



Turning Chatter

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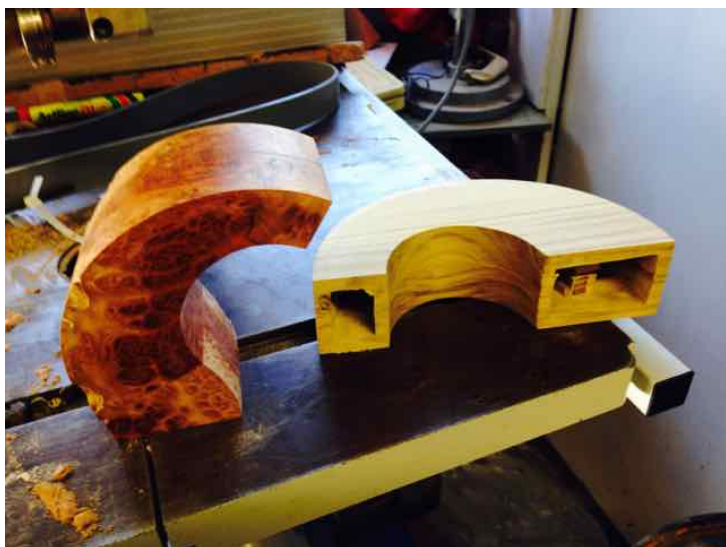
August 2017

August Meeting

The next meeting is on Saturday the 5th of August at the Clubhouse at 19 Calver Avenue Mt Riverview from 10am.



John Cossey will be our demonstrator at the next meeting. John, most recently seen on Channel 9's Australian Ninja, will be showing is how to make items like these, so come along and enjoy the demo.



Committee Meetings

Held the Thursday prior to the monthly meeting.

Open Days

The Club House is open every Thursday from 10am. Come along and chat, turn, or work on your own project.

Next Toy Making Day is on Thursday the 17th of August. Come along and lend a hand.

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 2 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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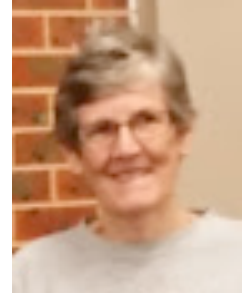
Image top centre "Harmony on two axes", by Barbara Dill



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The President's Monthly Report

July Demo. Big thanks to Brendon Venner for another excellent demonstration. I have received several very positive comments from people including how much they learned and enjoyed it. I'm very sorry I missed it (due to a health problem).



July Demo. John Cossey will be our demonstrator for August. He will be doing the type of work that David Springiest does in his book 'Woodturning Evolution'. He has shown some of these in show and tell so it will be very interesting to see it done.

Workshop. Merv Spindler has kindly offered to run a workshop on welding. There is a very limited number of welders and welding gear available but we may be able to help in advising where some necessary items can be borrowed. Essential items are (obviously) a welder, welding face shield, long leather gloves, chip hammer, wire brush, work shoes or boots and metal to practice on. There will be a maximum number of people to attend so it will be first in gets a slot. It is likely to be on Saturday 19 August – to be confirmed – and will go from 9am for 2 or 3 hours. Names to me please.

The Next Toy Day. This will be on Thurs. 17 August. Come along and join the fun. The collection is going well so help to make it grow.

Be safe, be happy, be careful, Jan

Testing the Grey Matter, by Ernie Newman

1. Will all species of wood fade to just one colour if continuously exposed to rain?
2. Is it possible to turn spheres by hand and eye [without pivoting cutters, controlled feed or computers] which are true enough to use successfully for billiards?
3. An eggcup may be turned from wood held in a scroll chuck [eg a Nova chuck], a cupchuck or a screwchuck [with a single, central, projecting screw]. Which method is most likely to fail?
4. Who said, 'Cut wood the way it wants to be cut': Frank Pain, Joh Bjelke Peterson or Lyndon Baines Johnson?



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Photographic Lightbox by Glenn Barker

Taking photographs is simple ... taking a well illuminated photograph can get complex. Harsh shadows, over-bright highlight, too many things in the background, the list goes on.

