

WESTURN NEWS

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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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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.

Club Meeting: The club 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:

Thurs/Fri 2-3 December No Turning Day/Cleanup

Saturday 4th December OPEN DAY

Sunday 12th December Christmas Party

Thurs 23rd December Club Closes for Christmas

Tuesday 4th January Club Reopens

There will be NO CLUB MEETING in January

Presidents Report

I will also take this time to advise all of our members that Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of December are **no turn** days as we will need this time to scrub clean the Club on Thursday, and please don't leave this to only one or two members as you all know many hands make light work leaving Friday for setting up, this also requires help as it is Friday that you have to bring your goods in that you either want to sell or display. We have also decided to invite our spouses or immediate family to display their art or creative ideas on the day so come along on Friday to help set up your table and organize things to make Saturday that special day of the year for the club.

There will be plenty to do and your support will be invaluable over this time.

While Bunnings has been a great help this year I have only been able to secure a Saturday in April and August next year at this point. I am still working on this, letting them know that we are prepared to fill in on any cancellation and in the new year look to doing demonstration at the shop front etc.

It was a pleasing morning tea supplied by Seven Hills High School where they issued Certificates of appreciation and a cup to the Mentors for their efforts over the school term, this being a very successful program and they are looking forward to us being able to continue along similar lines next year. We are working closely with the Breed Program and are in the process of tidying up loose ends in readiness for the new year.

Don't forget if you are interested in demonstrating at the Royal Easter Show put your names on the roster on the notice board, there are still a lot of areas and time frames available.

As always it has been another successful month - thanks for your dedication...

"Become masters & turn master pieces"

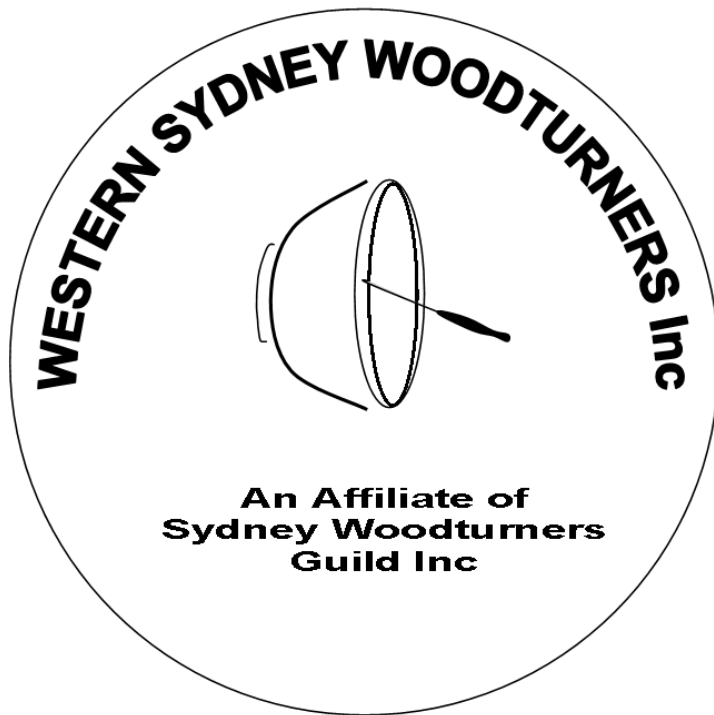
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SICK LIST

George Hulme
James lane

Kevin Hilton
Tony Maberly

Get well soon, we miss your smiling faces!



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NEW MEMBERS

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

David Oates	David Sobel
Emmanuel Couch	Patrick Berry

Open Day December 4th 2010

For those members who are waiting for our next Open Day I am sure that there is a very high level of anticipation and I am certain the day will be an unqualified success.

Once again we will exhibit the versatility and remarkable skills of our members and share these experiences with many family, friends and visitors.

There will be a broad selection of things to do and see, including demonstrations by highly skilled artisans, a great band together with dancers, food and drink, and members work for sale.

There will be a display of members work and you are invited to contribute so that we can showcase the creative talents of everyone who has joined the Club.

If you have not already done so please start spreading the word as I believe there will only be standing room at the Club on the day and those who get in early will get to experience something truly special.

Come one, come all, a great day awaits!

Editor.

