



Turning Chatter

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'Well done' to all the participants in this year's toy-making program. We've boxed up more than 250 toys for sharing between Thive Family Services at Katoomba and Gateway Family Services at Blaxland. Both groups have promised to have a representative at our Xmas Meeting on 7th December for handover of the toys.



And then the extensive fires up north broke out and some of us thought it would be good to send toys up there for kids whose families have lost their belongings. Luckily 2019 was a bumper year for toy production. From among the not-quite-finished bits and pieces we were able to assemble another box of about 40 toys. We sent them off to the Rotary Club of Taree who were very active in organising a relief effort, almost from day 1 of the fires. Unlike many other bushfire relief appeals, Taree Rotary were happy to get contributions in kind as well as cash.

We've just heard from the President of Taree Rotary who writes:

'Wow, what a wonderful box of goodies and so well crafted.'

I will take them to our Rotary Club meeting tonight and I can assure you all, that they will be delivered to those families affected by the Bush Fires in the Manning Valley district as Christmas Gifts this year.

Thank you so much, from all of us here at The Rotary Club Of Taree. 9650

*Sincerely,
Pres. Ross Tingle'*

It's good to be making a difference! Thanks
Tom Fox 0427 417 060

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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check with your teacher about closed for Christmas days





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Presidents Report – December 2019



Where has the year gone! We were entertained by Ernie Newman at the November demonstration.

Ernie spoke of the history of woodturning and demonstrated the making of weapons and gave a very interesting discussion on the various types of weapons. Thank you, Ernie. Remember our next meeting will be the Christmas party for **members and partner** please come along and enjoy the food and a chat with friends. Bring a plate for the party and something to put into the hamper. We are having the buy, swap and sell table at the December meeting. If you wish to have items on the table please label your items with your name and price. The usual 20% of sale price will be charged by the club.



A committee meeting was held after the November meeting 8 members attended and the future cabinet displays at Penrith, Katoomba, Springwood and possibly Blaxland libraries over the next year was discussed. Clive will be conducting further negotiations to confirm dates.

Tom Fox will step down from the toy making duties at the end of this year, thank you Tom for your devotion and effort. Clive will takeover and Klaus will assist him. Also, a big thankyou to all those members who gave their time to help with making of the toys that will make so many children happy at Christmas this year.

Mike Boyle had a meeting with the Braemar Gallery to discuss the BMWT putting sculpture in the front of the gallery. The proposal was well received, and we have been given the go ahead for mid-year 2020. The sculpture will be a club project Mike will oversee the work.

I request that we all get involved in the project in any way you can. Enjoy your turning and support this great club.

Bill Wooldridge
President BMWT
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FAMILY GAMES

The Futures Committee resolved some months ago, that it is important to the continuing viability of the club, that we remain relevant to the community, and actively seek to expose our activities to the public. A number of initiatives are being implemented to increase our exposure and recognition.

Recently the Braemar Gallery at Springwood called for expressions of interest from artists and sculptors to suggest one or two sculptures on concrete slabs out the front of the Gallery. The club submitted a proposal for two art works to be constructed and erected for a period of three to six months. The Gallery enthusiastically accepted the proposal, and details are now in the process of being finalized. They have indicated that if they can be completed by the end of May next year, the sculptures could possibly be on display for up to six months.



The proposal is for two groupings of chess pieces, one either side of the entry path, representing conflicting views of two opposing family groups, just as chess represents a battle to the end. I presented small models

of the proposal at show and tell last month. The pieces would range in size from 1.7m high down to 0.5m, and will provide ample opportunities for members to participate in fabricating and turning activities.

I know some of you will say that this is not traditional woodturning, and I agree, but many of the objects we turn today certainly

would not have been considered traditional one or two hundred years ago. Pyrography, multi-coloured finishes, natural edges, multi or off-centered techniques, were not commonplace as they are now.

Many years ago there was a very large tree (fig I think) growing at the top of the Razorback Mountain on the Hume Highway near Picton, and was used as an symbol for a large Sydney emporium called Anthony Horden & Sons whose motto was *"While I live I grow"*. Anthony Horden has long gone as has their tree a few years later! It is perhaps a long bow to draw to suggest that if we don't continue to adapt and explore new potentials for woodturning, the craft could also go the way of Anthony Horden. Let's not risk it. Why don't we adopt their motto, and continue to live and grow!

I am more than happy to discuss my concepts of what art is and how turning can, and should be a way to create art works. More importantly I am happy to explain how this project requires simple, traditional turning skills that have been used for centuries. We are not trying to revolutionize woodturning, only the things we make with it. I hope many of you will join in this new project and make it even more successful and exciting than the Armistice Memorial.

Mike





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MarketPlace



Wanted
Electric treadmill
call
Glenn and Linda on 0425 239944



Future Demonstrations

Christmas Party and Meeting
and Toy Presentation to charity

7th December 2019



Mens Shed metal lathe demo

1st February 2020

UP COMING EVENTS

Glenbrook Rotary Day
Penrith Library Display
Springwood Foundation Day
Leura Harvest Festival
Penrith Anglican Collage Fete
Laura Village Fair
Glenbrook Spring Festival

26th January 2020
March 2020
April 2020
May 2020
2nd September 2020
October 2020
November 2020



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Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	05/12/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	07/12/19	Christmas Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	12/12/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	14/12/19	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	19/12/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Thursday	26/12/19	Open Day	Closed
Saturday	09/01/20	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00