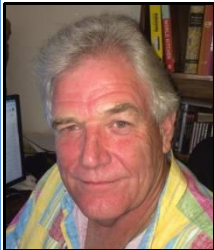


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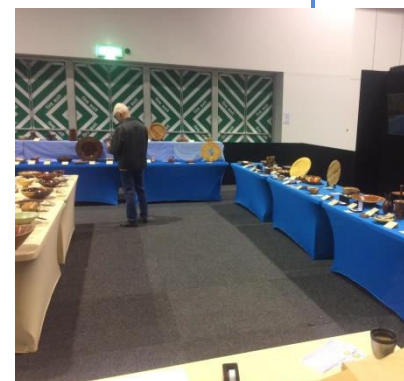
A great variety of events in May with a continuation of our Beginners program in Week 2, a well-attended (week 3 in spite of Easter) Bowl Turning demonstration by Jake Jacobs and a Sphere Turning demonstration (week 4) by Graham Vawser.



All demonstrations were really well prepared, structured with samples and to the point. Thanks to both Jake & Graham for their efforts and competent well explained technique demonstrations.

The Committee has reviewed the Survey of Operating Hours and made some recommendations. The first is to move **starting times** (GGHS has approved), to **9:30 am effective from May 13th**, and to establish a **disability parking zone**. Please read the whole survey published in this newsletter and pass on any comments or observations to any member of the NT Committee.

The Exhibition Committee did another spectacular job in staging the **Home Lifestyle Expo at Wayville Showground** from April 28th -30th, and are to be congratulated on a great display of more



than 300 exhibits. Thanks to all those involved.

As a consequence of this exhibition large number of the public expressed interest in joining NTs. This may swell our numbers and put pressure on our Beginners Program and our equipment in the future. Please welcome any new members and ensure they are warmly welcomed and inducted with provision of all information (Induction Program checklist kept in library).

Relatively new members (12-18 months) will receive, via email, a survey titled '**Induction Process Feedback**' to complete regarding their induction. Data from this survey will be used to refine our Induction Processes and contribute to the acquittal to the Tea Tree Gully Council for our Smarty Community Grant, used to purchase the two Woodfast variable speed lathes.

Upcoming events include a follow up session with Alan Burgess on 'Tool use' followed by, a very short 'Using a Bowl Saver' by Jake Jacobs. This will occur on the 4th Saturday of May.

Our Annual **Biggest Morning Tea** is scheduled for June 24th and is supported by a **Northern Turners Fair**.

This year involves a new format with volunteers willing to share wood turning techniques (deep hollowing jigs, spinning tops) hobbies(pyrography, model making, photography), crafts, (not necessarily wood related) setting up in the workshop and displaying, discussing, proving advice or even trying out a process.

Woodfast will be present, and a past member is bringing some wood for sale.

A highlight of the meeting will be an **Auction**. Crowies paint has already donated paint, some good wood turning timbers have been promised and we need to receive as many saleable goods as possible

Jan Beare is organizing the refreshments & food, please indicate to Jan what you are prepared to bring.

Other Woodgroup club members are invited (run a stall if they wish) and all meeting fees from Northern Turners, & other participating club members, above the cost of our weekly rent fee will be donated to the Cancer Council.

Please consider participating in a stall, bringing food, or donating goods for the Auction and make this a very successful day.

Please notify me if you would like to run a stall.

(Lindsay Winen)

Northern Turners Committee

President	Lindsay Winen
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Vice President	Jake Jacobs
Member	Lisa Oogjen
Member	Glenn Kutchen
Member	Fred McCann
Member	David Kleinig

4th Saturday Meeting Demonstration

The demonstration was given by Graham Vawser who showed how he turns spheres.

First, a piece of wood was turned to a cylinder. Calipers were used to get the diameter. The centre of the sphere was then marked, along with lines at half the diameter on each side of the centre.

One half was then turned to a hemisphere, leaving the small tenon at the tailstock.



The other side was then turned to a hemisphere as well.



The piece was then held by two pieces of PVC pipe, one held in the chuck and the other with a plug to fit on the live tail centre. The tenons were then turned away.



The piece was then moved in the pipe chuck as required until a sphere was achieved, taking fine cuts.



Thanks to Graham for his demo. (I tried this technique in the privacy of my home and found it more difficult than it looked in the demo.)

Show & Tell

Show & Tell was one of the largest yet, with 17 members bringing items to show – so many that we had to have an overflow table. I have included a few pictures below.

Thanks to everyone who participated. The halo was awarded to David Kleinig for his bowls. Unfortunately I don't have a close-up of these.



Peter Page's lime waxed vases.