A word of wisdom

'The act of turning is a craft but what is made is art!'
Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Brian Brooks	David Burns
Syd Churchward	Paul Collins
Paul de Belle	John DeVos
Hans Freke	Steve Hitchcock
Tony Maberly	John Malysiak
Seema Mirpuri	David Oates
Suraj Suresh	Bob Taylor
Tamsin White	John Williams
Bob Young	

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

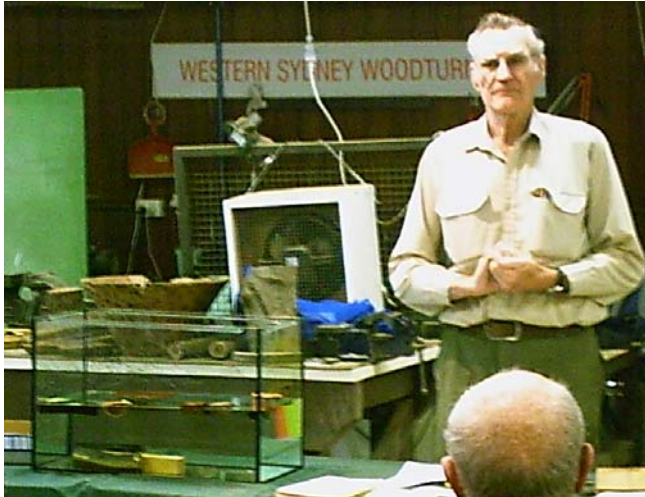
ITEMS FOR SALE

CLUB SHIRTS	BADGES
PEPPER GRINDERS	SALT GRINDERS
SAND PAPER	PEN KITS
PEN CASES	PEN PARTS
LETTER OPENERS	FRICION POLISH
TRIPLE "P"	POLISH CLOTHS
TIMBER SEALER	PERFUME APPLICATOR
WOOD (many varieties)	

Maxi Day 17th October

The Maxi Day was held on a beautiful spring day with a good number on the members in attendance.

The guest speaker was Dick Turner from the Blue Mountains Turners. Dick, with extensive experience in forestry work, gave a presentation on wood, its characteristics and identification.



Dick commenced by describing the parts of the tree pointing out bark, Cambrian layer, sapwood etc. He then went on to describe the methods of converting logs to timber. He then pointed out various faults that occur in timber like 'shake', radial splits and gum resin pockets.

Dick continued with the discussion on the characteristics of wood – strength, durability, workability and density. He then gave an amazing demonstration of the specific gravity of various woods using a fish tank partly filled with water. I was surprised to see that some Australian hardwoods are so dense that they will sink in water.

The next part of Dick's presentation was on wood identification and the first thing he pointed out was the difference between Softwood and Hardwood. Up to this point the members had paid polite and attentive interest. Now they started to respond in a more lively fashion throwing many questions at him, all of which Dick answered with grace and good humour. The bottom line appears to be that without the appropriate equipment and knowledge, wood identification is a job for experts.

To assist with this problem Dick has kindly loaned the Club a copy of a CSIRO pamphlet on this topic. One question Dick answered was whether harvesting burls was harmful to a living tree and his response was emphatically that this practice was harmful to the tree and should not be done.

To complete the presentation Dick proceeded to identify a number of examples of wood provided by the members.

This presentation was educational and informative and we should all thank Dick for his effort.

The members and guest were treated to a very fine luncheon catered for by Eddie and David– well done. This was followed by our customary Show and Tell.

To cap off a very interesting day the members were treated to a VERY detailed presentation on segmented turning by Ken Vodden. (more to come next newsletter)

Steve Hitchcock

Blacktown Arts and Crafts

This was probably the windiest day that I have ever experienced out of doors.

There was a good turnout of members and our stall was well manned throughout the day.

The layout of the event was excellent and we were lucky enough to have a tent supplied for us by the organisers. The day was worthwhile but the weather forced people away.



Throughout the day every stallholder suffered losses and Manny's masterpiece, the Lighthouse was shattered. In a true example of his determination Manny has assured everyone that the lighthouse will be repaired even though it was returned to the clubhouse in a box of bits. (As of this newsletter Manny has successfully rebuilt has masterwork!)

This event holds great promise and I will be happy to return next year. David Burns.

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Show & Tell 17th October.



