



Turning Chatter

Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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*Armistice Centenary
It's all happening on the front lines!
Poppy People have gone mad!*



*Fibre-glass Fanatics have got it
all covered!*



If you are not careful, you will get sprayed various colours of the rainbow.

We still need lots of help to stick wire stems in the poppies and then painting and painting and painting and Generally things are going well, although there is still a lot of work to do. The structural steel has been fabricated and will start to be connected to the helmet starting immediately. Erection procedures are being finalised with our pole erector. We are still trying to get final approval from Council, and it is a bit disappointing that at this late stage they have come up with a number of hoops that have to be jumped.

by Mike Boyle

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:

ernienewman@hotmail.com

Mobile: 0416961063.



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Presidents Report – October 2018



At our last meeting, we had our Annual General Meeting where new officers were elected for the 2018/19 year. I thank those who decided to continue in their roles from last year and for those who agreed to take up positions that were vacant. I look forward to working with you and the great year ahead of us.

We now have insurance cover for all of our members. I would like to thank John Turner for all his efforts in securing this for us. We are now covered by insurance whilst at the club or away at events as well.



I would also like to thank John Cossey who demonstrated Multi-axis Spindle Turning to us at the September meeting. His skill and knowledge on the subject was exceptional. Thanks John for your great demonstration and for all your preparations as well.

At the October meeting, we look forward to Phil Tonks visiting us and demonstrating his skills in Dovetail box-making. Join us for a great demonstration.

Barry Robinson and his assistants had a very windy day at the Penrith Anglican College Fete last week. I thank them for their efforts and survival.



The Armistice Centenary project is still moving along well. We are now up to bolting the metal fittings onto the main sculptures, a bit more fibre-glassing and the painting of the poppies. If you can help with any of this, please talk to Mike Boyle. We had a BMCC architect visit us last Thursday to discuss the project. She left suitably impressed by our progress and by how well planned we were. Thank you to Mike and his team for the great work they continue to do. The project is looking good and is on schedule to be finished on time. Well done all!

We are now looking for volunteers to help organise the celebration/event that we will be having on Sunday 11th November once this project is installed in Whitton Park, Glenbrook. If you would like to help organise this by being part of the sub-committee let me or John Mulquin know. The first meeting for this will be Thursday 11 October at 10 am.

We still have a Record mini lathe available for sale if anyone would like to buy it. See Jan Pennell for this. Don't forget my challenge to you to bring something along for 'Show and Tell' at our next meeting.

Keep Turning,
Andy Georgiou



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President's Report for 2017/18

1. The past year has shown me that we have a club which is concerned about people both in and outside the club, that loves to work with wood and teach others their skills, a club which operates efficiently even when the President or other officers are absent and a club that cares for individuals when they need it most.
2. We have a growing club. This year 17 new members joined our club and we now have 65 total members.
3. Over the year we purchased new machinery and equipment which included a table saw, blades and a spanner set. We also purchased a new air conditioner for the machinery room.
4. We are a club that likes to get out and show the community our love for wood-turning. We have been involved in Blue Mountains festivals and school events throughout the year. Led by Mike Boyle and Rhys Jones we challenged ourselves this year with another major project, the Armistice Centenary Memorial Project which will help our local community to appreciate what Blue Mountains people did in war time to secure peace for our country. The project is progressing well and should be finished on time. Well done to all those involved in both the festivals and the Armistice project. You have done very well.
5. Over the year our committee have tried to improve safety in our club. We produced a Safety Policy sheet, made and posted up Machinery Safety Data sheets beside all machines, and training for new and unsure members in the safe operation of machinery is now available through our Workshop Manager, Des Lane.
6. Last year our toy making team successfully led by Tom Fox, made over 200 toys for two of our local charities, Thrive Services and Blue Mountains Community Service. This total has been repeated again this year. Well done to our toy making team.
7. We had some great demonstrations and workshops this year, including Darryl Smith on bowl turning, Jan Pennell on inside/outside and split turning, Mike Boyle on design, Ernie Newman, Brendan Venner and Jan Palmowski on decoration, Allan Game on deep boring and drilling, John Krook produced a lidded box, John Mulquin a turned hat and Catherine Gorrie decorated some hats. We also successfully ran a Workshop weekend with visiting American Derek Weidman, who demonstrated multi-axis turning and carving. This attracted wood-turners from outside our area to come along as well.
8. On behalf of the members I would like to thank the committee and other elected officers for their support, their involvement and for their hard work for the club over the year.