Traditionally in a studio I would set up a main light using a softbox light source to diffuse the light, eliminating a lot of wrinkles and crows feet in a portrait. Then I would add a fill light off the opposite side to help a bit more, generally 2-3 stops down in intensity and sometimes more depending on the subject and the effect I am looking for. Next is a hair light aimed at the back of the head to lift the subject off the background, baffles or barn doors are used to stop the hair light flaring into the cameras lens.

I don't know about you, but I don't have access to thousands of dollars of equipment, lighting, background rolls, etc, let alone a studio bigger than the building that the club meets in.

If you are photographing smaller items and want a quick easy setup then have a look at the humble light tent.



This little 26cm pouch contains a folding light tent that opens to 55cm x 55 cm x 68 cm high and came with white, black and red backgrounds, I have also add some additional background colours.



It's simple to use, just remove it from the pouch and open it up, place outside in indirect or direct sun or use lamps as a light source (make sure you select the correct light source in your camera settings). Then secure the coloured background to the velcro inside, add the front door that has a slit in it for the camera lens to poke through and take your photographs.

The idea of a light tent is to give very even lighting to a subject cutting out harsh shadows. I purchased mine from eBay years ago.



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Annual General Meeting on 2nd September 2017

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc. will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 2nd September 2017 at 19 Calver Avenue Mt Riverview. The agenda of business to be carried out will include the receipt of reports, the awarding of the Ken Pickering Award, and the election of Committee Members for the 2017/2018 year.

The election will be by members present **and financial** at the start of the meeting. Nominations for positions will be called for from the floor, however members unable to attend the meeting but wishing to nominate for a position can do so by passing their nomination, supported by a seconder, to the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

A membership renewal form is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Mike Boyle

Secretary

Club Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	3/08/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	5/08/17	General Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	10/08/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	12/08/17	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	17/08/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Thursday	24/08/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
		Committee Meeting	10.00-11.00am
Saturday	26/08/17	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	31/08/17	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	2/09/17	Annual General Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Every Tuesday		Woodturning Lessons	9.00-2.00



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Toy-making Day – 6th July 2017

The turnout barely made double figures for Toy Day on 6th July 2017. (Serves 'em right of course for scheduling an event in School Holidays, when everybody is flat out).

Despite the limited attendance, there was plenty of activity. Lots of wheels were made ready to fit up the stock of items awaiting mobilisation. Quite a few toy cars and skipping ropes were completed. More car bodies, knitting nancies and skipping rope handles were turned while more pull-along animal profiles were sawn out. And, as ever there was plenty of painting done (and there is more to do next time).

The next Toy- Making Day will be on Thursday 17th August 2017.

For further information, contact Tom Fox on 0427 417 060.



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Answers to testing the grey matter...

1. According to Keith Bootle, author of Wood in Australia, all species of wood fade to grey when continuously exposed to rain.
2. Billiards was played with hand turned balls for centuries. When diameters vary by no more than 0.2mm [8 thousandths of an inch] all over a sphere it will run true, at least it will on my father's home made billiard table.
3. An eggcup may be held very securely in a scroll chuck such as a Nova chuck or in a cupchuck. A screwchuck [with a single, central, projecting screw] would be more likely to fail because screwchucks are designed to hold sidegrain wood where the grain runs across the lathe bed. An eggcup is generally made from wood with the grain running along the lathe bed so the screw has little holding power.
4. Englishman Frank Pain used the expression, 'Cut wood the way it wants to be cut', in his 1953 classic, The Practical Woodturner, a book which is packed with useful tips and droll humour.

If you have something to sell you can advertise it here. Simply email a description, photo, price and contact details to catherinegorrie@gmail.com for inclusion in the next issue



**Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.
Membership Application / Renewal**

Membership No: _____ Membership Fee Payable: \$_____

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

New Applicants Only

Membership Type: Member Junior Member (under 18 years of age)

Joining Fee Paid: \$ 5.00 payable \$_____.

We, the undersigned, as members of this association, nominate and second this application for membership of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

Nominated by: _____ Membership No: _____

Signed _____

Seconded by: _____ Membership No: _____

Signed: _____

(Junior Memberships Only)

As parent/guardian of the above applicant, I consent to this application for Junior Membership of Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

Print Name: _____ Signed: _____