



Turning Chatter



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Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

Mission Statement: "Promote woodturning as a creating skill for all ages"

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Yes it's been a difficult month; in fact it has been a difficult year in so many ways. The loss of two of our faithful loyal brother wood turners, first we lost Bill then a few months later we lost Barry, I personally found it hard losing two friends who have been with us for so many years, both have left a great hole, my heart goes out to both their families, it's sad we knew so little about each man, maybe it's a lesson for all of us do not take the sharing of one's life so lightly.

Thank you who put the great input into our last Saturday meeting, it was so encouraging , we just need to push through with all the great ideas brought up by members, now we need a person to grab one of these ideas and bring other members into the fold, so things will happen, let us not let good ideas fade away.

It's now getting close to our AGM and we need people to stand up and take on a role so it will make your club function at the highest standard as possible, all positions are vacant, so consider getting involved; Blue Mountains Woodworkers Club needs your support, it cannot function without committed input from it's members, you are all capable of serving one another, so please consider putting up your hand and join the committee.

We have Springwood Festival coming up soon and we need art to display and also to sell, if you have an interesting or challenging piece of art to display please bring it along, if you want to demo bring along your tools and ensure there is enough wood to turn, Ernie's team will also supply some demonstrators.

We have been invited to do training at DARE Springwood for the disability group. I am pleased to say I have 3 of Ernie's Class who will assist in the training, thanks I was so pleased.

I will be demonstrating by making hats at Laylor Park at end of October.

Keep that wood turning and look out for new ideas.

John H Mulquin
President



If anyone knows of any members that are unwell or in difficulties until a new welfare offer is appointed please contact John H Mulquin.



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TIPS RE PUBLIC DEMOS

Ernie Newman

Turn small simple items quickly – rough enough is good enough

Tops – give them away - encourage kids to decorate them at home or on the spot [provide felt pens]

Teddy bears' baseball bats

Dolls

Pens – prepare in advance – someone else can assemble while you start next project

Weedpots – have a drill bit ready to go in a Jacob's chuck

Mushrooms – can add wire spike under for garden display

Magic wands – burn three lines with wire [three wishes] - colour between lines with felt tip pens

Eggcups – these can also be kids' trophies

Swiss "Christmas" trees

Pre-cooked corn cob - eat while it spins or eat with false teeth, turn hard raw potato

Save time

Turn chuck tenons in advance

Practice before the demo to raise confidence and improve fluency

Choose soft timber for speed and to reduce honing – select straight grain

Sharpen tools before in advance, "If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend six hours sharpening my axe." Abraham Lincoln



Keep the shavings flying

People want to see the process – they can see quality items on display

Speed is better than accuracy

Avoid sanding, calipers and pencil gauges when possible

Display or pass around finished examples

Display more complex turnings - nominate someone to collect any items you pass around



Talk while turning if possible

Or ask a friend talk as you turn

Don't stop for more than a minute to talk

Avoid technical explanations

Name the species being turned and that it is recycled



Safety

Use a mesh guard

Keep kids away from sharp tools and moving parts

WOODIES MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2023 - 2024

Its that time of year again to renew your club membership of the
Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc. due by 30th September 2023.

Annual fee is \$35.00 and can be paid electronically to:-

Blue Mountains Woodturners, St. George Bank bsb 112.879

Account No. 495712594

Alternatively you can pay in cash or via our eft facility at our Thursday Meetings or
Ernies Meetings. Please make a note of your payment in the sign in record book or eft
transaction so your payment can be identified.

A name badge will be issued for the 2023-2024 year as your receipt.

We would also like you to update your contact information with the renewal
application as a follow up. Available at Ernies, the club house or I can send you one via
an email.

Just let me know. John Turner... mjturner@live.com.au. (Secretary 2022-2023)

Must be a paid up member to participate in upcoming committee elections sometime
in October subject to finalising our club meeting commitments in October.



Committee

President - John Mulquin
Vice President - Clive Lyle
Secretary - John Turner
Treasurer - Jan Pennell
Membership Secretary - TBA
Publicity Officer - Clive Lyle
Committee Members - Andy Georgiou
Public Officer - Tom Fox
Librarians - John Cossey
Workshop Manager - Alan Game, Clive Lyle
Editor Turning Chatter - Glenn Barker
Webmaster - Andy Georgiou
Facebook Coordinator - Vacant
Safety Officer - Jan Pennell, Alan Game
Welfare Officer - John Mulquin (temporary)
First Aid Officers - Tony Trainer, Jan Pennell
Entry Admission Officer - Des Tuck (when available)
Club Sales Officer - TBA
Catering Officer - TBA
BMWC Site Manager - John Mulquin
Show & Tell Coordinator - Des Lane

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*Please supply any Turning Chatter content by midnight
Friday 1 week before the 1st Saturday of the next month*

WOOD TURNERS EVENT DIARY

Springwood Spring Festival

Sat Sept 2nd 2023

**Live Music, Local
Bands, Dancing,
from 3 Stages**

**9am to 4pm Macquarie Rd
Over 140 Food &
Market Stalls,
Amusement Rides**

www.springwoodfestival.org.au

Springwood Festival Inc. ABN: 81 389 989 820

Woodturning Lessons

Allan Game on 4739 1028

or

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Mobile: 0416961063.

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

Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	02/09/23	Springwood Festival	7.00am Onwards
Thursday	07/09/23	Open day	9:30am Onwards
Thursday	14/09/23	Open day	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	21/09/23	Open day	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	28/09/23	Open day	9.30am Onwards