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From the (Outgoing) President - Report on the Special Meeting held October 22nd 2022

A special meeting was called to recommend a number of changes to the Northern Turners Inc Constitution and By-laws which had been circulated first in April for a meeting in May which did not achieve a quorum, and again in September for the meeting on October 22nd. These changes had been drafted by the committee in the early part of 2022, and I thank all the committee for their contribution to the suggested changes.

I presided over the meeting, and since I have little experience in formal procedure, if the meeting seemed a little chaotic, I apologize. However, I felt it was vital that on the matter of a quorum, and any other matters to be considered, everyone was entitled to air their opinions, and therefore prolonged discussion ensued.

On the matter of a quorum of 25 members, the proposal was narrowly defeated (75% of those present had to approve a change) so Northern Turners still needs a quorum of 50% of the membership to attend a meeting for an AGM to be held or for any changes to the Constitution to be considered.

After some discussion, and recommendations from some members with considerable experience with drawing up Constitutions that all other suggested changes needed to be looked at again, perhaps with some legal input, the meeting was adjourned, and the AGM then commenced.

Clearly, there are some aspects of the Constitution and the By-laws which need to be changed, some of them relating to membership of WoodgroupSA. It would be my recommendation that a sub-committee of the club, consisting of 3 members who have suitable expertise, should review the Constitution and its By-laws. These 3 members may or may not be members of the current committee. If they need to seek legal advice, then any costs would need to be ratified by the membership.

In the meantime, Northern Turners Inc will continue to operate under the original Constitution drawn up in 2007.

Tim Smeaton
Outgoing President

From your Editor

Greetings from Esperance Bay Holiday Park where it's raining, a lot.

... & that's a good thing because its giving me time to assemble this months newsletter.

For those of you that didn't speak to me before I left I'll just put this out ... no, I'm NOT bringing back "loads" of timber from West Oz. The little ASX & camper-trailer are pretty packed so definitely not ... this time.

I'm planning (hoping) to be back for the 26 Nov meeting so see you all there.

Keep safe & dry.
Rob W.

Please send all articles, websites for sharing and information for members to me at i.am.batman.1959@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S SUMMARY OF THE PAST THREE YEARS

Little did I imagine when I agreed to be President of Northern Turners three years ago that I would be standing here now! Graham Reed nominated me, and when I attended that AGM I had no intention of taking on any job, let alone President for three years! However, Covid-19 intervened and created mayhem for our club. For almost a year we were excluded from our home of 27 years, Golden Grove High School Tech Centre, but after much searching, found a new home here at Torrens Valley Christian School, through the auspices of Tim Skilton who had been working with the school for 15 years, organizing the annual workshops for the club. Thanks to all who participated in the move and after almost two years, we are very comfortable in our new surroundings.

For the past year in particular, I want to thank all the committee, especially David Kleinig and Dale Starr for their roles as treasurer and secretary respectively. Bill Elliot has continued to act as Vice President and run the second Saturday program. Graham Reed has stood aside from the many duties he performed for the club, but he has been fantastic in the work he has done both equipping the container and running exhibitions. Bill Elliot has undertaken to replace Graham as representative of the exhibition committee. David Gilland has assisted Graham in much of the work on site, and has always been a willing hand at our meetings. The whole exhibition committee has organized the Burnside exhibition which yielded about \$15000 in sales for the 25 exhibitors and provides a great window to the community for Northern Turners. They have also set up the gallery at Wayville, and the recent exhibition at Tea Tree Gully Council. All of you are to be congratulated for what you do for us.

Special mention should be made of Robert Edge. Rob has set up Square for our EFTPOS facility, without which we would simply not get sales in a nearly cashless society. He has also learnt how Xero financial package works, and passed on that knowledge to David Kleinig. Without his expertise we would be in trouble, and if any of you can assist or learn these packages, please offer your services.

Gordon Best has soldiered on with our website, encountering many difficulties with the new systems with which he has grappled. He is getting there, and if anyone can offer expertise in this area, get in touch with Gordon.

Graeme Aistrop and Stuart Hunnisett have completed the first aid course, and can now perform the role of First Aid Officer at our meetings.

George Pastuch and Ron Allen have again provided excellent demonstrations on the 3rd Saturdays, resulting in members producing new pieces which they might otherwise feel were beyond them. They are both great teachers and share their knowledge and expertise with everyone.

To all who have demonstrated at the 4th Saturdays, thank you for sharing your knowhow and broadening our knowledge of both wood-turning and other skills.

The purchase of a new lathe specifically for demonstrations, together with the cameras and TV screen, with its ingenious hoist, has been a great advance in the quality of those events.

If you have not been mentioned by name, that is only because I do not have an encyclopedic memory. If you have done anything to help our meetings go smoothly, or demonstrated at exhibitions, or simply offered a helping hand to a new member, thank you.

Finally, it has been a privilege to serve as President of this club. I have done my best, and thank all members for their contributions, big or small, official or unofficial. The generosity of members at the Biggest Morning Tea is astonishing! The willingness of many to help with setting up lathes and projection equipment is essential. To those who are always there to clean up, thank you, and make sure all of you play your part.

Not many people approaching 80 can boast of over 100 friends, but that is how I feel about this club – you come from all walks of life, have a common interest in making round things out of wood, and I consider all of you my friends.

Tim Smeaton

October 2022

Show & Tell Oct.22 2022



- Frankie Pastuch showed us a chess set made with the scroll saw
- George Pastuch brought two mini bird houses made to get ready for the third Saturday meeting in Nov.



- Bill Elliott showed a jacaranda bowl with a painted edge
- Piera Della-Torre brought two bowls
- Graham Vawser showed us a bandsawn drawer in a branch and a re-turned church offering bowl
- David Rose had a lidded segmented form
- Peter Hudson showed a small casuarina bowl



- Rob Williams brought a square bowl with a textured rim, a square jarrah bowl with white edges to make it round and a lidded box with finial



- Jaquie Rae showed two small lidded boxes and a segmented bowl done by her father many years ago

- Brian Fraser showed us a can of Amsoil metal protector for use on lathes, which he says is very good



- Jeff Todd brought two shawl holder rings with chatterword (following on from Ron Allen's recent demo)

- The halo was awarded to Rob Williams.



Third Saturday Demonstration 2022		
19 Nov	Miniature bird houses	George Pastuch
Forth Saturday Demonstration 2022		
26 Nov	Unusual woods to turn	Ron Allen

2023 4th Saturday Demonstrations		
January	Trevor Green	Finials
February	Flora R. Peter Page	Table clocks Miniature bird-boxes
March	Tim Skilton	Bowl-saver with green wood

Your Northern Turners

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

Northern Turners Committee	2021/22
President	Peter Smith
Vice President	Bill Elliott
Secretary	Dale Starr
Treasurer	David Kleinig
Assistant treasurer	Vic Damato
Member	Tim Smeaton
Member	Guido Guidi
Member	Flora Rumbelow
Member	Nik Surikov
Member	Graham Reed
Member	Rob Williams

ENHANCING YOUR WORK WITH PAINT

George Pastuch gave a short demonstration on October 15th to show how paint could be applied to the rim of a bowl, particularly if the grain was not particularly interesting. Any water-based paint can be used, and a number of colours applied. A white or pale base is best, followed by progressively darker colours, each applied after the first layer has dried.

The technique is pretty simple. The bowl which has been turned with a wide rim is placed in the chuck. Before any paint is applied, a large cardboard box is placed over the bowl, with appropriate holes cut so that the face of the bowl is visible, and the bed of the lathe, and the operator and/or audience are protected from flying paint! The actual design of the box is a patented secret, but with careful observation of the pictures provided with this article, infringement of the copyright may be possible.

To apply the paint, set the lathe spinning and using a small paintbrush with a dab of paint on the end apply it to the inner edge of the rim. Centrifugal force will send the paint out in a symmetrical fashion, and as with such artistic techniques, no two articles will be identical. If the first run is unsuccessful, more paint can be applied, and more colours added.

If you are not happy with the result, simply skim off a thin layer of wood and start again.

Using a combination of colours, very interesting and pleasing effects can be generated, so everyone is encouraged to give it a try.

As a corollary to this demonstration, George provided blanks to make kitchen scrapers, and members were challenged to make these using only a skew chisel. Several members were soon hard at work and produced some really good products. I heard a few saying that it had taken away their fear of the skew, so we may see more use of this tool later.

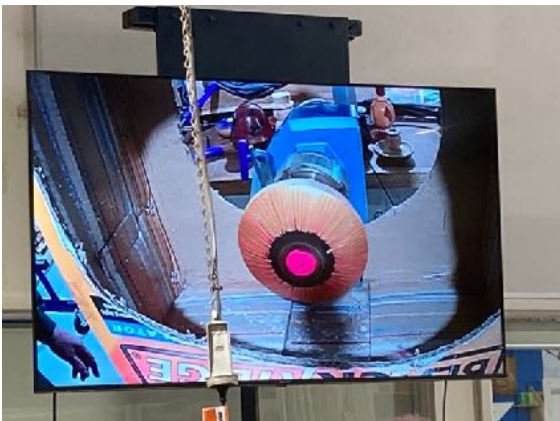
Thanks George, presented with your usual humour.



George proudly shows us his patented device



Applying red paint to a bowl



Screen view of one bowl



Applying black paint to a rim



Jeff Todd - Chuck maintenance.

Jeff gave a lesson on the ease of maintenance of scroll chucks.

- Best practice is to keep the chuck clean, which is best achieved by doing a basic clean every time after use.
- A full disassemble clean depends on the frequency of use and will be reduced by the thoroughness of each basic clean.
- Before disassembling a chuck find the instructions that came with it (*you kept them after you read them, right?*) or find the instructions online. These will be handy if you get distracted or confused.

- Lubrication should be done carefully as it WILL come out when the chuck spins at high speed.
- Spray oil (RP7 or WD40 etc) used on sliding metal surfaces is best sprayed on, worked in and then all excess wiped off. Oil on the jaws will stain the wood it comes into contact with.
- Grease can be used on the teeth and spiral of the scroll as well at the teeth on the pinions - but, again, with restraint so excess doesn't come out at inappropriate times in unfortunate places.
- Backing plates and backing jaws (that jaws are screwed to) and some other parts need to be replaced in the same place they were removed from. If there is not factory stamped/etched markings on these components it is HIGHLY recommended you put your own markings (using a marker pen) on the different parts so you can put them back together.



- If you are using methylated spirits or mineral turpentine to clean parts be careful to reapply any marker pen marks you've applied.
- Screws and threads are best cleaned with an old toothbrush.
- The screws used to attach the chucks jaws (and other parts) only need to be tightened using thumb and forefinger - firmly tightened, not torqued to excess.



Chuck manuals online (*just in case you can't find yours*) -

Vicmarc - https://vicmarc.com/images/4_Jaw_Chuck_Manual_2021.pdf

Nova - <https://teknatool.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/19000133496-how-to-service-nova-chucks>