Ray Smith; Intarsia;
Various; Danish oil



Ray Smith; Intarsia;
Various; Danish oil



Ken Vodden; Box
Oregon; Lacquer



Ken Vodden; Box
Pac maple, Jarrah; Lacquer



Ken Vodden; Mirror
Jarrah, Tas oak; Lacquer



Ken Vodden; Box
Pacific maple, Jarrah



Ken Vodden;
Laminated Bowl



Manny Farrugia; Box
with inlay



Manny Farrugia
Laminated rolling pin



Manny Farrugia
Laminated bowl



Ray Smith; Vase
Coachwood, Silver ash



Ray Smith; Vase
Maple, Pine; Friction polish



Ray Smith; Vase
Coachwood, Silky oak



Ray Smith; Vase
Willow, Maple



Manny Farrugia; Toolbox
Inlay, Wooden fittings



Steve Hitchcock; Bowl
Banksia; Friction polish



Steve Hitchcock; Bowl
Paperbark; Friction polish



Steve Hitchcock; Bowl
'Dunno'; Friction polish



Steve Hitchcock; Bowl
Unknown timber



Steve Hitchcock; Bowl
Jacaranda; Friction polish



Dom Vaticano
Lighthouse; Estapol



Dom Vaticano
Pair Candle holders

When you enter an item in Show and Tell PLEASE PRINT YOUR TICKET CLEARLY.

If I cannot understand what is being shown then your efforts may not be properly recognised in the next newsletter.

Thank You, Editor.

Yallambi Aged Care 20/10/2010



This was the third visit of the Club to this Aged Care Facility located on Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford. The team consisted of Graham Dawes, Bob Young and Rohan McCardell.

Graham had all the gear in the back of his vehicle and also picked up Bob and myself as parking is a bit restricted at the facility.

We arrived at 9.30am and started to set up while residents were having exercises in the area conducted by one of the nursing staff.

Bob Young said he needed to sit down after watching the residents exercise and was chided by the staff for his lack of condition.

Graham had a bowl already completed to show the group as well as a bowl blank ready to go. He explained the various tools to be used and the timber also, in this case Camphor Laurel. He then started the demonstration as the word spread that the completed bowl would be a prize in a raffle as well as two of our charity bowls. It was explained how we glued, cut on the band saw, held, turned and finally polished a bowl on the lathe to sell at our other demonstrations.

Due to time constraints we knew we would not finish the job in hand so we worked up until 11.30am and then had one of the staff draw the raffle and all prizes were won by the residents much to the dismay of the nursing staff.

We collected the shavings and handed out approximately twenty sandwich size plastic bags as all of the residents were told to put them in their draws to keep the pests at bay.

The group really enjoyed our demonstration and showed it by acclamation at the end before they had to retire for lunch.

Another successful day and a great feeling when you see the enjoyment on the faces of people in their surroundings.

Rohan McCardell



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- DUST MASKS,
- PROTECTIVE GLASSES,
- SUITABLE CLOTHING,
- FOOTWEAR ETC.
- EAR PROTECTION

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.....**

Your Backyard reporter back again for an update of what is happening to your back yard.

THE CONTAINER is progressing to the point it now has a total of three windows fitted and a door cut in the side, hinges welded on but sorry, it cannot be used just yet. Roof vents are in the process of being fitted which happens to coincide with the tropical roof going on. The tropical roof timbers were all painted before being fixed in situ. A big THANKYOU to all the members who have put themselves out to help in the progress of the container. Anyone who has been a little backward in coming forward, please step up as there is plenty left to be done.



THE AWNING is progressing nicely, a good day was had by all involved last Thursday, as the main framework was erected and I must say, the members who come to the club on Thursday, I raise my hat to you. You are happy to be involved in the awning project and are willing to help. Thankyou once again.

We managed to source most of the materials required at the right price. The timber was painted after the joints cut, brackets fitted and erected. The concrete has been laid and what a difference that makes. The expectations now, are that it will all be finished by the time the next Westurn News is printed. Lets keep our fingers crossed and it might be a good time for a celebration when completed. Ken Vodden

St Marys Spring Festival

Saturday, despite the predictions, dawned clear and warm. I arrived at the site at the crack of dawn (7.30am) to find Eddie and Dave had just about set-up. We were joined by Bob Jarvis and Santa and completed the



set-up

The crowd hadn't arrived yet so I pulled a small blank out of my bag, slapped it on the lathe and began to amuse myself. This started to attract a few onlookers!

It wasn't long before our local pusher, Dave , had depleted our supply of tops so I got knocked off the lathe so that we could get down to producing more. Its amazing how many different ways there are to make the same object!

