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## President's view October 30, 2015

Hello to all, in my very new role as President.

I would like to express my thanks to Jan Beare for her contributions in the last year, the excellent representation of our club in all of her undertakings, and for her ongoing role as Vice President. Jan's vision for AV support for our demonstrations will soon be completed with TV , Tripod and video sender (wireless transmission from lathe to TV) already here, awaiting the High Definition Bullet camera supply to complete the package. Thanks to Tim Smitton who has been really flexible and accommodating in taking on any and all executive roles in absence in the past year. Your contributions will be missed in Executive

After attending and supervising in three of our exhibitions this year I have appreciated and congratulate all exhibitors on the exceptionally high standard, & diversity of the exhibits. It really is a fantastic 'taste' of the skill level, ingenuity and craftsmanship of our membership. This would not be possible without the support of the Exhibition Committee and other volunteers for their tireless efforts and professionalism in coordinating & mounting the exhibition/s.

Neil Scobie's workshop on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November is a highlight for the year. Neil was an Industrial Arts (Tech teacher) in NSW before leaving teaching to become a full time wood craftsman, predominantly initially in woodturning. His work now includes custom made furniture and one off art pieces as well as teaching others (workshops, night classes and short courses) in furniture making & woodturning. The opportunity to have a first hand experience of Neil's expertise & talent is too good miss and I look forward to this great event. My thanks to all of those responsible for the organization of this event.

I wish to acknowledge the passing of Martin Corbin, on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (b. 20 Nov 1949). Martin was a Life Member and Founding Member of the South Australian Woodgroup.

Congratulations to Anne Kerr, founding member no.4, on being awarded the Perpetual Trophy for contributions to the club and excellence in woodturning at our AGM. The quality of her work ( I won't be undertaking any barley twists soon) and numerous roles Anne has undertaken, currently library oversight, Treasurer and previous committee roles etc. demonstrate her commitment to our club and the respect she has earned from her colleagues.

As Northern Turners now has a Facebook page, please, if you have your own Facebook account search for us and *like* us. We have not TAGGED images, that is, identify with a label, people, in any included photographs. There is a formulated and approved Social Media policy to protect appropriate conduct in the use of this page. As a side issue if you do not wish to appear in any club images that may be posted to the page please let us know as requested in a recent email. If you have any further questions please see either; Gordon Best, Jake Jacobs or myself.

In learning my new role please let me know if there is something I miss in procedure, process or issue you wish to raise. I look forward to the new year and all the exciting challenges and opportunities it will present.

Lindsay Winen

### Northern Turners Committee

President	Lindsay Winen
Secretary / Correspondence	Dale Starr
Treasurer	Robert Edge
Vice President	Jan Beare
Member	Bill Elliot
Member	Glenn Kutchen
Member	Fred McCann
Member	Jake Jacobs

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### Your Northern Turners

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



## EDITOR'S NOTE

Another very short edition this time. This is the third time I have started the editor's note with the same sentence. As this is the newsletter for the members, then maybe the new committee should ask the members what they want in their newsletter.

I have added the poem Tim recited at the last team competition.

George Pastuch

## NORTHERN TURNERS FACEBOOK PAGE

Although still in its infancy, our facebook page has been attracting quite a lot of attention and is indeed spreading the gospel of woodturning far and wide.

If any member has concerns about his or her image appearing on facebook, please contact Lindsay, Jake or Gordon and we will put your name on a list and will make every effort to ensure that pictures of you are not uploaded. Similarly, if you are concerned about your work being displayed on facebook, please advise for listing.

All members should be aware of the existence of this list and should also ensure that pictures they take should not be uploaded without first checking this list.

Thanks, Gordon Best

## THE COMPETITION

(again apologies to A.B.(Banjo) Paterson)

A turning competition was on notice for the usual August meet,  
Was a chance for all the members show their stuff,  
Leith was putting out the lathes and wanted shavings on the floor,  
We never use the club lathes near enough.  
So I did a bit of drawing, made up plans for all to see,  
Spent some hours on the lathe to test them out,  
First a toggle, then a spinning top, belaying pin the last,  
The teams should manage all without a doubt.

On the day we asked for captains, and we finished up with six,  
David, Anne, George, Bill, Dale, Peter raised their hands  
And they gathered two about them, with a range of turning skills,  
Took designs and read them through to understand  
That the measurements were there to mean you had to measure up,  
Use callipers and rulers for the fray,  
For I gave myself the job of judging, no bribes would I accept  
A test of skills the order of the day.

So they went; the lathes were spinning, there were shavings on the floor,  
The captains offered advice they'd understand?  
Encouragement was flowing, though the turners took no heed,  
They were trying to make something like the plans.  
I think all the teams decided the belaying pin was first,  
And they seemed to take a lot of time for each,  
Time management essential, so school lathes were started up,  
Would three items be too hard a goal to reach?

Soon we had to stop for lunch though some continued on their way  
But others bought the timber Glenn had brought  
It was from Dick Pillar's shed and bundles were attractive to our mob  
The good stuff well and truly quickly bought,  
Then back to their apportioned tasks the turners went with haste  
The second job was turning out a toggle,  
For the top the hole was critical, too loose was not the go,  
Or the CD spinning top was made to wobble.

When the objects were presented, some were really finished well,  
You can be quite proud of product turned out quick,  
But alas a couple foundered, one top looked like one dumb bell,  
While some teams had made all items in good nick.  
And a special mark for Graeme who had never turned before,  
Under Bill's direction he produced a piece  
It was a quite successful toggle, it would grace a duffle coat

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For a novice it was really pretty nice.

This judge was quite pedantic, he refused all modern gear,  
He was offered digital callipers by the score,  
Was the finish up to standard? Were dimensions really right,  
Did the CD fit? Was the spinning really poor?  
And the ladies team had done quite well, under Anne Kerr's beady eye,  
But their belaying pin they'd taken to the limit,  
And George had tried to save his team, with seconds on the clock,  
His toggle, though too square, was done in minutes.

When the numbers were all added up, the scores were pretty good,  
But one team was the winner of the prize,  
It was Bill and his performers with a score of ninety-seven  
Who beat all the other Northern Turners guys.  
But with a chocolate bar to munch, and boy they disappeared so fast,  
All entrants seemed to me to be quite pleased.  
And from the pile of shavings, which were spread out on the floor,  
A lot of your frustrations should be eased!

Tim Smeaton  
August 2015

## **Dick Pillar Memorial Award 2015**

The outgoing President, Jan Beare, presented the Dick Pillar Memorial Award to Anne Kerr for her outstanding contribution to Northern Turners both as a founding member, a member of committees, and contributor to the library, Biggest Morning Tea, and catering duties. Tim Skilton spoke about the role of Dick Pillar in the founding of Woodgroup and Northern Turners and what a great teacher he was. In particular, he taught Albert Cook, our former member who was technically blind, to use a lathe. Anne spoke briefly about how thrilled she was to receive the trophy, recognizing the important role Dick had in the club, particularly teaching her how to produce the grooved spindles on her furniture pieces



## For Sale

Robert Sorby Universal Sharpening System  
Fingernail Profiler and Instruction Sheet

\$25

Graham Reed 8261 8664

Not before Dec.1<sup>st</sup> as we will be away



## For Sale

Uni-Jig 5

Sharpening Device

\$25

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## FOR SALE

Purchased new in June 2010 from Carba-tech. It has given me great service since then. I only want to sell it because it has been replaced by another with electronic speed control.

The original statement of purchase available.

I would like \$200 for it but will bargain. (Haggle, Haggle)

I don't think the new owner will be disappointed. It is a great little unit. Comes complete as per photos.

John Girdler

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## FOR SALE

JET lathe. Model No JWL-1442VS

1.4M bed. Cast iron bed and legs

Mechanical belt driven variable speed

8x1 inch thread

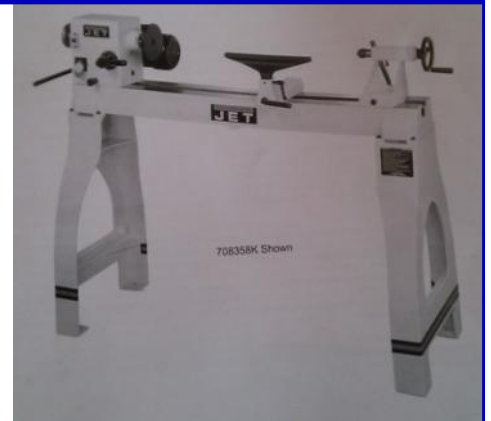
1 HP motor

All standard accessories and some chisels ( approx 6)

\$600 ono.

Ring Peter Lukeman

Tele 8263 2328



## FOR SALE

Nova chuck with standard jaws—8x1" insert

Additional jaws—45mm power jaws, 100mm power jaws, pin jaws

2 face plates to fit Nova chuck

\$200 the lot—no offers

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## 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.
NOV 7th & 8th	Neil Scobie workshop		See Greg or Tim Skilton for reservations
NOV 14th	Come and work on your projects. Think of exhibition work.	Bill Elliot	Whatever you need for your project. Enthusiasm
NOV 21st	Xmas decorations	Bill Elliott	Bring along some pine and colour textures
NOV 21st	Woodgroup SA forum and AGM		
NOV 28th	Inverted turning	George Pastuch	Why inverted turning—because you can.
DEC & JAN	Burnside exhibition		
DEC ???	Xmas breakup BBQ		

### WOOD AVAILABLE

A lady from Beetaloo Valley, near Laura in the mid-North contacted me during the Garden Show at Wayville. Her property was burnt, and there are a lot of dead trees including red gum and several other Eucalypts, particularly along a creek.

She is happy for a team from Northern Turners to arrive with chainsaws and trailers if our members are interested.

I am happy to co-ordinate a visit, though I have no trailer nor 4x4, and I suggest anyone who wants to get a team together contact me in the first instance by email ([tim.smeaton@bigpond.com](mailto:tim.smeaton@bigpond.com)) or mobile 0450 134 426 rather than a whole lot contact her directly.

Please contact me if you are interested.

Tim Smeaton