



## Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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

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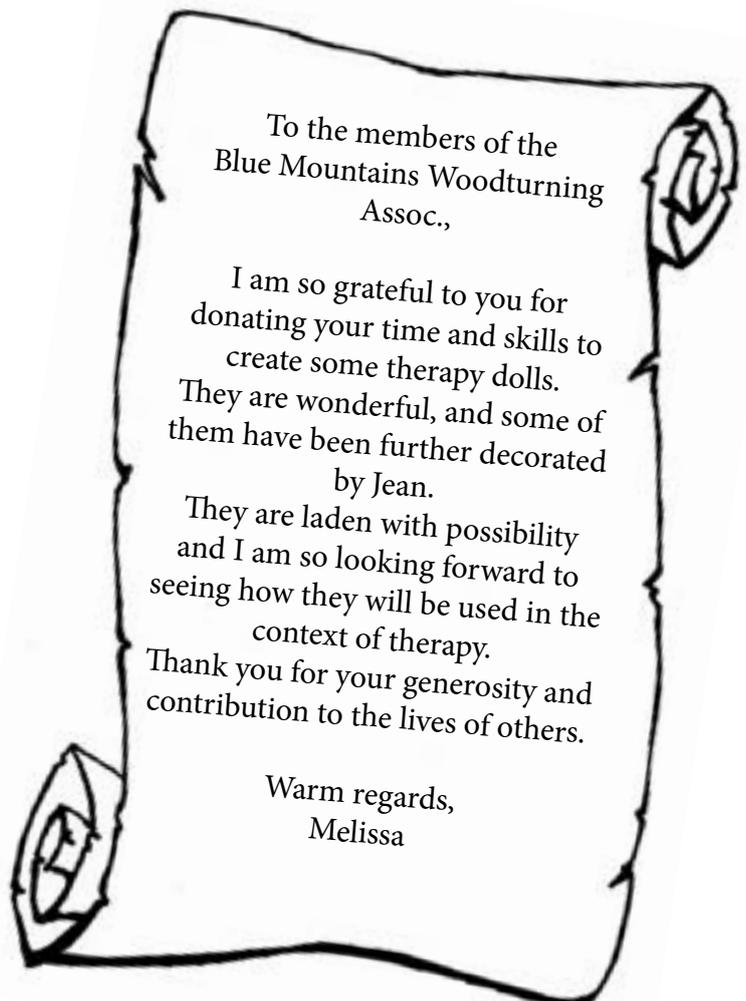
November 2020

### THERAPY DOLLS

Ernie Newman

Some of our members have been making dolls for child therapists [psychologists, social workers, counsellors and psychiatrists]. They observe troubled children expressing themselves through play so they can help the kids explore emotions and deal with unresolved trauma. Many practitioners rely on standard toys for play therapy but love unusual designs when they can get them. The doll with burning and holes might seem inappropriate but it is a poignant reality that some kids identify with dolls that appear damaged.

The dolls shown here were turned by John Mulquinn and Jan Wroblewski. Jan's wife Jean added creative touches to some of his pieces. They made others but this is the first lot going to a therapist, a Blue Mountains social worker.



# Presidents Report – November 2020



November is upon us and we are still restrained by the Covid-19 virus.

The committee would like for the club (members and partners) to have a Christmas get together we are trying for Saturday December 5th for a luncheon at the Springwood golf club at 1pm the cost per head will be circulated when the date is confirmed. Please send me an email if you would like to attend, my email address is [boorea-88@bigpond.com](mailto:boorea-88@bigpond.com) just click on my email address.

## WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The club needs to expand its activities to include more than just woodturning to appeal to a larger demographic. Suggestions would be carving, woodwork, surface decoration using pyrography, texturing tools etc. We need your feedback so that we can make the club into one that the members want for the future. Once again send me your ideas.

The committee is trying to find a way to start the monthly meetings and demos but are hampered by the restriction of only 11 people permitted in the inside area of the club premises at a time.

Eventually when restrictions are lifted, you will all be able to see the work that has been done in making our current accommodation more user-friendly. You will also see some of the new equipment that has been purchased through a recent grant, and the changes to the back shed.

Another thing the committee is doing is preparing a document to identify what changes are needed to ensure the club survive into the future. To this end the questions being asked are - What do we want in the next 3 years, and where do we want to be in 5 years time? Accommodation is obviously critical to our future, and your thoughts would be greatly appreciated on this, and what directions we should take. If we don't think about the future, we won't have one. Send me any thoughts you have, no matter how far fetched they may be.

