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From the President

Hello.
Not much to talk about this month so will not bore you.
On May 26th I had a great time. I came along to the club and did some woodturning.
This reminds me. I am really looking forward to Saturn. Unfortunately some old friends will not be there but many newbies will be. I am confident it will be another great weekend.
Below contents is the final communique from Cate:

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Hello everyone

Well, just over a month to go till SATurn no 14! At the moment we have 42 hardy souls booked in, which is a healthy number, although there is still room if anyone else would like to join us. Thank you all for your support – we are delighted to be holding our woodturning camp again this year, albeit on a different weekend.

We have a number of new participants, so I will explain the **Challenge**. This is a voluntary competition which we encourage you all to enter. It depends on creative and lateral thinking rather than woodturning skill, so everyone has a chance. The judges are the non-turners at the camp – usually me, the kitchen staff and one or two others. The non-turning judges appreciate excellence in turning, but they equally value ingenuity, cleverness, humour and bribes – so get those creative juices (and chocolates) flowing! **The only requirement is that you make your Challenge entry at SATurn.** So you can think and organise yourself as much as you like beforehand, but you must actually make it on the weekend. My favourite chocolates are Lindt bars, although I'm willing to accept others. **(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER DOES NOT SUPPORT BRIBERY, unless the editor gets half, although I would prefer single malt whiskey)**
This year Bastille Day (14th July) falls in the middle of our camp, so our theme is **All Things French**. Jeff and I spent a couple of weeks in France last month, so we are very excited by our theme. Think French food, monuments, history, artists – anything you like that has a connection to *La Belle France!* (no matter how tenuous). We will have a **silent auction** again this year. We are asking everyone to bring a woodturning-related item (timber, turned items, tools, books, magazines, anything vaguely relevant) as a donation. Each item will be given a number and \$2 is set as the minimum bid. You will be able to bid on any of the items till 10 am Sunday, BUT – *if your item is not bid on, you pay \$5 to take it home!* The aim is help defray some of the costs which keep rising every year – and have a bit of fun at the same time. Official starting time is **2 30 pm** on Friday 13th –please note that El Shaddai have set this time and asked that it be honoured. Please come to the gym to unload. All meals will be provided from Friday night onwards. Friday's meal will be served at 6 pm, so please let us know if you will not be there by then. Finishing time will be after lunch on Sunday. Please note El Shaddai is a complete Alcohol and Smoke Free site. Make sure you

have told us of any dietary issues so we can look after you properly.

Something new: El Shaddai staff have requested that we provide a time for them to have a short input session on Christian values. This will be negotiated at the camp, and you are invited to attend.

This year again there will be no dishes to wash, just tables to set up before meals, so more time for turning. Don't forget to bring your ideas and gadgets to share! Things you need to bring - bedding (it will be cold), **PILLOWS** (not provided any more), turning tools (all clearly named or marked), wood, lathe if possible and lots of enthusiasm and encouragement. You are invited to bring some of your work to show in the gallery. We will also have a display of items turned during the weekend. Don't forget the camera, and most importantly, your dust and safety gear, including, if possible, screens for lathes. A reminder that, to keep dust down, there will be no power sanding.

There will be some polish and craft accessories available to purchase. There will also be some timber for sale, Tim Skilton is bound to have a sanding disc or two available, and the Woodfast boys will also be there. So we are well set up should you run out of anything! Please get in touch with Jeff or me on **(08) 8557 7417** or email me if you have any last-minute questions. For emergencies, my mobile number is **0407184474**. We look forward to seeing you at SATurn 2011.

Happy turning

Cate

Cate Wrigley

Meeting Reports:

Saturday 19th May

Somebody needs to capture info when me not there.

Saturday 26th May

Nup didn't do one.

VOLUNTARY PROGRESSIVE COMPETITION!

Each piece will be judged by 3 broad criteria; clarity (is it what it is supposed to be) 10 points individualism (sets it apart from others) 10 points and finish (the difference between good and great) 10 points.

Competition Round 4

Resident judge Tim Skilton and this month's guest judges had a great time sorting the wood from the trees. This month's winner was Peter Page. (braggers rights only).

Round 5 due by 1100 June 23rd

The perfect egg, yes this time, see dimensions in April Turnout.

Round 6 due by 1100 July 28th

A toothpick. Details next issue

Committee Report

No meeting held.

Future Meetings

Saturday June 16th

Agenda – Saturday 16th June 2012 (3rd Saturday for June)

Off Centre turning

Off centre turning can take on all turning concepts and can be used in face work (eg bowls & platters) and spindle work.

For this Saturday, we will be spindle working between centres.

Our project will be to turn a 3 or 4 sided weed pot.

Please bring along timber 100mm square or 100mm dia and 200mm to 250mm long.

As this is for learning purposes, pine will suffice. Branch material will also do.

If time permits, we may even try an eccentric egg cup

Come along and have fun.

Show and tell will be decorated rims from the last 2 months.

See you there

George & Ron

Saturday June 23rd

FOURTH SATURDAY MEETING (23 June)

TOPIC – USING RESINS WITH WOODTURNING.

At the SATURN meeting last year we were treated to a demonstration using resin by Brendan Stemp. Brendan is a professional woodturner from the Horsham district in Victoria. He has attended a number of the recent SATURN events and has always been available to all. He has experimented with embedding objects in resin as part of his woodturning especially using gum nuts and resin as part of his pepper mills. He has found a product called "Solid Cast" clear doming epoxy to be the most effective and had some for sale. We purchased some for the Northern Turners and set aside the June meeting for an opportunity to experience its use.

Many Northern Turners would have seen the beautiful platters with resin rims made by Graham Reed. Graham

has spent much time perfecting his processes. Others have since had a go.

The intention for this meeting is to have a go at a small piece as in lids for lidded boxes. They will need to be kept simple. To put a clear rim as in a platter requires two sessions – one to set a base and the second to imbed items using a second application of resin.

SO! What to bring. Try a lid from a lidded box or a piece which may end up as a lid. At the simplest prepare some pieces which have a recess 40 x 10 or so that you could embed some material with resin. These could be later turned to make a shallow cylinders which could be used for a number of purposes.

Lets use this session to experiment especially with objects to be embedded.

You might check out the web for ideas. I googled “Using resin in turning” and saw some interesting video clips by Tony Barefoot. See also Brendan Stemp’s homepage. I also googled a page called embedding with resin which showed some videos not related to woodturning but which showed a number of interesting possible ideas. Please contribute to the session if you have had some experiences with Resin.

Ron Allen

Saturday June 23rd

This is a busy day.

We will be doing small lidded boxes with Resin inlaid lids.

We will also be having the BIG MORNING TEA so don’t forget your change.

AND it will be electrical testing time, don’t forget personal items are \$5 per piece.

Exhibition Committee

MASTER BUILDERS BUILDING AND HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW

FRIDAY JULY 6 TO SUNDAY JULY 8, 2012

In a round about way I learned about the “Home Show” and Woodgroup SAs opportunities for 2012. I contacted the organisers – Kym Jones Exhibitions in relation to the International Wood Collectors and discovered that the organisers were not continuing with the Tools and More concept from last year. As a result they have condensed the site to fit into one pavilion and do not have the space available for the Woodgroup – its Exhibition and its large demonstration area. As a result there will be no Exhibition or Gallery as in past years and no large area for the Woodgroup to have all of the demonstrations as in the past. At the Woodgroup Board meeting at Kadina during the Merry Month of May we were informed that there was an allocation of 12 x 3 metres available for the

Woodgroup of which 3 x 3 metres was allocated to the Northern Turners. As a result it would seem that we could easily mount a demonstration site with two lathes. This is to make members aware and to try to establish a roster before the fourth Saturday meeting so that we can finalise arrangements at that meeting (less than two weeks before the Homeshow).

We are suggesting that we roster 3 members for each full day and those members work out the roster for that day between themselves. The organisers are seeking names by June 15th if possible. We will comply if practicable.

If you are interest and available can you please advise Dennis Murray as soon as possible, letting him know of the day or days which you are available. We will be issued with passes as in past years.

On Saturday June 23 we will discuss the issue especially regarding help in getting equipment to Wayville.

Ron Allen

To all Northern Turners

Firstly - I would like to pass on an update on Malcolm Juries recovery. As reported Malcolm was struck down with Guilliane Barr syndrome in February and was in for a long and hard battle to recover full health. I am pleased to say that Malcolm is now out of Memorial hospital and undergoing therapy etc as an inpatient at Hampstead. The original prognosis was that he would be incapacitated for most of the year with very slow recovery, but he is progressing extremely well and is expecting to become an outpatient in July with ongoing treatment three times a week. Still a long way to go, but great news to date.

Secondly. At our monthly meeting in February approval was given by the members present for Tim Skilton and Brian Purcell to pursue a guest demonstrator for another workshop in November 2012.

We are very pleased to advise you that another quality turner has been approached and is available for Saturday and Sunday the 3rd and 4th of November 2012.

Ironically his name is Neil Turner and he comes highly recommended by Vaughn Richmond, who is one of our past demonstrators and a highly accredited professionals. Richard has demonstrated alongside Neil several times in the last 2-3 years, and found him to be a very skilled operator who interacts well with his audience and explains matters very well, Like other professionals we have had, he is only too happy to share his knowledge and

techniques with like minded and interested people. Neil attended Turnfest in Queensland as a demonstrator in 2011 and has been invited back again this year, which is testament to his standard of presentation. He has supplied work to various Art Galleries around the world, including Del Mano and is preparing work for a solo exhibition at the Bunbury Regional Art Gallery. He has also judged the Denmark Award Exhibition at Denmark (Western Australia) last year and apparently did an excellent job. He is also active in demonstrating for the local woodturning clubs in WA.

Neil has a website www.neilturner.biz if you wish to see some of his work and cv.

At this stage our programme is scheduled to include

A Natural Edge Burl bowl with embellishments

A small box or sea urchin with embellishment

A square carved edge bowl with embellishment and a

Vase with fire form carving.

Again, an opportunity to watch a professional in action where you have his total, undivided attention. You can always pick up a new techniques or two, perhaps get a few more ideas to develop your own work, or just enhance your own knowledge and skills just that little bit more.

**Neil Turner weekend demonstration workshop - 3rd and 4th of November 2012 8.30am – 4pm
Torrens Valley Christian School – Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley**

Cost - \$90.00 for Woodgroup members(\$110 non members) includes morning and afternoon teas and catered finger food lunch – all day tea and coffee

Part payments /monthly installments can be arranged as usual – see Brian Purcell or call on 82626551

Pencil in the dates and come along.

Brian Purcell



Hi Northern Turners

It was great to catch up with people from other Woodgroup SA clubs as well as old friends. We reminisced about the things from past events and talked about Saturn (recommend Saturn as a great event for new members – this is where your outlook is broadened – people share techniques, ideas, etc.).

A highlight was a demonstration by Bob Petts (hope the spelling of his last name is right). He had arranged, **at great expense**, an American turner who's name escapes me (see photos).

Bob started by using a hatchet (I think he forgot his skew chisel at home) and turned a beautiful little christmas tree.

Bob then delved into his hessian sack (tool box) for his next tool – a rabbit trap was hoisted out after discarding a pair of work boots. Please note:- no rabbits were harmed during the rabbit trap turning demo (Bob released the rabbit first).

I was laughing that much that I can't remember whether it was his American mate or Bob that turned a project with a skew chisel in each hand – which he used simultaneously.

Another thing that was re-enforced at this meeting was that we have a lot of members with untapped talent. Perhaps as a club we need to investigate how this knowledge/experience/ideas can be shared with our members? It need not be a practical demonstration as at times it is interesting just to learn about, or be inspired by, a talk on a wood related subject.

During the day there were historical tours in local areas which were well attended.

Lis and I attended an antique shop in Moonta (had a lot of historical items). I found a lovely 400 day clock.

Lis and I both had a great day and we can recommend future events to the northern Turners.

Steve Franz



NORTHERN TURNERS PROGRAMME

	<u>ACTIVITY / DEMONSTRATION</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Material needed.</u> You are encouraged to bring your own.
JUN 16	1. Offset turning – multi centre turning. 2. The bandsaw – safe use, jigs	RA + GP	Squared or branch material suitable for a weed pot, probably up to 250 mm in length. Examples of any offset turning you have
JUN 23 DM	Lidded Boxes with Resin Inlaid Lids Big Morning Tea	RA	Lidded Box with hollow in lid for resin
JUL 13TH >15TH	SATURN		Yes, we will lend out Lathes, if you are <u>definitely</u> going you can book one now, Names to Mick Adley please.
JUL 21	1. FUN DAY – Simple team competition using basic skills developed. 2. Techniques for successfully using Danish Oil (Rag and Brush)	RA + GP	Details of wood supplied later. Bring pieces partly or completely finished with oil. Bring oil, rags, buffing pads etc
JUL 28 SF	Small Coloured Bowls	BE	
AUG 18	Green turning – Bowl Turning and finishing a bowl from wet wood	RA + GP	Half a branch or small log of green wood– the greener and wetter – the better. Wet and dry abrasive paper
AUG 25			
SEP 8TH > 24TH	NORTHERN TURNERS EXHIBITION		PORT ADELAIDE
SEP 15	More wet turning – ‘flowers or tall thin ‘goblets’. Alternative methods of chucking.	RA + GP	Green branch material – fairly straight – up to 180 mm long and 20 to 40 mm dia. Chucks with small jaws.
SEP 22	Annual General Meeting Wine Glass Caddy	JN	Steb Centre if you have one, more info later
OCT 20	Salt and Pepper Mills	GP	Timber required depends upon design chosen. Should be close grained Check the internet for ideas More details later
OCT 27			
NOV 3 & 4	NEIL TURNER	BP TS	DEMO AT TORRENS VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
NOV 17	Eggs Finger and other jam	RA +	Eggs from about 100 x 50 x 50 – Although only approx 60 mm long, extra length is required for chucking.

	chucks	GP	
NOV 24			
DEC 8	XMAS BREAKUP		BYO PICNIC OR FOOD TO SHARE , for further discussion, Drinks, Chairs and Tables Possible Venue TBA