



# Turning Chatter



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## Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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### Wood Turners Presidents report May 2023

Greetings fellow turners of Wood. I Trust you are down in your workshop creating great works of art to sell at our local fairs. Leura is on the way are you ready? Let's all turn up and give a hand and support and encourage each other. Sell your art, make a little money and support YOUR club.

We have had some amazing activities over the first third of the year (yes third, time is getting away again), our symposium, which went very well thanks to all that helped making it all happen. Special thanks to our ring master Ernie who keeps driving us forward.

On our last demo day, an amazing group of men kept us on our toes for the whole demo, thanks again gentlemen. We are looking forward to your return to the club. It was the best demo I have seen in, many years; it would have brought a smile to our old departed friend Mike.

After being down the coast a month ago, trying to clear my head, and I did I visited the Narrawallee Men's Shed. They have the club open for three days during the week. They have an average of 40 men every day, they have nursery, a welding shop, a metal working shop a massive woodworking shop which had a couple of lathes in and a large furniture and woodcraft workshop and the men are all working at making things. I would love to walk into our club house on Thursday and see men working together making things, to sell, give away, making jigs so we can make other things. We have a lot of talent in our club to share around and build one another up. Let's try and do it, chose a few projects and go, go, go before it's too late. If we don't use our skills we lose them forever.

Encourage your Thursday co-coordinator and start making things, Clive is keen so keep encouraging him otherwise he will lose his drive.

There is number of our members where health and age is catching up with us, please show love and compassion and support them in various ways. The AGM is coming up in September, support you Club members and put your hands to take on a position, if we don't have a committee we do not have a club.

Thanks Ladies and Gentlemen, lets rise from the dust and come to life.

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If anyone knows of any members that are unwell or in difficulties please contact Barry Robinson



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## AMAZING AND AMUSING DEMO IN APRIL

What a fascinating demo! Steve Ward employed a warm, genial style to induct us into ancient alchemy - turning lead into gold - that is, fence palings into yard art, possum houses, bee hotels and more. "The native bees are loners so they like to nest in small holes but the holes need to face east. The bees like some morning sun."

Noel and Kevin Frappell, also new members, showed their turnings - mushrooms, bowls and a chess set. Kevin said, "I've made 6 chess sets, each one better than the last, especially now that I use templates [pencil gauges]." Noel is the Western Sydney regional coordinator for Men's Sheds. He cracked jokes and brought along a very funny Men's Shedder, Joe Tenberge, a retired toolmaker.

Joe showed us a spiral cutter that resembled a Jacobean lathe. He made all the parts himself! He also showed a Friesland longtail clock [copied from a 1650ish Dutch clock] and a Remonoir compound pendulum clock. Joe wound this one up and we had the pleasure of watching its grasshopper escapement, so named because it has a jumping arm. We were astonished to learn that he made the parts himself - wood, metal and plastic. His passionate anecdotes enthralled us and, best of all, he made us laugh.



Ernie Newman turned pages, literally and metaphorically. He turned a book into a small shallow bowl with just a detail gouge, "I forgot my bowl gouge", and some 120 grit.

A terrific day had by all. We can expect more of the same on June 3 when Joe, Noel, Steve and Ernie will be back.



## Committee

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## WOOD TURNERS EVENT DIARY

6th May - Leura Festival

20th - 21st May - Hawkesbury Wood Show

3rd June Demo, Wooden Clocks

1st July - Tool Sharpening Day



### Woodturning Lessons

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**Covid-19 restrictions  
Please contact Ernie  
and Alan for available  
times and dates of  
Lessons**

## Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	04/05/23	Open day	9:30am Onwards
Saturday	06/05/23	Leura Festival	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	11/05/23	Open day	9:30am Onwards
Thursday	18/05/23	Open day	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	25/05/23	Open day	9.30am Onwards

The next Toy Day will be in 2023