



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 – September 2020



That bloody covid-19 has caused us to cancel all general meetings, calendar events and our anniversary dinner.

The committee met last Thursday, and it was decided to postpone our AGM until September 2021. All the current committee members agreed to continue in their rolls until the AGM in 2021. Due to increase in costs it was decided to levy a \$2 fee for those attending Thursday open days.

We will be holding a toy day next Thursday 3/9/20 in an attempt to achieve toy numbers for our donation to the local charities in December. Clive has been doing a great as the toy coordinator and is very committed to the task.

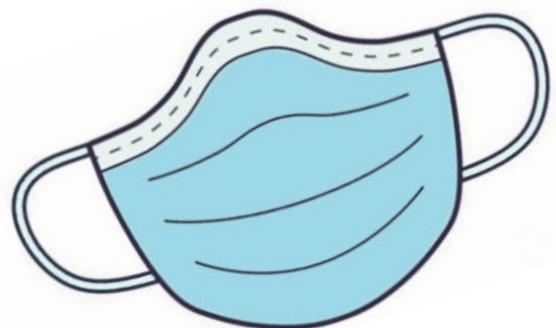
A lot of work has been done by the members to tidy the shed we can now move freely in it.

When attending the clubhouse you must adhere to our covid-19 plan that is in place for your wellbeing and those of your fellow member's.

Daniel Clift has contacted Me and advised me of a vicmarc VL100 lathe for sale with loads of accessories and tools the cost \$550 Phone: Phil or Dianne 47395303 or 0402281987

Stay safe keep turning and support this great club.

Regards Bill



**Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.
Membership Application / Renewal**

Membership No: _____ Membership Fee Payable: **\$30**

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Telephone No: _____ Fax No: _____ Mobile No: _____

Email Address: _____

**I hereby agree to be bound by the Rules Constitution and By LAws of the Blue Mountains
Woodturners Inc. for the time being in force.**

Signed: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Please show your age category by ticking the appropriate box below:

14-17 years old

18-54 years old

55 or over

Membership Fees and now due (\$30)

Payment can be made by the following methods:

1. Internet Banking through: Sydney Mutual Bank Acct Name: Blue Mountains Woodturners. BSB: 611 001 Acct. Number: 135936 Make sure your name goes on it.
2. Cheque made out to Blue Mountains Woodturners and posted to PO Box 223 Springwood 2777
3. See Jan at the club with Cash or a cheque on any Thursday after 10 am up to 12 md or at any monthly club meeting that is held.

Kind regards and all keep well. Jan

Heroic effort by BMW stalwarts

Mega thanks to Clive Lyle and Allan Game. They went way, way above and beyond to select and install a replacement inverter for one of my lathes. Alan and I use this lathe and the others in my workshop to run lessons for club members.

Replace an inverter. It sounds like a simple enough exercise, especially given the expertise in electronics that Alan and Clive have. But it turned out to be one nightmare after another. Alan put in many, many hours and Clive even more. What a pleasure it is to belong to a club where people go to such lengths to help each other.

Thanks also to the Committee for allocating funds to pay for the inverter.

by Ernie Newman

QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER

Ernie Newman

1. Which of the following are softwoods? A – Balsa, B – Poplar, C - Camphor?
2. What woodturning event led to the formation of the American Association of Woodturners?
3. Metal was first turned on a lathe in the sixteenth century. True or false?
4. What “chuck” is built into virtually all wood lathes?
5. What do the foreign language words draaier, tornatore, drechsler, tournier and tokarz have in
6. common?

1. Balsa, Poplar and Camphor are all hardwoods. Hardwoods have vessels or pores which can often be seen with the naked eye in end grain if it's cut cleanly with a very sharp blade. They resemble tiny pin pricks. Smaller pores can be seen with the aid of a low powered magnifying glass. Hardwoods evolved after softwoods and have a more complex structure.
2. The AAW originated from discussions at an October 1985 woodturning conference at the Arrowmount School of Crafts and Arts in Gatlinburg, TN. The AAW was chartered the following year.
3. False. The earliest evidence of metal turning is a 360 B.C. letter written to a Greek turner asking for bronze dowels. The dowels were required to join the drums used to form columns and the writer specified that the dowels be made precisely so that the drums could be rotated without deviation.
4. The Morse tapered opening in the headstock spindle may be used as a chuck to hold miniature goblets, chess pieces, spinning tops and the like. Place the timber between centres and turn a taper roughly corresponding to a Morse taper on one end. The tapered blank is knocked firmly into the headstock opening with a hammer. Avoid using great force as it isn't necessary and could damage the headstock bearings.
5. Draaier (Dutch), tornatore (Italian), drechsler (German), tournier (French) and tokarz (Polish) all mean turner. All these words became surnames in the way that the English surname 'Turner' was given to woodturners over five hundred years ago.

Ernie Newman

ANSWERS

For those that have trouble reading the answers and can't stand on their head or physically turning the monitor over try this.

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UP COMING EVENTS

Anniversary Dinner	Posponed
Springwood Foundation Day	Cancelled
Leura Harvest Festival	Posponed
Christmas	No word from the North Pole Yet
New Years 2021	Lets Hope It's Better Than This Year

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 0416739 1028 or
Jan Pennell on 0416100 268.

Ernie Newman also has
vacancies in Tuesday lessons.
No experience is needed. The
classes run from 10 on
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:

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Mobile: 0416961063.

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

Future Demonstrations

Editor - Glenn Barker
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web address:

Posponed until further notice <https://www.bluemtnswoodturners.org.au/>

All Correspondence to:

PO Box 223 Springwood NSW 2777

How Do They Do It Russian Dolls - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtFC4_UaPzI

Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	3/09/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	10/09/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	17/09/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	24/09/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards