



Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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

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Presidents Report – August 2020



Hi All

The corona virus is still hanging around and we must remain diligent for our own wellbeing and that of others around us. That is the reason behind the committee has decided to cancel the anniversary dinner on the 1st. August. We will reconvene the dinner at a later date in the future. The Mayor (Mark Greenhill) had accepted our invitation to join us at the dinner hopefully Mark will be available to join us when we make the dinner arrangements in the future.

Thursday open days are well attended, and it is great to catchup with the members that are able to attend. Clive will require to have more frequent toy days between now and October to catch up for the time lost due to the virus. I ask for members to get behind Clive and help get our toy numbers up ready for distribution to our local charities for Christmas.

The storage shed out the back now has light and power connected to it as of last Thursday.

Thank you, Barry, for arranging the work to be done.

The general meetings are still on hold for the foreseeable future however Thursday open day will continue.

The members attending the clubhouse must adhere to our covid-19 plan, hands are to be sanitised on entry and attendees are to sign the register with contact details, social distancing is always to be maintained

Stay safe keep turning and support this great club.

Regards Bill

QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER

Ernie Newman

1/ Match the wood types with the areas where they are found growing naturally:

Ebony Australia,
Eucalyptus South East Asia
Balsa Tropical America

2/ What is the optimum thickness for a 3/4 inch wide skew chisel:

A.=1/8" B=3/16" C=1/4"

3/ When is the wide shallow roughing gouge used in faceplate work [grain at 90 degrees to lathe bed]?

4/ An auger or drill may be mounted in the tailstock and used to bore a hole in wood chucked on the lathe. What is the consequence if the auger or drill wobbles or bounces as it first enters the wood?

5/ Have lathes ever been successfully powered by water?

5/ Water mills were used to power lathes by the 16th century in Germany. In the early 19th century tidal power was pioneered in New Hampshire by George Walker who set up his woodturning workshop over a tidal inlet. He used the tidal flow to power his lathe and, as his water wheel was reversible, he could turn no matter which way the water was flowing.

4/ If the auger or drill wobbles when presented to the wood, then it will run off line. It is ideal to turn out a conical lead-in to center the drill or auger. If it still wobbles, the lead-in should be turned again for another try.

3/ The wide, shallow-fluted roughing gouge is so user friendly on between-center work that it is tempting to try it on pieces where the grain runs at 90 degrees to the lathe bed. However, in this context the wide shavings that it takes is very difficult to control and likely to cause a monster dig-in which could easily split the wood into two very dangerous pieces.

2/ Some turners won't touch a skew chisel of any type but those who do will find that skew chisels less than 1/4 inch thick tend to chatter due to lack of strength and rigidity. A 1/4 inch thick chisel will rarely chatter except on jobs such as porch posts where the tool overhang is excessive and in these cases a thicker tool is preferable.

1/ Eucalyptus [gums] are native to Australia, Balsa is native to tropical America and Ebony is native to South East Asia and to Africa.

Ernie Newman

ANSWERS

UP COMING EVENTS

Anniversary Dinner
Springwood Foundation Day
Leura Harvest Festival

Posponed
Cancelled
Posponed

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 do one lesson please talk to
Allan Game on 0416961028 or
Jan Pennell on 0416961028.

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
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Future Demonstrations

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Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	30/07/20	Open day	9am Onwards
Thursday	06/08/20	Open day	9am Onwards
Thursday	13/08/20	Open day	9am Onwards
Thursday	20/08/20	Open day	9am Onwards
Thursday	27/08/20	Open day	9am Onwards