



Turning Chatter

Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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March Meeting.

The demo for March will be something special. While most of our members have enjoyed demos from Ernie, few may have enjoyed a demo by Brendan Venner. A meticulous and very skilled turner, Brendan will have members intrigued with his style of turning and the end results will be little short of spectacular. Don't miss this opportunity of seeing two excellent turners doing their stuff.

Just as exciting, there will be a sausage sizzle for lunch at the March meeting.

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

Springwood Foundation Day - March/April

Leura Harvest Festival - April/May

Penrith Anglican College Fete - Sept/October

Glenbrook Spring Festival - November

Next Toy Making Day is scheduled for 15th March. Tom will be back by then and will manage the day

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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President's Report March 2018

I have taught Industrial Arts in High Schools for over forty years and I have seen many close accidents on machinery. As a result of this, I am a very safety conscious person, as are most of our Committee members.

At our recent Committee meeting we discussed the issue of new or inexperienced members using lathes and other equipment in our machinery room without supervision and the safety consequences of this. Des Lane has volunteered to be available for new and inexperienced members and to guide and assist them towards becoming safe machinery operators. If you are not an experienced machine operator, then before you use machinery at our Centre, it is now a requirement that you talk to Des (or one of our experienced members) before you turn on, use a machine, or try out any new tools or techniques.

At our February meeting we didn't have our usual demonstrations. Instead we had two experienced and knowledgeable members give us some great instruction. They were Mike Boyle and Merv Spindler. Mike taught us about 'Design' and 'Design concepts'. He used his own models and aids to help us better understand design concepts which could help us become better designers in our own Woodworking. Thanks Mike for passing on your great architectural knowledge to us and for all the effort that you put in beforehand as well.

Merv brought along an Arc, MIG and TIG Welder and taught us about 'Welding Methods' and 'Welding techniques'. His knowledge, which has been gained from over 60 years of hands on experience in the welding industry, he freely passed on to us. Thanks Merv for answering all of our questions.





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On behalf of our members I would like to thank Craig Hubbard for making and donating a large Lathe Steady to the club which he made for us to use on the big lathe.

Coming Events:

- March Meeting (Sat 3rd March)
Ernie Newman and Brendan Venner will be demonstrating.
- Toy Making Day (Thu 15th March)
(Tom Fox will be back for this)
- April Meeting (Sat 3rd April)
Jan Palmowski will be demonstrating.
- Springwood Foundation Day (Sat 28th April)

Don't forget my challenge to you, to bring something 'good or bad' along, that you have done on the lathe, to 'Show and Tell'. Thanks to those regulars who always give it a go.

Keep turning,
Andy

MARCH MEETING

Sausage Sizzle

(So leave the vegemite sandwiches at home)



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Armistice Day Centenary Memorial Grant

I can advise that our grant application has been received and “preliminary” reviewed by the DVA committee. While we needed to explain a few items and modify a few more, they have now accepted our application and sent it for final review. Finger crossed.

A repeat of last months notice:.....

“This signifies the end of the easy part and the commencement of the hard. It is intended that many of the tasks for the project be started NOW rather than waiting for the final nod. These tasks will be discussed at the February meeting. Many of the tasks will be simply locating resources and materials, others will involve woodturning, design, management of various project aspects and the financing of these tasks.

There will be an opportunity for all members to participate in this project and see it through to a successful conclusion. This is an opportunity for our club to promote itself as an integral part of the art community of the Blue Mountains and strengthen our standing with the community managers”.

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Saturday	3/03/18	Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	8/03/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	10/03/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	15/03/18	Open Day	
Saturday	24/03/18	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	22/03/18	Open Day	
Every Tuesday	_____	Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm



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POPPIES

Following on from the note about the Armistice Centenary Project, we need members to turn up wooden poppies to be used in the garden for this project.

Ideally we would like "1000" poppies to be turned and painted. The design for the poppies is available from Jan (very simple) and the wood is available at the clubhouse. Members can volunteer to turn, paint or turn and paint. Just let Jan know what you intend to do and an estimate on how many you are going to create.

I know it's still a long way off (11th Nov) but we can't afford to leave it to the last moment.

SHED PROFILES

I've now got a list of members willing to be ridiculed (not really) in the next few mags. So, starting next month I will publish a new "Shed Profile" highlighting the "unique" aspects of how our members manage their caves.

Rhys

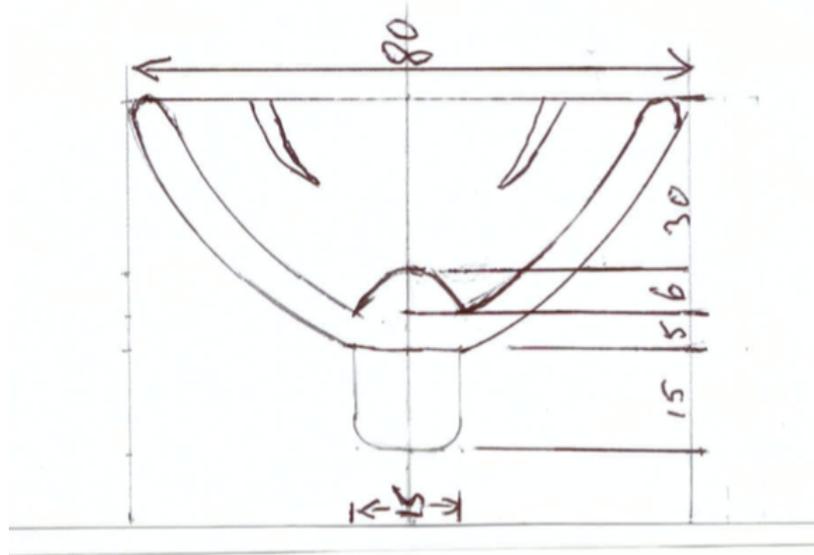


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Firstly, I mentioned that the design of the poppies for the Armistice Centenary project is obtained from Jan. Jan sent it to me and I should have included it in the March TC. Here



Demonstration by Derek Weidman

The demonstration by Derek Weidman will be in our clubhouse on Saturday 17th March. A barbecue will be provided. Those interested in attending should contact Catherine Gorrie on 0409 260 916 or email catherinegorrie@gmail.com. Numbers will be limited so get in ASAP.

A workshop will also be undertaken by Derek on the **18th March** at Ernie's workshop at 87 St. Johns Road Blaxland. These numbers are extremely limited and again please book in with Catherine as soon as possible to avoid disappointment if you think you would like to attend.