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This is a serious course and Ernie is strict

How about we have a caption contest.
The winning caption shall be posted in the
next issue of Turning Chatter.

For Sale

Hafco lathe, on a stand, variable speed, swivel head, and several
extras and jigs

If interested talk to Jan Pennell

UP COMING EVENTS

Glenbrook Spring Festival	November
Glenbrook Rotary Australia Day Festival	26th Jan 2019
Springwood Foundation Day	28th April 2019
Leura Harvest Festival	May 2019
Penrith Anglican College Fete	September 2019



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SAFE STOOL

by Ernie Newman

"I said make 4 legs the same." George Hatfield who taught the Woodturning Trade Certificate Course said this to a student. The hapless student had shown George 4 legs that had individuality, flair and creative differences. Some students had to turn 5 to get 4 the same and some had to turn a dozen. Charlie Wheelhouse made 5 to get the 4 good ones shown in Photo 1. He is the man! Charlie is doing the long course that I teach on Tuesday mornings and now he has the skills to make a bassinet, a rocking chair and many other furniture items. He would have got to this point more quickly if he hadn't taken a side track and made toys for his kids but that is an excellent detour.



Charlie wheelhouse and Charlie's stool

"In Turning, all Irregularities must be wrought smooth down." Joseph Moxon, 1680,

"One accustomed to these things can tell thirty feet away whether a chair is hand turned or not." Wallace Nutting, 1933.

Charlie's stool has crisp detail that is unmistakable at a distance and it's curves are smooth without flat spots or kinks. More important than this, it is safe, a lot safer than the stool pictured on the cover of American Woodturner. See Photo 2. Charlie's stool has 4 legs. 3 legs are simpler and they guarantee that the stool doesn't wobble but if you perch or stand on a 3-legged stool and your weight isn't precisely centred, you risk a fall.



3-legged stools are not as safe as the 4-legged variety



The holes for stretchers are bored before turning



The jig allows holes to be bored at the correct angles

If you are interested in doing the course, contact Ernie Newman at ernienewman@hotmail.com or Alan on 0416 961 063.



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Committee Meeting Minutes 27th September 2018

Blue Mountains Woodturners

BMWT Committee Meeting: Date: Thursday 27th September 2018
Meeting Commenced. 10.10am at the club rooms

Elected Committee Members September 2018-2019

President..... Andy Georgiou
Vice President..... John Mulquin
Secretary..... John Turner
Membership Secretary..... Rachael Murphy
Treasurer..... Jan Pennell
Publicity Officer..... John Mulquin
Committee Members..... Des Lane
Bill Wooldridge
To be advised

Appointed Officers

Public officer. Tom Fox
Librarian..... John Mulquin & Jan Pennell
Workshop Manager..... Des Lane / Dave Roberts
Editor of Turning Chatter..... Glenn Barker
Webmaster..... Andy Georgiou
Facebook Coordinator..... Andy Georgiou
Safety Officer..... Jan Pennell
Welfare Officer..... – role to be attended by the Committee
First Aid Officers..... Tony Trainer & Jan Pennell
Entry Officer..... Des Tuck (when available)
Club Sales Officer..... Barry Robinson
Catering Officer Committee
Site Manager..... John Mulquin
'Show and Tell' Coordinator..... John Cossey

Previous Minutes: Accepted

Apologies received: Des Lane, Rachel Murphy

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Correspondence: Tom Fox regarding council notification for the Armistice Memorial
Rhys Jones regarding the availability of some timber.
Mike Boyle regarding the unveiling and presentation function of
The armistice project on 11th Nov. 2018 at 11.00 pm a Sunday.
Elizabeth from home school regarding a demonstration by the club

Treasurer's Report:

Combined club funds currently- \$11,617.69 which includes remaining
armistice grant funds of \$2,990.35

Confirmation of submission of the annual report to Dept. Fair Trading... Submitted.

