



# Turning Chatter

## Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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

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### December Meeting

The December meeting is our Christmas meeting, bring a plate of nibbles to share and an item for our Christmas hamper. Local member Trish Doyle will be on hand to help hand over our toy collection to our chosen local charities. It will also be an opportunity for you to sell some of your un-wanted tools and equipment. So bring this items your wife (husband) has be on at you, for the past few years, to get rid of.

### Open Days

The Club House is open every Thursday from 9am. Come along and chat, turn, or work on your own project.

### Future events to be noted:

Sat 2nd Dec : December Christmas meeting

The handing over of toys to the selected local charity; Christmas luncheon and a members' buy/sell sale.

Jan 2018 : Glenbrook Australia Day Festival

**Next Toy Making Day** is not yet scheduled but is likely to be 18th January.

### 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 2 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 - December 2017

2017 has been a great year of Woodturning and involvement in the Blue Mountains community. I would like to thank you all for your participation and support for the group, for the improvements at the centre, for the new shed, the fibre-glassing of the great hall, for the toy making and demonstrations in the community. It has been a great year for promoting, learning and developing woodturning in the mountains.



At our November meeting, Daryl Smith professionally demonstrated 'Bowl Turning Techniques' to the group. He had no problems turning a large bowl to precise sizes with a smooth finish. I thank him on behalf of the group for taking the time to teach us and for making it an entertaining time as well.



I would also like to thank those who represented us at the Glenbrook Spring Festival. Sales and lucky dips went very well and we attracted interest towards woodturning and our group as well. Well done to those involved.

### Coming Events

- December Meeting. (Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2017)

This is our Christmas luncheon meeting. At this end of year luncheon, we have Trish Doyle MP coming to join us for part of the morning. She will be assisting Tom Fox in presenting our toy donations to two charities, Thrive Services and Mountains Outreach Community Service.

You will need to remember four things for this day.

