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President's View

Another very busy and challenging month at Northern Turners. I would again like to thank those that attended John's funeral or passed on their sympathies. John's sons, Jason & Paul, requested donations to Northern Turners instead of floral tributes, this raised \$587.

Jason & Paul Girdler have sent a heartfelt thank you to the club and role it played in their father's life (see the attached scan of their card). Their generosity was further extended with a request that Northern Turners appropriately dispose of John's tools, equipment and wood, with NT to be the

benefactors. From this action the club has retained the Woodfast M305X variable speed lathe, Dust extraction unit, & lathe turning tools. Thanks to Graham, Bill & Tony everything was catalogued, valued and subsequently sold to club members with all proceeds returning to the club.

These events have resulted in a donation of goods and cash of over \$5000. The final amount will be included in Robert's next financial report. This was made possible with the exceptional and selfless efforts of Tony Davies, Bill Elliot, & Graham Reid.

A purchase of Woodfast lathe tools, will be committed, along with John's lathe tools, to supporting our new members induction program with the two dedicated lathes. Every member accessing these tools will benefit from John's bequest. It will now involve some considerable deliberation to honour this contribution in a fitting way, deciding on how best to direct these funds and acknowledge John's involvement and generosity of his family in this legacy. If you have suggestions please direct them to any member of the committee.

Other developments include Graham Reid submitting a proposal to NT Committee for financial support to manufacture screens for our lathes when demonstrating. These have been manufactured and will be trialed at Stitches & Things show in May, and go a long way to concealing the untidiness below our lathes. With a printed club logo attached this will present a professional image to the public. Thanks again Graham! New table cloths have also been purchased to update our displays in exhibitions, thanks to Glen Kutchen & Bill Elliot for their organisation.

An Audio Visual display, using our television and tripod will be deployed at the Stitches & Things exhibition in May. This is made possible through Ron Young's tireless and comprehensive photographic documentation of our club meetings, exhibitions, demonstrations and pieces of work. Ron is providing a USB drive full of images that can be displayed as a slide show behind our exhibition, or live demonstrations. Ron is a regular contributor to all of our newsletters and I was remiss in not acknowledging Ron's images in last month's newsletter. Thanks again for your input, images and ongoing support for the club Ron this visual documentation is most important in our social

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Northern Turners Committee

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Your Northern Turners

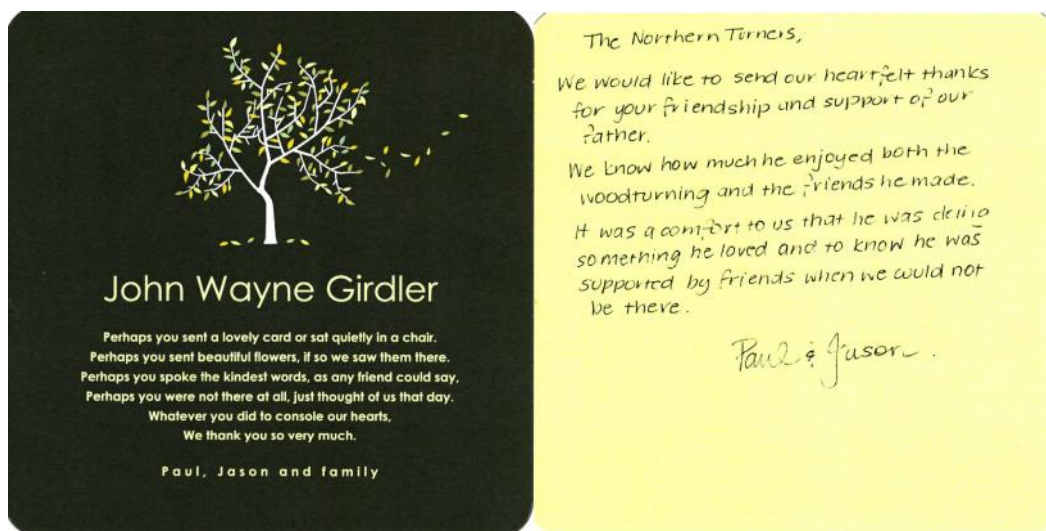
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- *Teaching Skills*
- *Providing Support*

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history, development, member support and acknowledgement.

