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From the President



My apologies for not getting around to writing a report for January – no excuse!

We have had a good start to the year, with demonstrations at Bunnings Parafield, activities on 2nd , 3rd and 4th Saturdays in both January and February, and new members appearing all the time.

The competition organized by Glenn Kutchen today (22nd Feb) was a great success and it was terrific to see all the lathes in use. A bigger pile of shavings was made today than at any other time in ages! Unfortunately, possibly because of bias in the judging, team 4 (of which I was a member) came a poor last, but that didn't spoil the fun. Some interesting items were displayed at Show and Tell, ranging from a large silky oak bowl with decoration by Dale Starr (for which Edward Noah awarded him the Halo), to a huge paper rocket made by Ron Young. Jake Jacobs had made a nice bowl from a beautifully figured piece of red gum given to him by Peter Nitschke. Tim Skilton showed us the finished bowl in camphor laurel turned green with a prop to prevent warping. David Rose came up with another of his jigs to make unusual pen blanks.

Items from the committee included:-

Cate and Jeff Wrigley have decided reluctantly to cancel SAturn. They have been the convenors of this great event for 15 years, and all those who have attended have voted

Committee

President	Tim Smeaton
Secretary / Correspondence	Dale Starr
Treasurer	Anne Kerr
Assistant Treasurer	Glenn Kutchen
Member	Bill Elliot
Member	David Rose
Member	Graham Reed
Member	George Pastuch
Member	Dennis Murray

Your Northern Turners

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

it one of the best times for turning, without interruption from phones, spouses or grandchildren. Difficulties with the venue, and the times available which clash with other events, have helped them to make this difficult decision.

On behalf of the club, I would like to offer a big thank you for Cate and Jeff for their contribution.

Tim Skilton has obtained a complete audio set-up for demonstrations through a contact in Queensland and this was given a short test at the meeting. It is all of high quality, has been used only once for a conference, and is available at a very reasonable price which we have agreed to pay. I have applied for a capital grant from WoodgroupSA (sent this afternoon) to see if they will help the club to purchase this valuable piece of equipment. Since it is difficult to speak through a face-shield, and we recommend that they be worn by demonstrators (and others), we need this gear.

The committee has organized the next few months program included in this issue of Turnout. We will

consider all suggestions from members, some of them possibly suited to the 3rd Saturday, but we aim to have demonstrations which are of interest to many of you.

The Memorial Trophy, to be awarded by the committee to a member who has made a significant

contribution to the club during a given year, will take the form of a turned bowl. This will be made by one of our skilled turners, with a rim on which small plaques can be mounted with the winner's names. We plan to have this award in place by the next AGM.

I regret that I will be away for the next general meeting, a trip to Sydney in our camper via Gippsland is on the agenda, so I hope to see you during April.

Keep up the turning, and enjoy the smell of shavings!

Cheers

Tim Smeaton

4th Saturday February 22nd

Its the 4th Saturday again and there is another good member turnout with one new member and one visitor from the UK. On top of all that three trailer loads of wood thanks to Ron Allen and a group of members that helped cut and end seal them. Now onto this months agenda.

Firstly we have two new bandsaw operators Fred McCann and Edward Noah that will make five in total. This means that if there are none of the five bandsaw operators attending then we cant use the bandsaw.

Next up we had the sad news that the woodturning event of the year is no longer, thats

right SATurn has been cancelled. Thanks to Cate and Jeff for all there efforts its been an excellent event. Cheers.

Later in the year there will be a seniors conference of about 200 to 400 people and the club has been asked to have a stall so we need some pieces for display and someone to man the stall. The theme is what can we do as a senior.

The club has been asking for ideas for the memorial trophy and one of the ideas is a platter or a large bowl with the members names on disks around the edge of the piece. It sounds like a good idea.

We are still looking for program ideas, so put some of your ideas across it could be what we are looking for. They could be demonstrations or competitions so get on board. The committee has come up with a couple of ideas for the 4th Sat in coming months so here goes.

March- Demonstration by Ron Allen /Unknown topic. (possibly hollow eggs hint hint)

April- Demonstration by George Pastuch /Split turning

May- Demonstration by Dale Star /Expanable Bracelet

Jimmy Clewes is coming up soon and there are a few spots left so contact Greg Jackson and those who have paid deposits could you please make it easier on the organisers by paying up early.

Also Greg Jackson has two pieces of machinery for sale both Ledacraft in good condition a planner and a thicknesser so contact Greg.

If you are looking for CA glue Tim Sklilton has some for Sale.

Ron Young is looking at putting a timberbits order in so contact him with your order details.

It was also suggested that the club look into buying a Terry Scott DVD called Manta Ray which is an excellent teaching DVD.

That was all for the agenda now onto Show and Tell.

Show and Tell

Dale Star bought in large Silky oak bowl with some beautiful embelishment.

Jake brought in another camphor three sided box a little better than the first effort and a redgum candy bowl.

Tim Skilton re bought in the camphor bowl from last time which he had now finish turn and it was quite striking.

John Girdler had a barometer which was beautifully presented in blackwood.

David Rose brought in a jig for putting celtic patterns in pen blanks.

Ron Young brought in some papercraft he had done for grandkids, a pull apart NASA space rocket, satallite rocket and a novelty moving cow all made out of paper.

In the end Dale took the halo home for his silky oak bowl.

Then it was time to get onto the lathes for the days activities

Competition Time.

