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Combined Annual Report and the Presidents View October 2016

In reflection NT has enjoyed a very successful year with some major milestones

It began with a **Neil Scobie Workshop** (Nov 6 & 7) which well organized, informative & professionally delivered. One of the last workshops Neil delivered as he passed away earlier this year. A great wood turner, internationally respected who was always learning & improving, he will be sorely missed.

We have utilized our new **AV display**, which supports access to the inner workings of woodturning. This purchase was supported by a Dick Pillar bequeath from his family (recently acknowledged through a letter sent to his family). The **Dick Pillar perpetual trophy** returned by Anne Kerr, & fittingly awarded to Graham Reed in recognition of his untiring contributions to the club



Our journey into current technology is evolving steadily through the launch of a **Facebook** page supported by a Media Policy and Members Work Release Form and **Online surveys** such as Exhibition & contact information update with a supporting Privacy Policy (drafted by Wim)

As our club demographic changes, in response to the continued arrival of **new members** we have initiated an **Induction program** including orientation & documented process, the allocation of **2 sets of club tools** for the new turners to use, the **allocation of 2 lathes** for learners each week and the successful submission to **Tea Tree Gully Council Smarty grant** for 2 new lathes (\$2940 recently arrived)



The **passing of John Girdler** a passionate turner was honoured with a significant number of our membership attending his funeral. The impact of NTs on his life was warmly reflected upon by his sons Jason & Paul. The sons generously bequeathed his machinery, equipment & stock resulting in a lathe & dust extraction for club and raising approximately \$3800 in cash. The Committee in response, acknowledged a special funding line for

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Northern Turners Committee

President	Lindsay Winen
Secretary / Correspondence	Dale Starr
Treasurer	Robert Edge
Vice President	Jan Beare
Member	Bill Elliot
Member	Glenn Kutchen
Member	Fred McCann
Member	Jake Jacobs

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- *Encouraging Individualism*
- *Fostering Creativity*
- *Teaching Skills*
- *Providing Support*

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the purchase of new equipment & initiatives that directly benefits all club members. So far purchases approved include:

- new set of Woodfast turning tools
- Pro Edge Grinder
- Mobile stands, castors & toolboxes for new lathes
- Square: Paywave device for Credit transactions

His family have received acknowledgement of this initiative through a letter, including photographs, of the use of this equipment & the engraved plaques attached to the machinery

I would like to personally acknowledge club members & committees that have supported Northern turners Program delivery:

Week 2:

Bill Elliot for his constant supervision and facilitation (until his recent ill health from which he is now recovering)

Anne Kerr new initiative of small groups with Barley twists (3 times)

George & Tim for stepping in

Week 3

George Pastuch & Ron Allen for a well organized program including, resin embedding, eggs, thin stemmed goblets, edge decoration etc.

Week 4:

A variety of events including:

Finishing techniques (Tim Skilton), Holding techniques (Anne Kerr, Roger Humphris & colleagues) Fruit Making (Brian Purcell & Roger Humphris), Jake Jacobs off centre magic wands, Woodfast Pattern Mill, First Aid in the workshop (Katie), Lathe maintenance (Mick Adler)

The BIGGEST MORNING TEA which raised \$970 organised by Jan Beare

Two team competitions MISSION IMPOSSIBLE & THE GREAT BALANCING ACT

There has been an excellent rate of participation and success by **Northern Turners in Exhibitions:**

WoodgroupSA Burnside November to January

WoodgroupSA Crafts & stitches most successful financially

MBA Building Home Show July 17-19

HOME Show October 7-9

Port Adelaide; October 1st to 16th

These events were staged & mounted professionally and I wish to give special thanks to the Exhibition Committee (Graham Reed, Tony Davies, Paul Beebee, Greg Jackson, Dave Gilland, George Pastuch)

During the year new stands, signage, table covers (consistent colour & mounting) helped to provide a very professional look to our exhibitions. It is very pleasing to know that NT could stage 2 exhibitions at once with more than 580 exhibits of professional quality.

Many thanks to Gordon Best (**Publicity Committee**) for the web page maintenance, magazine articles & council promotions, as well as Ron Young for capturing the visual history of Northern Turners & documentation of our Show & Tell. Thanks also to George Pastuch & contributors for the publication of the **newsletter**.

The collegiate **sharing & donating of resources** is quite amazing and reflects the real 'community' ethic of our club through actions such as:

Broughton willow collection in May (Graham, Tony etc)

John Girdlers timber collection

The individual cuttings bought in by members eg Dave Kleinig, Jake Jacobs, Dave Hough, John Colledge, ...)

The organization of Holm Oak by Jan Beare

Response by community members through Facebook

Emails distributed by Dale Starr...etc.

Setting up & Maintenance:

Mick Adley & Leith Davidson have both stood down after many years of support from the routine setting up and maintenance and done a terrific job in helping to make a smooth transition for the new team.

The members of the **NT Committee** I wish to thank for their leadership & guidance over the past year especially

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coping with the many changers that have taken place.

Of special note :

Dale Starr for his organization & regular, rapid communication

Robert Edge as treasurer who created from scratch a database for finances as well as club records (CBA Certificate of recognition) now moving to electronic transfer & new account

Retiring members Bill Elliot & Jan Beare for their support, direction & ideas

Jake Jacobs, Glenn Kutchen & Fred McCann for their ongoing time & commitment

Future directions: where to from here & new initiatives

Golden Grove High School has been very supportive in finding more storage space, that is waiting on weather proofing.

The program alteration of week 2 of each month has a focus on new turners only, for limited numbers & a structured course with 5-6 lathes set aside. Thanks to Bill Elliot for the proposal & mechanism.

The HALO as recognition of turner's work is very successful and the Committee has endorsed a supplemental process that acknowledges other achievements. A secret vote by attending members at meeting of week 4 Show & Tell with your preference of best work (for whatever reason) is collected and aggregate score at the end of the year decides on position 1, 2 & 3. This system is currently under development

The investigation of the feasibility and impact of alternate premises is underway including: costings, logistics, impact on membership, improved access, models of resource use, equipment levels etc...

The future of WOODGROUPSA, after their AGM and the flow on effects to the Northern Turners. Thanks to George Pastuch & Ron Allen on keeping the Committee well informed and relaying our position and feedback

Thanks to all Club members for your engagement in our program. I look forward to seeing you at our breakup BBQ on the 26th November

Lindsay Winen
President

3rd Saturday 15th October

The third Saturday demonstration was conducted by George Pastuch. The topic of the day was resin filled objects. George first discussed a brief history of resin filling starting with Brendon Stemp, picked up by Graham Reed, Ron Allen and then onto more Northern Turners. This was followed by a further discussion on some of the uses resin has been used with some examples of finished work and some in process.

The demonstration was in two parts, finishing off a previously filled box lid. Much help was forwarded by the audience with a successful result. The second part was mixing and pouring. There were several comments on measurement of the two parts by either weight or volume. George does it by weight as per Brendon Stemp which is easier than trying to measure by volume. In addition, the removal of bubbles within the resin was highlighted with a mist spray of mentholated spirits.

As it takes approx 24 hours to skin the poured articles were left in the storage to be picked up the following week.



Examples of work in process—before turning, sanding & polishing

4th Saturday 22nd October.

The demonstration was by Ron Allen who went through the process of making a pair of egg holders inside a hollow wooden egg.



1. Prepare a drawing to scale (on page 6). Make a jig for the inside of the hollow egg.
2. Mount a piece of timber 60mm dia x 90mm long between centres and turn a tenon to fit the jaws of your scroll chuck.
3. Mount the piece into your scroll chuck and turn round to a diameter of 50mm.
4. Start the hollowing out of one side of the egg by drilling to your designated depth (this will depend on the type of drill you use).

Remember that Forstner bits leave a square edge and you do not want to go deeper than the template.

5. Finish hollowing out the inside of the egg half. Ron used a small scraper for this part. Check the process against the jig previously mentioned.

6. Sand the inside .

7. Turn a small rebate inside of the edge for the join of the other half of the egg.

8. Mark of the length of the egg on the outside. Check against depth of the inside. Use a parting tool to cut a wide channel to designate the length and to provide enough clearance for turning the outside and parting off.



9. Using a detail gouge shape the outside of the egg half. Leave approx 10 to 12mm at the at the base off the egg half. Sand the outside.



Drill a hole through the centre of the egg. Beware not to go too deep and drill into the jaws of the chuck. Ron used a 9.5mm drill bit.

Finish off by parting off the egg half, ensuring that the shape of the egg is continued.. This is done with a detail gouge.

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10. With the second piece and repeat steps 3 to 6

11. Turn a rebate on the outside and size as a tight fit for the completed egg half. While the egg is assembled, sand the joint to ensure both are the same diameter



12. Finish off the egg half by repeating steps 8 and 9. 13. Place the last piece of timber 65mm dia x 130mm long between centres and turn a tenon to fit the jaws of your scroll chuck.

14. Mount the piece and turn to the diameter of the base of the egg cup (refer drawing) Turn a pin to the diameter of the drilled hole in the bottom of the egg to a tight fit.



15. Turn the egg up to your desired shape.

16. Locate the egg half over the pin. The pin should protrude the egg. Turn off the protruding material and follow the shape of the egg. Sand the base of the egg and part off. NOTE: Part off in line with the bottom of the egg. This will ensure that when the egg is assembled, the egg cups bases will fit against each other keeping the pin in the correct position flush with the egg.



At the last Wayville weekend, one of our demonstrators spoke to a visitor about turning 3 or 4 fence post finials from a template. I haven't been able to locate which NT member this was, but the visitor would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to make them for him.

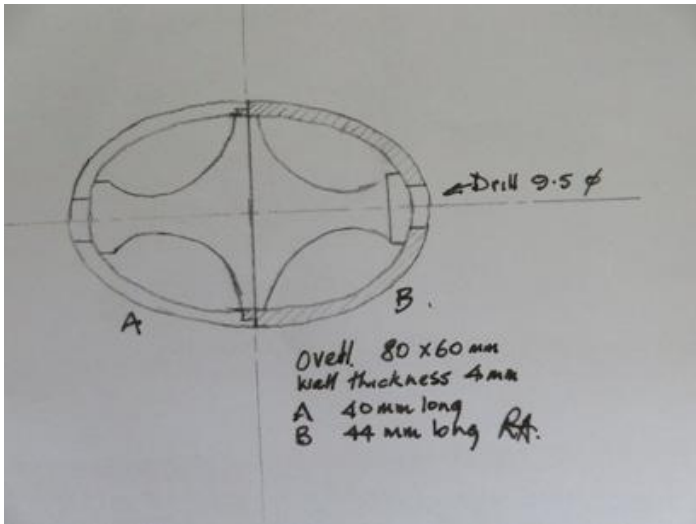
Contact details are: Barry Dolman 0431 810 185

The finials will be painted so they don't have to be made from any real fancy wood.

Please let me know also if you contact Barry so I know this request has been actioned.

Cheers

Greg Jackson



Ron Allen's drawing of his egg and egg cup as demonstrated

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Article from Woodgroup Newsletter February 2003

Northern Turners—"The first Decade"

The Northern Turners will celebrate their 10th year of operation in February 2003. When searching through my records, I discovered the following interesting facts about its formation. "

The first official contact with Golden Grove High school was a letter from Andy Smylie on Nov, 13 1992 seeking approval to use the workshops. I was Tech Studies Coordinator at the time and was keen about the concept, and had further discussion with Andy and Dick Pillar. "

An Official Agreement was signed Feb 7 1993.

On Feb 9, a General Public Meeting was held at the Tea Tree Gully Civic Centre, at which 70 interested people attended. Not all were interested in wood turning and it was reported that several would have been interested in wood carving. Dick Pillar chaired the meeting and established some of the principles for the new group.

A practical workshop was held on Sat Feb 13, with demonstrations by Dick Pillar, Neville Sanders and Bruce Elix.

The first scheduled regular meeting was held on Sat Feb 27. We have continued to meet on the last Sat of the month. When looking at our current membership list it is quite noticeable that many members at that inaugural meeting are still very active. Indeed it is through the participation of many that the Northern Turners is such an active group. We will plan some positive way to celebrate the event at our January meeting.

Ron Allen