



# TURNOUT

## From The President

2013 began with a flourish. The 19<sup>th</sup> January saw some 20-25 members present who made about 10 belaying pins for the One and All, following instructions from Alan Burgess. Darrel Maczkowiack conducted Show and Tell which included a fantastic “ring-box” by Bill Elliot which must qualify as the weirdest box I have ever seen but a real challenge to make. David Rose brought in his magnificent model of “HMS Victory” and talked to us about how he made various parts. He spent several hundred hours making it.



The committee members present made a decision to purchase a Jet lathe with the grant from the Government. This lathe will be used for demonstrations to promote wood-turning and help to attract new members to our activities.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday meeting was well attended, with Ron Allen turning the first stages of the winged bowl on the new lathe. Since this stage required hot melt glue and a backing board, no-one was able to work on the lathes, but we hope that many of you will do this first part at home, and come in February to complete the job.

Two items no longer required were auctioned off:- John Fisher bought a dust extractor, and Peter Page a vacuum cleaner.

Gordon Best discussed the photos on the web page, and anyone who does not wish their image to be on the website can let him know. Greg Jackson and David Rose volunteered to join Gordon in a sub-committee to make decisions about content on the web page for Northern Turners.

Ron Allen proposed that members should be asked if they would like their address and phone numbers to be available to all members of the Northern Turners, leaving anyone who did not wish their details to be distributed the option to take their names off the list. The list was tabled, and all members are encouraged to fill in their details quickly so the final list can be distributed.

Ron has also decided to nominate for President of Woodgroup SA, and members supported his proposal.

We still need volunteers to transport Albert Cook to meetings, particularly April. Thank you to those who have put their names on the list.

Tim Skilton and Greg Jackson have the go-ahead for the workshop

### Committee

President	Tim Smeaton
Secretary / Correspondence	Dale Starr
Treasurer	Ron Allen
Assistant Treasurer	Glenn Kutchen
Member	Bill Elliot
Member	David Rose
Member	Graham Reed
Member	George Pastuch

### Your Northern Turners

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

later this year. This has been a fantastic event each year, and the last workshop turned a handsome profit.

A new business card for the club will be developed, carrying the club logo and only the essential details for distribution at displays and exhibitions.

Graham Reed reported that he has got permission for a wood-turning demonstration outside the Port Adelaide exhibition later this year, so volunteers will be needed to help out. Now is the time to start on pieces for that exhibition.

Des and Margaret from International Timepieces showed us their wares, especially the newer items, particularly clocks and case designs. Thank you for your involvement with Northern Turners.

The rare "Alerce" from the Waite Arboretum was brought in by Ron Allen, and pieces snapped up by members. Also, Leith Davidson brought in a trailer load of lemon-scented gum.

I think that is more than enough for this month. Keep on turning.

Tim Smeaton

### Turning sawdust into cash at Bunnings

Graham, Tony and myself arranged a days turning demo at Bunnings Kent Town store in the second Saturday of December.

We arrived at about 9.30 am. Unloaded all the sale items the lathe and tools ,our lunch. We had a great spot for demonstrating ,with good lighting, a secure place for turning that has no access by the public in behind the lathe and a great counter top to display our goods for sale.



Before any turning had started and before the display table was set up we had people buying works of art .

**A POTENTIAL CUSTOMER AT BUNNINGS**

A constant stream of interested onlookers passed by all day, lots stopping to chat or watch Tony make weed pots. I turned some garden dibblers to give away . Graham gave away some finger tops and a few small pine dishes that his lovely wife had pyrographed with some fine artwork, much to the pleasure of the receivers who all left with

large smiles.

Our timing was perfect as we made lots of sales as Christmas presents by many customers and staff alike.

We didn't keep an exact tally of sales, but by my estimation we reached about \$1000.00

A few things to note next time. The swing tags worked well but we should have a receipt book for totals.

We do need a brochure or flyer for Northern turners with lot of info on what we are about. When and where we meet, website addresses and phone numbers. Something to excite potential new members.

I personally had a great time and made some good money, I now have nothing left so its time to get stuck in for next year.

Bill Elliot

## From the Editor



Now I know you think I make this look easy , but I can assure you it's not. Working out some waffle designed for your edification is quite hard. But never fear I have thought of a topic, HOLIDAYS. Yep I knew that would get your attention. In April my wife and I and a couple of other intrepid travellers are packing the caravans with red wine and heading for WA. To be more precise the south west of WA. Some of you may be thinking that as we are heading for a very good wine region why are we packing red wine? Simple. It's a long way.

Now the crux of the matter is this. I will be away for about 4—5 weeks which will mean at least 1 issue of Turnout will not be produced by 'moi'. So there is a choice, you miss out on a fantastic read or someone else fronts up and produces it. Yep 'your club needs you'

It's not hard, just take a lot of words and pictures make them readable, pretty it up and send it to Dale to send out. I use publisher and convert to a PDF file but lets face it anything will do, even a couple of post-it notes. Come on give it a go.



On a sadder note I have to report the demise of my meat saw. Originally made for MBL ( master butchers limited) it has for the last 5 or so years given me great service as a band saw, even if it did scare the bejesus out of me (a word I didn't even know was in the dictionary)

As a result I will be making more use of my chainsaw ..... Watch this space.

But happily, due to the meat saws demise, I have had the chance to reshuffle my shed and in the process discovered something I didn't know I had, space.

Dennis Murray, Ed

## From my perspective, Meeting Reports

### January 19th

Bits and bobs for the "one and all". Members were asked to have a go at producing belaying pins and widow makers for the sailing ship "One and All". Alan Burgess gave us an interesting insight on the workings of sails and ropes needed to keep the ship moving which includes wooden bits to secure them on to. Notice I did not say 'tie'. No knots allowed apparently because you have to release the ropes quickly when the sails start flapping and the widow maker starts looking for a victim. Timber was supplied and after some initial worries about the length of our lathes a number of members had a go.

Show and tell was excellent apart from a small grump from me, the majority of the work was not 'signed'.

### January 26th

Show and tell had some interesting pieces and some were signed.

Northern Turners agreed to support a nomination from Ron Allen to run as President of Woodgroup SA

We were the introduced to our latest acquisition, a very nice Jet midi lathe with EVS, electronic variable speed.

Ron Allen then commenced the first part of his two part demonstration on Winged Bowls. Ron used the cookery method and had a number of previously prepared pieces including a chocolate donut, (well it was brown with a hole in it). Ron's preferred method to commence included using a woodworm screw held in a chuck but he also







explained other methods.

When turned on one side the piece was then attached to a scrap piece with hot melt glue. I think he said he used about 5-6 sticks as the first time he tried it the two pieces parted company.

Anyway the demonstration was very informative and I picked up many techniques and hints.

The only unfortunate aspect was that I did not see one person having a go. Including me. Why? Well I brought my piece of wood. My chuck. My tools etc. What I didn't bring was a screw for my chuck, a drill bit or hot melt glue. OK so what. I could probably have scrounged around and got the bits I needed but others were in the same boat and there would not have been enough to go around. How do we get round this? In the past, on some occasions, a simple message has been put in the program or in Turnout describing what you will need for a particular project. I think this is the way

to go and encourage all demonstrators to publish a simple list of requirements prior to the demonstration. **Dennis**

**Giving it a go!** Well having admitted I had a bit of wood and the wherewithal to complete the winged bowl in my shed I thought I had better give it a go.



So there it is, on the lathe, ready to start. Note the hole, there is another at the other end and I thought it would make a nice feature. Getting going was actually not that bad and everything went really well.. Perhaps the centre box section wasn't particularly hemi-spherical but personally I like the ovoid shape. Sanding was fun if somewhat dangerous but I still have my 7 1/2 fingers and 2 thumbs. Time to take it off and hot glue it to a bit of scrap and do the reverse.



You noticed didn't you. No fooling you lot. Yes the wood changed colour. Must have something to do with the air and friction or something.

No? OK I admit it I stuffed up. The feet of the piece need something to attach the glue too. Unfortunately my mind had wandered somewhat and I had my curve out to the end and my feet ended in points. Never mind all good. Just another bit of wood, what else could go wrong?

I actually like donuts.

I am currently working on version 3 and will not give up, although I do have to buy more glue sticks :( **Dennis**



## Recycling your Shavings: Child's Play !

As wood turners we all produce vast amounts of shavings and sawdust. I like to recycle them myself, rather than disposing of them in the green waste bin – which I guess is the easy option, but why do it the easy way, I say !!

I have a few options you may like to consider:

Composting – if mixed with plenty of animal manure which is easily obtained along the road as you drive through the hills. I've seen bags of horse and chook manure near Mount Barker. Put the manure and sawdust in thin layers in your compost bin and sprinkle liberally with water to keep the microbes and worms happy. It may take 6 months to break down, but it will make a great mulch under fruit trees.

