.



It appears the friends of Bella Vista are going along very well as there has been a lot of restoration completed. While there is still a long way to go the progress is slow but rewarding. Thanks to Bob Jarvis, Dave Matthews and Russ Werner for giving up their Maxi Day to meet



our obligations at the farm. The sales of our charity bowls was a very rewarding \$177 which is an amazing result considering the limited number of items we had left to sell after the very big day at Riverstone.

Bunning's BBQ

The day before Anzac Day and what a great day We started with customers waiting first thing and that is just about how it finished. By lunch we could see we were about to run out of sausages, onions and a few other items necessitating a scramble for more. A sterling effort by Rohan McCardell, Brian Brooks, Dave Matthews, Wayne Hipwell, Bob Young, Ron Devine, Dan Austin, Paul Collins, Eddie Catford as well as an all-day effort from Manny Farrugia along with our number one supporter John Malysiak who attends all our demonstrations with encouragement. A special thank you to all as without your dedication and efforts the reward of \$888 would never have been achieved.

It is believed we are on the list to be carried over to the new Seven Hills site when they move. At that time we will be looking for a lot more support from you the member for help, remembering that all proceeds go to the club. Remember also that by participating in this type of fund-raising allows us the affordability to maintain our fee structure.

Light House Program

By now just about all the Tuesday members will have met the two boys in the program. They have taken to working with their mentors very well and are accepted by the members.



Bob Young and Rohan McCardell report that both Luke and Josh are adapting well to this new environment and have developed confidence in communicating and in expressing themselves

in their individual ways and proudly showing their achievements in pen and bowl making. They are keen to listen and learn and offering suggestion as to what they would like to do over the coming weeks.

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SANTA'S TIP

This time I want talk about other matters. Early last year when our finances were not so good, I suggested to the committee that we hold an open day, with demonstrations, chocolate wheels, sausage sizzle and stalls. The idea being to attract the general public's interest, get new members and boost funds. I also suggested that members pay a fee to the club of 5% of sales that they made. The committee accepted the basic ideas but raised the fee to 10%.

Well did the fan get hit with you know what, with subsequent ill feelings in some quarters. The fee was subsequently dropped and old minutes raised to back up the no-fee position.

Now that the dust has settled, I would like to put an unemotional argument for consideration if we hold another open day. Over the years I have had stalls at various fetes for charities and schools. Typically, they charge \$25 to \$35 for a stall to earn funds. Stall holders are happy to pay this as it gives them exposure to a large number of potential customers. I have had stalls when I have made a loss but philosophically accept this as the charity is helped.

The idea behind the open day was to help the club. A stall fee of 5% would mean you cannot make a loss and would have to make \$500 to pay a stall fee of \$25. This is more than reasonable by any standards! We have opportunity to sell at various stalls the club mans, with no fee. This is one way the club serves the community. We could pass a resolution to permit such a fee for open day stalls only. How about an unemotional rethink on this issue? And to show where I am coming from, I was asked through the club to teach turning at a school in Parramatta and also to turn 20 ballusters for Bella Vista .

In both instances I gave 20% to the club. Also with the help of Manny Farrugia, Graham Dawes and Bill Hartley, made the video Taming of the Skew Driver. We donated this to the club, making a couple for loan and some for purchase. We got nothing for ourselves (and frankly I think it is very weak that some members have copied the disc. The club has missed out and you have abused my intellectual ownership of the material.) Think again please, for the club's benefit.

OLD FRIENDS

An elderly couple, who were both widowed, had been going out with each other for a long time. Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married.

Before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work. They discussed finances, living arrangements, and so on.

Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship. 'How do you feel about \$ex?' he asked, rather tentatively.

'I would like it infrequently.' she replied.

The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, adjusted his glasses, then leaned over towards her and whispered, 'Is that one word or two?'

Show & Tell 18th April



Darryl Smith checks out the lantern base presented by Fred de Jonge.

Bill Hartley discusses the problems associated with using his Longworth Chuck with Darryl Smith.



Steve Hitchcock's Savanarola Chair
American white oak; Organ oil.



Ray Smith; Honey Eater
Huon pine, Pacific maple, Tasmanian Oak, brigalow, mahogany; Danish oil.



Ken Vodden; Cone with Stand
Jarrah, European beech
Lacquer 3606



Ken Vodden; Segmented vase
Tasmanian oak, jarrah, walnut
Lacquer 3606



Ray Smith; Lidded box
Pine and plywood
Friction polish



Manny Farrugia
Versatile tool handle
Gidgee; Friction polish



Fred de Jonge
Cheese platter
Friction polish



John Malysiak
Wine goblets
Camphor laurel; Wattyly 7008



Darryl Smith's 5 bowl platter made using the Indexed Off-centre Chuck from the Ornamental Turners Group.

Demonstration — Darryl Smith

This was a follow-up visit after his presentation of the multi-centre jig developed by the Ornamental Turners Group of Australia. Darryl brought the latest version of this marvellous device and a printout of the plans if anyone is adventurous enough to try to make one.

The photo shows one part of the jig showing the faceplate ring and one of the counterweights.



Darryl stressed the importance of getting a good finish with 600 grit paper or even finer before using any finish. He gave us the benefit of his wide experience gained from his time as a furniture polisher and he demonstrated several choices from pastes, stains, oils to lacquers.

He favours spray lacquer as it is the fastest-drying of the finishes for wooden objects. It is more durable than shellac -- although it is very thin -- and must be applied in many thin coats. It is available in high-gloss, satin, and matte finishes.

Thought must be given to mixing the correct quantity of thinners and to the air pressure of the spray gun.

