

# WestTurn News

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Western & Blue Mountains Region

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## Regional Committee 2005/06:

**Convenor:** Robert Jarvis 9622 2741 **Secretary:** Robyn Mahoney **Treasurer:** Greg Maloney

**Regional Rep:** Larry Bailey 9622 6140 **Member:** Bill Swindail 9864 1620

**Library:** See Don Hughes if you would like to know what is currently available from our library. **Please remember that some of the items within the library are on loan from other members and all care should be taken 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:** is being looked after by Bill Swindail and Ted Edwards. Please let them know if you find any problems with any of the machinery in the hall.

**Editor:** Larry Bailey is putting the newsletter together. Articles can be e-mailed to [susanjoanb@msn.com](mailto:susanjoanb@msn.com) or give to a committee member who will pass them on to me. Don't forget that this newsletter is only as good as the contributions that **you** give.

**Catering Officer:** Rohan McCardell, see Rohan if you have any special needs.

**Sick List:** If anyone knows of any of our members or their partners who are on the sick list, let **Graham Murray** (4658 0563) know, and he will send them a get-well message from the Region.

**Committee Meeting:** The committee meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums Retreat. All are welcome to attend. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> November **2005**. *If you have a gripe and want to have your say please come along, complaints at meetings and at demos will not make changes it will only cause rumours and we all know what happens when rumours start.*

## Committees Report:

The committee agreed that **no one** is to use either the bandsaws or the grinders unless they have done training and your name appears in the register.

There was discussion on the quality of bowls we are selling for charity.

Toby presented a draft of do's and don'ts for demonstrating, this will be taken up and given to those who participate in demonstration.

**Proposal "a maximum of two items to be cut any day for use in the hall anything else will incur a charge of \$2.00 per item"**  
*Moved by Ted seconded by Neil carried unanimously*

Christmas party to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December \$5.00 per person raffle will subsidise rest trainers not to be charged. See Rohan and put your name down.

## Western/Blue Mtns Region Calendar for 2005:

Third Sunday every month from 10.00am, Every Wednesday from 10.00am. Every Friday Night starting from 7.00pm.

## SEPTEMBER 18

Theme for show & tell was **salt & pepper mills**. Only one mill a bit disappointing.

**Larry Bailey:** had a liquid amber bowl on display partially finished with penatrol oil.

**Graham Dawes:** had a salt mill made from silky oak and finished with estapol gloss.

**Mike Harvey:** had a small bud vase made from an unknown timber finished with friction polish.

**Des Page:** had three lidded boxes, made from callistemon, willow and camphor laurel with cedar inserts, all finished with friction polish.

### **OCTOBER 16**

Our guest demonstrator will be Jack Butler. Theme for show & tell will be **eggs**. Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

### **NOVEMBER 20**

Bring your tools, as this will be hands on day. Theme for show & tell will be **Christmas decorations**. Please fill out the green slip so this person knows who did what.

### **December 18**

Christmas party.

### **January 15**

Bring your tools, as this will be hands on day.

Tell me what you would like to see on show and tell.

### **February**

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### **March Sunday 12 & Monday 13**

#### **Neil Scobie – Demonstration and Workshop –**

The committee has agreed to have Neil Scobie demonstrate at our hall next year. The demonstration on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March will be a full day demonstration that may cost about \$30 - \$50 a head, now this will depend on the numbers attending. Further information will be supplied when full details are known. The workshop on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March will be strictly limited as this will be full hands on workshop. It is anticipated that depending on lathes there will be about 10 places available, so first in gets the spot, this is estimated to cost \$60 for the day. For further details on both please see Anna Dawes, Harry Cole or Larry Bailey. A brochure is on the notice Board.

### **March**

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### **September 2006**

Fred Holder – American woodturner/Demonstrator/Teacher.

Fred will be in Australia during August and September 2006. Preliminary discussions are that we have booked Fred for one day over a weekend in September 2006; we just don't know which weekend or date until Fred organizes himself and his trip around Australia.

### **Past Demonstrations:**

Our members have participated in the following demonstrations. The details are as follows:

#### **September 18 Prospect Heritage Trust –**

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September this region was asked to participate in a family day at St. Bartholomew's Heritage Church on the hill over looking the old Great Western Highway at Prospect.

This was the first day of a weeklong celebration of Prospect History Week. We were one of a group that was there putting on displays. Some of the other groups were the Australian Heritage Dancers, NSW Marine Corps, Hills Model Railway Society and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

The day was slow because of other major events being held at Penrith and Parramatta. This was good because it gave me the opportunity to get some badly needed turning practice. About lunchtime I rang Rohan to see if he was going to bring lunch up to us, as it was also our meeting day at the hall. But he said he didn't deliver. The day ended about 3pm.

