



Turning Chatter

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More than 30 items were finished off at the Toy Making Day held on 10th October and another 30 plus toys are partly completed.

We are now comfortably over our yearly target of 200 items

Many thanks to the members who came along on 10th October and participated in turning and in doing the usual assortment of ancillary tasks.

Another Toy Day is planned for later in the year to get us acquainted with some new toy patterns and to make a start on items for next year.

For further information, contact Tom Fox on 0427 417 060"



Woodturning Lessons

are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month and are open to everyone. These cost \$18 per lesson which goes to the Club. If you'd like some lessons please talk to Allan Game on 4739 1028 or Jan Pennell on 0417 400 268.

Ernie Newman also has vacancies in Tuesday lessons. No experience is needed. The classes run from 9 till 1 on Tuesdays at 87 St Johns Rd Blaxland. The cost is \$15 per day which goes to the Blue Mountains Woodturners.

This course covers all aspects of woodturning.

Ernie has taught woodturning in 9 countries as well as teaching the TAFE trade woodturning course. Contact:

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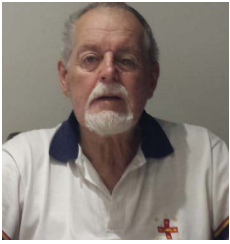
Blue Mountains Woodturners is in need of someone as Social Media Co-ordinator and Facebook Co-ordinator.

If you are young or just young at heart, if your significant other, child or grandchild would like to help please contact John Turner



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Presidents Report – November 2019



As the new president, a roll to which I am not accustomed, my wish is to serve the club and its members well.

The meeting on 5 October was fortunate to be entertained by Mike Darlow, a highly acclaimed woodturner and author of several books. Mike gave a talk on the functional and non-functional aspects of the current styles of woodturning. The discussion covered the history of functional design and woodturning. The presentation was both informative and provoking which attracted much discussion and input from the audience. I was particularly interested in his ideas on tool grinding angles and shapes. We stopped for lunch and were treated to steak or sausage sandwiches well prepared on BBQ by Barry Robinson and Phillip Brein - well done guys and thank you from all of us. The demonstration continued after lunch and Mike showed the techniques of cutting beads and coves and the use of the skew and the gouge. More discussion was forthcoming on the pros and cons of the various grinding angles and turning techniques. The demonstration wound up at approximately 3pm. I say thank you to Mike and to the members for their input for what was a very enjoyable day.

Thursday 17 October was our last toy day for 2019 when the finishing touches were done on the last of this year's toys. The day was well supported by approximately 15 members and they were kept very busy - well done and thank you to you all. We will decide which charities will receive the toys this year at our next meeting. Thank you Tom and all those members who assisted in making the toys.

The club demonstrated at the Leura village fair on the weekend 12 and 13 October. The weather was bitter on Saturday with wind and rain while Sunday was a more pleasant day much to the relief of the crew. The downside to the weekend was that there was no security for the Saturday night so we had to pack up on Saturday afternoon and set up again on Sunday morning. However, it was a successful event for the club with good sales.

Ernie Newman will be demonstrating at the November meeting.

We will have a sell, buy & swap table at our December meeting. If you have anything to sell please advise Jan Pennell by mid-November. Items for sale on the day are to be labelled with name of seller and the price.

Enjoy your turning and support this great club.

Bill Wooldridge
President BMWT
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Andy's President's Report summary for 2018/19

