



## Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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

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October 2020

### Presidents Report – October 2020



Hi all another month has gone and we are still restricted by the covid-19 virus.

All of our usual activities are still on hold however the Thursday open day is well patronised so come along and bring your creations with you for show and tell.

Ernie has started lessons again with smaller numbers due to current restrictions.

The sculptures at the Braemar Gallery has come to the end and will be dismantled. The display has been a great success. Well done to all those that were involved.

The club fees are now due and to date only 30 members are financial. Please pay by any of the methods listed below

Membership Fees (\$30) Payment can be made by the following methods:

1. Internet Banking through: **Sydney Mutual Bank Acct Name: Blue Mountains Woodturners. BSB: 611 001 Acct. Number: 135936** Make sure your name is noted on your funds transfer.
2. Cheque made out to **Blue Mountains Woodturners and posted to PO Box 223 Springwood 2777.**
3. See Jan at the club with Cash or a cheque on **Thursdays after 10 am up to 12 noon.**

If you can find the time come along and join us on Thursdays we would be pleased to see you and to have a chat over a coffee.

Please stay safe all of you. Keep turning and support this great club.

Regards Bill

It's all happening in the club rooms - some of the members are making sure maintenance is being kept up on the equipment.



**Allan Game**  
Replacing Spindle Bearings in Drill Press



**Phillip Brien**  
Developing a Belt Guard for the Table Saw

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Bushfires, Global Pandemic, Taylor Swift album, US Presidential election ... we've been through enough, bring on 2021

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### UP COMING EVENTS

Anniversary Dinner  
Springwood Foundation Day  
Leura Harvest Festival  
Christmas  
New Years 2021  
Glenbrook Australia Day  
Blue Mountains Grammar School Fete

Posponed  
Cancelled  
Posponed  
No word from the North Pole Yet  
Lets Hope It's Better Than This Year  
26th January 2021  
Sometime 2021

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Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.  
Membership Application / Renewal

Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fee Payable: **\$30**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby agree to be bound by the Rules Constitution and By Laws of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc. for the time being in force.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Please show your age category by ticking the appropriate box below:**

14-17 years old       18-54 years old       55 or over

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**Please NOTE:** Someone made a direct deposit but did not send their name so I have no idea who it was from. It was transferred from CCFCU bank.

Please let me know if it was you. Contact via 0417 400 268 or email [jbp2306@internode.on.net](mailto:jbp2306@internode.on.net)

Kind regards and all keep well. Jan

## QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER

Ernie Newman

1/ Which species was frequently used by European and North American shipwrights for ship's bearings in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries: English Oak, Lignum Vitae or Balsa? Clue: it was self lubricating.

2/ How can we generate burls on a tree?

3/ The world's oldest living organism is a tree. How old and where is it found?

4/ Tools made from high speed steel give off orange-red sparks during grinding. What colour are the sparks given off by carbon steel tools?

5/ Whom of the following were woodturners: Peter the Great of Russia, Louis the Sixteenth of France, Martin Luther of Germany?

## ANSWERS

Ernie Newman

1/ Lignum Vitae was imported from the Caribbean and tropical America for ship's bearings because of its hardness and capacity to self-lubricate.

2/ One way to make burls on a tree is to imitate the South American pygmy marmoset. These tiny monkeys, only three times the size of a mouse, sometimes create dozens of burls on a single tree by chiseling holes in the bark with their sharp teeth. As the tree attempts to heal the wounds, gum is produced, a feast for the monkeys. Because they return regularly to keep the holes open and keep the supply of gum flowing, small burls are formed around the holes.

3/ A Quaking Aspen [*Populus tremuloides*] in Utah, a clonal tree, has been estimated at 80,000 years old. Unlike many other clonal "colonies", the above-ground trunks remain connected to each other by a single massive subterranean root system.

It is possible that a clonal *Eucalyptus recurva* [Mongarlowe Mallee] is up to 13000 years old. A clonal Huon Pine tree on Mount Read in Tasmania sprouted at least 10500 years ago, around the time that humans began to grow crops and well before the invention of the wheel. It's snow laden branches have been forced to the ground, taken root and spread so that it now covers 2 ½ acres. Every leaf, root and branch in the stand has identical DNA which means that it is one organism.

4/ Carbon steel tools give off sparks that have more whit-yellow than orange-red sparks of HSS during grinding. It is important to keep carbon steel tools cool when grinding because once they turn blue with heat they lose their temper. High speed steel tools are much more forgiving.

5/ Peter the Great of Russia, Louis the Sixteenth of France and Martin Luther were all woodturners. Peter the Great spent several months in Dutch and English shipyards in an attempt to discover the key to naval supremacy. The shipyard turners gave him lessons and he became a skillful woodturner.

## 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

## 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  
to book lessons please talk to  
Allan Game on 0416961028 or  
Jan Pennell on 04169610268.

Ernie Newman also has  
vacancies in Tuesday lessons.  
No experience is needed. The  
classes run from 10am to 1pm  
Tuesdays at 5 St John's 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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## Future Demonstrations

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**Posponed until further notice**

***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	1/10/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	8/10/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	15/10/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	22/10/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards
Thursday	29/10/20	Open day - \$2	9am Onwards

The next toy making day will be held on the 1st October followed by the 22nd October