By Bill Swindail

## **September Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - Wistaria Festival -**

The day started slightly overcast, we arrived just after nine o'clock to find Bob Jarvis and Peter Calabria had already setup the gazebo, lathes and tables and power to the site.

I must commend Bab Jarvis for his purchase of the gazebo as it is very easy to erect and take down and for his efforts in taking equipment to and from demonstrations.

The day was slow to start, as this was the fourth day of the fete, and being Sunday not a lot of early risers. We had some items on show for sale but mainly "tyre kickers" were around. We had lots of questions and enquiries about wood & turning and availability of classes so Bill Swindail may get some calls as we handed out some of our brochures detailing club hours & our location of club house. Around lunchtime I produced the obligatory ham, cheese & tomato sandwiches and the small pan & gas stove and so toasted sandwiches as per the Blue Mountains Challenge were produced.

We continued with the demonstrations and dispensed tooth pick holders, bag carriers and received donations to our charity of the year in return. As the weather was starting to look stormy we decided to pack up about two thirty and beat the rain. It was all down in half an hour and packed away in Bob's van for return to the clubhouse.

I would like to see more of our 'junior' members at demonstrations so that people can see a cross section of members including females that attend wood turning demos.

To Bob Jarvis, Peter Calabria & Graham Dawes thanks for your attendance on the day and to the members who attended the first Saturday of the fete on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to the next demo and maybe some new faces.

Rohan McCardell

### **Future Demonstrations:**

Our members have been asked to participate in the following demonstrations: Please help by participating and putting your name against the event. We ask that you try demonstrating as these can be fun and it helps improve your skills.

## **October 29<sup>th</sup> - St Bernadette School Fete**

See Bill Swindail for more details

### **PROPERTIES OF SPECIES OF SOME WOODS CONT.**

#### **Cedar, White**

A medium sized deciduous hardwood of occasional occurrence in the rainforests of New South Wales and Queensland. Heartwood pale brown. Sapwood creamy and readily distinguishable from the heartwood. Texture very coarse and uneven due to the ring porous nature of the wood. Grain straight. East to work. Because of its coarse texture it is difficult to give it a high finish. Used for internal joinery. Rarely cut.

#### **Cerejeira**

A medium sized hardwood of Brazil and Argentina. Heartwood pale yellow to very pale brown with a slight tinge of orange. Sapwood grayish but not clearly delineated. Vessel lines very prominent. Oily or waxy appearance and an odour which is distinctive but not really pleasant. Texture coarse. Grain irregular. Cuts woolly when green but dry material finishes very smooth. Easy to work. Glues satisfactorily. Used for furniture, veneer, joinery.

#### **Cheesewood, White** other common name milkwood

A medium to large hardwood of the north Queensland rainforests, also in Papua New Guinea and south-east Asia through to India. Heartwood cream to pale yellow. Sapwood wide and visually indistinct from the heartwood. Texture medium to coarse. Grain straight. Latex canals, which are slits 6 to 50 mm long and up to 3mm wide, are common. Often has strong odour and bitter taste. Very soft but easy to work. Glues well. Used for patternmaking, cardstock, plywood, carving and mouldings. Should not be used in contact with food because of risk of tainting.

#### **Chengal**

A large Malaysian hardwood, now scarce. Heartwood yellow to dark brown. Sapwood paler and clearly defined, 20 to 40 mm wide. Texture moderately coarse. Grain slightly interlocked, producing some ripple figuring. Relatively easy to work but gum builds up on tools. Used for shipbuilding and sleepers. Not usually seen in Australia.

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### **YOU'RE NOT AUSTRALIAN UNTIL YOU'VE...**

You've become deeply cynical of politicians.

You realise that lifeguards are the only ones who wear Speedo's and look good.

Done the Sunday session.

You pledge allegiance to Vegemite over Promite.

In your CD collection you have at least one of: Kylie Minogue, Cold Chisel or Paul Kelly.

You understand the value of Public Holidays.  
You think that the Crocodile Hunter is just stupid.  
You've played beach cricket with a tennis ball and a bat fashioned out of a fence post.  
You still go on about how great the Sydney Olympics were.

Supplied by George Wells

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**Raffle:** The prize will be on display near the front door with the tickets for a whole month, so members can buy tickets at any meeting and we will have the draw at the Sunday monthly meeting. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Please put your name on the ticket butt so if you are not at the Sunday meeting for the draw, we will know who is the winner. The raffle was drawn on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October and was won by Ted Edwards. Ted gave the saw to Trish Gale (Trish said thank you Ted).