Social media: Facebook, website, online surveys, emails, images etc. All of these play a vital role in informing our members & the public of our club activities, core business and profile. This was an important aspect of our recent submission to TTG Council, that we respond to social change and support our members to connect and develop fulfilling lifestyle choices. Thanks to Gordon for his very recent update of our website. Our Facebook page on occasion looks a little tired and needs fresh, constant updating. If you believe you would like to assist Gordon, Jake or myself with becoming an approved administrator please approach anyone of us, as we would really appreciate some fresh input. Many thanks again to our Week 3 and 4 organizers Ron Allen, George Pastuch & Bill Elliot, for a very successful month

Lindsay Winen President Northern Turners



3rd Saturday 16th April

George provided a comprehensive & comprehensive demonstration as well as a procedure sheet on needle cases and inspired many members to have a go. A large range of bracelets were exhibited at 'Show and Tell' and again revealed our members ingenuity with some turners taking up the monthly challenge, finding information from 'You Tube' or other sources and giving it a go. Well done!

Lindsay Winen



Some of our members making needle cases

4th Saturday 23rd April

Mission Impossible:

Bill designed a very challenging, rewarding and enjoyable challenge to produce an item, in a team with members of varying experience that best fulfilled the brief. The results were varied and again the NT's ingenuity came to the fore.

The Brief (for up to 8 teams)

Mission Impossible : Your mission should you choose to accept it!

Create a work of art or a functional object , such as a child's toy, adult's toy, or any thing your wild imagination can conjure up.

You will receive a Goody Bag Containing

Timber: 1 long, 1 medium 1 short (42 square pine) which may be cut into lengths to suit your creation.

3 x Copper Wire

3 x Bamboo Skewers

Rules: that must be obeyed .

All pieces must in some way be joined.

Only one piece may touch the ground,.

All timber must be turned in some way.

Bribery. All offers will be considered.

Judging:

Points will be awarded in the following manner.

1 point if the skewers are used.

1 point if the wire is used.

1 point for each timber piece used.

Up to 10 points for that WOW factor.

Up to 10 points for ingenuity

Up to 10 points for finish.

Persons not in a team may act as covert spies for other teams or spread propaganda .

These instructions will self destruct in 5 seconds if not they can be used as note paper to plan your masterpiece.

This led to a most relaxed and fun activity with novice to experienced turners and many covert spies circulating between the camps. A great sharing of ideas, solutions, borrowing of equipment, and cheating delivered some most ingenious results. The all girl team won by one point with their Caterpillar, narrowly edging out the Solar System. Bill commended all five teams on their interpretations and involvement of all members. Thanks again Bill for planning such a great event and congratulations to the winning combination of Jan, Flora, Vanda and Chris.

Lindsay Winen

Promoting Northern Turners

Last Saturday the committee approved the concept of setting up a group to improve promotion of Northern Turners to the wider community through static displays in local libraries. This is seen as one of several measures to combat our 'best kept secret' tag and is expected to increase community awareness of the club, increase awareness of the beauty and availability of high class woodturnings in the northern area, and to help publicise our exhibitions and demonstrations.

The group will need to plan and manage the displays, obtain suitable items on loan from members, negotiate with Councils, design attractive documentation, and set up and take down the displays. This is a new venture and needs members with some flair and imagination who can present the club to the public in a professional manner. Remuneration will be the same as for other club positions and will include considerable satisfaction for a job well done.

This is an exciting opportunity for the right members. Several positions are available. It could just be your chance to serve your club in a new way. Call now and beat the rush! If you really can't spare the time yourself, perhaps you could nominate another member who you needs a new job and would do it well.

All applications will be welcome. **Call Gordon Best on 8263 4820** for further information or to do someone in.

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.
May 5th to 7th	Stiches & Craft Fair at Wayville.		NT will be demonstrating and will have a gallery
May 14th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
MAY 21st	TBA	Ron Allen	
MAY 28th	Big Morning Tea and demo of Woodfast Pattern Mill		Members were asked to donate some timber or produce for sale, with proceeds to go towards the Cancer Council.
JUNE 11th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
JUNE 18th	TBA	Ron Allen	
JUNE 25th	Basic First Aid session (Red Cross) and Lathe Maintenance (Mick Adley)		
JULY 9th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
JULY 16th	TBA	Ron Allen	
JULY 23rd	jewellery	TBA	

EDITOR'S NOTE

In an effort the Newsletter to a reasonable size as some members have commented that large files cause a problem, I have kept 2 articles for next month. (Jake's story and the wood collecting trip)

Please do not stop sending articles as there are times when I have nothing.

In addition. I have included in the email a PDF copy of the needle box plans from last months demonstration.

George Pastuch