



# TURNOUT

## From The President



As we approach the end of 2013, it is sad that we have lost two of our members, viz. Dick Pillar and Albert Cook, both of whom died in the latter part of the year. Both of them made a valuable contribution to Northern Turners.

On a happier note, November has been a full month, with Theo Haralampou's very successful workshop, organized by Tim Skilton and Greg Jackson, with George and Franky Pastuch generously having Theo to stay at their house for the weekend. Already, some of his Christmas trees and other little items have turned up at Show and Tell.

The morning tea at the One And All was very well attended, and we had a very interesting morning exploring the ship and learning about the rigging, the centreboards, and the cramped sleeping accommodation. Thanks to Alan Burgess and his team.

At the general meeting, several matters were discussed including:-

Copies of Turnout will no longer be mailed to those without an email address. A single copy will be tabled at Saturday meetings for those who wish to read it. Since free gmail and similar addresses are available, the cost was no longer warranted.

The committee will consider a "Past Members Award" – that may not be the final title – but the idea of having an award which honoured those who have made a valuable contribution to the club, but are no longer with us seems a nice idea.

In order to help those new to wood-turning to learn basic techniques, we will consider introducing a "buddy" system for one-on-one assistance, and possibly having basic and advanced demonstrations on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

For 2014, we plan to have a number of team competitions for a bit of fun and to encourage members to use the club lathes on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays.

The committee is going to look into other potential venues for North-

### Committee

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### Your Northern Turners

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

ern Turners to meet and store their equipment. Although there is no urgent need for this, the possibility of having our own premises, or sharing with organizations such as the Men's Sheds will be considered.

That is all I can think of. Hope to see you all at our Christmas break-up on the 7<sup>th</sup> December – remember bring all your cutlery, plates, chairs etc. and salad to share, or sweet goodies.

To all, a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

*Tim Smeaton*

### **From the Editor**



Well hello, hello, hello. Almost another year done and what do I have to show for it. Not a lot actually. Still there is always next year.

Northern Turners do not have many social activities so I would encourage you all to attend the Xmas Break up on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

It is a chance to mix and mingle and get to know people you may not have met.

A lot of people send me jokes.

Unfortunately I haven't found one yet that can be repeated in print, don't stop sending them though, especially the ones about the Australians Mensa members.

I am going to make a New Years resolution this year. I will let you know how it goes. Last year I got to January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Gledileg Jol      Joyeux Noel      Glædelig Jul      Buone Feste Natalizie

Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!

*Dennis Murray, Ed*

# CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

**Time:** ~ 11.30am



**Date:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Place:** Golden Grove High School

**Food:** Sausages provided by the club; salads and cakes etc. to share from members

**Bring:** chairs and small table (if available), cutlery, cups and glasses, plates, your favourite tippie (i.e., all you need for eating and drinking!) and items for display

**Format:** Lunch under the verandah from about 12 noon

**1.30pm:** A celebration of 20 years of Northern Turners with a speech or two, and the opportunity for partners to see the display and admire what our members produce in their sheds

Come along and have a good time.



## FOR SALE

1. Ryobi Thicknesser, brand new, never been used, asking price is \$320.00 included are a dust shoot 100mm inlet and blade set gauges (value\$ 95.00) + workshop manual.



2. Ryobi slide compound mitre saw 1800 watt, blade size 254mm (10"), as new (very little use) asking price \$220.00 include workshop manual.

Ring Edward on 82542599 for further info or arrange viewing

## NORTHERN TURNERS VISIT THE “ONE AND ALL”

Alan Burgess and Friends of the Sail Training Ship One And All invited NT members to morning tea on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November. This was to thank members for their work in making belaying pins, sheave blocks and other items for the ship.

We had a great time, splendid sandwiches, pies and cakes. Liz Watts and her crew showed us all around the ship, and deep and meaningful discussions were held about the rigging, the sleeping accommodation, toilet facilities, and of course the mermaid figurehead carved by Ainslie Pyne. Our thanks to Tim Skilton who brought Ainslie along for the occasion. Some of the photos taken by Ron Young and me are included.