Lindsay's phone amplifiers

Jan Bear with a bowl with a coloured rim.



Peter Page with a red gum bowl.

Jon Oojen with a bowl.



Another Robert Narcisi clock.

Calendar for May and June

Sat 13 May	9:30am - 1:30pm	New Turners learning program - Golden Grove High School (Bill Elliot, Jake Jacobs)
Sat 20 May	9:30am - 1:30pm	Week 3 Program - Golden Grove High School (Ron Allen & George Pastuch)
Sat 27 May	8:30am - 9:30am	Northern Turners Committee Meeting - Golden Grove High School (Chairperson Lindsay Winen)
	9:30am - 1:30pm	Using & Selecting Tools part 2 Alan Burgess - Golden Grove High School

Sat 10 Jun	9:30am - 1:30pm	New Turners learning program - Golden Grove High School (Bill Elliot, Jake Jacobs)
Sat 17 Jun	9:30am - 1:30pm	Week 3 Program - Golden Grove High School (Ron Allen & George Pastuch)
Sat 24 Jun	8:30am - 9:30am	Northern Turners Committee Meeting - Golden Grove High School (Chairperson Lindsay Winen)
	9:30am – 1:30pm	NT Fair & Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea & Auction - Golden Grove High School

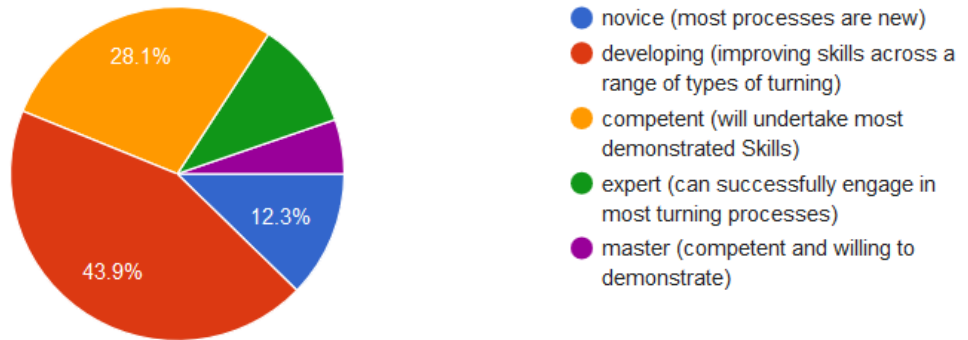
Note that the full schedule can be viewed at [NT Calendar](#).

Results of Opening Hours Survey

There were a total of 57 responses and the summary is:

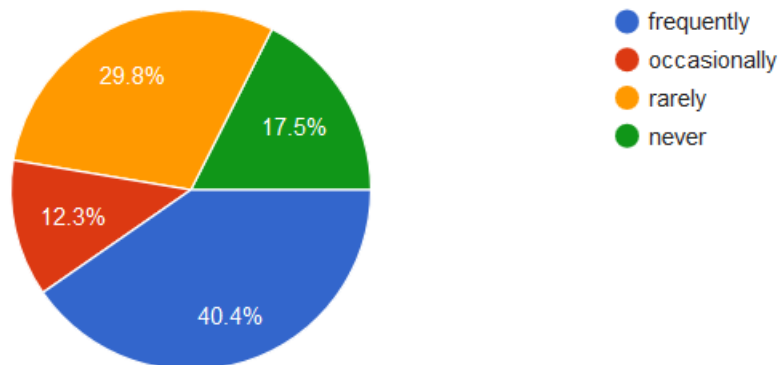
Qu 1

What stage of Woodturning do you consider yourself to be at? (57 responses)



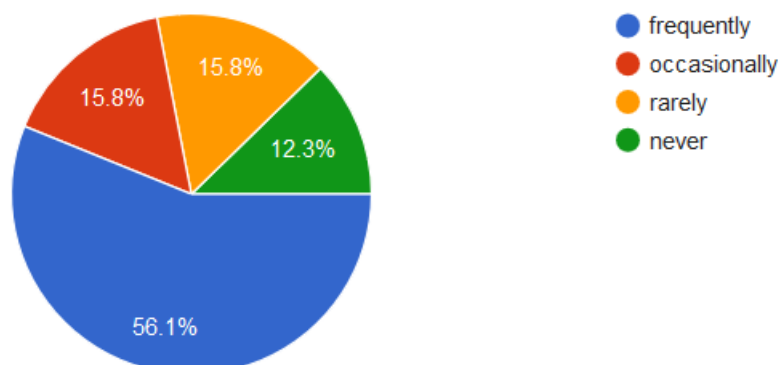
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Attendance to NT week 2 meetings ? (57 responses)



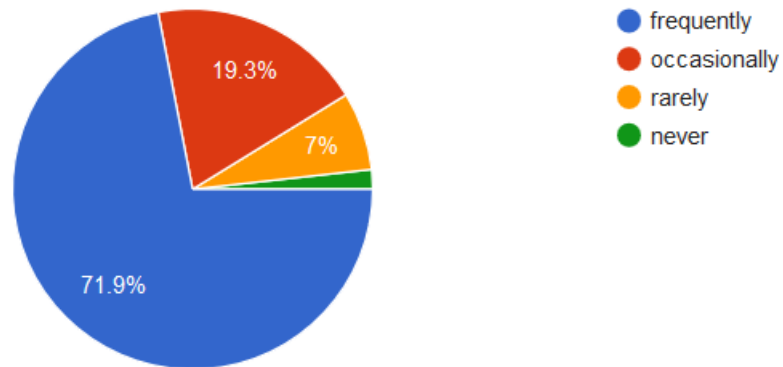
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Attendance to NT week 3 meetings ? (57 responses)



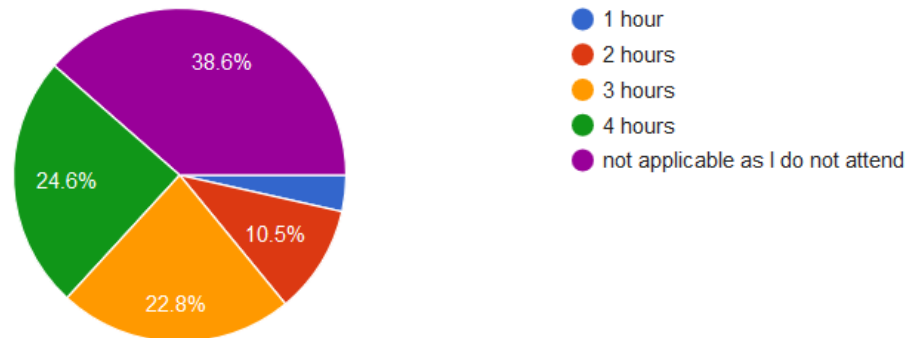
Qu 4

Attendance to NT week 4 meetings ? (57 responses)



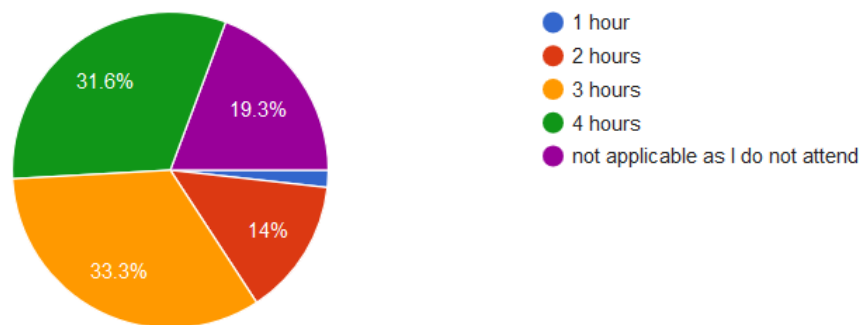
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How many hours do you usually attend in Week 2 meetings (57 responses)



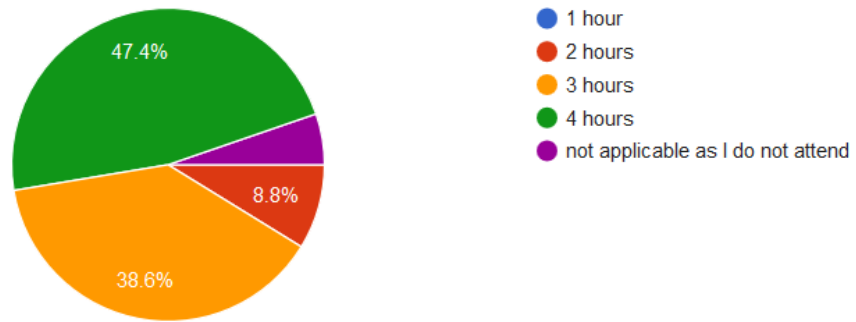
Qu 6

How many hours do you usually attend in Week 3 meetings (57 responses)