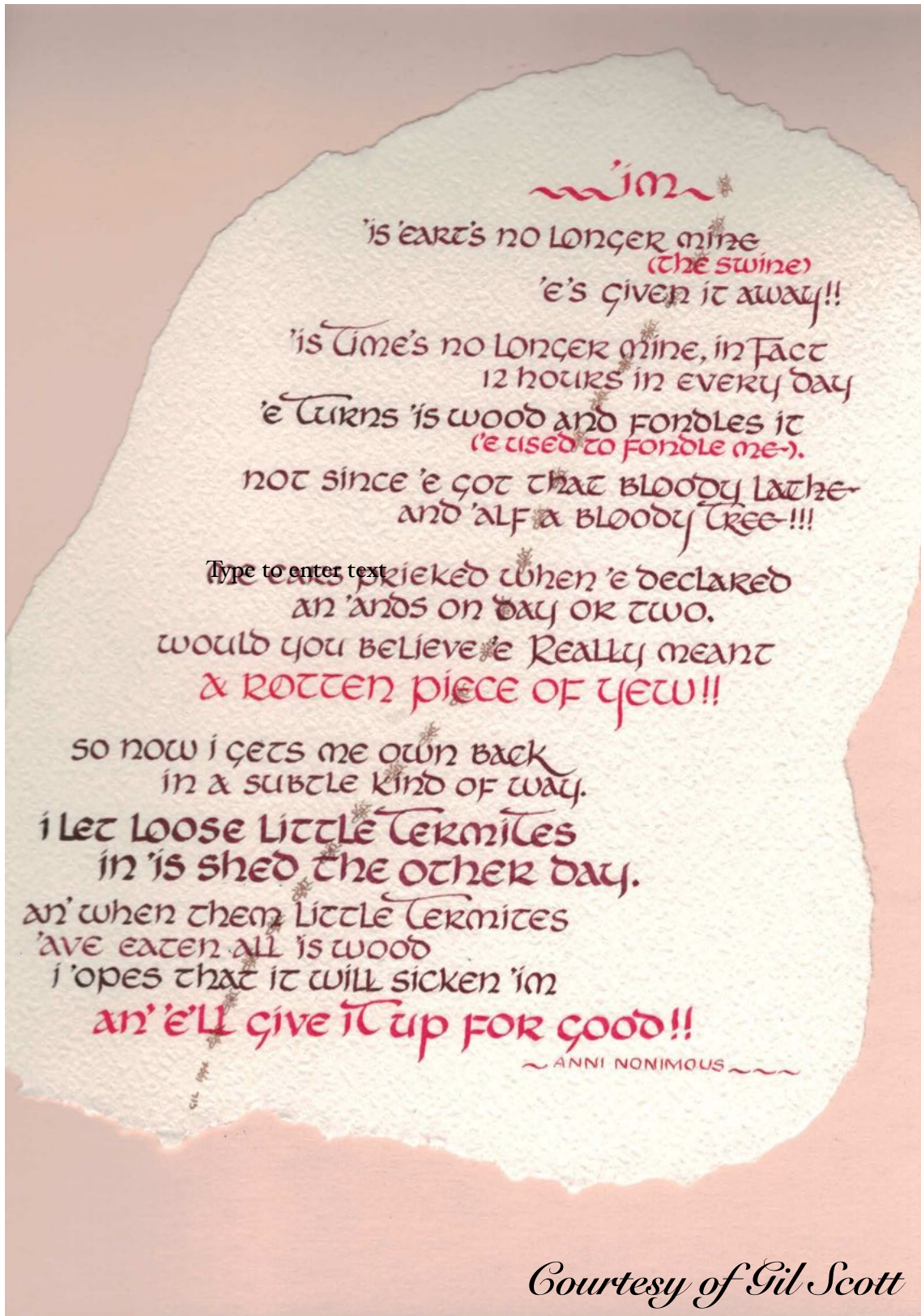
1. We will be putting our good works on display, so we need you to bring in any good woodturning projects that you have made that can be put on display.
  2. Machinery, tools etc. will be sold during the morning, so bring along any tools, machines, aids that you would like to sell. Remember to put your name and price on each article. 20% commission goes to the club from these sales.
  3. For the luncheon please bring a plate of food to share.
  4. Bring Christmas hamper items to the value of around \$5 each. You will receive a raffle ticket for each item you bring.
- January Meeting. (Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018)  
Jan Pennell will be demonstrating a variety of Woodturning techniques to us.
  - Glenbrook Australia Day (Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018) We will be demonstrating at Glenbrook Park on this day.

Have a great Christmas season and New Year celebrations with your family, and I look forward to a great year of woodturning with you in 2018.

Keep turning,  
Andy



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## Armistice Day Centenary Memorial Grant

The Blue Mountains Woodturners have been invited, by Federal Member Sue Templeton, to apply for a grant for the development and establishment of a community project to commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day in 2018.

We have been granted permission, in principle, by BMCC to develop a memorial pathway and gardens in Whiten Park adjacent to the Glenbrook Bowling Club. That area has been designated as a memorial site and our proposal complies with the zoning of the area.

More details will be provided as we progress, however we are asking all members to start now to grow Rosemary plants for use in the park. The project needs to get approval from the Federal Government and that won't be finalised until June 2018. We then have 4 months to complete the project. In that time we intend to build a group of wooden sculptures representing the armed services and medical corp as well as Peace.

We will be calling upon the members to participate in both the development of the pathway and gardens as well as the making of the sculptures. This should be an exciting project for everyone to be involved in that will promote our club as a dedicated community organisation. So, please don't over book yourselves for the latter half of 2018 - we may all be very busy.

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Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	2/12/17	Christmas meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	07/12/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	9/12/17	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	14/12/17	Open Day	
Saturday	16/12/17	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm



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## Glenbrook Spring Fair

Klaus enjoying to local cuisine during spells of woodturning, entertaining the crowds.