



Turning Chatter

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February Meeting

The demo at the meeting in February will cover the aspect of "Design". Both Mike and Jan will discuss and display various design attributes and techniques. Certainly not a session to be missed. Merv Spindler will also demonstrate welding techniques in woodworking.

Mike and Rhys will provide an update on the Armistice Grand application which has been approved by Sue Templeman. The next phase is to formulate our application to meet the requirements of the Dept of Veteran Affairs. Also they will go over the list of tasks to be commenced ASAP in readiness for the start of the project.

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 8th February. Tom will be away so it will be managed by Klaus

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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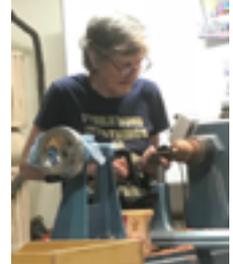


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President's Report February 2018

If you were away for the January meeting, then welcome back for a great year of Woodturning. At our January meeting, Jan Pennell demonstrated a range of woodturning techniques including, inside-outside turning, split turning and deep hollowing. It is always good seeing Jan's creativity and expertise. Thanks Jan for all your preparation and great demonstrations.



Thank you also to Mike Boyle, who presented a model of our Armistice Centenary Grant project, including how light will shine on it on the day. Thanks also to Rhys Jones and all the members of the sub-committee for all your input. It's looking great.



We also had a great day last Friday at Glenbrook Park for Australia Day. We made a lot of sales and there was great public interest in the club as well.



Thanks to all who helped out with the long hot day of woodturning demonstrations and sales. We really appreciate it. Don't forget my challenge to you, to make something each month, and bring it to Show and Tell. Here are the winners from last year. Catherine Gorrie, first, and, Brian Smith and Dick Turner on equal second.



Well done to all who participated in 2017. On behalf of the club, I would like to make a special mention and big thank you to Alan Game who has put in a great effort for the club in not only making a wheeled frame for moving the Jet lathes, but he has also recently made a trolley stand for the smaller Vicmarc Lathe. Thank you again Alan and well done. The club has now purchased a chainsaw and slabbing frame from Colin Hyndes, and we are still pursuing new air conditioners for the Centre as well.

Coming Events:

- February Meeting (Sat 3rd Feb)
Mike Boyle and Jan Pennell will be demonstrating parts of the Armistice Centenary Grant project to us, and, Merv Spindler will be instructing us on Welding techniques as well.
- Toy Making Day (Thu 8th Feb)
Our first Toy Making Day for the year will be on Thurs 8th February. Klaus Pohl has agreed to co-ordinate this group while Tom Fox is away. Please let Klaus know if you would like to be involved.
- March Meeting (Sat 3rd March)
Ernie Newman and Brendan Venner will be demonstrating.

Keep turning, Andy



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Woodturners to the Rescue

Just before Christmas the local Men's Shed approached us for some advice and a request to do some turning for them. They had been engaged to construct a pedestrian bridge at Glenbrook Park, and required four 150mm diameter 2.2m long ironbark poles to be reduced at the ends so that they could be fitted into metal pipes.



We agreed to take on the work and a number of the Thursday group met the Men's Shed three Tuesdays ago to discuss their requirements and work out how what was required. Five hours later we had completed one pole. It looked like we were going to have trouble meeting their timetable by the end of January.

The next Thursday we assembled again, and in four hours had finished to remaining three. Job accomplished! Lots of lessons learned. It is surprising that when you know what you are doing, the impossible is relatively easy,

It was great experience turning long timber on the Big Lathe, and understanding its capacity. It was good practice for our Armistice Day project.



The Men's Shed members were very impressed and a number of them expressed interest in doing some turning themselves. Under the guidance and tuition from the Blue Tongued Turner, some of them had a go then decided to let the experts finish.



Barry's shop now has a new line in stock for sale, and is an accessory every woodturner aspiring to dizzy heights must have. They come in varying sizes and colours, but supply is limited so get in quickly!



Mike



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Armistice Day Centenary Memorial Grant

We are pleased to advise that our application for a grant has passed the initial assessment by Sue Templeman's office. We have now been asked to review our application and prepare a submission to go to the Dept of Veteran Affairs. This will be done within the next week and will be reviewed by our committee before being despatched.

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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Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	3/02/18	Meeting	10.00am Onwards
Thursday	8/02/18	Open Day	9.00am Onwards
Saturday	10/02/18	Woodturning Lessons	10.00am - 12.00
Thursday	15/02/18	Open Day	
Saturday	24/02/18	Woodturning Lessons	9.00-12.00
Thursday	22/02/18	Open Day	
Every Tuesday	_____	Woodturning Lessons	9.00am to 3pm

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You are invited to our next exhibition, *Chatoyance, new work by Studio Woodworkers Australia.*

Opening on **Sunday 18 February at 11am** with special guest, Richard Munao, Founder of Cult Design - the exhibition opening will be a part of our annual Tools & Techniques Weekend (17 & 18 February) held in the Sturt School for Wood.

“Chatoyance” is an exhibition of collaborations and mentorships - with emerging makers paired with accredited SWA members to work collaboratively to design and make a new piece of furniture. The exhibition will run from 18 February to 8 April 2018.

Follow the link for more information.



TOOLS & TECHNIQUES WEEKEND

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 February 2018 – 10am to 4pm.

Sturt's signature annual woodworking event features displays, sales and demonstrations by Australia's finest tool and furniture makers. FREE admission and parking. Food and drink on site.

Follow the link for more information.



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Santa doing the rounds at the Christmas Party

SHED PROFILES

I'm still waiting for a volunteer to allow me to invade their "Man Cave/She Shed". Don't be shy, it won't hurt a bit. If you are inclined just let me know at the meeting.

Rhys