THE MOTLEY CREW



SAFELY BACK ON LAND

## A Visit to Colorado, USA

Carol and I spent all of September at Breckenridge, a ski resort in the Rocky Mountains, elevation about 10,000 feet. It was early fall (autumn), and each afternoon there seemed to be a thunderstorm rolling in over the adjacent peaks. Being between seasons, there were not many people about, and Carol was reduced to shopping most of the first 2 weeks – using the excellent free bus services to the “outlets” at Silverthorne. I was badly affected by altitude sickness and a viral cough, needing a visit to the local hospital (hugely expensive!!) and oxygen for a few days.

The deal was that my brother, who owns a condominium in Breckenridge, would help with fares, and in return I would help putting in a couple of windows. This turned out to be 2 windows, plus a double sliding door and taking out a massive steel fireplace, viz., 8 days hard labour. So much for holidays!



Yellowstone canyon



Flaming Gorge, Eastern Utah

There were 2 things I really wanted to do. One was to visit the Rocky Mountain Woodturning Symposium and the other to see Mesa Verde National Park. Unfortunately, 12 inches of rain in Boulder County north of Denver on the “front range” of the Rockies caused billions of dollars damage to homes and roads, so the Symposium had to be cancelled at the last minute. We made use of those 4 days to drive to Yellowstone National Park, where the Yellowstone Canyon was awesome (to use one of Jake’s terms) and the hot springs interesting and amazing. Even there, we had bad weather – thunderstorms, sleet, hail, and even a bit of snow. We did see some elk and buffalo, but in small numbers. Didn’t meet any bears luckily. We returned via the Flaming Gorge with richly coloured cliffs overlooking a reservoir. As in Australia, there are long distances to be travelled, and we did 1600 miles in 4 days!

Our other trip of 3 days was to see the Pueblo villages built in the caves of the canyons which dissect the Mesa Verde (green plateau). The Pueblo people lived in the area from about 700 AD until 1500 AD, and it was during the last 200 years or so of their occupation that they moved from the plateau and built the cave dwellings. They were striking, and would have involved a huge amount of manual labour to transport and cut the stone, build the communal pits for ceremonies, and organize a water supply. Well worth the visit, even though both on the way there and one the way north afterwards, it teemed with rain, more thunder, lightning and hail!



Spruce Tree House at Mesa Verde National Park

On the same trip we visited the Arches National Park, a big area of weathered rock formations (I liked the Sheep Rock), the Fiery Furnace a bit like the Bungle Bungles in miniature, and very spectacular. For once, a clear sunny day! The return journey through the valley of the Colorado River again had rocky cliffs and fantastic rock formations. I would like to know more of the geology of the Rockies because you seemed to go from stark rocky cliffs to red sandy ridges not unlike the Flinders Ranges.



Sheep Rock in the Arches National Park

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So, although it had mixed blessings, we did see some beautiful parts of Utah and Wyoming, with a little bit of Montana and Idaho thrown in. If you didn't have to sit in a plane with 400 other people for 14 hours to cross the Pacific, I might be more interested in another visit!

Tim Smeaton



The Fiery Furnace in the Arches National Park

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## NORTHERN TURNERS 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.
JAN 11	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Dennis Murray Bill	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm

Hello !!!!!

This is where next years program will go.

Yep next year.

Not a bad idea to start thinking about it now.

I know the committee will appreciate your input.

Bombard them with ideas.

How about a project which spreads over 2-3 weeks?

How about a picnic set?

Cup, Plate, Bowl, Cheese Platter, Wine Bottle Holder?

Have you read this?

Have you been thinking?

Have you told anyone?

NUP, DIDN'T THINK SO. :(

## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDER

<b>DECEMBER 6</b>	MOONLIGHT MARKET
<b>DECEMBER 10—31/1/14</b>	BURNSIDE EXHIBITION
<b>DECEMBER</b>	CHRISTMAS BREAKUP
<b>MAY 3—4 2014</b>	JIMMY CLEWES: WORKSHOP
<b>FEBRUARY 2015</b>	LIAM O'NEILL: WORKSHOP

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