



TURNOUT

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a member club of Woodgroup SA

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From the President:

The Building and Home Improvement show from a demonstration point of view was a moderate success. Yes we could have had 3 lathes instead of 2 and perhaps we could have bent the rules like others and had some craft items for sale. There is always next year and perhaps we will have a different arrangement.

Apart from SAturn and my forthcoming Italian Adventure my thoughts continue to turn to the AGM and the further advancement of NT. Some of the current committee may 'retire' and we will be looking for new blood. I can confess that I will be nominating for another term as president and I think that prior to the voting process you should know what my agenda is.

Currently I am President, Public Officer, Turnout Editor, Program Coordinator and general dogsbody for whatever comes up each month. This what I would like to see as an official NT Committee and Support Group

COMMITTEE (Elected)	Support Group (headhunted)
President / Public Officer	Editor
Secretary	Program coordinators 2 nd and 4 th Saturdays
Assistant Secretary	Librarian
Treasurer	Equipment Officer
Assistant Treasurer	Website Liaison
Woodgroup Delegate	Exhibition Committee Chair
Member	External Demonstration Coordinator
	2 nd Woodgroup Delegate
	2 nd Saturday Workshop Coordinator
	Social Officer
TOTAL 7	Total 11

Obviously some people may nominate for more than 1 role, wether voted in as president or not I will nominate for Editor.

Committee meetings would continue to be held on the 4th Saturday at a time agreed to by the committee members. Support group members would be invited to attend meetings as required

Committee position roles are fairly obvious and are included in the Club Constitution. The support group roles are fairly easily defined.

The editor edits the Newsletter (note: edits not writes) and would be asking for contributions and regular articles.

The Program coordinators, one for each meeting, would be responsible for putting out a joint program at least 3 months in advance.

The Librarian maintains the Library.

The Equipment Officer maintains Equipment.

The Website Liaison keeps the website up to date and relevant.

Whilst the majority of the committee are predominately involved in the 4th Saturday meeting, a 2nd Saturday coordinator and probably an assistant is required.

The 2nd Woodgroup Delegate would attend Woodgroup meetings with the other delegate but would not be required to sit on committee meetings every month.

The Exhibition Committee Chair is for the NT Exhibition Committee and may or may not be involved with the Woodgroup Exhibition Committee.

The External Demonstration Coordinator would be responsible for coordinating, OR seconding another, to coordinate any external demonstration we, NT, are asked to be involved in eg Home Show. This person would be responsible for Liaising with the organisers of the event, programming demonstrators and making sure of delivery and return of all NT equipment.

Social Officer, do we want/need social events. It would be nice for someone to organise the BBQ at the AGM and the Xmas break up and maybe one other event during the year. Perhaps a pub night? Quiz nights are fun.

Also our constitution and by-laws are dated from 2007 and need to be reviewed, not necessarily changed, but definitely reviewed to ensure relevance.

I have suggested before about having a craft stall on a regular basis with a roster to man it, all it needs is a bit of coordination any volunteers?

Suggestions have been made re a third meeting?

Perhaps these could be specialised, not teaching, but like minded people to come along and swap ideas and techniques, eg pen makers, box makers. There would need to be a minimum number of participants but I think it could be done.

Competitions, yes we should have some. Monthly competitions with an end of year trophy. 3 grades, Advanced, Intermediate and Novice. I will expand on this more further down the page.

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SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMME – SAT August 13TH 2011

THERE IS NO MEETING COS A LOT OF US WILL BE AT SATurn.

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WHISTLES: Well I finally managed to get on a lathe at a meeting! Mind you it doesn't help with the comments you get from some (PP). Paul Beebee did an excellent job of demonstrating the making of whistles. I especially liked the pre prepared stages to refer to. Regardless of the lack of sanding and weird shape, my whistle whistled, and still does!

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A challenge to you all!!!!!! To assist those that do programming in the future we need a list of demonstrators and what they do. You know you can do it and it isn't hard. Simply put our name and a list of what you can demonstrate in an email (to me) and the rest will be done for you. (Obviously you will be contacted prior to the program being published just to make sure you can attend)

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I have made a commitment to distribute Turnout in the first week of each month.

As I am going away and nobody responded to my request in the last edition there will now be no further Turnout until the first week in November.

From that point in time the format will change slightly, assuming I am still editor, to incorporate more club news.

1. The contact list will be put back.
2. There will be a report on each of the previous months meetings, including photos
3. A reminder re requirements for the upcoming months meetings
4. Competition news
5. Member profiles.
6. New member information
7. Equipment updates
8. Library updates
9. Raffle Results (yes more raffles)
10. Letters to the Editor
11. Etc Etc Etc

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Competition Ideas

This is sort of how I see it working:

Each member will be allocated to a group, regardless of whether they will be taking part in competitions or not, Advanced (eg TS, RA x2, GP etc they will be fairly easy to pick) Intermediate or Novice. (I suggest that all you Advanced turners out there put on your thinking caps as to who goes in which group.

TROPHY COMPETITION

Each member can then nominate if they wish to be involved in the trophy competition held from February to September. Those senior members who choose not to be involved will be Judges. Each month from January a task will be set and published in Turnout. Your piece will need to be handed in by 11 am on the 4th Saturday for judging with a rolling score maintained. At the end of the year the top 2 advanced will become judges for the following year, the top 2 intermediate will become advanced and the top 2 novice will become intermediate. No one will be demoted. Unless otherwise specified each piece will be judged by 3 broad criteria; clarity (is it what it is supposed to be) individualism (sets it apart from others) and finish (the difference between good and great) Suggestions for pieces, wine goblet, inlaid lid box, pair of candle sticks, 200ml hollow form, 150ml decorated edge bowl, the perfect pen, and desk clock. 8 months 8 pieces, easy.

There will be other competitions throughout the year with members competing within their divisions for small prizes e.g. best copy following a demonstration to be judged by the demonstrator.

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LIBRARY MATTERS

We have a new DVD - Band Saws: Very useful viewing for new user/owners but also worthwhile for more experienced Woodies.

DVD Turning Projects with Richard Raffan (copy 1) is missing from case. Could someone have returned the empty case and left the DVD in machine by mistake?

LIBRARY USE: There is still a little confusion regarding the use of the library. It is run on the simplest method and if readers follow these steps there should be no confusion.

1. Select item. Fill in card and place in box provided.
2. When returning items, match up with card in box. Sign off with current date. Place card into item and replace on the library shelf

It can therefore be assumed that all cards in the box represent items which are currently in the possession of the last person to sign the card. If you are unsure if you have any items on loan please look through the cards in the box.

No items should be returned and placed on the shelf without the accompanying card.

Our library is an important asset and is well used. Please continue to borrow the items and enjoy, but please return them as soon as you are finished as others may wish to use them too.

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Well that's me done again. Unless you are going to SAturn I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM

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