



# Turning Chatter

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## January Meeting

The next meeting is on

Saturday the 7th of January. The meeting will be devoted to planning for the future of the club over the coming year. Hope to see you all there.

## Grand Entry Project

The club committee has decided to extend the pergola over the back door for shade and rain protection, and include in the design a new timber project for the group.

The project idea, which has been mulled over for a couple of months now, is to create a grand entry for the club in front of the back door, beside the entry railing posts.

The timber structure would incorporate a couple of 200mm figured timber posts with a lintel above with the club name in it, and members' turned projects glued into carved out sections of the posts.

These turned projects could be failed or extra projects that you would not mind being cut in half and glued into the structure. This way all members can have a part in the Grand Entry Project. Your ideas and discussion on this are welcomed so that we can make this a really grand project that will invite people in and advertise who we are, and protect us from rain and sun. Please pass any ideas or comments on to Mike Boyle, Andy Georgiou, or Jan Pennell, at our next meeting so that we can commence the project early next year.



## Committee Meetings

Held the Thursday prior to the monthly meeting.

## Open Days

The Club House is open every Thursday from 10am. Come along and chat, turn or work on your own project.

## Woodturning Lessons

are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month and are open to everyone. There is currently space available so come and try it. The price is affordable for everyone.

Booking in is essential. Ring Allan Game on 4739 1028. Please let Allan know if you have booked in but can't make it.

Ernie Newman offers lessons on Tuesdays for those interested in a long course. No experience necessary. Contact [ernienewman@hotmail.com](mailto:ernienewman@hotmail.com) 0416961063.

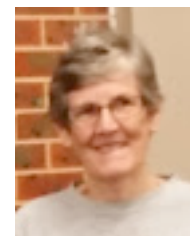
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## **The President's Monthly Report**

A very pleasant time was had by all at the Christmas Party last month. Lots of scrumptious food and lots of great company. The fabulous array of over 200 toys made throughout the year were very gratefully received by Kerry Thomas of Gateway as was the giant chess set received by Chris Avent from Coreen School, Penrith.



The buy, swap sell went well with over \$250 worth of items sold.

A very special thank you to the ladies who not only provided so many of the delicious dishes but then jumped in and took over most of the cleaning and packing up. You are all gems, veritable gems.

## **The Shed**

What a change. The shelving is up. There is room to move. And you can see where things are. Well done the Thursday guys that worked on it, mainly led by Dave. Well done all.

**Australia Day 26 Jan17.** It is usually a very good day so hope you can come and help and join in at the Glenbrook oval. Pack up will be at 4 pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at the club and set up-at the oval will start about 7:30. Hope to see you there.

## **January Meeting.**

No demonstration but a good size updating and information exchange on what is happening or being planned in and around the club and then an 'ideas' session where we will be looking for your input and suggestions. Call it a brainstorming session if you like. Everything is on the table. We have a few things to put forward but are looking for input from all of the members.

That is it from me for now. Hope our Christmas goes extremely well and very best wished for 2017. Be safe, be happy, be careful, **Jan**

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## **Tips for Woodturners- Cutting Round Stuff on the Bandsaw**

If you have tried to cut round dowelling or the like on the band saw, you may have had it grab and turn on you. This can scare you half to death; draw a piece of you into the blade; twist and ruin the blade; and or ruin the wood. A "C" or "F" clamp will give you a hand hold and a solid point of reference against which the wood cannot turn.

<http://aroundthewoods.com/tips02.shtml>





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## Testing the grey matter.... by Ernie Newman

1. What commonly available commercial timber is sometimes known as Monterey pine?
  2. Is it possible to test whether timber is seasoned without a moisture meter?
  3. A candlestick could be turned between centres and then bored or the blank could be pre-bored then mounted on a wooden mandrel held in a chuck. What is the advantage of the second approach?
  4. If a steel rule is placed along the flute of a gouge it will show whether or not the bottom of the flute is even. Some gouges are sold with uneven flutes. Does this matter?
  5. When did woodturning start?
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## Club Calendar

Date	Event	Time
5/01/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
7/01/17	General Meeting	10.00am Onwards
12/01/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
19/01/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
	Committee Meeting	10.00 - 11.00
25/01/17	Load Equipment	4.00pm
26/01/17	Australia Day Glenbrook	7.30am Onwards
2/02/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
4/02/17	General Meeting	10.00am Onwards



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## Committee

**President** - Jan Pennell

**Vice President** - Tony McKale

**Secretary** - Mike Boyle

**Treasurer** - Barry Robinson

**Membership Secretary** - Rachael Murphy

## Committee Members

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## Answers to testing the grey matter...

1. Radiata pine is sometimes known as Monterey pine because it is native to the California coast near Monterey.
2. Timber may be tested for moisture content by weighing it periodically. When the wood stops losing weight it is in equilibrium with the atmosphere and therefore seasoned.
3. The advantage of mounting a pre-bored blank on a mandrel is that this automatically centres the turning on the candle hole. If the piece is turned then drilled and the drill runs off line, then the hole may be significantly off centre.
4. If the bottom of a gouge flute is uneven then the turner who wishes to hone the gouge has a problem. As the slip stone is passed along the flute it will only touch the high spots so if the gouge tip is low then it won't be honed. If the slip stone is angled to hone a low tip then it will start to round the tip over even more. This alters the grinding angle and each time the gouge is honed the problem will worsen. Before buying a gouge it is also worth checking that the curve of the flute is smooth as any bump or irregularity can cause problems when cutting concave shapes, particularly with bowl gouges.
5. The earliest example of turning may be a four legged stool found at Thebes in Egypt. It has been dated between 1500 and 1800 B.C.