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The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

George Burns

Supplied by Graham Murray

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### **MEMBERS AND VISITORS:**

Welcome to our new members and any visitors today. We hope that you enjoy yourselves at this meeting and, indeed, many other meetings that you may attend at this region and at our other regions.

### **Safety Instruction:**

**In line with WorkCover and OH&S practices, and pure simple common sense, NO ONE is to attend workshop type meetings or any Guild function wearing thongs, sandals, or open foot wear.**

\*\*Please note: Current first aid officers are: **Ted Edwards & Larry Bailey**

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

**Sandpaper** – Various grades, prices marked per metre.

**End Sealer** - priced per litre.

**Friction Polish** – priced to bottle size.

**Scrapers & Parting Tools** –Range of round & square end \$30.00 ea. **Swindail Gouge;** \$50.00 made upon request only.

Please see Bill Swindail if you wish to make a purchase.

**Ladies Days: To be advised.**

### **Bowls for Any Event Plus!**

Don't forget if you are not turning anything in particular think about turning one of our blanks. It appears that these are becoming very popular at our demonstrations in the rummage box. A reasonable source of income.

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## **For Sale**

**HAFCO BP14 Bandsaw**, 4 speed with spare blades, good condition.

\$250.00 ONO Contact Harry Cole. Tel No 9626-1014

**TECKNATOOL 1500 Lathe**, on stand + 2 nova chucks and approx 4 or 5 sets of extra jaws including cole jaws.

\$1250.00. Also available some tools – price negotiable. Contact Darrell Smith Tel No. 4739-4881

**ROBERT SORBY - Two 18mm skew Chisels and a 6mm parting tool.** See Ted Edwards

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## Timber Collecting:

Some members will have seen the piece in the photo below by now. Graham Dawes rescued the piece of camphor laurel from the old Austral Brick yard at Eastwood. The camphor laurel trees were planted about 40 years ago; over the years bricks were pushed up against the trees as they were growing, hence the brick in the middle of the tree.

I bet there was some cursing when the chainsaw wouldn't go through the log and then having to sharpen the chain again. This is a perfect example of what you can find in timber, not only wire and nails, but who would have thought a whole brick!



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## EURO ENGLISH

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5- year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy.

The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k". This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards can have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling.

Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer people wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesenary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensibl riten styl.

Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru.

Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speking German like zey vunted in ze forst plas.

If zis mad you smil, pleas pas on to oza pep!

Supplied by Larry Bailey

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## TURNING CLASSES

We encourage all beginners to seek help, ask questions and enjoy what we hope will be a great hobby.

If you are interested in joining classes please see **Bill Swindail**.

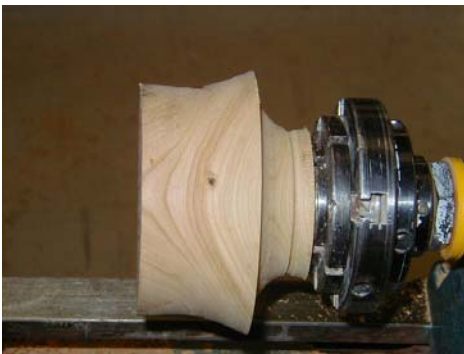
**Please note that due to requirements under the child protection act we cannot teach children under the age of 21.**

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Please remember that **NO** member can commit the Region to participate in any demonstration or event without first presenting to the committee. Guild approval is also required for insurance purposes.

