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From the President



President's Report March 2014

Seems a bit strange to write a report when you haven't been here for a few weeks! Anyway, I hope that Northern Turners members have been producing some good work. From Dale's report on Show and Tell, at least some of you have been busy.

During our trip around Victoria and NSW, Carol and I browsed around shops in several towns. At Lakes Entrance and Eden there were galleries with some turned items. A couple of them had work from Men's Sheds, some of it good, some not up to the standard of NT Inc.!! I did see the key-ring tooth-pick holders which Steve Franz has informed you about, and they seemed a good little idea.



The most interesting thing I saw was a pair of candle-sticks (well, a base in which tea-light candles can be inserted), which were Ying and Yang. We went to see an old friend who is a sculptor, and while looking over her gorgeous stuff, I saw these which had been given to her. A good project for someone, maybe me.

So, we are back to Adelaide after a camping holiday with breaks in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne to catch up with friends and attend a wedding. Being April Fool's Day, I shouldn't be surprised that the forecast is 36 C, but it does seem to be genuine.

Three things which I should mention.

- A) Dennis Murray has said he can no longer be editor of Turnout, so we are looking for a suitable replacement. He has done a great job, entirely on his own initiative to start up and run a magazine for Northern Turners, so his shoes will be a little hard to fill, but if any of you have the skills, please let the committee know.
- B) Dennis will not be able to run the 2nd Saturday program, which was another of his initiatives, so we need another volunteer to help out.
- C) I have been in touch with a representative from TTG council about the Men's Shed, and I am well aware that members certainly do not want to be absorbed by that organization, so any future use of their facilities, if it should happen, would have to be on our terms. Another avenue, i.e., another shed, has been mentioned, and I will look into that very

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

soon. I suspect that our present location will turn out to be our best and most suitable for the club, but worth looking at alternatives.

Enough from the president for now.

Keep up your skills,

Cheers

Tim Smeaton

Editors notes

Hi Peoples, this will be my last month of editing. Next month Jake Jacobs will be giving it a go. Unfortunately for some of you I will be able to stay on and if elected will take on the role of President following the next AGM. Alas due to the fact that I will only be able to attend once a month I will have to stop going to the 2nd Saturday.

Dennis Murray

Jakes Tool Review.

This tool review is on my Teknatool Nova 1624-44 lathe. Ive had this lathe for around two years but I will admit it didnt get much use in the first year due to my tiny shed. Now I have let her rip and created many projects on it so I will do my best to give you a good review.

This is not the largest lathe on the market but it will do just about everything that the bigger lathes can do. It has a powerful 1.5HP motor with 8 speeds and a swing over the bed of 400mm and an outboard swing of 740mm. You can turn 600mm between centres and extend with the optional bed extension, I have this extension and it comes in handy for moving the tailstock out of the way. That some of the technical stuff out of the way.

It has a cast iron bed and comes with legs which I am not using I have built my own bench to get more height and for more weight.

The first thing that you notice is there is no variable speed, but with 8 speeds ranging from 175rpm up to 3000rpm you can definitely find the speed that is right for your project. The other thing is that the price of around \$1600 (price has increased recently) will give you a bigger lathe that will do most of what the more expensive and larger lathes will do at a cheaper price. But you will have to manually change the belts. The other good things about this lathe that are standard features are that it has a 360 degree swivel head which allows you to do larger pieces, 24 point indexing, forward and reverse drive and all the major pieces are tough heavy cast iron construction.

I have turned many different things on this lathe from pens and eggs, to boxes and bowls. I have started to turn one platter that would be the largest diameter piece I have turned at around 400mm, this blank had been cut round on the bandsaw but was still a little out of round but the lathe didn't buck at all it turned up nicely. I have had a couple of out of shape bowl blanks which I cut up with a chainsaw that when I found the right speed on the lathe the lathe didn't move or show any sign of wanting to walk along the workshop floor. With the smaller projects the nova lathe runs very smooth even when you do off centre stuff like the 3 sided box it runs true and makes it easy to get nice clean cuts without worrying about vibration.

