



Turning Chatter

Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

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

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Mike Darlow

Guest Demonstrator 5th October 2019



Mike learnt to turn at Sydney Tech from George Sutton, John Ewart, and George Hatfield. He then gave up civil engineering and started a woodturning business in 1979 in Chippendale. He later moved it to Alexandria. He employed up to 7 turners and 21 lathes. The business concentrated on hand turn-

ing and specialised in column patterns, bangles, table lamps, and restoration turning, but undertook every type of turning work.

In 1981 Mike wrote the first two of his 200 magazine articles. He also wrote his first book, longhand, in 10 days. The Practice of Woodturning was self-published in 1985. In 1994 the Darlows moved to Exeter. In 1998 Mike self-published the first full-colour woodturning book, The Fundamentals of Woodturning, the first of a series. Later titles were Woodturning Methods, Woodturning Techniques, Woodturning Design and Turned Chessmen. Mike is now working on volumes 6 and 7 in the series. He has also published three DVDs: The Practice of Woodturning, The Taming of the Skew, and Sharpening Woodturning Tools.



Mike believes that these are the best techniques, and that all woodturning teachers should teach them unless they clarify otherwise.

Mike has invented Darlow templates, how to grind convex bevels, and chuck plates. He introduced the term tied-underhand grip.

Mike continues to do some commercial turning, but is focussing on article writing and the two new books. This is the second demonstration he has been asked to do in the last decade.

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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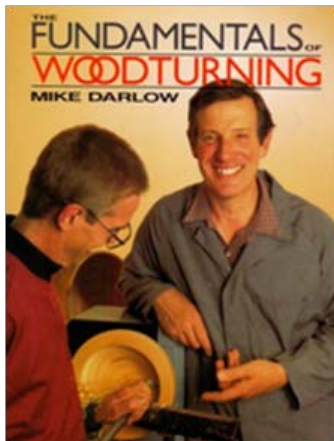
Presidents Report – October 2019



Our Annual General Meeting was held on September 7th and new officers were elected for the 2019/20 year. Bill Wooldridge will be taking over the President's role from me from next month. I have enjoyed being your President over the last two years and I would encourage others to take up this role in future years. Thank you to those who took up new positions and those who decided to continue in their roles from last year. The future of the club is in good hands. I would like to also thank Mike Boyle who chaired the AGM and also followed on afterwards by asking and answering some very important 'Design' questions for us.

At our 2nd Thursday night meeting, on 19th September, John Mulquin taught us how to turn wooden hats. Thanks John, for your efforts and preparations, we had a good night! 23 people were in attendance, similar numbers to our first Thursday night meeting last month.

The Leura Village Fair is coming up on the 12th and 13th October. The club will be holding woodturning demonstrations at the event. This is a great opportunity to showcase our skills and encourage new members. We are in need of volunteers to pack the trailer on Thursday 10th October and we also need helpers to do demonstrations and sell woodturning items at the Fair. See Barry Robinson or Jan Pennell if you can help. Please come along to the Fair and support those who are there on these days.



Our Saturday 5th October meeting will be a special one. Mike Darlow, the author of several woodturning books, is coming to do a morning and an afternoon session on woodturning. Mike is highly regarded for his skill and expertise. Please keep the date free and come along. It should be a great day of woodturning.

Our next Toy Making Day will be on Thursday morning 10th October. Come along and help out if you can.

Don't forget my challenge to you to bring something along for 'Show and Tell' at either or both our morning and/or night meetings.

Keep Turning,
Andy Georgiou



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**Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.
Annual General Meeting of 7th September 2019
Nomination for Election / Appointment of Officers**

President	Bill Wooldridge
Vice President	John Mulquin
Secretary	John Turner
Treasurer	Jan Pennell
Membership Secretary	Vacant
Publicity Officer	John Mulquin
Public Officer	Tom Fox
Committee Members	Clive Lyle Phillip Brien Barry Robinson
Librarian	John Mulquin Jan Pennell
Workshop Managers	Clive Lyle Alan Game
Turning Chatter Editor	Glenn Barker
Webmaster	Andy Georgiou
Facebook Coordinator	Glenn Barker (to be confirmed) <i>Reply: Sorry I'm Not on Facebook</i>
Safety Officers	Jan Pennell
Welfare Officer	By Committee
First Aid Officers	Jan Pennell Tony Traynor
Entry Officer	DesTuck
Club Sales	Barry Robinson
Catering	Barry Robinson
Site Manager	John Mulquin
Show and Tell Coordinator	John Cossey

Many thanks to our returning office Mike Boyle



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Lower Mountains Men's Shed Inc.

ABN: 59 830 419 051

You are invited to attend the

Opening of our New Shed

10:30am on Tuesday 1st October 2019

at

19 Calver Avenue, Mount Riverview, 2774

Professor John McDonald,
Patron of the Australian Men's Shed Association will open the Shed.

You are also invited to join us for a traditional
Men's Shed BBQ
following the opening ceremony.

To help us in catering please **RSVP** by **26 September**.

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Future Demonstrations

Mike Darlow
Ernie Newman
Christmas Party and Meeting
and Toy Presentation to charity

5th October 2019
2nd November 2019
7th December 2019

UP COMING EVENTS

Laura Village Fair
Glenbrook Spring Festival
Glenbrook Rotary Day
Penrith Library Display
Springwood Foundation Day
Leura Harvest Festival
Penrith Anglican Collage Fete

12 & 13th October 2019
9th November 2019
26th January 2020
March 2020
April 2020
May 2020
2nd September 2020



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Outgoing Committee

- 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
- Public Officer** - Tom Fox
Librarians - John Mulquin, Jan Pennell
Workshop Manager - Des Lane, Dave Roberts
Editor 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 Admission Officer - Des Tuck (when available)
Club Sales Officer - Barry Robinson
Catering Officer - Committee
BMWC Site Manager - John Mulquin
Show & Tell Coordinator - John Cossey

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Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	03/10/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	05/10/19	Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	10/10/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	12/10/19	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	17/10/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Thursday	24/10/19	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	26/10/19	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00