



Turning Chatter

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January Meeting

The demonstration for January will cover a very interesting aspect of woodturning. Those of you who have tried Split Turning will know how challenging and inspiring it can be. Come along to this meeting to see just how it is done. Just to make the day even more interesting there will also be a bit of Deep Hollow turning, you know, those long throated vases, hollowed out.

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

Jan 2018 : Glenbrook Australia Day Festival

Springwood Foundation Day - March/April

Leura Harvest Festival - April/May

Penrith Anglican College Fete - Sept/October

Glenbrook Spring Festival - November

Next Toy Making Day is scheduled for 8th February. Tom will be away so it will be managed by Klaus

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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Welcome back to all after a successful 2017 year. I hope that you had a good break over the Christmas and New Year season and that you were able to spend some quality time with your family. Our committee has planned some great woodturning demonstrations and projects for 2018.

In the December meeting we presented over two hundred toys to 'Thrive Services' and 'Mountains Outreach Community Service', with the assistance of our local Member of Parliament, Trish Doyle. I thank Tom Fox and all those club members who were involved in the Toy Making last year. It was a great effort.

Thank you, Rhys Jones and the sub-committee who have put together a project proposal for us for the Armistice Centenary Grant for June 2018. Rhys will have more to say about this at our January meeting.



Coming Events

- January Meeting – (Sat 6th January)

At this meeting, Jan Pennell will be demonstrating a variety of wood turning techniques, including split turning, inside / outside turning and deep hollowing.

- Glenbrook Australia Day – (Fri 26th January)

We will be demonstrating at Glenbrook Park on this day. Let Barry Robinson or Jan Pennell know if you would like to help out with this.

- Our first Toy Making Day for the year will be on Thurs 8th February,

and while Tom Fox is away visiting his family in Victoria, Klaus Pohl has agreed to co-ordinate this group. Thanks Klaus. Please let Klaus know if you would like to be involved with Toy Making this year.

This year I would encourage and challenge you to do some regular woodturning each month, and bring and display your projects on our Show and Tell table for everyone to see. We learn a lot from each other, whether the results are good or not so good. Bring them along anyway.

Keep turning,
Andy



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TALE OF AN OLD GUM-TREE.

I've waited and watched for a hundred years,
And my limbs are twisted and bent;
There's a wound on my trunk that the bush fires made
And a scar that the lightning rent.
There is many a hole in branch and bough
Where wood-ducks find a rest,
As they halt at night on a southern flight
From the dried-out spaces west.

There's a foam-stained rim on my knotted trunk,
Flood-height of an olden year,
And a nippled knob that has overgrown
The head of a broken spear.
There are lines rough-cut on my naked butt
That tell of a mate who died,
And a crumbling mound on the broken ground
With a fallen cross beside.

The river is one of my oldest friends ;
The drought is my oldest foe ;
And I watch and wait when the rains are late
As the seasons come and go.
I've a word to say to the Milky Way
In the calm of a summer night ;
The Southern Cross is a friend of mine,
And I bow to the Southern Light.

I have seen the wild tribes trooping in
From the country farther out,
Where the creeks had dried and the game had died
'Neath the test of heat and drought ;
Here the women slept where my shadows crept,
While the children danced in glee,
Or the hour was bright in the camp-fire's light
With a gay corroboree.

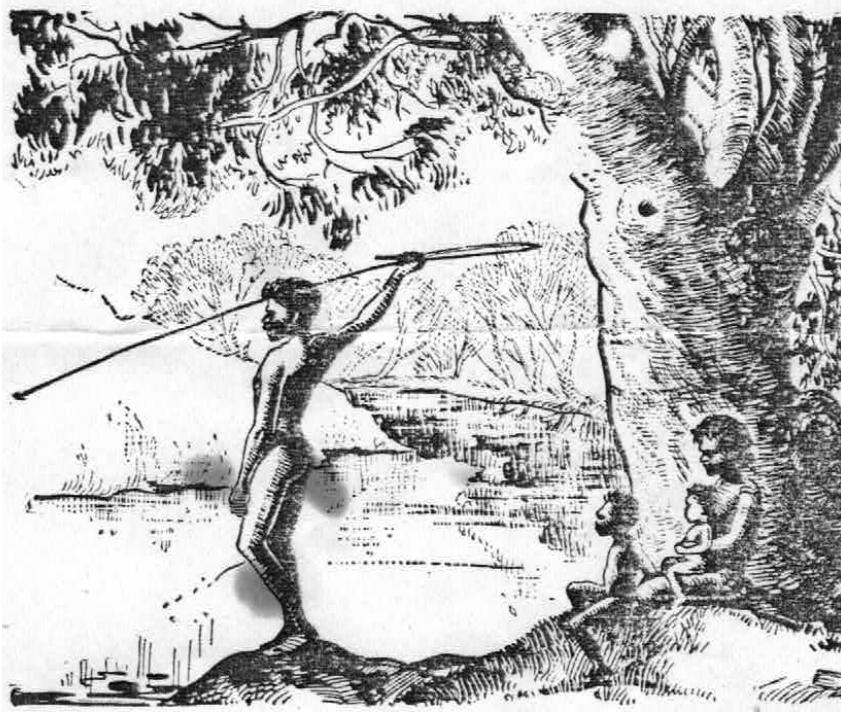
I have watched the black man spear the fish
When the flooded creeks were deep ;
And my seedlings grew when the flood withdrew
Ere the white man came with sheep.

Courtesy of Gil Scott

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I have sheltered birds and beasts of the bush
From the rays of the summer sun;
But they've disappeared since the bush was cleared
With axe and fire and gun.

There came the bearded, mounted men
With cattle and sheep and gear;
And I said to the wind, as it wandered past,
I felt that the end was near.



—JOYCE ABB

The sun sank red as the cattle fed,
And the emus ran in fright;
The camp-dogs growled while the dingo howled
In the dead hours of the night.

I've waited and watched for a hundred years,
And I'm good for many a score—
The white men come and the white men go,
But the black men come no more.
And the seedlings grow on the overflow
Till they're eaten down by the sheep;
And the sun sinks red where the cattle tread
And the black man's children sleep.

—From "Under Wide Skies," by JIM GRAHAM

Courtesy of Gil Scott

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Pictures from the December Christmas Meeting



Catherine receiving her "Show and Tell" Award



Santa and local state member Trish Doyle



Trish Doyle; Mountains Outreach Community Service - Lyn Bevington; Thrive Services - Jaime Mack; Tom Fox





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Armistice Day Centenary Memorial Grant

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

A comprehensive application has been prepared and has been submitted to the office of Susan Templeman. A meeting was arranged between BMW (us), The Blaxland/Glenbrook branch of the RSL, Rotary and BMCC. Our proposal was presented to those present and it was generally well received. While some alterations to our original plans may be needed, the basic concept of a memorial garden with sculptures, representing the various services in the armed forces and the medical corps, will remain. Because of time constraints on the submission deadline it was decided that our original concept be submitted.

The timetable for this project indicates that Susan Templeman will select her chosen projects by mid February and they will be submitted to Canberra for a final decision. This will occur during June and the successful applicants will be notified by the end of June. The sub-committee is suggesting that, should we make the short list (mid February), we should start work immediately especially on the main feature of the project. This will be explained at the January meeting. There will be a variety of tasks to be performed so all members will be able to contribute to the project. Come along on Saturday and find out all about it.

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Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	6/01/18	January Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	11/01/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	13/01/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	18/01/18	Open Day	
Saturday	27/01/18	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm



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Santa doing the rounds at the Christmas Party

SHED PROFILES

I'm still waiting for a volunteer to allow me to invade their "Man Cave/She Shed". Don't be shy, it won't hurt a bit. If you are inclined just let me know at the meeting.

Rhys