Everything works well, by this I mean the belts are easy to change, the banjo, toolrest and the tailstock both lock up tight and without needing to put your back into it. The switches are easy to get to but it takes a little while to get used to using your left hand. The indexing system is user friendly. Everything slides well on the cast iron bed which is something I really like on my lathes. On the stand that the lathe comes with standard it is quite a small unit for a bigger lathe. The stand I have made for my lathe is quite large and takes up a bit of room and I have the extra bed extension. I will try and include a photo. I put my lathe on its own bed for a few reasons the first being the height, the standard legs are ok for the average person but being six foot seven inches I needed more height and I wanted more weight in the lathe so I built in a shelf that I store wood on which works well at stabilizing the lathe. I also didn't like the way the bed extension just hangs on the end of the lathe so mine is on boards the length of the whole lathe bed. I hope that makes sense.

- Quality materials – Solid Cast Iron throughout.
- Stationary lathe capabilities in a compact workspace. Incredible power in a compact working space, great for those who need all the workshop space they can get! The swivel head and articulated Outrigger Accessory means that turning even large bowls (29") you are still turning in the same compact working envelope.
- Strong 2MT spindles
- NOVA smart accessories – lathe accessories are common between the models, meaning any money invested in the accessories isn't wasted if you upgrade your NOVA lathe.
- Fully 360° Swivel head – position work where you want it, makes your turning more comfortable and saves you workshop space.
- Precision Machining.
- Long reach toolslides, designed to take advantage for the extra capacity the NOVA lathes offer.
- Extendable Beds – make your lathe as long as your project requires, without having permanently taking up workshop room! (Additional Accessory item)
- Quick Action Cam Controls – precisely adjust to your requirements, fast.
- Large Capacities
- Great Speed Range
- Large range of accessories
- Comprehensive Warranties

Now for the negative the first I mentioned earlier it doesn't have variable speed

(you can upgrade to variable speed from the UK but it costs as much as the lathe)

The only other thing I dont like is that the lathe only

All in all there is a small snapshot of my Nova Lathe and yes there better lathes out there (I know Vicmarc "mmm" who doesnt want one) but as a starting unit and for the money this is a really good lathe. Im not sure what the next tool review will be, any ideas let me know.

Cheers Jake

Jake Jacobs

Editors Note: I have been asked to include this next article in Turnout and I do not do censorship, however I will say that I do not know if this is a Woodgroup SA sponsored event and it hasn't been sanctioned at any Northern Turners meetings and as such my biggest concern would be , who is providing insurance?

Subject:Fw: Turn SA Lucindale

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Dates 22nd to 24th August

As you can see we have taken up the name Turn SA as suggested by Tim.

After speaking with Lucindale Lions and Lucindale Hotel I can pass on the following information.

Lions Club is providing fully powered sheds, morning and afternoon teas. Heating will be provided if needed.

Hotel will provide continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday, lunch Saturday and Sunday and dinner Friday and Saturday night.

Hotel has double bed rooms, twin bed rooms and single rooms for 18 people.

Shearers quarters: 2 beds per room with shared bathrooms.

When booking, please choose which accommodation you would like.

Please let me know if I need to book caravan sites.

Cost of above will be \$180:00 per person.

(Booking Form next page)

Turn SA 2014 Booking Form

Name -----

Address _____

Email _____

Phone: _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

I would like to share a room with _____

Special Dietary requirements _____

Are you a member of Woodgroup SA? Yes No

Are you a snorer (ask your partner) Yes No

Are you bringing a lathe Yes No

Book caravan site Yes No

I enclose deposit of \$90 per person or full payment of \$180:00 per person

I will provide my own safety equipment and my own dust prevention equipment. I agree not to power-sand.

Signed -----

Please return form and pay your deposit by 1st May. Balance is required by 31st July 2014.

Editors Note: I assume these go to Ray.

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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