The idea of the competition was to get members on lathes and did it ever it was one of the busiest Saturdays ever. So we were split into five teams and the aim was to make 3 items from the timber supplied. The items to be made were a Goblet (if it had a cap-

tive ring extra 5 points), a finial and a spurtle and the decoration and embellishing is up to the turner. There were shaving going everywhere and all the lathes buzzing tools on toolrest it was awesome. So 1pm came round tools down time for the judging, all five teams had all three items and no two items were the same which was excellent to see. The end result came down to our resident professional turner Tim Skilton who gave out the scores (Roger tried a bribe with a lollipop button with no luck). The winners were team 2 consisting of Brian Purcell, George Pastuch and Peter Page. Well done. The real winners were Glen Kutchen (who came up with the competition) and the club for an excellent day.



Jake Jacobs



Jakes Tool Review.

The Robert Sorby TurnMaster

This tool has been on the market for a little while now, it was brought out to compete in the growing market for carbide tools. The difference between the Sorby Turnmaster and other tools like the easy wood tools , carbide woodturning tools

and hope woodturning tools is the interchangeable head that the turnmaster comes with.

There are around 20 plus inter-
changeable cut-
ters available to fit this tool. It
able head for shear scraping and
rections and has a flat underside
on the tool rest. It comes with or
your choice (I could only find
in Adelaide), you can also buy
ter heads.

This tool takes three different
tungsten carbide, titanium nitride
speed steel (HSS) all for differ-
fering a different level of cut.

With 20 in the cutting tips in range there are many shapes of cutter something to
do the task you need. Some of the cutters are a round cutter, mushroom cutter, dia-
mond cutter, square cutter and many more. The handle is comfortable and fits well
in the hand and the tool is a good length and you can get deep into your work.

There are also attachments you can buy like chip gaurds
and little levels to attach to the tool, these are not sorby add on though.

Dimensions:

The handled version is is 525mm (20 5/8") in length

The unhandled version i.e. the shank and head is 270 mm (10 5/8")

For those who wish to turn their own handle the diameter and length of the tang are
as follows:

Diameter is 13mm (1/2")

Length of tang is 55mm (2 1/8")

The tool comes with three cutters as standard the diamond, square and round. I also
purchased a mushroom cutter for hollowing. These all cut very well and were easy to
change over, just one screw. The shear scraping gives a nice finish and leaves a smooth
surface on the work. The square cutter is great for getting the centre nib which can of-
ten be hard to remove. this tool does have a couple of little issues, the first is because of
the head size of the tool you cant do a square corner or a deep straight side like on a
box with the standard cutters they come with. The other issue is your cutter starts a
distance out from the tool rest which was an issue for me I like my tool rest nice and
close. I used tool to hollow out a lidded box I was working on I also made a small red
gum bowl (as shown below). All in all I like the tool and if it had not been a Christmas
gift I would consider buying one to add to my arsenal of tools.

I hope you liked my review I look forward to your comments.

The next review will be the Teknatool nova 1624/44 lathe (Sorry I can only review the
tools I have, If there is something you would like me to review please suggest it to me
and I will see if someone has one I can borrow for a review)

Safe Turning

Jake Jacobs



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to keep it steady
without a handle
handled version
replacement cut-

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ent price each of-

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 Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
JAN 18			
JAN 25	New Year Welcome		
FEB 8	Tooth Fairy Boxes	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Timber to accommodate fished size approx. 70 x 40 roughly. Jacaranda works well. Tools etc. Enthusiasm SHORT DEMO 1000
FEB 15	Roughing and spindle gouges. Grinding gouges. Turning Beads	Ron Allen	45 x 45 Pinus or similar
FEB 22	Team Competition	Glenn Kutchen	YOUR TOOLS
MAR 8	Easter Egg and egg cup	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Timber for your size egg and another piece for the cup. Tools etc Enthusiasm SHORT DEMO 1000
MAR 15	Revision Beads and Coves. Turning splays. Garden Dibbler	Ron Allen	45 x 45 Pinus or Similar 250 x 35 x 35 for dibbler
MAR 22		Ron Allen	
APR 12	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
APR 19	Skew Chisels, grinding, planing, turning beads. Spurtles	Ron Allen	45 x 45 Pinus or Similar 300 x 19 x 19 for spurtle.
APR 26	Split Turning	George Pastuch	
MAY 3-4	Jimmy Clewes Workshop	All	Bookings now open.
MAY 10	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
MAY 17	Basic Bowl Turning. Turning a shallow bowl. Grinding Bowl Gouges.		240 x 240 x 45 or similar wood of your choice.
MAY 23-25	Merry Month of May	All	Murrayland Turners
MAY 24	Expandable Bracelet	Dale Starr	
JUN 14	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
JUN 21	Rough Turning Green Wood. How to avoid major splitting. Selection of suitable wood for a bowl	Ron Allen	A piece of green or wet log cut through centre, ie the pith.
JUL 12	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm

JUL 18-20	Tools and more Expo		
JUL 18—20	SAturn		
JUL 26			
AUG 9	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
AUG 16	Revision of Beads and Coves. Weedpots. Safe use of branch material. Discussion re topics for rest of year.	Ron Allen	45 x 45 Pinus or similar. Branch material up to 100mm in diameter.
AUG 23			
SEP 13	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
SEP 20			
SEP 27			
OCT 11	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Dennis Murray Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
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