Paths in the Vege Garden - looks neat .

Fire starter bricks - These are fun to make – especially with the help of grandchildren – a good bonding exercise. The bricks burn for up to half an hour – you only need one or 2 with kindling to start the fire. They need to be made in summer as the newspaper doesn't break down in cold weather, in my experience. My helper is Casey, aged 4.

The process is as follows:

First borrow or buy a brick press – my sister got one at an op shop.

Shred newspapers – the finer the better, but about 10mm strips is fine – kids like doing this too, and before long you have enough to fill an old recycling crate. Cover with water and leave for at least a week .



Use a small spade or a lawn edger to agitate the mixture and try to break up the paper using a chopping and swirling motion.

Stir and chop every few days till the paper has broken down into a pulp. This may take another week or two.

Then add sawdust and shavings – a bucket is about right - mix well. You need more pulp than sawdust so the mix sticks



together.

Make your bricks using the press. This is good for muscle toning, squeeze out as much water as possible, and leave to dry on a rack for several weeks. Keep warm in Winter !



Jan Beare



## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDER

<b>MAY</b> 24—26	MERRY MONTH OF MAY— AT WHYALLA
<b>MAY</b>	BIGGEST MORNING TEA
<b>JULY</b> 19—21	SATURN—EL SHADAI CAMP, WELLINGTON.
<b>OCTOBER</b> 5 - 20	PORT ADELAIDE EXHIBITION
	BURNSIDE EXHIBITION
<b>DECEMBER</b>	CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

NEXT ISSUES GUEST WRITERS:

**BARRY VICTOR**

“and anyone else of course”

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## NORTHERN TURNERS PROGRAMME

**Ron Allen & George Pastuch will be organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday programme.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday starts off with lidded boxes, but from then on, the next month's topic will be decided by those attending, a sort of "rolling" programme**

AT ALL MEETINGS, MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GET ON WITH THEIR OWN ONGOING PROJECTS OR TRY OUT THINGS FROM THE DEMO – USE THE LATHES!

	<u>ACTIVITY/ DEMONSTRATION</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Material needed.</u> You are encouraged to bring your own.
FEB 9	Boxes	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Come along and join the fun, turn a box, pick up ideas and techniques, this is definitely a HANDS ON SESSION
FEB 16	Pen Making: Types, Mandrels, Fittings etc. Making the standard pen for beginners.	Ron Allen	1. Basic pen making for beginners 2. A number of members have spent much time and have "specialised" in pen making. The idea is that we all bring our tools and material to make pens and also view others doing so.
FEB 23	Curved Wing Bowls: Part 2	Ron Allen	Bring in any additional gadgets, unusual chucks, tool holders etc, which allow you to make things on your lathe. Be prepared to show how you use them!
MAR 9	TBA	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	
MAR 16	1. Bandsaw safety, jigs, tuning and making blades. 2. Grinding Tools 3. Setting Program for rest of year.	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	Bandsaw blade will be available for purchase by members on the day, details to follow. Bring tools for grinding and your own grinders and jigs if possible.
MAR 23	Combining the Scroll Saw and Lathe	Graham Hawkins	Graham has produced lids for pot Pourri bowls among other things.
APR 13	TBA	Bill Elliot	
APR 20	TBA	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	
APR 27	DREMEL	Phil Keenihan	Phil is an experienced demonstrator of ways in which you use a Dremel to embellish your work.
MAY 11	TBA	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	
MAY 18	TBA	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	
MAY 25	MAPP gas.	Edward Noah	Use of MAPP Gas to weld, decorate wooden object: apply heat to branding tools etc.
JUN 8	TBA	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	
JUN 15	TBA	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	
JUN 22	Topic to be Revealed later!	Brian Purcell	Maybe a Mallet or a Gavel?
JUL 13	TBA	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	
JUL 20	TBA	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	

JUL 27	Why not make a Chess Set?	Tim Smeaton	Inspired by Roger Parker and David Rose, I made a set. Will show how I managed it.
AUG 10	TBA	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	
AUG 17	TBA	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	
AUG 24	TBA		
SEP 14	TBA	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	
SEP 21	TBA	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	
SEP 28	TBA		
OCT 12	TBA	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	
OCT 19	TBA	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	
OCT 26	TBA		
NOV 9	TBA	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	
NOV 16	TBA	Ron Allen, George Pastuch	
NOV 23	TBA		