



# 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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### *A Letter to the Editor*

July 2021

After last month's demo by Ernie Newman, many members were amazed at what can be made if one is afflicted with a sick brain! Creativity and Sick Brain Syndrome are topics I have been fascinated with for well over fifty years.

Thomas Edison is reputed to have coined the phrase "Creativity is one percent inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration"

According to the Wobbly Woodturner, doodling is the perspiration that either leads to, or results from that illusive concept called creativity.

Doodling implies a complete lack of detail, exactness or even logic or thought. It is the brain free-wheeling without breaks.

Because there are no constraints, doodles can be created in seconds.

Doodles are the brain prioritising what a particular idea is about.

With practice, proper doodling (as opposed to common garden-type doodling) can become the natural design process.

Doodlings are purely personal things. No one else will usually see or understand them, so there is no shame from what others will think.

Doodling is the beginning of true creativity.

Merits of different ways of developing our creativity

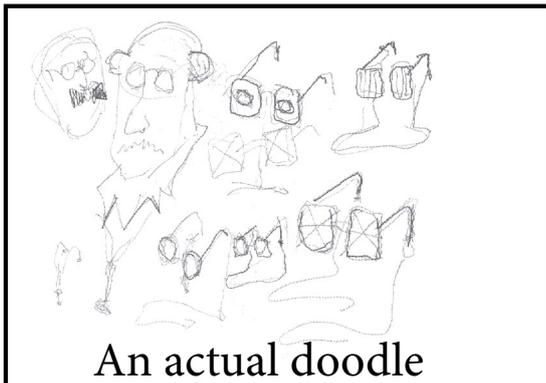
Copying ideas from books and magazines	3/10
Watching you-tube and the internet	2/10
Copying someone else's creation	1/10
Talking to other people	4/10
Sketching ideas	6/10
Directed doodling	8/10
Copious quantities of red wine	9/10

Try it out (doodling, not red wine). Think of an abstract idea and start doodling on scrap paper with a soft pencil, while thinking about the idea.

After 10 minutes of doodling, compare the first sheet and last sheet and see the brain in action!

Mike

If you think this is a load of rubbish that should not clutter up the Turning Chatter, write to the Editor and tell him. Better still, why not write to him with your ideas for our newsletter.

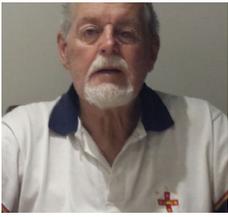


An actual doodle



The End Result

## Presidents Report – June 2021



Hello Members

As I said last month it is great to be getting back to our normal operations. It was good to see you all at the June meeting.

The demo by Ernie was extremely interesting. Ernie has a very active imagination the way he can see a finished shape that can be made from a stick, a piece of tree root or a piece of driftwood is amazing. The work he is doing with the therapy dolls is very commendable. Well done Ernie thank you for another very interesting demonstration.

John Krook will entertain us at our next meeting.

The order has been placed for the new hammer band saws they should be delivered soon.

The Hafco band saw being replaced will be put up for sale price to be determined.

The Thursday open days are well attended so why not come and join us and have a chat over a cupper and make use of the equipment at the club. Don't be put off by the cold as the central heating keeps the club rooms nice and warm.

Two of our members Lou Wauters and Barry Robinson have not been well. We wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back at the club.

See you All at the July meeting in the meantime keep safe and support your club.

Regards Bill.



# Show and Tell



Brian S



Andy G



Des T



John C



Ross



Glenn

## Ernie Newman Demonstration



Ernie



Minister Nightmares



Minister 1



Minister 2



Minister Portraits



Ministers 3 and 4

### FIGURES FOR PLAY THERAPY AND FOR CHILDREN WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT

The figures shown during my demo at the June meeting were designed for use in play therapy and for children with vision impairment but have general appeal.

Some of you may wish to make similar figures and donate them to play therapists, teachers of children with disabilities and early childhood teachers.

My website [[ernienewman.weebly.com](http://ernienewman.weebly.com)] shows over 100 designs [see dolls] and includes tips on how to make them [see dolls tips]. If you like, I can help you get the dolls and figures to therapists and teachers. I am also happy to help anyone who wants to make dolls and figures for donation.

Email [ernienewman@hotmail.com](mailto:ernienewman@hotmail.com) - tel 0416 961 063.



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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	01/07/21	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Saturday	03/07/21	Meeting	10am Onwards
Thursday	08/07/21	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	15/07/21	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	22/07/21	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	29/07/21	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards

The next toy making day will be held on the 22th July