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Above is a platter for a dip and crackers made using the OTGA jig.



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RIVERSONE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

'Twas the 11th of April and a nice sunny day which made it easier to get my ass out of bed to get to Twin Gums by 7 o'clock (made it by 7.30) to load the trailer (already loaded—going well) to leave for Lions Park by 8 o'clock. The guys who loaded the trailer were Eddie Catford, Rohan McCardell, Alan Eipper and Bob Jarvis.

We let Eddie Clampett, with his trailer leave first and the rest of us going in different directions, surprisingly arriving close to each other at Riverstone where David Mathews was helping another stall holder to put up his shade house.



First job was to erect the shade house. I thought things were going well to this point. David helped the other stall holder—2 man job. We managed to erect ours with 5 men and still needed help. All went well once the shade house was erected except once everything was set up we realised there was no tea or coffee stall around. Couple of hundred metres up the road was Seven Eleven — thank goodness.

Being a new kid on the block I thought the day was very interesting and informative. The public started to arrive by 10.30 and there was a steady flow all day. The weather was brilliant together with some good folk/country music by the band. David started demonstrating on the lathe and by lunch he had to refill his tank so Bob let the chips fly for a while. Eddie had a go when a discussion started about which tool should be used and why as Eddie wanted to use the bit of timber left in the lathe—about 30mm long for another spinning top. There were people still ambling around at 3 o'clock when the festival ended but we all set to and packed up. Shade house last!!!!



We loaded Clampett's trailer and headed for the Twin Gums where we had to off load everything and go our separate ways.

The interest in the charity bowls was very positive and sales were good. I hope sales all round were acceptable. This was my first trip out with the GUYS in its entirety — loading and unloading the trailer(!) and seeing how it was all done.

Everyone worked well together with the equipment they had. Life could be easier with some better equipment and that is being worked on. I must admire the SAME GUYS who constantly go out on demos, do their thing for the club with little recognition. The club has quite a few new members and hopefully there will be some new faces helping out very soon. I know I will be there. I'm not so sure whether I shall be invited to do another report though.

by Ken Vodden

GOVERNMENT HEALTH REFORM

Here is an important bulletin on health reform from the AMA

The Australian Medical Association has weighed in on the new Rudd health care proposals.

The Allergists voted to scratch it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

The Obstetricians felt they were all laboring under a misconception.

Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up!" The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing. The Physicans thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said "This puts a whole new face on the matter...."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, and the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Colorectal Surgeons won out, leaving the entire decision up to all the arseholes in Canberra

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER

By Alan Phelps

On the last two Saturdays 24/04/2010 and 1/05/2010 I had the pleasure of being "Santa's little Helper" at his basic training classes. Now, I knew he was a good teacher but he is better than even I thought. Bob teaches the TAFE method which is a good tried and true type of woodturning. Well the students certainly get their money's worth. The classes start at 9am and finish at 5pm and it is full on all day and Bob certainly crams a lot into the day. He explains things simply and fully then demonstrates. The students then immediately go on a lathe and practise what they have just seen and heard.

The first day consisted of lathe and tool safety then roughing a piece of timber from square to round and then planing the surface with a roughing gouge. He then went on to the skew — how to use it for planing then how to do beads. Now as far as I am concerned beads with a skew are probably the hardest thing especially for a beginner. I am pleased to say that there was not all that many dig-ins because Bob clearly explained how to use the tool correctly. I wish he had been teaching years ago when I first started learning. We then finished the day using a detail gouge to do hollows and again the results were good.

On the second Saturday we started off with a refresher course on beads and hollows and then went on to face plate turning with a detail gouge. This also incorporated using hot melt glue. We rounded off the day by turning a bowl using a detail gouge on the outside and a bowl gouge on the inside. All went off quite successfully. So to anybody starting turning I recommend doing classes with Bob. You won't regret it and the cost is very cheap. To all us more experienced turners maybe we should go back and do these classes. You will learn a lot you have forgotten and correct some of your bad habits.

President Eddie's Message

It is always encouraging to see new members taking lessons and we have two classes under way at the moment, a Monday night of five members for three hours over five weeks, and two consecutive seven hour Saturdays with six members taking part, all under the capable instruction of "Santa" (Bob Hodge).

The initial indications while early are positive with great results being achieved as outlined by Alan's letter above. We are indeed very fortunate in having an instructor of your ability and experience. Congratulations and thank you for all your efforts Bob.

From our archive. Remember Rocky



FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE CLUB

Graham Sugar has sent along these shots to show us that there is a dedicated group that choose to come along on Friday evenings, mainly because they can't make it during the daytime when the club is open on other days.



We hope that these shots show you that you are not the "forgotten dwellers of the night" but a valued sub-group which we are pleased to feature. It's great to see some new members and some juniors.

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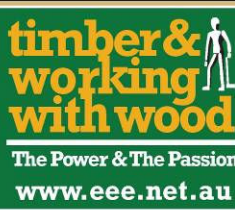
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Breaking News:

Our Maxiday organiser, *Anna Dawes*, has provided the following information:

Maxiday 16th May

"Mr Fixit" Ken Cooper will address and illustrate the theme "I Didn't Know That".

Maxiday 20th June

Ernie Newman will demonstrate screw threading, candle sticks and "critiquing your work". Members are invited to bring samples of work, not necessarily their own, for a different kind of Show session. Where members will be invited to discuss the design, form, finish etc.

Maxiday 18th July

Father and daughter team Allan Game and Karen Lewden from the Blue Mountains club will demonstrate the spoonfoot (bottom of a cabriole leg), pillarette and a vase.