Eventually we will be initiating discussions with Council, and our state and federal government members, and then possibly industries to look for assistance in achieving our visions.

One of the most important tools we have at the moment to keep in touch with other members is the Turning Chatter. If you have any comments or ideas or complaints or favourite recipes, why not send them in to me or directly to Glenn at [turningchatter@gmail.com](mailto:turningchatter@gmail.com). If you are interested in something, you can bet that other members will also be interested.

The Men's Shed have obtained and installed a defibrillator on the wall beside the fridge. The unit is automatic and when the lid is opened it gives step by step instructions. There is a video available on the internet giving an introduction to the process. The link to it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIO57myjGn4>

They are in the process of obtaining the compression pad for CPR feedback that is referred to in the video

There is also a brief quiz at:

<https://cardiacscienceg5.survey.fm/powerheart-g5-aed-quiz?p=1>

Next month I will see if changes can be made to the Turning Chatter to make it more informative about what the committee is considering and thinking about.

Regards Bill

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# DEMONSTRATION

JAN PALMOWSKI AND ERNIE NEWMAN DEMOS

9am Sat November 21  
Clubhouse  
Cost \$15

Maximum number 22, 11 inside, 11 outside, reserve a place by 14th November and make the payment before the 21st November.

Banking Details:-  
Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc. Account.  
Sydney Mutual Bank:        BSB 611 001  
Account no..... 100189765

Jan and Ernie will demonstrate simultaneously, one inside the clubhouse and one outside. That way we can maintain social distancing. This is their third collaborative demo. The first was in 1990! The second was at an international woodturning symposium in 2000.

Jan will demonstrate pyrography techniques; including  
Burning patterns on turnings  
Colouring  
Making burning tips

Jan will bring several machines so there will be an opportunity for hands-on practise. Bring your own machine and a turning to decorate if you wish.

Ernie will show how to make unusual dolls and animals as well as turned gifts for adults.

You are free to watch one or both demos as long as we keep to social distancing with a maximum of 11 people inside the building.

NB The start time is 9am. Jan will be available for an hour after lunch.  
Numbers strictly limited.

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## Marketplace

GMC lathe	\$100
Ryobi lathe	\$50
Arlec 12.5 diameter sander	\$35
Arlec Enforcer angle grinder	\$30
Ozito 400 w 82mm planer	\$40
Webbing picture frame clamp	\$5
Fret saw for 17mm blade	\$2

See Jan or Barry on a Thursday morning or contact Jan any other time.

# Show and Tell

These photos are of the Show and Tell held each week by the Thursday group. If you are interested in attending on Thursdays, you are more than welcome, and any contribution to the Show and Tell each week will be appreciated.

If you can't attend, but have photos of what you have been doing, you can send them to [mikeboyle2009@gmail.com](mailto:mikeboyle2009@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next edition of the TC.. Mike



Alan P



John K



Lou W



Dick T



Mike B



Tony T



Charlie W

Here's little bit of info on the soccer ball pattern for anyone is interested in making something similar.

The pattern on the football is a Truncated Icosahedron and consists of 12 pentagons

and 20 hexagons. To calculate the size of the shapes on your sphere you multiply the sphere's diameter by  $\pi$  (pi) to get the circumference, then divide that by 15. This gives you the length of each side of the pentagons and hexagons. To transfer this onto the sphere I made a cardboard cut out of a hexagon the right size and simply drew around it over and over in light pencil to cover the sphere before going over it with the pyrography tool.

Doing it this way is obviously not 100% accurate due to slight errors in my hexagonal cut out, so i made sure I started on the side of the sphere that would be most visible when mounted on the stand and worked around to the back. The unseen side where I finished has a very skewed pentagon, but for this purpose that doesn't really matter.

Cheers, Charlie



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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

## 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  
to book lessons please talk to  
Allan Game on 0416961028 or  
Jan Pennell on 04169610268.

Ernie Newman also has  
vacancies in Tuesday lessons.  
No experience is needed. The  
classes run from 10am to 1pm  
Tuesdays at 5 St John's 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:

[ernienewman@hotmail.com](mailto:ernienewman@hotmail.com)  
Mobile: 0416961063.

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

## Future Demonstrations

21/11/20 JAN PALMOWSKI AND ERNIE NEWMAN

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

## Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	5/11/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	12/11/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	19/11/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Saturday	21/11/20	Demonstration at Club	9am Onwards
Thursday	26/11/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Saturday	5/12/20	Proposed Christmas Luncheon	TBA

The next toy making day will be held on the 5th November