



# Turning Chatter

## Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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### April Meeting.

The demo for April will be something special. Renowned turner, Jan Palmowski, a sample of his work is below:



Just as exciting, there will be a sausage sizzle for lunch at the March meeting.

### 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

Springwood Foundation Day - 28th April

Leura Harvest Festival - 6th May

Penrith Anglican College Fete - Sept/October

Glenbrook Spring Festival - November

**Next Toy Making Day** is scheduled for 3rd May. Tom will manage the day

### 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 1 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 April 2018

We had a busy month in March. To start the month we had Ernie Newman and Brendan Venner demonstrate decorative woodturning and application methods. Thank you to both Ernie and Brendan for your preparation and input. We learnt a lot and gained many great creative ideas.



In the middle of March we had Derek Weidman visiting us from the USA. He spent a whole weekend with us. Derek's expertise is in multi axis and creative woodturning. In my absence, Jan Pennell said that his demonstration and workshop days went very well.

On the Saturday Demonstration Day Derek asked everyone what they would like him to turn. After a few suggestions it was decided that he would turn a koala. He brought up some koala pictures on his computer and off he went. Derek made the koala head with no measurements by rule or callipers, only aligning by eye. He changed the axis 21 times (by one person's account). Derek then used a small gas burner to decorate the koala. It was disappointing that only about 8 out of the 26 members who said they were coming from our Club turned up to see Derek's amazing demonstration. Those that weren't there missed a fascinating time.



Everyone really enjoyed facing the challenges at Derek's Sunday Workshop Day. Like on the Demonstration Day there was lots to learn, but everyone got there in the end and made a 'head' – to be seen at Show and Tell at the next Club meeting. The weekend with Derek was extremely interesting and challenging. Lots of positive feedback was received from the attendees. Thanks to Catherine Gorrie and Jan Pennell for all your efforts in organising and running this weekend.

I will be overseas in England for the next two months, so Bill Wooldridge and Jan Pennell will be filling in for me. Thanks Bill and Jan.

### Coming Events:

- April Meeting (Sat 7th April)  
Jan Palmowski will be demonstrating.
- Springwood Foundation Day (Sat 28th April)
- Toy Making Day (Thu 3rd May)  
(No Toy Making Day in April due to Easter holidays)
- May Meeting (Sat 5th May)  
Alan Game and Des Lane will be demonstrating.

Don't forget my challenge to you, to bring something 'good or bad' that you have turned, to 'Show and Tell'.

Keep turning,  
Andy



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## APRIL MEETING

### Sausage Sizzle

(So leave the vegemite sandwiches at home)

### TOY DAY 15th MARCH

With Daylight Saving lurching towards the Equinox, the arrival of the workforce seemed a bit later than usual – and there was a competing event at Hare & Forbes. Nevertheless, a sizable crew did turn up and took up the task with notable vim.

A batch of skipping ropes was finished off and many new Handles for skipping ropes were turned. Also turned were sundry knitting nancies, several toy cars and some clap sticks. The painting squad soon splashed colour on the available items and lots and lots of wheels were cut out and dressed ready for fitting to toy cars and pull-along animal shapes.

By finishing time the number of completed toys had been increased from 32 to about 50 with plenty more items part way to completion.

Many thanks to all those who came along and beavered away at the toy-making project. The next Toy-making Day will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. For more information ring Tom Fox on 0427 417 060'.





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## Shed Profile - Brian Smith



Brian is a long standing member of our club and can always be relied upon to regularly produce exquisite turnings. He is one of our most prolific displayers at "Show and Tell" (more on this later).

I had the pleasure of visiting Brian's Den lately and was pleasantly surprised, not as big as I thought it would be, given the volume of pieces he produces.

But Brian is one of these lucky turners who is both organised and concise. Why concise? He makes use of every square inch of both floor and wall space with everything within arm's reach of his work place. Turn one way and there's the tools, reach over there and you'll find his abrasives all sorted into drawers. Just a few steps away his wood is neatly stacked on shelving. He apologised for the shop

being a bit messy, but – Hey – a neat and tidy workshop is often the sign of a sick mind. It is evident that Brian enjoys his turning after all he spends about 12 hours a week in the shop turning.

You may ask "What does he do with all his turnings?". Simple, stores them in boxes otherwise his house would be full. It's a pity that so many beautiful items are stashed away where we can't see them. Maybe we should have a "Brian Smith" day at the club.

I do like Brian's "Shed Rules".

That leads to a comment made by Brian, and supported by many. Why aren't there more members displaying at "Show and Tell"? You don't need to be a brilliant turner, just one who is trying. So, at the next meeting, I challenge all members to bring a piece along, even if it was turned years ago.

To Brian can I say many thanks for this opportunity and keep up the excellent work.





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## Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	7/04/18	Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	12/04/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	14/04/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	19/04/18	Open Day	
Saturday	28/04/18	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	26/04/18	Open Day	
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm