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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF NORTHERN TURNERS INC.

From the President

Dear members

Northern Turners has had another eventful month, from the morning of joining bandsaw blades to seeing Ron Allen make a wooden Bic style pen and finally to 5 teams making a trio of mushrooms from branch timber. Well done to all who helped and participated.

There are several important matters to bring to your attention:

You will have received notice of a Special General Meeting on May 28th. The aim of this meeting is to vote on some changes to the Constitution and By-laws. This will only be possible if we have a quorum of 50% of our membership. Therefore it is important that at least 58 members attend if we are to vote on the suggested changes. While several of the suggested changes are minor, we really need to establish a more sensible quorum for general meetings and the AGM. As the membership has grown, to have 50% of that membership present is difficult to achieve. The suggested number of 25 members (or 25% whichever is the lower) gives adequate representation of the membership. [The % figure in brackets is there in case there is a drastic drop in the number of club members.]

The Biggest Morning Tea will be held on May 28th after our 4th Saturday Special General meeting and there will be a sausage sizzle followed by various cakes for dessert. If all attendees pay \$10 entry that gives us a good start, and further donations, as well as proceeds from both the silent auction and the live auction will all contribute to our donation to the Cancer Council. Bring along any items which can be auctioned, and raid your timber pile for suitable pieces for the silent auction. Come along and make it a fun day.

Who will be the next President of Northern Turners? As you know, I am definitely stepping down at the next AGM and I would like someone to nominate for the position. Preferably, that person could join the committee as soon as practicable so that they could participate in the decision-making of the club before taking office. Please give it some thought and put your name forward if you are willing to take on the position.

Finally, thanks to Vic Damato and all members who donated items to the Ukrainian Association for raising funds to help the Ukrainians in their efforts to sustain their people in the face of the Russian invasion of their country.

Keep on producing masterpieces from the weirdest pieces of timber!

Tim Smeaton

Northern Turners Committee	2021/22
President	Tim Smeaton
Secretary	Dale Starr
Treasurer	David Kleinig
Vice President	Bill Elliott
Member	Rob Williams
Member	Guido Guidi
Member	Fred McCann
Member	Nik Surikov,
Member	Graham Reed
Member	Flora Rumbelow

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

Minutes of Northern Turners General Meeting April 23 2022

The meeting was presided by the president - Tim Smeaton Attendance: approximately 45 members
Apologies: P.Hudson, R.Edge, G.Vawser

Ukrainians in SA. Tim first introduced Frank Fursenko from the Association of Ukrainians in South Australia. Frank talked about the situation in Ukraine and thanked members for their support. Many pieces were donated and would be sold at an upcoming event. Vic Damato also thanked members for their support.



Treasurer: The treasurer reported a balance of \$27030 at the end of February

Exhibition Committee Graham Reed said that the conditions, entry form and descriptor template were sent to members yesterday. He noted that contrary to the email, there would be demonstration turning at this show. The demonstration and gallery roster is available for filling in.

Maintenance Jeff Todd said that all equipment was OK.

2 nd Saturday Bill Elliott said that all went well with the bandsaw blade joining session.

3 rd Saturday Ron Allen was not present, but several members said that the session on pen turning went well, as evidenced by the number of pens in Show & Tell.

Biggest Morning Tea The president reminded members that the Biggest Morning Tea will be held on May 28 with a sausage sizzle. He asked members who said they would bring desserts to put up their hands. Flora later took details of what they will be bringing. A silent auction of timber will take place, along with an auction of other items, not necessarily related to woodturning, so bring along any useful items you no longer need.

Changing the Constitution Tim said that a Special General Meeting will also be held on May 28 in order to change the constitution. For this purpose, we need half of all members present (59 members). Details will soon be sent to all members.

Emergency Medical Booklets Tim reminded members that we have Emergency Medical Booklets available for sale where you list any medical issues that should be known by first responders in case of a medical incident. He also noted that it is a good idea to have these at home. The club should finish the supply it has so it can give the money back to SA Ambulance.

New Microphone Equipment Tim Skilton said that during Show & Tell it was often difficult to hear the speaker so he was proposing that the club purchase a two channel microphone system so that one channel can be dedicated to Show & Tell. This has been approved by the committee.

Activity The day's activity was a team competition to turn mushrooms from branch timber supplied. Five teams took part in the competition and most of the lathes were put to use with some large piles of shavings to be cleaned up. A variety of mushrooms were produced, of indeterminate species. The team of Hal Sneddon, Ed Zahra and Tim Smeaton were the winners who distributed the Favourites to the judges, Tim Skilton and Graham Reed and all present. Tins of mushrooms were given to the runners-up and packets of mushroom soup for third. The latter prizes were suggested by Ed Zahra

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DEMONSTRATIONS 4TH SATURDAY 2022

May 28	BMT with auction of donated goods Special meeting to change Constitution	Various members
June 25	Turning fruit	Bill Elliot
July 23	Hollow flask – concealed lid (Technique demonstrated by Hans Noom)	Tim Smeaton
August 27	Salt and pepper grinders	Flora Rumbelow
September 24	Router demonstration Toymendous turning Pole lathe demonstration	Guido Guidi, Trevor Green, Roger Humphris
October 22*	AGM Decorative work in jewellery boxes	David Hough
November 26	TBA	

PROGRAM FOR THIRD SATURDAY MEETINGS
DEMONSTRATIONS IN 2022

At this stage a program for 2022 has not been finalised. Details to be forwarded shortly

May 21	TBA	
June 18	TBA	
July 16	TBA	
August 20	TBA	
September 17	TBA	
October 15	TBA	
November 19	TBA	

Apr.23 Show & Tell

Presented by David Kleinig

Graham Reed brought a bowl with a polygonal rim from weeping myall and a number of mushrooms on a red gum base.

Tim Skilton showed a large red gum platter.

Roger Humphris had a number of pens.

David Rose showed a segmented bowl with seven fruit.

Rob Williams has a lidded box with finial.

Bill Elliott brought cone-shaped salt and pepper shakers from myrtle and jacaranda.

John Campbell, Eric Burmeister and Mike Barham brought pens on stands.

Chris Deguet showed a pen and a lidded box with finial.

Ed Zahra and Jan Beare brought along a pen.

Jeff Todd also showed a pen on a stand and a walnut bowl.

The halo was awarded to Graham Reed.



Pen Turning Demonstration (for BIC style pens)

There were about 25 members attending Ron Allen's demonstration on 14 April 22 on turning simple wooden pens. Ron brought his wooden guide jig which, when placed on the lathe bed, allowed the crucial hole to be accurately drilled. The wood size for the pen was suggested to be 19mm square.

A drill size of $5/32^{\text{nd}}$ of an inch was ideal although a 4mm drill is fine. The 4mm is just a little larger resulting in the standard pen refills being slightly loose - nothing that a little tape around the top wouldn't fix. The inexpensive pen refills are available in most variety shops. A long-series drill is required, available at Bunnings. Ron emphasised that the accurate drilling of the hole, without it coming out of the side, was the most crucial part of the task.

The hole was started with a short drill in the drill bit at the head stock. This was to stop the hole 'wandering off'. A faster rpm was recommended. A useful tip of marking the wood with a 'V' was given, to ensure it is placed back on the jig the right way round. The long series drill then completed the hole to the length of the pen refill, with emphasis on the regular removal of shavings. With the hole finished Ron mounted the piece on a small watchmaker's screwdriver, held in the head stock drill bit, acting as a mandrel. The tail stock was then presented to the piece. Should it not line up exactly with the centre of the wood, not to worry. Ron then used a bowl gouge to create a spigot of about 30mm at the tail stock end.

The wood was then put the other way round with the new spigot placed in the head stock bit. The tail stock was brought into use but only tightened lightly to avoid flaring the hole. The piece was then turned using a spindle or bowl gouge to remove the edges, followed by a roughing gouge. Ron suggested using an open ended $1/2$ inch spanner as a pen diameter guide. To finish off the ends were shaped to suite and decorative rings added using mig welding wire. Ron recommended marking where the hole ended to make sure final decoration did not meet the hole!

Ron said the pen stand could be of any design so was not demonstrated. Some blanks were provided with work beginning almost immediately to create similar pens.

Stuart Hunnisett

