



# Turning Chatter

Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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

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## June Meeting

The next meeting is on Saturday the 1st July at the Clubhouse at Claver Street Mt Riverview from 10am.



Brendon Venner will be our guest demonstrator for May. Brendon is the owner of Brendon Venner Furniture Restoration and Conservation, a Sydney based company specialising in care of antique furniture and other wooden objects by providing high quality custom restoration services. Brendon has a wealth of knowledge relating to;

- Regluing and structural repairs to chairs, tables, and case pieces
- Replacement of missing or badly damaged parts
- Veneer and inlay repairs in timber, brass, shell and bone
- Hand finishing and finish restoration, including French polishing
- On-site restoration services are available depending on the complexity of the repair.
- Repair and refinishing of picture frames
- Restoration of carved elements and mouldings
- Gilding
- Full wood-turning service including repairs

His demonstrations are always interesting and full of good tips and information, so come along and enjoy the demo.

AND THERE WILL BE A BBQ.

## Committee Meetings

Held the Thursday prior to the monthly meeting.

## Open Days

The Club House is open every Thursday from 10am. Come along and chat, turn, or work on your own project.

**Next Toy Making Day** is on Thursday the 6th July. Come along and lend a hand.

## Woodturning Lessons

are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month and are open to everyone. If you'd like some lessons please talk to Allan Game or Jan Pennell. If you already have a place, please ring your teacher by Thursday evening if you can't make it. Jan Pennell on 0417 400 268 or Allan Game on 4739 1028. Teachers are volunteers so please be courteous to them.

*Image top centre Celestial Spheres by Stephen Hatcher*

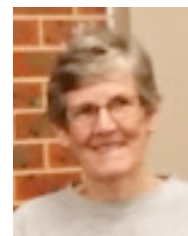
<http://stephenhatcher.com>



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The President's Monthly Report

**New members** A very big welcome to Adrie Vrielink of Woodford and Charlie Wheelhouse of Springwood.



**June Demo** A big thanks to John Krook for a very interesting demo that got us all in a twist as he showed us how to put spirals on our turnings with some fabulous examples of the work he has done.

**July Demo.** Brendan Venneer will be here to demonstrate mainly on finishing things off the lathe and making a multi access bowl.

**The Next Toy Day.** This will be on Thursday the 6th July. Come along and join the fun. The collection is going well so help to make it grow.

## Woodturning Lessons - ERNIE NEWMAN'S TUESDAY CLASS

Ernie is offering short term classes on Tuesdays as well as the long course. You can choose from topics such as:

Gifts - boxes, candlesticks, dolls, Swiss trees, bow ties...

Surface decoration on a new or finished piece – carving, burning patterns, chatter-work...

Developing skills – hollow form turning, multiple centre work, natural edge turning...

Design – help with developing designs.

Your projects - help with completing your project.

Suggestions for other topics are welcome.

No experience is needed. The classes run from 9 till 2 on Tuesdays at 87 St Johns Rd Blaxland. The cost is \$15 per day which goes to the Blue Mountains Woodturners.

Ernie has taught woodturning in 9 countries as well as teaching the TAFE trade woodturning course. Contact [ernienewman@hortmail.com](mailto:ernienewman@hortmail.com) Mobile: 0416961063.

Be safe, be happy, be careful, Jan

## **Testing the Grey Matter, by Ernie Newman**

1. Which species is favoured for handles subject to severe impact stress: Celery Top Pine, Cypress Pine, River Red Gum or Spotted Gum?
2. Which job will be moving faster at the rim: a 300 mm diameter disk spinning at 1000 rpm or a 50 mm spindle spinning at 3000 rpm?
3. The Nova chuck is a self centring four jaw chuck designed for woodturning. Name two other holding devices that can be threaded onto the nose of a lathe?
4. What was Leonardo da Vinci's great contribution to woodturning?
5. What is the problem with returning a job after it has been sanded?



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## Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	24/06/17	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	29/06/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	1/07/17	General Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	6/07/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	8/07/17	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	13/07/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Thursday	20/07/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	22/07/17	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	27/07/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
		Committee Meeting	10.00-11.00am
Thursday	3/08/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
	5/08/17	General Meeting	10.00am Onwards



Some Photos from John Krook's demonstration last month





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## Toy-making Day – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

It was a chilly morning and the roll-up for toy-making day on 1<sup>st</sup> June was a little smaller than usual. Some new items were started but most effort went into completing toys commenced at previous toy days.

Among other activities, numerous toy cars and pull-along animals had wheels added while a box of skipping rope handles were threaded on to lengths of rope. (And, yes there was more painting). A big thank-you to the participants who beavered away at tasks that were mostly at the hum-drum end of the creativity spectrum.

By the end of the day, the concentration on completing partly made items had increased the number of finished toys from 56 to 107. A great achievement.

The next Toy- Making Day will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017. For further information, contact Tom Fox on 0427 417 060.

Show and Tell participants, Brian Smith and John Cossey with Convenor John Krook at last month's meeting



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## Answers to testing the grey matter...

1. Spotted Gum is favoured for handles subject to severe impact stress.
2. The 300 mm disk will be moving twice as fast at the rim.
3. Engineers (or scroll) chuck, faceplate, cup chuck, screw chuck.
4. He is credited with invention of the treadle lathe. This meant that the work could be rotated towards the turner continuously unlike the stop start motion of pole and bow lathes.
5. Tiny abrasive particles from the sandpaper become embedded in the timber and blunt the tools. One solution is to scrape the sanded area before using cutting tools as scrapers can usually be reground quickly.

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