

TURNOUT

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NT Presidents Blurb for January Turnout 2015

What a fantastic turnout to our 4th Saturday meeting. 50+ members came to learn from Michael O'Donnell. For years I have enjoyed reading Mick's articles in *Woodturning* magazines and also his books – *Turning Green Wood*, and *Decorating Turned Wood- The Maker's Eye* which was a collaboration with Mick's artistic wife Liz. Both books are easy to read and quite inspiring, and in our library.

We are fortunate to have members of our club like Gordon Best who saw Michael's message on his website telling of his summer trip to Adelaide to visit his first grandson. Just goes to show the value of having a website !!

The Committee has approved the establishment of a public Facebook page which will help to spread the word about Northern Turners and our Exhibitions, demos etc. Gordon has been looking into this but would like volunteers to run the page – we have one interested member but an assistant would be helpful.

Ron Allen was presented with his NT Life Member badge – an honour well deserved. Ron is a shining example of an active club member taking on executive roles over many years, writing articles for the newsletter, as well as demonstrating turning methods to our members and the general public.

Thanks to Bill Elliot for bringing in a load of sandpaper, excess to a hardware store's requirements, which we are selling for \$1 a pack to raise money for the club.

This weather is great for working in the shed, so let's get turning – how about a super thin goblet !!

Jan

New Committee

President	Jan Beare
Secretary / Correspondence	Dale Starr
Treasurer	Robert Edge
Vice President	Tim Smeaton
Member	Bill Elliot
Member	Glenn Kutchen
Member	Graham Reed
Member	Jake Jacobs

Your Northern Turners

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

EDITOR'S NOTE



It seems to me that asking for articles is a pain that needs to be constantly repeated. Apart from the President's blurb as Jan likes to put it, Jake and myself, there are no constant contributors. I would like to thank those members who did forward an article to me last year. Maybe our committee should revisit the Turnout and ask what our members would like in their newsletter. Unlike the Woodgroup Newsletter, I cannot schedule people to present something month by month.

Maybe we could have a "Letters to the Editor" section?

I will be away all of next month until early March. I think that I will have reception and if people send me something to put in it I will attempt to have a February edition. If not, you will hear from me again in March.

George Pastuch

January 3rd Saturday Meeting

Ron Allen introduced everybody to making whistles. Although he did not physically conduct a demonstration, he provided a brief and informative method on how to make whistles. Everybody started making shavings. When any problems arose, Ron and George were there to help and guide them on their way. Much fun was had and several very elaborate whistles were made.



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Some pictures of Show and Tell for the 3rd Saturday session.



During lunch, Jan Beare presented Ron Allen with his Life Member badge.

- George Pastuch

SANDPAPER GOING VERY CHEAP

To all members,

at next meeting we have for sale a large range of sand paper, Heaps of belt paper in lots of sizes and grits loads of disc paper hoards of half and third sheet and in many grades a plethora of palm sander sheets.

so bring the sizes of your sanders and a pocket full of cash Around 80% off retail sounds great, all money will go to the club. This is just a small sample we have 5 cartons of stuff



CLUB BAND SAW USE

\$2 / piece fee for using the bandsaw to cut timber not being used at the meeting. Proceeds to go towards new blades and upkeep of the bandsaw. Thank you.

Northern Turners Committee

CLUB FACE BOOK PAGE

The Northern Tuners committee has made a decision to have a Facebook page and is asking for volunteers to look after it.

If you are interested please either contact any committee member or send me an email.

George Pastuch

January 4th Saturday Meeting

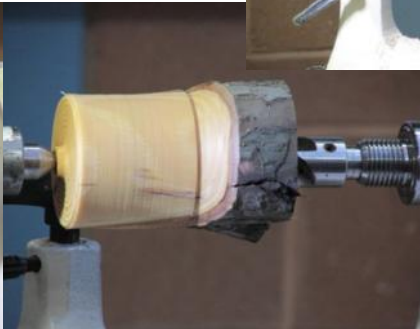
The fourth Saturday had the usual happenings. An official meeting by the Northern Turners Committee and a comprehensive Show and Tell. There was also two sales events, International Timepieces were selling the last of their craft items and Bill Elliot had a mountain of sand paper (see page 3)

In addition the committee had organised a professional turner to conduct an impromptu demonstration. Michael O'Donnell was on holidays from Scotland and met Ron Allen at the Botanical Gardens recently and the rest is history.

Michael O'Donnell almost exclusively turns bowls using green timber in Scotland (the type escapes me and I did not make a note of it). He talked to us about his method of turning. One of his sayings was “ *Place the tool on the rest, point the bevel where you wanted to go, go there in a straight line*” He also talked about the use of certain tools and used the catch phrase *use the tool closest to you*. He spent some time discussing grinding a ‘V’ in the face of the parting tool to provide two sharp points to cut across fibres.

He also showed us a couple of his bowls and then proceeded to conduct a demonstration. He started to turn an end grain vase from a green piece of timber. Unfortunately I had a prior engagement so did not see the end result.

George Pastuch



MEMBER PROFILE—William Elliott but only when I'm in trouble Otherwise call me Bill

What part of Adelaide are you from? I lived in Adelaide most of my life, from Henley, to Aldgate to St. Peters and now in Rostrevor

What was or is your occupation and background? I joined the Army in 1963 [Infantry] serving in Sydney wood-side then active service in Malaya and Borneo. Most of my civilian life in the Retail Paint industry, the last ten years at Bunnings.” You only get 8 for armed robbery

How did you get into woodturning? My first venture into woodturning was at Norwood tech, I did enjoy making sawdust and a lamp stand, which was basically a stick with a light on top

What Lathes do you current use? I made a home built lathe many years ago but this was a complete failure as woodturning is supposed to be round. About six years ago I purchased a Leadercraft mc900 this is my current lathe

What is your dream lathe? .My dream lathe is one with a wider range of options, Better speed range, Slower and faster larger depth more torque and heavier with less vibration

What was the first thing you turned? The first thing I made was my lamp stand, it did keep someone warm for a while on a cold winters night, The first thing I made of any use was a bracelet for the wife, I think she still has it

What is your favourite kind of turning ? My favourite turning must be anything unusual or quirky. A bowl with 176 horseshoe nails. A tooth pick holder or a baby's rattle with a point of difference

What do you find the most challenging to turn? The most challenging thing is two things the same, I still haven't done it yet.

What type of timber do you like turning most? My favourite timber is anything for free or any of the iconic woods like Sassafras, Huon pine ,Red Gum, Walnut or burls

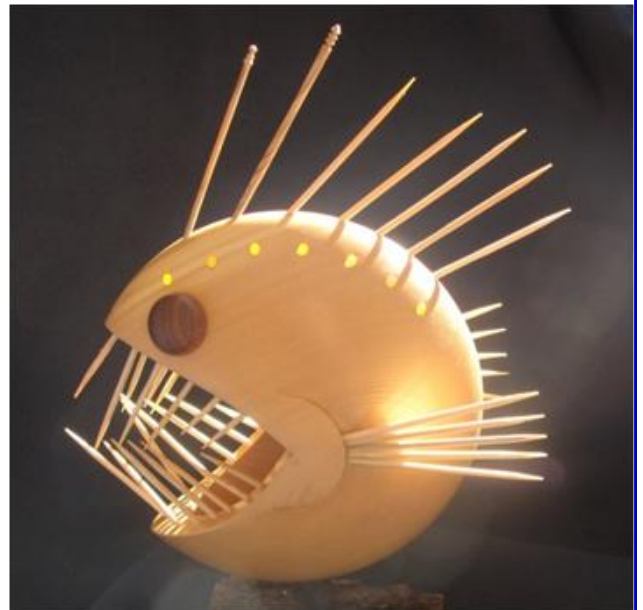
What is your favourite part of your workshop? My favourite part of my workshop is my office chair found by the roadside and is the one thing I use most

What do you like best about Northern Turners meeting? Northern Turners is a great club, it has changed my life. I have never been to a meeting without learning something from someone. Inspiration comes from all the members as they are all willing to share their knowledge

What is your favourite piece and do you still have it? My favourite piece is the one I just sold; this means that someone else liked it enough to shell out cash for it, proving that all the dust and mess is worthwhile. I have

had great success with fruit, thanks to Brian Fraser for his inspirational demo

Describe your workshop Only small but it does have 4 windows and a door,” very handy” Two benches, covered in all the things I



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.
FEB 14th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
FEB 21st	Lidded Boxes	Ron Allen/	Material—any dry timber—MUST BE DRY. Dimension 120mm to 150mm long x 60 to 80mm dia.. These boxes will be for resin tops the following month
FEB 28th	Travel Mug	John Girdler	
MAR 14th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
MAR 21st	Resin Tops for Lidded Boxes & flocking boxes	Ron Allen/	Bring Box lids ready to fill.
MAR 28th	Lattice turned lid	Bill Elliot	
April FRI 3rd to MON 6th	Easter period		
APRIL 11th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
APRIL 18th	Not yet decided	Ron Allen/	
APRIL 25th	Pepper grinders Crush Grind and other mechanisms		Bring in your lidded boxes from 3rd Sat Feb and 4th Sat March, or just your favourite turned box for a peer vote. There will be prizes for beginners and old hands too .
MAY 23rd	Pendants	Jake Jacobs	