

# TURNOUT

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## From the President



May has been a busy month, starting off with Jimmy Clewes workshop organized by Tim Skilton and Greg Jackson. This was a great weekend, with Jimmy an entertaining demonstrator and sharing his ideas on tool use and sharpening, as well as making a variety of items which he generously left for the auction. Certainly he likes to have the lathe spinning fast! Thanks to all involved in the organizing of this event, and financially it was a winner thanks to those who purchased lottery tickets and the donations from Carbatec and Leda Machinery.

Bill Elliot ran the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and would like to see a few more there to enhance their skills and get on with their projects. Remember the Port Adelaide exhibition is in October, and Burnside at the end of the year.

George Pastuch gave a very detailed demonstration of making a bowl from start to finish on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Ron Young has plans to make a teaching DVD from his photos.

Show and Tell was very well supported on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, with Robert Narcissi awarded the halo for his two beautiful clocks and several segmented pieces. Well done to all who showed off their wares.

Dale Starr's demonstration of an expanding bangle left us all wondering if we would be able to emulate the task – a bit of a challenge but maybe some of you have grandchildren who would adore such a piece!

At the general meeting, the committee reported the following items:-

The Woodgroup budget was accepted at their meeting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May prepared by the Treasurer George Pastuch. The capitation fee for members will be \$6 rather than \$10, and there is a \$100 rebate for any first aid courses undertaken by members for the club. Our club also received \$400 towards the audio-visual equipment.

Graham Reed has made a red gum platter for the Past Members Trophy which was shown to members, a very nice piece of work, and Bill Elliot will make a stand for it.

The Business Enterprise Centre on Tolley Road, St. Agnes has a large shed which could be available as a fall back position if needed by the club in future. Also, I have sent a letter to the Salisbury Council to ask if they

### 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

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have any suitable premises for our club.

The Jet lathe is being repaired by Carbatec at a cost of \$190.

Plans for making CD spinning tops to be offered for sale at the Tools & More Show and other venues will be circulated. All members are encouraged to make a few and the CDs will be printed with a suitable Northern Turners design prior to assembly.

At the June meeting, the OH&S documents will be discussed and amended if necessary. These policies should be reviewed annually, and part of one monthly meeting allocated to ensuring all members are conversant with club policies concerning safe use of our equipment.

I think that is enough from me for the moment. Enjoy your turning,

*Tim Smeaton*

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

A change of the guard. Welcome from your new editor. Before I go any further, I would like to thank Dennis Murray for starting the Turnout and all his effort in getting it up and going.

What we need now are articles that the members would like to read. So far we have a President's report, an editor's note, reports from the second, third and fourth Saturdays, Jake's tool review, our timetable and the occasional article about a coming or past event (ie Merry Month of May). Anyone can forward an article with or without pictures to me by email. If you have any woodworking equipment to sell, use the Turnout.

This past month has seen two wood turning events, the Merry Month of May at Murray Bridge and the Jimmy Clewes work shop. Unfortunately I could not attend the MMoM but I did go to the Jimmy Clewes show. There is an article latter in the Turnout. However let me say... it was with interest that I observed his enthusiasm regarding the timber grain of a piece of ash when making his platter. We turners in Australia often shun pale timber for it seldom sells. We prefer dark colours with pale sap wood, burls and timber with outstanding features. What we witnessed was a professional turner who rejoiced in the natural beauty of timber and his embellishments highlighted the natural product and not the other way around where the turning was but a means to produce a piece of wood-art.

My wife Franky and I will be overseas till late July so there will not be a Turnout in June. Do not stop sending articles to me, I can always make July a thicker edition.

In addition this edition is also thicker as there was no April edition of Turnout. Sorry to all those people who may have problems receiving this edition because of its size.

George Pastuch

## **April 2nd Saturday Meeting**

Well its the 2nd Saturday again and its time to do some turning. About 12 members have turned up and 10 of us have hit the lathes. David Rose tackling another segmented piece, Bill was working on a good size bowl to embellish and rest where working on various projects. I was working on an order of pens or at least I thought I was until I realized I bought the wrong bushings. I bought bullet pen bushings instead of bolt action bushings so turning those was a bust. So I started on some simple slimline stylus pens and I had two blow outs from eight pens but they say the mistakes are just a learning curve. It was a great day with good company and plenty of turning.

Next meeting may 10th bring some wood and your tools.

There was no report for the May 2nd Saturday meeting

### April 3rd Saturday Meeting

Say hello to the skew chisel. The day had one rule. Only the skew chisel could be used. George Pastuch started the day talking about different shape skew chisels, and grinding them. Next was demonstrating roughing a piece of pine to a cylinder, turning beads, then making a spirtle and a spatula. The day then belonged to everyone to have a go. It was great to see some new members and current members putting their hands to it. End result was very satisfying. Everybody had a go and succeeded without any real mishaps.



