



Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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

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Whimsical Woodcarvings

Lolloping through a lacuna in the legislative limitations, Maree & I made it to Tassie for a few days just before Xmas. MONA was closed of course, but pausing at Kettering – south of Hobart – we came upon the Oyster Cove Inn which has a chequered history and sports a display of woodcarvings old and new(ish).

The newer carvings are no doubt 'chainsaw-assisted'. The older (and smaller) items seem to have been done the hard way and depict figures from Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland' and 'Through the Looking Glass'. I've included a pictures of some of the figures.

Tom Fox



Presidents Report – February 2021



Hello again members. Here we are in a new year with hopes that this year we can get back our normal way of life.

The committee is constantly monitoring the COVID-19 regulations in the hope we can resume our demonstrations and monthly meetings as soon as is allowable.

I have placed an order with Jan Palmowski for a pyrography machine for the members use at the club.

There are a few items for sale.

Ryobi wood lathe.....\$50

Pedestal drill.....\$150

3mtr. X 3mtr. Shade cover.....\$100

Please contact if you are interested in any of the items for sale. 0417451174

Braemar gallery has sent out for an expression of interest for a display in front of the gallery.

Please send us your ideas and suggestions as to what we could do as a club project that could be put on displayed at the gallery.

Thank you to all the members that took time to respond to the questionnaire on the future direction of the club the responses have been taken on board and given serious consideration moving forward. The results of the survey is on the next page.

Enjoy your turning stay safe and support this great club.
Regards Bill



These dolls were turned and decorated by Jan and Jean Wroblewski.

They are just a few of a large group that will be donated to a lecturer at Macquarrie Uni who teaches students who are training to become teachers of kids with disabilities.

The dolls are designed to reward kids with vision impairment, hence the wide variety of materials and textures. They also feature moving limbs and hair.

The exquisite colour rewards everyone else. Jan and Jean attended the club's demo by Jan Palmowski a few weeks ago. Jan showed how to burn and colour turnings.

The demo was clearly a terrific success.

Ernie

Blue Mountains Woodturners Members' Survey 2020

How often do you visit web site

74% never, 17% monthly, 9% weekly

Read the TC

100%

How to improve the Turning Chatter

More member contributions

More photos of members work and articles about them

Member profiles, letters to the editor, members opinions

Interesting articles sourced from mags. etc.

Articles on design and the creative process

Facebook Use

100% None

What would you like Information and advice about

Use of web site and Facebook

Good videos and YouTube sites

Club events and functions and demonstrations

Source of unusual timbers etc.

Members' wellbeing

Use of Club equipment

Lathes, drill press, bandsaw. Linisher etc.

Most members use their own

Use of Library

13 % often, 52% rarely, 34% never

Additional Equipment

Thicknesser, sanders, Dremel, pyrography equip,

Lucas saw mill, arbortec, chisels, 3D printer, PPE

New Accommodation needs

Large workshop area, storage, vehicle access, display areas

Should formal monthly meetings be re-introduced

27% restore to what we had, 64% a simplified

format, no meetings 9%

Guest speakers at meetings

100% if relevant

Would you stay after demonstrations to attend formal meetings

Yes 83%, No 17%

Agenda Items to address in meetings

All club activities, welfare issues, future events and activities,

Projects, funding and other group involvement, general business

Members profiles and interests

How often do you attend the clubhouse

Weekly 39%, for general meetings and demos. 43%, Rarely 17%

Should the clubhouse be open on more suitable days

Location is the problem, perhaps try Saturdays, leave as is

Interested in club projects

Yes 35%, Depends on the project 56%, No 9%

Interest in Thursday training

Yes 39%, Specific skills 48%, no 13%

Suggested types of additional training

Combining metalwork and other skills into woodturning, specific tools such as routers,

Marquetry, carving, CAD, joinery and finishes, scone making.

Should we be engaging with other groups

Could enable sharing equipment and skills,

Yes groups other than Mens Shed,

Mens Sheds and other groups, no.

Yes, it would increase our skills and promote awareness

Other artistic forms of woodcraft other than simply woodturning

Cater for members different interests,

All forms including traditional, crafty and arty

Decorative techniques etc

Sculpture

Comments about the club's future

Encourage new members and make them feel welcome, more women and younger members

The club provides important social and teaching opportunities

A larger clubhouse, the club location near transport and more central.

Broaden the appeal of woodturning to the wider community.

Increased interaction between members.

Types of fundraising

Items for sale, Bunnings BBQs,

Show and Tell

Allan P



Des T



Ross



Lathe Trolley - Allan G



Wonderous thing Barry R



Needle holders and Deco Des T



Toys Allan P



Cars Glenn



Little Loom Glenn



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

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Marketplace

Ryobi lathe \$50
Arlec 12.5 diameter sander \$20
Arlec Enforcer angle grinder \$20
Ozito 400 w 82mm planer \$20
Enforcer 100 mm round sander \$20
Webbing picture frame clamp \$5
Fret saw for 17mm blade \$5
Rubber air mattress \$25
Many assorted books on all sorts of (mainly)
woodworking priced
from \$2 to \$5.

See Jan or Barry on a Thursday morning or
contact Jan for any other time.

Woodturning Lessons

Allan Game on 4739 1028
or
ernienewman@hotmail.com
Mobile: 0416961063.

***Covid-19 restrictions
Please contact Ernie
and Alan for available
times and dates of
Lessons***

***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	4/02/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	11/02/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	18/02/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	25/02/21	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards

The next toy making day will be held on the 18th February