Confirmation of payment for the initial voluntary workers insurance cover for BMWT
members.. The policy is now active for 12 months commenced 5th September.

Membership Report: Financial members are currently 41, registered members is 60.
A request for outstanding membership dues will be made through the "Turning Chatter"
magazine.

Members Welfare:

The welfare of our members is not being generally made known to all members but
being left to those who have a close relationship to our members to offer support
where they think necessary.

Regular Calendar Events:

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| 1. Glenbrook Spring Festival.....(application Submitted) | November 2018 |
| 2. Glenbrook Rotary Australia Day Festival..... | 26th January 2019 |
| 3. Springwood Foundation Day..... | April 2019 |
| 4. Leura Harvest Festival..... | May 2019 |
| 5. Penrith Anglican College fete..... | Sept 2019 |

Future Demonstrations:

6th October Phil Tonks will be presenting his box making skills.

Publicity Report: Preparations are underway for the publicity of our club associated with
the armistice memorial project.

Woodcraft Centre Report / Building Accommodation Report

1. Air conditioner was installed to the workroom, the \$150.00 rebate offered by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries rejected due to the business name under which we operate. Rebate is offered for domestic installations.
2. A loose power point requires to be repaired in the workroom. Barry Robinson has offered his skills to effect those repairs.

General Business:

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. Progress with the Armistice Grant..... The project is in full swing moving to embalming stage with the sculptures being fibreglass encased. Metal supports requiring fabrication, and poppy production requiring ramping up.
Response has been good from the local public schools regarding the time capsule.

- No further advice regarding the progress of the development application for proposed workshop building by "The Men's Shed" has been submitted and is undergoing the approval process. Now being publicly advertised for comments
- The club requires a safety policy. The policy has been prepared and approved by the club and is now in operation.
- The Blacktown Youth College request for a workshop has been withdrawn and BMWT involvement is no longer required.
- The RIV kids request for a 4 hour workshop in the school holidays is now a 1 hour demonstration and will be at a date to be advised in October. There could be up to 30 people in attendance.
- There remains a "record" mini lathe to be offered for sale. Mention to be made in the turning chatter.
- Progress of installation of Wheels to bench in the outdoor shed, wheels have been purchased and held in the tool cupboard, installation to happen after the memorial project.
- **Insurance Cover:**
 - . The voluntary workers accident insurance cover premium has been paid and club members are covered for accidents to the limits specified.

.. New Business

. Defibrillator availability to be investigated for installation in the club rooms if available from government resources.

. The Lawson Fire services accommodation may become available for the Blue Mountains Woodturners to relocate their club room premises to that building as our club rooms. The suitability of the premises and the interest in members to relocate will be raised for discussion at our next meeting. It may be that a few members can form a committee to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of relocating. To be raised at the next meeting.

. The toy distribution charities were again raised as it may now be possible to donate toys to the "drought drive" organisation based at Penrith for distribution through their organisation. More details can be sort through "way out west" facebook page connection.

. The unveiling of the centenary armistice memorial was discussed in relation to an acknowledgement of the project and the input many have made towards the project. Considered the following people be considered and invited to attend a low key presentation on the 11th November 2018 at 11.00am. Sunday.

Susan Templeman.. Federal member,

Department of veterans affairs who provided the grant.

The 2 public schools who are providing items for the time capsule

Local council members including the mayor who have provided the land where the memorial will be install.



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Those companies who have provided services and materials to allow the project to be completed

Equipment necessary to allow the gathering of perhaps 30 people. Public address equipment, seating, shade, and perhaps a morning tea provided by the bowling club. I have spoken to Susan Templemans office and outlined the project to the receptionist (Emily) and she advised there is no current commitment for Mrs Templeman and there is no record of her office to hold any reception or function for the presentation. Her "diary" keeper will not be back until next Tuesday, 2nd October and Kim will respond. Emily has recorded details of our discussion for reference and I expect an email response.

The committee resolved to meet at the clubrooms at 10.00 am on the 11th October to finalise any planning required for the event.

Meeting Closed: 11.10 am





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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: _____

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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Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	4/10/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	6/10/18	Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	11/10/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	13/10/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	18/10/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Thursday	25/10/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	27/10/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm