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Vice-President's Report July 2015

Since Jan was unable to attend, I filled in as "President" for the 4th Saturday meeting. We had about 52 members and a couple of visitors, probably attracted by Tim Skilton's demonstration rather than listening to the general stuff of meetings.

However, a number of things do merit mention:-

The committee have decided to go ahead with the purchase of a suitable camera, TV and associated tripods and cables to be used for club demonstrations. Jake Jacobs, in collaboration with Glenn Kutchen and Linsday Winen, will seek out the best prices for what we need.

Following a suggestion by Robert Edge, the Treasurer, the committee decided to purchase a laptop computer with Office 13 software. This will not only allow the Treasurer to keep NT records, but allow us to gather all sorts of data relevant to the club and grant applications, publicity, etc.

All members must help to keep the GGHS premises clean and tidy, rather than leave it to a few stalwarts. This includes not just cleaning up after using lathes, but returning any chairs from the computer room to their proper place, using only the NT cups in the plywood cupboard under the bench in the kitchen (not the staff cups above the sink) and washing them and returning them to the cupboard after use. This might sound like "the little schoolmaster", but it is important that we do the right thing by the School since we are paying guests in their facility.

The Wood Show at Wayville was very successful, with over 200 pieces from club members in the gallery and a good number of sales, of the order of \$5000 or more. Well done, especially to first time exhibitors.

For those wanting Danish oil, Glenn Kutchen reports it is "still on the high seas, somewhere south of Cape of Good Hope", so you will have to be patient!

The competition in August will be a team event, 3 members per team, and you will be asked to make 3 objects to exact specifications. Wood will be provided by the club/committee members. So, bring along your tools and join in the fun.

Tim Skilton's demonstration was a great success, not only for the always relevant suggestions for sharpening tools, but the techniques needed to turn a rough-turned bowl into a well-finished piece. Thank you, Tim.

That is enough for now, keep those lathes turning, and start on your pieces for the Port Adelaide exhibition.

Tim Smeaton

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

All I can say is "it's cold". I have just returned from a cruise on the high seas to and from Fiji where the weather was a balmy 25 degrees. Venturing out into the shed literally sends shivers through my fingers.

Thanks to all who sent through articles for the Turnout

George Pastuch

Send all articles to turnout@woodgroupsa.org.au

July 25th meeting

Show & Tell – conducted by Flora Rumbelow

Jake Jacobs:- 2 burls using WA timber, a hollow form, a red gum box and small natural edge bowl

Tim Smeaton – re-turned segmented bowl purchased for \$1 from charity shop

David Rose – a small pine potpourri bowl

Glenn Kutchen – 2 small bowls which had begun life as much bigger bowls

Bill Elliot – a small "tree" made using 3 different techniques.

Mick Richer – lidded box with drawer insert and finial in peach wood

Lindsay Winen – hollow form perforated with router on jig.

Mick Richer was awarded The Halo.

(May have missed somebody – my apologies)

Show & Tell with Mick Richer's box in foreground



WEB PAGE REQUEST

There are now gallery pages for boxes and fruit on the web, together with a request for the creators to own up and identify themselves.

And while on that subject, six (6) of the bowls remain unidentified. Does no one own these?

Please review the Northern Turner web page and if any of the pictures are your products, can you please contact Gordon Best or any committee member and provide ownership details. If you do not wish your items displayed, please advise also

Thanks

TurnSA 2015

TurnSA is being held at Yakka Park Lucindale 21st-23rd August 2015.

Accommodation and meals are included in the \$200.00 Accommodation available is: Shearing quarters, Hotel and caravan park for those with vans. There are no on site vans or cabins. Its held in the Yakka parks shed with masses of room, there are competitions and Carrolls and Woodfast will be there as well. Take it from those who went it was an excellent time by all.

Any issues contact

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Demonstration by Tim Skilton

In his inimitable style, Tim entertained the troops for 2 sessions. The first was about tools, sharpening, use of jigs, swept-back grinds, etc. The second was about using bowl gouges, face-plates and chucks to re-turn a green-turned bowl, and turning a large ash blank into a very nice shallow bowl with decorated rim. Throughout Tim stressed that he used techniques which worked for him. Also, he stressed safe working, with protection while turning all pieces on the lathe, particularly larger bowls or anything which had a risk of cracking apart. Well done Sir.

These pictures will give some idea of the demonstration



MEMBER PROFILE

What is your name – Brian Purcell

What part of Adelaide are you from – born at Rose Park Hospital, raised in the Kensington and Norwood area – have lived at Ingle Farm since 1970

What was or is your occupation and background – Left school at 14 ½, started work as a telegram messenger with the PMG, then worked as a Relief counter officer at a great deal of metropolitan post offices, then transferred into the Admin area in 1975 covering most aspects of Australia Post operations. Was Manager of Administrative Services (Records Management and Print Room) when I took voluntary redundancy in 1999.

How did you get into woodturning – Went to one of the Shows at Wayville and saw a bloke in a cage using a lathe to turn a piece of wood, and just thought, gotta do that one day. Several years later I came across Brian Fraser (another post office person) at another show and I had a talk with him. I was given some info on Northern Turners and a contact point for Ron Allen.... the rest is history

How long have you been turning – since 2002

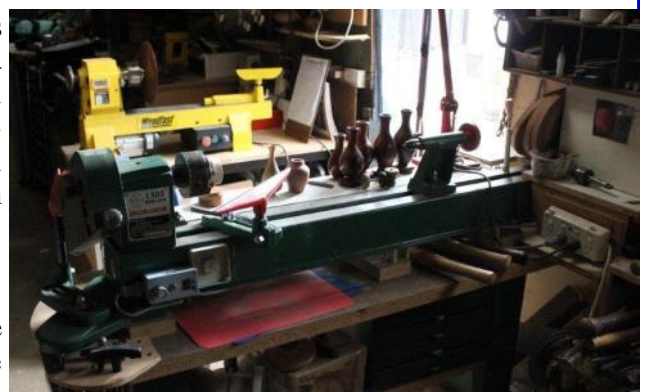
What lathes do you currently use – I have a Durden 3 phase electronic variable speed and a Woodfast electronic variable speed.

What is your dream lathe – when I first shopped down at the Turnery I saw a big Vicmark in action and wanted that, but the price put me off, so I settled for a Leda variable speed. Regrets, I have a few.... shoulda bought it then.

What was the first thing you turned – one of the very first things I turned was a pepper mill grinder from Cedar and I thought it was okay, but on looking back, it was pretty ordinary with a whole lot of faults.

Whats your favourite kind of turning – I like doing bowls and spindle work....lidded boxes with finials interests me.

What do you find most challenging to turn – I have difficulty with hollowing deep items.



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What type of wood do you like turning most – I was lucky in the early stages of learning to get hold of a fair bit of Blackwood. Some of that turned out lovely with its browns, tans and creams. Gives a nice finish. Red gum is also beautiful when finished with oils.

What is your favourite part of your workshop – on the bench, directly over the bar fridge. Usually on a Friday after finishing turning for the day I would partake of a beer or two and a bowl of chips. My dog would come in and want to get up on the bench top to be with me (or it could have been for the chips). A nice way to finish the week. Good memories..... Vale Chelsea.

What do you like best about Northern Turners meetings – Like many others, I go there to learn, see what's on offer with the demo's, meet and mingle with nice people and see what they have been up to over the last month

What is your favourite piece – I had a nice large piece of Blackwood that turned up into a lovely shallow bowl. It sold at one of our Port Adelaide Exhibitions.

What do you do with the pieces you turn – I give them to anyone who wants them. Finding people who want them is the difficult part.

Have you exhibited any pieces – yes, I try and put in the allowed number whenever possible. By doing this, I not only support the Exhibition Committee but have the chance of selling a piece or two.

Do you sell at craft fairs or other outlets – I have unsuccessfully participated in Thorndon Park a couple of times. I did have a friend in my early stages of turning who had a table at the Markets. I sold a few things there, but again looking back on the quality, perhaps they weren't as good as I first thought they were.

Have you demonstrated for the club - I did do a couple of stints at Wayville, and did do a gavel and gavel sounding block demonstration for a Northern Turners meeting last year.

Has any other woodturner influenced your work – yes, by and large the majority of club members would be included. Way too many to mention, but the encouragement, advice, constructive criticism, enthusiasm and knowledge gained from involvement and participation with them over the years has been instrumental in overall improvement.

What tips have you picked up from visiting demonstrators – Heaps - from sanding to sharpening, from designing to techniques - the utilisation of tools and gadgets to reach your objective - the list goes on. I used to look at the magazines and flick through the pages of the work I thought were way beyond me, thinking that I would never be able to do that. However, the sharing of knowledge from the professionals who visit us each year have changed my way of thinking on that subject. There is always something I pick up at these workshops.

What parts of woodturning do you particularly like – Its great when you get that piece of timber that is pretty ordinary looking initially, but as work through the processes, it starts revealing its beauty. Some of the colours, timber grain and textures are really something to marvel at.

What parts don't you like – cleaning up the shed.

Where do you get your wood – for the 1st year couldnt get any, then a couple of offers come in, then you pick up a few pieces through our club and by swapping a bit of timber with other members - then before you know it, you have more in your yard than your wife wants you to have.

Have you ever had any design opportunities – Yes, did up a Claret Ash lidded bowl once, and the lid rim was too small. I glued a piece of redgum onto the lid, re-turned it to fit the bowl and it sold at Port Adelaide under the name of Mix n Match.

What other interests, hobbies do you have – I like to play golf, especially when that bloody little white thing does what it is supposed to do. I go to art classes once a week, table tennis twice a week and eight ball on Monday nights.

What could Northern Turners be doing to help you more, and what would you change if you were the President –

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very little. I think the committees do everything possible to make sure that I enjoy and get the most out of my club. I feel it is up to me as club members to support the committees by being involved, supportive and participative. They can only do so much.... the rest is up to me.

My Shed..... my wife likes me in it whenever she wants me out of her hair, and out of it whenever I should be doing more around the house. Like all turners, I set up my shed, machines and tools to what I believe is to the best advantage for smooth operations, and realise shortly after, that a reorganisation of the reorganisation will soon be needed. I am reasonably happy with the layout, but naturally, would like to improve it, but that means I would have to throw a few things out. I am a bit of a hoarder and my shed reflects that. A bit messy and untidy, but its all mine.



FOR SALE

Leader mc 900 Wood lathe

Mechanical variable speed 500 to 2000 r.p.m.

Complete on stand with Rapid 50mm chuck and indexing system, drive centre, face plate, push rod etc.

Only \$250.00 See Bill

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HEADS UP

We have secured the services of Neil Scobie for the weekend of 7/8 November 2015.

Neil will present 7 new projects including his newly developed demo on Concept Development.

Neil's demonstrations are always superbly prepared and presented, he is of the top demonstrators worldwide.

More information to follow.

Tim & Greg

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>Demonstrator</u>	<u>Material needed.</u> You are encouraged to bring your own.
AUG 8th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
AUG 15th	Spatula Skew chisel exercise	George Pastuch	
AUG 22nd	Group competition		3 items to be turned as advised on the day. Come and join the fun, you may win a chocolate
JULY 25th	???	Tim Skilton	
SEPT 12th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
SEPT 19th	To be decided	Ron Allen & George Pastuch	
SEPT 26th	Bill's surprise demo	Bill Elliot	
OCT 10th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
OCT 17th	To be decided	Ron Allen & George Pastuch	
OCT 24th	Inverted turning	George Pastuch	
OCT 17 th to Nov 1st	Port Adelaide exhibition		
NOV 28th	Xmas decorations		

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