1. Since September last year Blue Mountains Woodturners have been actively involved in local Fairs and Festivals, including: Glenbrook Spring Festival, Glenbrook Rotary Australia Day Festival, Springwood Foundation Day, and Leura Harvest Festival. We have provided Woodturning training to many new members. We have met monthly to make toys for charities. We have regularly met on Saturday and Thursday mornings each month and we have started a new regular monthly Thursday night meeting as well.
2. Our membership has grown to around 70 people.
3. Our committee were active in producing a new Safety Policy document and we encourage all new members to go through our Safety Officer before using machinery at our Woodcraft Centre. We also gained insurance cover for all members whilst at or away from the club.
4. Thanks to Mike Boyle and his team we completed our sculptures and poppies for our Bicentenary Memorial Project and Celebrated Armistice in Whitton Park, Glenbrook on 11th November last year, with Glenbrook RSL club and about 150 people.
5. Our large VicMarc lathe fell over during setup one Saturday morning and nearly injured one of our members. Thanks to Clive Lyle and his team, who designed, made and attached adjustable wheeled structures to the lathe's legs and made it safe to move the lathe about.
6. Our Toy Making team led by Tom Fox, made about 200 toys for local charities. This time the toys went to Gateway Family Services and Wade Hawkesbury City Slickers Drought Relief Drive.
7. A number of local and visiting demonstrators showed us their skills in Woodturning this year at our regular meetings, including: Brendan Venner, Darrell Smith, Allan Game, John Cossey, Simon Begg, Ernie Newman and his Class of 2019, and Mike Boyle. We also had a Members Hobbies Day where members showed and talked about their hobbies and interests.
8. We formed a Futures Subcommittee to look into how to improve and advance the club for the future. This committee has been meeting monthly over the year and will continue again next year. Areas being discussed at present include: Accommodation, Training and Membership, Activities and Functions, Communications, Community Involvement, and, Financial Security. The starting of a Thursday Night meeting to attract younger members was a direct decision made from this subcommittee.
9. I would like to thank all of our current Committee members for their support, involvement and contributions to our club over the past year and I would encourage you to get involved on a committee this year to help the club to continue into the future.





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Ernie Newman

Ernie's father, grandfather, great grandfather and great, great grandfather were all professional woodworkers.

Ernie has taught woodturning in 9 countries and has written over 70 articles for woodturning magazines here and overseas.

November demo by Ernie Newman- crime, espionage, war and woodturning

The demo will explore the links between crime, espionage, war and woodturning - the first time anyone has tackled this topic.

He will also demonstrate long hole boring and a turning a one-part pen.

Future Demonstrations

Ernie Newman
Christmas Party and Meeting
and Toy Presentation to charity

2nd November 2019
7th December 2019

UP COMING EVENTS

Glenbrook Spring Festival
Glenbrook Rotary Day
Penrith Library Display
Springwood Foundation Day
Leura Harvest Festival
Penrith Anglican College Fete

9th November 2019
26th January 2020
March 2020
April 2020
May 2020
2nd September 2020



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Committee

President - Bill Wooldridge
Vice President - John Mulquin
Secretary - John Turner
Treasurer - Jan Pennell
Membership Secretary - Vacant
Publicity Officer - John Mulquin
Committee Members
 Clive Lyle, Phillip Brien, Barry Robinson

Public Officer - Tom Fox
Librarians - John Mulquin, Jan Pennell
Workshop Manager - Clive Lyle, Alan Game
Editor Turning Chatter - Glenn Barker
Webmaster - Andy Georgiou
Facebook Coordinator - Vacant
Safety Officer - Jan Pennell
Welfare Officer- role to be attended by the Committee
First Aid Officers - Tony Trainer, Jan Pennell
Entry Admission Officer - Des Tuck (when available)
Club Sales Officer - Barry Robinson
Catering Officer - Barry Robinson
BMWC Site Manager - John Mulquin
Show & Tell Coordinator - John Cossey

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Club Calendar

| Day | Date | Event | Time |
|----------|----------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday | 02/11/19 | Meeting | 10.00am Onwards |
| Thursday | 07/11/19 | Open Day | 9.00am Onwards |
| Saturday | 09/11/19 | Woodturning Lessons | 10.00am - 12.00 |
| Thursday | 14/11/19 | Open Day | 9.00am Onwards |
| Thursday | 21/11/19 | Open Day | 9.00am Onwards |
| Saturday | 23/11/19 | Woodturning Lessons | 10.00am - 12.00 |
| Thursday | 28/11/19 | Open Day | 9.00am Onwards |