We were joined by John Malysiak and his lady, so by this time we had a sizeable crew.

The demo did attract a number of potential new members and the local Recruiting Sergeant, Eddie, was kept busy with the enquiries. There was an approach from the St Marys branch of Rotary on the possibility of one of our members addressing a meeting of theirs about the Club and its activities.

Overall a very enjoyable but tiring day, with pleasant and helpful companions, what more could you need! Steve Hitchcock

Quakers Hill East Public School

Bob Young, Bob Taylor, Ron Devine, Rohan McCardell, Wayne Hipwell and Russell Werner manned the club's demonstration at Quakers Hill East Public School's Halloween Fete on Saturday, 30 October. We were located in an excellent position in the School's assembly area and under cover.

The Fete attracted many visitors and our demonstrators were kept busy throughout the day making tops for children and discussing matters relating to our club and wood turning with parents and their friends.

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Our items on display attracted much interest and quite a few charity bowls were sold. Also, information brochures were handed to a number of prospective new members.

The School's thanked, on its website, all those (including volunteers) who helped to make the day such a success.

Train The Trainer

As I hope you all know Alan Eipper and myself was selected to do a course at New Horizons called Train the Trainer. I wish to fill you in on my experiences of the three day course.

The course started on the Monday and my first concern was catching a bus from Castle Hill to the City. Surprisingly this was quite good as I haven't caught a bus in years. Alan and I arrived almost an hour early so we had a calming coffee, this happened all three days.

We met the lady who was going to train us, Fee was her name and she had a very relaxing and pleasant attitude. The group who was doing the course with us, seven in all and to my surprise, happened to be all well experienced trainers. Everyone had to introduced themselves and oh oh I became a little nervous as my background was from small business and these people started taking about inter-departmental issues, managers and alike. Anyway during the day some strange words came flying my way but Fee the trainer explained things very well so I was on the edge but calm.

We were broken up into groups at times to discuss certain topics, this was ok as you talk to the others, we were all there to learn and at times I wasn't the only one under pressure.

Day two was getting into the nitty gritty of things and this wasn't a good day for me. We had to start by doing a presentation in front of the others. Oh sh- - , Guess who fluffed it. There was a lot of group discussions after and I seemed to be a step behind most of the time. I think Fee, a good trainer that she is could see this and worked the situation very well. At the end of day two I was buggered. Many thanks to Alan, who by the way was right up there with the rest, talked me into staying on for the third day.

It was part of the course to do another presentation at the end of the day three so this played on my mind all day. More strange words but well explained afterwards in chat and discussion.

I looked at my watch about 3.30—4.00 and had a slight feeling that the presentation might not take place, you silly fool to think like that. We had a break and when we returned the camera was all set up and ready to go. In for a penny, in for a pound, up to the front I went, more prepared this time and the advantage of the three days of learning and comments made from the previous presentation. Hey, it went better than I expected.

In preparation the previous night I could not even read the words I wrote. So I must admit that everything ended very well.

The group of people I was with was so pleasant and understanding. Many thanks to Fee for being such a good trainer in understanding the situation, and thanks to Alan for helping me though a tense time. I feel good that I stayed to the end and completed the course and on reflection I think I learnt a hell of a lot. Thanks again to all of you who helped me though.

Ken Vodden

Riverstone Bicentenary Family Fun Day.

With the weather a little doubtful we arrived at Lions park around 10.15 for a 11.00 start. It seemed quite busy on arrival. Only taking approximately 15.mins. to set up it wasn't long before we had people interested in our stand and the turning.

The day turned out really good with plenty of sun, lots of music and lots of interested people in our stand. Private sales wasn't crash hot but our charity did well. Comparing it with the first demo I did, which was at this venue, it seem far busier. Only time will tell when the money is counted. Ken




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Expo & Convention
June 11 - 13
Brisbane Exhibition Centre, South Bank
scrapbookexpo.com.au



Textile Art Festival
June 11 - 13
Brisbane Exhibition Centre, South Bank
textileart.com.au



Tasmania · April 29 - May 1
Launceston Silverdome

Perth · May 18 - 22
Perth Convention Exhibition Centre

Sydney · June 22 - 26
Sydney Exhibition Centre,
Darling Harbour

Melbourne · July 28 - 31
Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank

Canberra · August 11 - 14
Exhibition Park In Canberra

Hamilton, New Zealand
September 8 - 11
Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton

Christchurch, New Zealand
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