

Turning Chatter

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November Meeting

The next meeting is on Saturday the 4th of November at the Clubhouse at 19 Calver Avenue Mt Riverview from 10am.

The demo will be on bowl turning given by our resident bowl turning expert Darrell Smith. Always an interesting and entertaining demonstration. Don't miss it.

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:

Sat 11th Nov : Glenbrook Spring Festival

Sat 2nd Dec : December Christmas meeting

The handing over of toys to the selected local charity; Christmas luncheon and a members' buy/sell sale.

Jan 2018 : Glenbrook Australia Day Festival

Next Toy Making Day is on Thursday the 16th of November. Come along and lend a hand. (see the enclosed report)

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 2 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 November 2017

Just so that you know a little bit more about my background I will tell you some here. My father came to Australia from Cyprus after fighting alongside the allied forces in Egypt and Greece in WW2. He came to Australia for work. He was a carpenter who started working for the Snowy Mountains Scheme, building huts for the workers. I was born in Sydney and went to Goulburn Teachers' College to train as an Industrial Arts teacher in 1971. I taught in state schools for 8 years, then changed to private schools in 1984. Overall, I taught for 40 years in a range of subjects, including Woodwork, Metalwork, Plastics, Electronics, Leatherwork, Design and Technology, Technical Drawing, Multimedia, and Engineering Studies. I was Industrial Arts Coordinator at St Paul's Grammar School at Cranebrook, Macarthur Anglican School at Cobbity, and Penrith Christian School, from where I retired nearly two years ago.

At our October Workshop Day, we had three of our current members demonstrate to us their skills. We had Des Tuck on Scroll Sawing techniques, Allan Game on Skew Chisel mastering and John Krook on a range of other woodturning techniques. I would like to thank them for all the effort that they put in for the day.



Des Tuck



Allan Game



John Krook

Our committee have been busy planning and organising for some great presenters for next year and there will be more information about these as dates become finalised, but for now, Jan Pennell will be doing our first presentation in 2018 at our January meeting.

John Craft went to the recent Western Sydney Maxi Day at Lalor Park. He reported back that it was a great day with exceptional presentations by Jan Palmowski, and he even came back with some prizes. Thanks John for representing us there.

Coming Events:

- November Meeting. (Sat 4th Nov)

At our November meeting, Daryl Smith will be demonstrating 'Bowl Turning Techniques'. So be ready for some great woodturning.

- Glenbrook Spring Festival. (8.30am to 3pm Sat 11th Nov)

We will need helpers prior to, and at the Festival, for transporting equipment, demonstrating our skills on lathes, and displaying/selling our wares to the public. Also, more lucky dip prizes are needed. Please help by making some small items for the lucky dip. Set up time at the festival is 7am on the Saturday morning.

- December Meeting. (Sat 2nd Dec)

Christmas Luncheon. At this end of year luncheon, we have Trish Doyle MP coming to join us for the morning. We will be presenting our toy donations to a charity. We will be putting our good works on display, so we will need you to bring in any good woodturning projects that you have made that can be put on display. Machinery and/or Tools will be sold during the morning, so bring along any tools that you would like to sell. Remember that 20% commission goes to the club from these sales. For the luncheon please bring a plate of food to share, and Christmas Hamper items to the value of around \$5 each. You will receive a raffle ticket for each item you bring.

Keep turning, Andy

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SHED PROFILE - Jan Pennell

As I promised in last month's TC, here's the first episode of "Shed Profile".

First cab off the rank is past chief, Jan Pennell. Jan's "shed" ain't a shed it's a basement. Located under the house, but what a basement. While it doesn't have the kitchen sink it has just about everything else and everything is so well laid out. Jan said "both the owner and the workshop are very much work-in-progress". I can say that both the owner and the shed are just fine. The most disappointing aspect of the shed was that it was spotless as you will see from the pix. You know what they say about a tidy shed and a sick mind???? The most pleasing aspect of the shed was the outlook. The view into the bushland would encourage anyone to work in the shed as often as possible. The addition of a TV, so Jan doesn't miss any action from the upcoming cricket, adds to the pleasant atmosphere. Even the hound, Cooper, likes being in the shed – there's a nice storage of pigs ears as treats.

Now most of us have a lathe, not Jan, she has 6 and a half. I'll let you ask her about the "half". One of Jan's achievements is an extremely lengthy (about 2.5 metres) Trembleur. Now some of us have used steadies when we turn but for her big trembleur Jan used about 14 to keep it from snapping. It worked.

I have to add that the condition of Jan's wood equipment is immaculate. As I mentioned earlier, dust just didn't exist, even the loo was spotless. Now how many of you have a "linen press" in your work shed? I'd suggest just about NONE. But, take heart. While Jan's shed has a linen press, it's full of woodworking stuff, just as it should be. When we get to wood storage I expected to be shown a pile of stuff under a tarp in the back yard somewhere. Yes, there is some wood there, and in a couple of tin sheds down the back, but most of the best stuff is neatly stored next to the basement "shed" and is as clean as a whistle.

When asked "What is your favourite tool?" Jan gave it some thought before stating "The tool I am currently using at any time". No real favourites and, from what I saw, each and every tool is treated with the respect it deserves.

Well done Jan, you have a shed to be proud of and for the rest of us to be somewhat envious.

Enjoy the pix.

Jan's P. S. is that it does get messy at times, but she tries to have a good clean out a couple of times a year.

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Various pix from Jan's "Shed" including faithful pooch Cooper.

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	4/11/17	General meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	09/11/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	11/11/17	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	16/11/17	Open Day	
Saturday	18/11/17	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	23/11/17	Open Day and Committee meeting	9.00am Onwards 10.00am Onwards
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm

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Toy-making Day

12th October 2017

It wasn't everybody's idea of fun but some good progress was made at the toy-making day on 12th October 2017.

The painting squad quickly ran out of objects to lather colour on and had to be re-deployed in the fiddly business of fitting wheels to toy cars. Most other participants were also occupied in wheel-fitting for much of the time. Others focussed on completing skipping ropes and on converting a heap of messy-looking hole-sawn blanks into wheels of consistent size and finish.

By the time the whistle blew, about 50 additional toys were across the finishing line – a very impressive result. The total number of completed toys is now over 220. The next toy day will be held on Thursday 16th November 2017 and will aim to finish the assembly of items that are still incomplete. For further information, contact Tom

