



Turning Chatter



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Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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

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Blue Mountains Woodturners gave this certificate of appreciation to the council along with the wood turning made by John Mulquin from a branch of the Hoop Pine planted by Prince George in 1881 at Faulconbridge.



Removal of historic tree at Faulconbridge due to lightning strike from BMCC website 18 Feb 2022

A dying tree at the Corridor of Oaks at Faulconbridge has to be removed, after being struck by lightning.

The 23m tall *Araucaria cunninghamii* (Hoop Pine) was struck in early 2020 and Blue Mountains City Council officers had hoped the tree would recover, but it is now dying and has to be removed so it does not become a safety risk.

A replacement *Araucaria* of advanced growth will be included in the upcoming upgrade of the Corridor of Oaks, thanks to the NSW Government's Public Spaces Legacy Program. This is due to be completed by the end of 2022.

The original tree was planted by Prince George in July 1881 when he and his brother, Prince Albert Victor, grandsons of the then reigning Queen Victoria, visited Sir Henry and Lady Parkes at their Faulconbridge home. Whilst not one of the Prime Ministers' trees, it is one of the plantings that inspired the Corridor of Oaks concept.

Mayor, Councillor Mark Greenhill, said: "It is often sad when a tree has to be removed, especially one as grand and historic as this, however we must act now to ensure future public safety."



If anyone knows of any members that are unwell or in difficulties please contact Barry Robinson

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Below are notes from Brendon Verner's June demonstration

SPINDLE TURNING

WINDER ON DIAMOND
STONE

1. Sharp tools - obviously a sharp tool makes the job easier, but sometimes it's what makes a cut possible (ie. cotton reels). Hone frequently, grind when necessary.
2. Lathe speed - turn faster rather than slower as possible. Increase the speed (pursuant to safe speed levels) until vibration occurs then back off.
3. Relax - removing tension from the grip helps the cut flow and reduces fatigue. Placing pressure on the timber can also produce chatter.
4. Repetition - turning something many times is sure way to improve technique. Try to make each cut better and easier than the last. For recurring detail (eg. rows of beads) cut all the left sides then all the right, or vice versa.
5. Look at the profile - Look at the tool to begin a cut then watch the top edge of the turning to see the shape as it emerges without looking at the tool. Trust your technique.
6. Minimise sanding - clean cuts and good shapes when sanding starts at 180 grit max. Avoid sanding over edges and details.
7. Hand position - when turning beads, coves, ogees etc. place the tool in the finishing position and hold that grip for the whole cut. The start will feel a little uncomfortable, but the wrist will want to naturally unwind to the comfortable finish position.
8. The direction of the bevel (not the flute) will determine the direction of the cut.
9. Roughing - Overhand grip. Avoid pressure on the timber or the tool rest. Pressure on the timber will cause chatter. Pressure on the tool rest prohibits smooth transverse motion. Waxing the tool rest helps smooth transverse movement.
10. Smoothing - Same as roughing plus: avoid pressing the heel of the bevel into the timber which causes tool marks. Leaves all high point (tops of beads etc) detail without tear out.
Light pressure on timber to skim off high points.
11. Detail - turn at the 10:30/11:00 position

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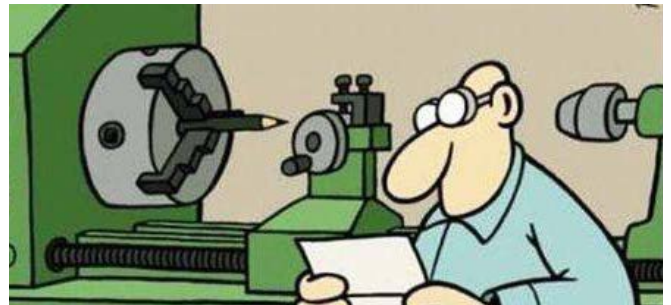
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Friday 1 week before the 1st Saturday of the next month*

2022

2nd July: Demo Day Phillip to demo braising of broken band saw blade.
7th July: Tool box Talk
21st July: Toy Day
28th July: Committee meeting
4th August: Tool box talk
6th August: Demo Day. Four station turning demo for U3A.
September (to be advised): Springwood Spring Festival
1st October: Router Lathe Workshop

Open day: Between Turners, Men's shed & Wood crafters, RFB. Pending removal of back fence?



The Australian Taxation Office regrets to inform you that your deduction of \$13982.00 for a pencil sharpener has been denied.

Woodturning Lessons

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**Covid-19 restrictions
Please contact Ernie
and Alan for available
times and dates of
Lessons**

Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	02/07/22	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	07/07/22	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	14/07/22	Open day - \$2	9:30am Onwards
Thursday	21/07/22	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards
Thursday	28/07/22	Open day - \$2	9.30am Onwards

The next toy making day is 21st July