### May 3rd Saturday Meeting

Introduction to bowl turning was the topic for the day. George Pastuch led a very precise if not too lengthy a discussion on bowl gouges, bowl design, and grinding bowl gouges. Followed by a practical demonstration on turning a basic bowl. Again most members attending started turning. Many thanks to Bill Elliot and Glen Kutchen for providing hands on help while George spent most of the day re-sharpening tools for people.



## April 4th Saturday Meeting

Show and Tell was disappointingly small in numbers but interesting. Refer the pictures below. To support the previous demo from Ron Allen were 3 hollow eggs!



The demo was by George Pastuch which was focused on split turning. There was some discussion as to what he was making and it was later identified as Streptohedrons which consisted of turning a shape between centres from two pieces glued with a paper joint then split apart and rejoining in a different profile. A more comprehensive article will be forwarded to members through our secretary in the next week or so.

### A visit to a Tinker's Shed

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, after several months to organize, 4 members of Northern Turners, Graham Reed, Bill Elliot, Paul Beebee and Tony Davies were invited to show members of the Nuriootpa Tinker's Shed how to use the lathes that they have in their workshop. ("Mens Shed" called Tinker's Shed to encourage women to be part of the organisation) The premises that they have are excellent, and have had huge support from businesses and individuals to get this organization up and running. We had 10 people attend to see what we had to offer, in the way of advice and techniques on how to use a lathe.

Paul spoke on the care of the lathe, chucks and the different jaws that were available. Tony spoke on sharpening and the different jigs that could be used. Bill gave a demo on how to make a garden dibber. The idea was to show the guys something that could be made fairly quickly so they could get on the lathes. During the course of the day everybody spent time making shavings, some who had never done any turning before or had not done anything for many years had a go, and they all took something home at the end.

The people that attended were keen and enthusiastic and a great bunch of guys to boot. Lunch that was provided was really, really good and the apple strudel - well what can I say! We had a great day, they appreciated what we did for them, and they will remember Northern Turners - what more could you ask for?

Jacob Jacobs

### EVENT TO REPLACE SATURN

Thanks to Jack Hunt and the Murrayland Turners we have been offered insurance coverage which will enable TurnSA to go ahead. Heather and I will be the convenors. Those who haven't, please return forms with deposit so that accommodation and catering can be organised. I thank everyone for their support and look forward to seeing you in 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.

Dates 22nd to 24th August

Ray Cottee

If interested contact Ray on 0428475167

Jimmy Clewes Workshop  
From Woodgroup SA website

A very successful weekend was spent by Northern Turners and members from other woodworking clubs enjoying the repartee, technical expertise and design offered by Jimmy Clewes who came to Australia as a result of co-operation between clubs in several States. Tim Skilton was the force behind getting Jimmy to come and with Greg Jackson's help we were able to see him producing a number of elegant pieces.

Among these were an Asian style square lidded box with wings (red gum), a box with inlaid lid with a gilded ring around the inlay (blackheart sassafras with walnut inlay), a platter (ash), a natural edge vase (yellow-wood), a lidded box (Australian cedar with Huon pine lid), as well as a quirky goblet which would hold a very small tot of your favourite tippie on an extremely delicate stem. One of the features of this demonstrator was the fine finish on his pieces, with suggestions such as use of shellac under oil finishes.

It was clear from Jimmy's presentation that he has taught a great deal, and has given thought to almost every aspect of turning, especially the different tool grinds, angles of presentation, and the different cuts possible. He emphasised that it didn't matter which tools or approaches you used, if you produced a good result, that was the important thing. After all, the purchasers are not wood-turners!

With the usual good lunches provided by the caterers, a successful raffle of the prizes donated by Carba-Tec and Leda, and auction of the pieces at the end of the workshop, everyone had a great time and went away with new ideas. Hopefully we will see the results at the next Show and Tell.

Comments from George Pastuch

There are several specific items I would like to add to the summary on the Woodgroup SA website.

Although fundamentally self taught, his tool skills were incredible. He emphasised that one would only need a few tools and demonstrated this by conducting the whole weekend using 3 different size and grind bowl gouges, parting tool, skew chisel and his box scraper. His explanation of push and pull cuts were easy to follow.

He enlightened us with his simple method of inserting a brass line around an insert in the lid of a turned box.

Although there is wide variation regarding bowl shapes, Jimmy made it quite clear regarding his preferences and provided an easy way to make a graceful curve and elegant ogee curve which he demonstrated with his platter and end grain bowl. I will include these when I receive a drawing from Jimmy.



## 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.
MAY 24	Expandable Bracelet	Dale Starr	
JUN 14	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	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.
JUN 28	Spoons and advice on how to turn a thread	Dave Brown	Suitable wood for bowl of spoon and handle.
JUL 12	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
JUL 19	<b>NO MEETING</b>		Tools & More Show 18 to 20
JUL 26	Team competition		Bring your tools and join a team for some fun
AUG 9	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	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	“Top End Decoration”, e.g. finials and handles for boxes	Glenn Kutchen	Small pieces approx. 20-25mm x 200mm