



Turning Chatter

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April Demo

A very enjoyable and informative demonstration by Jan Palmowski on surface decoration. Jan covered an amazing variety of techniques using a variety of equipment. One device certainly created a spark when he used a converted battery charger to electronically burn veins into the timber developing some very creative designs. If you missed the demo....sad, it was special.

May Demo

This month we are going to be entertained by one of our own specialists, Allan Game. Allan has a reputation for precision woodturning. Never phased, Allan can turn amazing objects repeatedly with almost total perfection. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of the best at work.

CLUB SURVEY

Members are being asked to let the committee know what they want from the club and what direction the club should be following. Please take the opportunity to pass on your ideas and suggestions, the club needs them.

Next Toy Making Day is scheduled for 3rd May. Tom will manage the day

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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President's Report May 2018

Well members yet another month has passed. The president is currently enjoying his time in the UK with his family.

We had a wonderful demonstration by Jan Palmowski at our April meeting. Jan had the attention of all while he demonstrated the art of enhancing the finishes of turned pieces with colour and pyrography. I think we will get him back to do another demo in the future.

One of our members John Krook had a short stint in hospital, all went well and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The next toy day is Thursday 3 May. Tom Fox is doing a great job organising the project so come along and lend a hand to this very worthy activity that brings smiles and laughter to many children at Christmas time. Should you have a toy suggestion please speak to Tom. I know he would appreciate your input.

The Armistice Day project is under way. All hands are needed for this worthy task as it is a very big project and will take months to complete. Several of our members have been busy producing the wooden poppy flowers. We currently have about 100 poppies of the 1000 needed so please help. A drawing of the dimensions of the poppies was sent out by email. If you didn't receive the email please contact Mike Boyle, Jan Pennell or me and one of us will send you a copy.

The committee is seeking quotations for the installation of an air conditioner unit for the machine room. Barry Robinson is looking after the quote process and we hope to finalise the installation soon.

There has been a good showing at show and tell lately but don't forget the president's ongoing challenge for you to bring something you have turned to show and tell, be it good or bad.

For particular note, on Sunday, 6 May we have the Leura festival. The festival has been very successful in the past and is very well patronised by both locals and tourists. This event is well worth attending and has lots of interesting and varied stuff to see. A good selection of food and drinks is also available.

I have arranged for Lindsay Skinner to demonstrate at the June meeting so come along and watch a master craftsman at work and pickup on some of his techniques.

The Men's Shed has been in discussions with the committee and council for the erection of a shed on the grassed area at the back of the building. We will keep you informed of any developments on this front.

Stay safe and enjoy your turning.
Bill Wooldridge
Vice President



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I am asking for items to be put into Turning Chatter. This is your magazine and can only survive if you participate by providing articles and items. Please forward suggestions etc to :

bmwoodies@bigpond.com

Leura Harvest Festival

This is an annual event and one which benefits our club. It is an ideal opportunity to demonstrate the club's abilities to a large population mainly in the upper Mountains. We need members to help out to set up and man the stand during the day. If you can spare a few hours let the committee know and come along. The set up can start from about 7:00 and the festival ends around 4:00pm



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Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	5/05/18	Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Sunday	6/05/18	Leura Harvest Festival	8:00am onwards
Thursday	10/05/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	12/05/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	17/05/18	Open Day	
Saturday	26/05/18	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm