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President's View

Welcome back! I hope all members had a safe and enjoyable Xmas and New Year. The year has started well with great attendance and interest to our first meetings. Thanks to George for his mushroom box workshop, Tim for sharing his knowledge of finishing (with many valuable tips) and Bill for his supervision and support of week 2 each month.

To support our new members we have devised an induction program where 'newbies' are assigned a buddy on their first attendance and taken through a basic induction process (complete with a corresponding checklist). The aim of this is to ensure all new members have received the same information, orientation, and give access to an initial 'go to' person This will provide a basis for these members to be able to engage safely in our full program.

This process contains a physical tour and site orientation checklist. As part of this induction there is an introduction to the lathe covering some basic techniques, tools and safety necessary to access our demonstrations. This is dependent on the new member's previous experience. As part of George's week 3 Program discussions, it was suggested that two lathes could be primarily reserved to new members, if required, to allow this support to occur. Thank you to those that have already volunteered, and if there are any suggestions or you wish to be added as a volunteer please approach any NT Committee member.

The new AV system has been used recently and provides excellent visual access to our demonstrations. Further refinements are now being undertaken, including the provision of a monitor for the demonstrator to access the camera view and provision of lighting to enhance the image in the shadow areas.

Our thanks again to Mick & Leith, for finding a space to accommodate the TV and Tripod (in our very limited storage space) and their ongoing support in setting up, packing away and tool maintenance.

The General Meeting on Sat Jan 23rd saw the members approve the raising of attendance fees from \$4 to \$5 per meeting. This increase has become necessary due to the increase in rent from Golden Grove High School over the last 2 years. We thank you for your support and understanding on this issue.

Many members have already provided consent for publication of images through our MEMBER WORKS RELEASE FORM. If you have not signed this form please ask for it at your next club meeting attendance, or respond to a shortly to be released email format.

On behalf of the NT I wish to extend our sympathy and condolences to David Rose in the passing of his wife Gloria. Our thoughts are with you at this time.

George & Ron are publishing a program for week 3 meetings and I wish to thank them for their ongoing support.

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Saturday 16th January—3rd Saturday

For the first 3rd Saturday of the year, George Pastuch demonstrated his way of making mushroom boxes. A few turners took up the challenge and started making their own mushroom boxes.



A quick meeting was held to discuss the topics for the coming year. The list will be forwarded in due course.

Next month will be making goblets demonstrated by Ron Allen.

George Pastuch

4th Saturday in January

The morning started as usual with the official meeting. This was followed by a talk and demonstration by Tim Skilton regarding his method of finishing his pieces.

Show and Tell was conducted over lunch. It should be noted there were a few mushroom boxes by people from the previous Saturday.

George Pastuch



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We do need all members to please consider if they are able to provide some ideas, demonstrate, or obtain a suitable trade or guest speaker to support our week 4 program that usually follows our General Meeting. These are usually demonstration rather than workshop based. If you are able to facilitate a presenter or demonstrate, please contact any Committee member as soon as possible.

Just a reminder to please contribute to the exhibitions planned for this year for the valuable experience and possible sale of some of your turnings. The Exhibition Committee do a great job in organising these events. Also a mention of the Merry Month of May workshop facilitated by the Southern Turners details have been forwarded to your email address

Lindsay Winen
President Northern turners

Minutes of Northern Turners General Meeting - Jan.23 2016

The General Meeting started at 10:15am

Apologies: T.Smeaton

Attendees: 57 members

Business of the day

Treasurers Report:

The treasurer reported a balance of \$14650 at the end of 2015.

He also told members that the committee had agreed to an increase in the meeting attendance fees to \$5.00 per meeting to cover the increased costs of rental, noting that the fees had not changes for at least 7 years.

Correspondence

Information about an upcoming exhibition at the Port Adelaide Arts Centre was tabled.

General Business

President told members that he had prepared a member release form to get approval to publish pictures of members works and asked members to sign it if they agreed.

Members were told that a draft of an induction checklist has been prepared and asked members who would volunteer to mentor new members to see him during the meeting.

Leith Davidson and Mick Adley were thanked for their hard work in setting up the equipment and putting it away each week. Lindsay asked for a couple of volunteers to fill in for Leith and Mick as needed.

Any members who were willing to do a demonstration were asked to see Lindsay during the meeting.

A new book had been purchased for the library and the committee has agreed to purchase two Binh Pho DVDs

Bill Elliott said that there would be five exhibitions this year and that one is coming up in April. Members were encouraged to get busy preparing for these exhibitions.

Ron Allen reminded members that the Burnside exhibition ends on Jan. 28 and that pieces were to be picked up between 9:00 and 11:00 on Friday Jan.29. He also mentioned that we would probably be have an exhibit at the Stitches and Craft show in May.

The Woodgroup SA president, John Tillack reminded members of the Merry Month of May, being held at Aberfoyle Park High School on Apr.30 and May 1.

Demonstration

Tim Skilton presented his method of finishing, pointing out that this is the method he has used for about 25 years.

He also made the point that there are probably as many opinions on finishing as there are woodturners, but that this method works for him.

A handout was provided to reinforce the demonstration

Show & Tell

Show & Tell was conducted by Bob Bauze

Jake Jacobs brought in a number of glass candle holders and said they were to be incorporated in some turned item for the next meeting. He also showed a couple of mushrooms finished in beeswax and a bowl which came off the lathe (as the result of a catch) and badly cut his hand.

David Hough also showed a mushroom (as a result of the previous week's meeting) from Queensland box and a bowl from camphor laurel.

Tim Skilton had a platter and two bowls from waddy wood, gidgee and mulga, noting how well the hard desert timbers take a finish.

Aubrey Barrott made a potpourri he copied from a ceramic one.

Mick Richer showed a mushroom from myall.

Bill Elliott had a variation of Neil Scobie's three-sided vessel with aluminium legs and a pendant from red morrel with stainless steel powder fill.

Robert Narcisi showed a cheeseboard made from New Guinea Rosewood and kauri pine.

Anne Kerr brought a variation of Neil Scobie's seed pod in sassafras.

Gordon Best showed a "date" palm calendar.

Brian Milhench brought a trinket box with a small inlaid map of Australia out of silver birch.

The halo was awarded to Aubrey Barrott.

NORTHERN TURNERS PROGRAMME

AT ALL MEETINGS, MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET ON WITH THEIR OWN ONGOING PROJECTS OR TRY OUT THINGS FROM THE DEMO – USE THE LATHES!

	<u>ACTIVITY / DEMONSTRATION</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>	<u>Material needed.</u> You are encouraged to bring your own.
FEB 13th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
FEB 20th	Goblets	Ron Allen	Show & Tell - Mushrooms
FEB 27th	TBA		
MAR 12th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
MAR 19th	TBA	Ron Allen	Show & Tell—Goblets
MAR 26th	TBA		
APRIL 9th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
APRIL 16th	TBA	Ron Allen	
APRIL 23rd	TBA		

FROM THE LIBRARY

I would like to advise members of the new book which has just been purchased for our library. While "A Lesson Plan for Wood Turning" is mainly aimed at the beginner it would prove a valuable refresher course for the more experience turner. The lessons start by listing basic tools and accessories, and carry on through various activities between centres and faceplate work, including simple projects. It concludes with a chapter on finishing and a few tips on lathe maintenance. The text is easy to follow and the illustrations are very clear. Definitely recommended reading.

MEMBER DISCOUNT OFFERS

As the owner operator of Express Ink and Toner I would be pleased to offer all registered members of the Northern Turners, inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges, printers and paper products at Wholesale prices. This will apply to personal and club use.

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