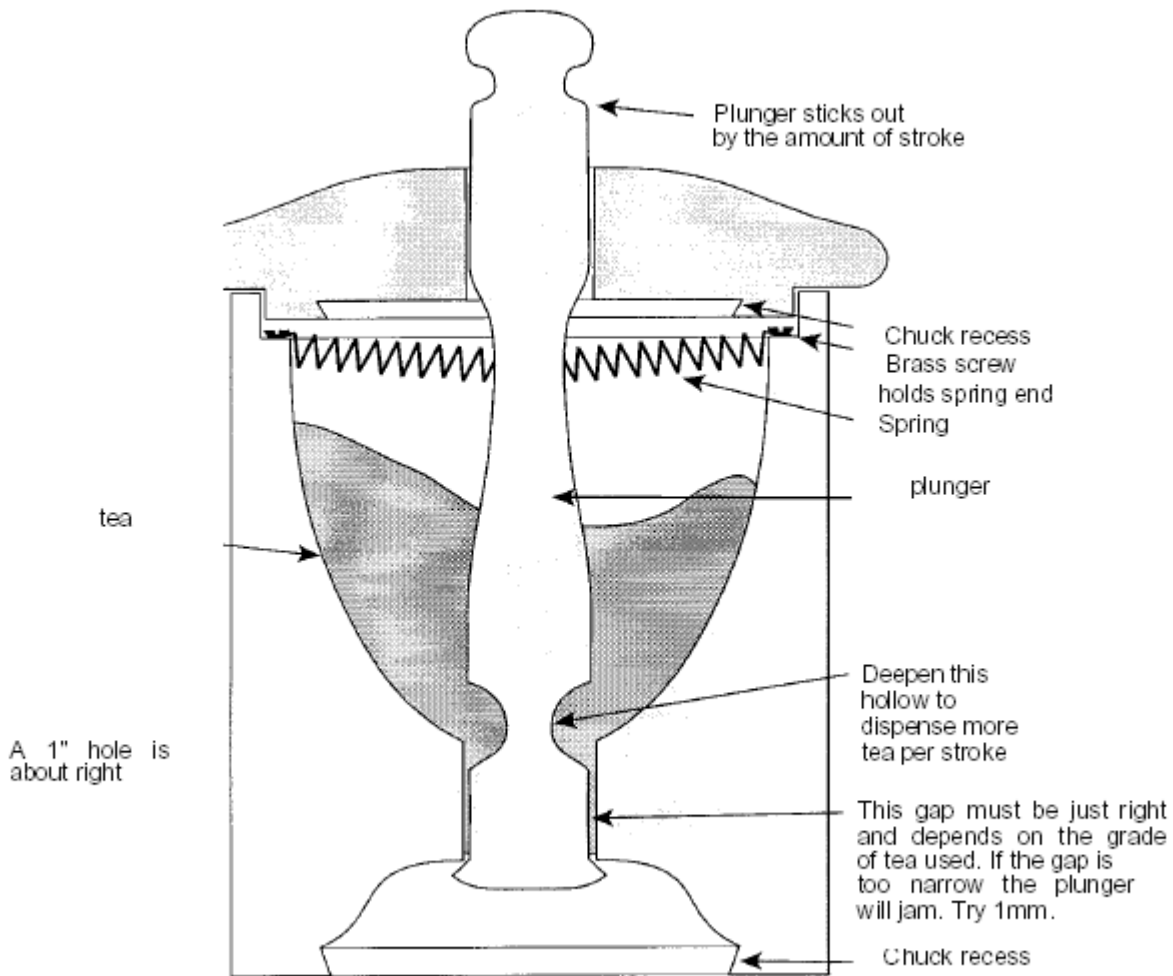
**Convener**

Some images from the last Sunday meeting.



# Project:

## Tea Dispenser



### Dimensions

You can alter the design to suit the material you have. The prototype dispenser is made from 5" x 5" sycamore. You will need a block 6 1/2" long. The plunger was made from 9" x 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" sycamore. Any wood will do. The hole for the plunger was drilled using a 1" sawtooth bit. The spring is a chromium plated tension spring 1/4" diameter x 20 SWG.

Plunger sticks out by the amount of stroke A 1" hole is about right

### Method

Cut the block to give one piece 5" long for the body and one piece 1 1/2" long for the lid. Alternatively if you have a big lathe you could part off the lid material once the block is on your chuck.

Mount the body on a faceplate and turn to a cylinder with tailstock support. Drill 1" nearly through. Cut a chuck recess and hollow in a bit - say 1/2".

Reverse and hold on chuck. Hollow the bowl for the tea. Cut a little ledge for the spring screws and for the lid to fit. Allow depth so the screws do not touch the lid.

Sand and polish. An ideal finish would be food safe oil or acrylic sealer and wax.

Hold lid on faceplate and cut chuck recess. Fit the lid to the body by cutting a rebate. Seal the wood surface.

Reverse lid and hold on chuck. Drill 1" hole right through, missing the chuck jaws! Turn and finish lid. Polish.

Mount wood for plunger between centres and turn down to size. Try for 15/16" - a loose fit in the drilled hole. Leave the centre marks on for now. Do the little hollow for the measure of tea you want to dispense per stroke. It is surprising how much tea will go into the hollow so do a small one and try it out. You can remount the plunger and deepen the hollow as necessary. Drill cross-hole for spring making sure it is in the right place. The spring should be held down a little as shown, so that the tension holds the plunger up and seals the hole when the dispenser is not in use.

Assemble and try it out with some tea. It is possible that tea will wedge in the space between the plunger and the hole in the body. If it does, turn it down just a little and try again. You need a smooth finish on the surfaces so you could try sanding the inside of the hole in line with the grain using 400 grit wrapped around a finger. A little wax will help to prevent jamming. The dispenser will only work with fine leaf tea - not the tea with large pieces of leaf. When you have it working as you like it, you can finish off the ends of the plunger and have a nice cup of tea.

Good luck  
Roy Child 2003