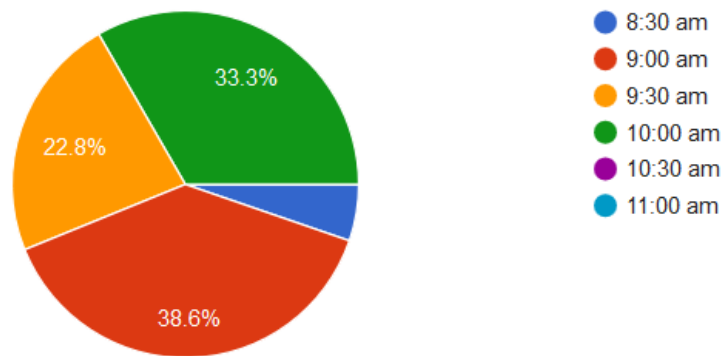
Qu 7

How many hours do you usually attend in Week 4 meetings (57 responses)



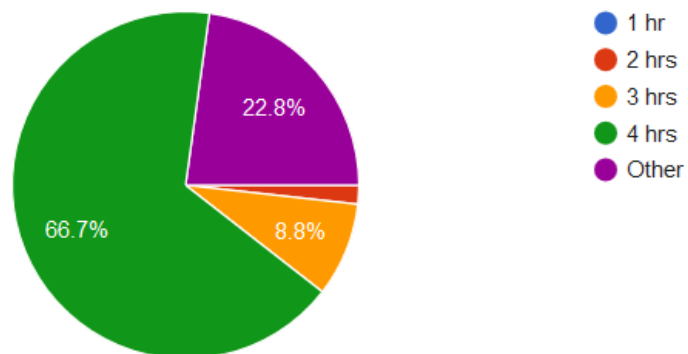
Qu 8

What time do you think NT should open? (57 responses)



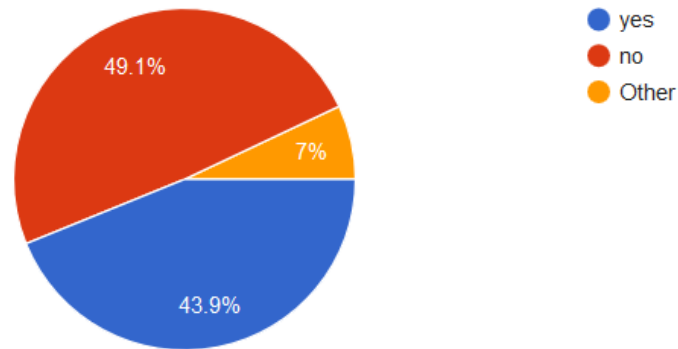
Qu 9

How many hours do you think NT should be open for (57 responses)



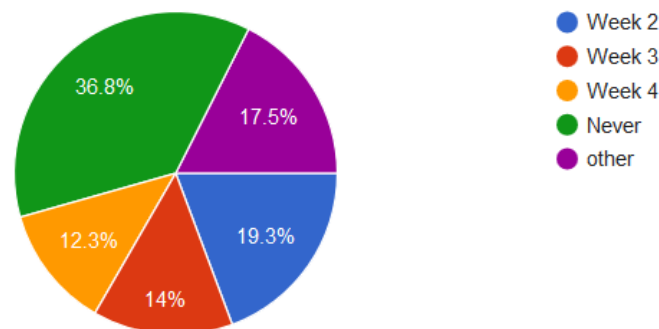
Qu 10

If Norther Turners opened earlier would you stay longer (57 responses)



Qu 11

Select the weeks (2,3 & 4) that you usually use a NT lathe if in attendance (57 responses)



Qu 12

Any other factors or comments that the NT Committee should consider in the hours of Operation

Keep the hours as they are, very few members want to start earlier and those that do leave before 2pm. to avoid clean up. the hours are ok, if it ain't broke don't fix it.

I use a lathe on week 2,3 and most 4th Sat but can only select one on form.

The time frame suits me, I as a rule put this day aside for wood turning meetings

Earlier starts in the summer months Oct to March would see meeting finished before it gets too hot. In winter Apr to Sept as is now so as not too cold. Initially I would use the lathes but then left them for the newbies in the days before we had multiple lathes and tend to use the meetings for networking /socialising rather than doing these days.

Often no lathe available; maybe underused lathes could be available to more people if time were longer.

Open week 3 at the same time as week 4 if possible

I would be happy if the status quo was maintained. Although I think that starting a little earlier would mean that people could leave earlier.

At present it is not worth trying to do any turning at the meetings because there is not sufficient time to get a lathe out and do some work before we have to start cleaning up.

As clarification for selecting 'other' as my answer to the last question, I try to use a lathe at every meeting I attend.

Great as things are. I personally would not want to get up earlier for an earlier start. I appreciate the excellent demos on week 3 and mostly the week 4 demos are not too bad either. I get a bit tired of being "expected" to use a lathe at NT and prefer to practise at home in my dirty clothes. I do understand there may be some benefits turning there and getting instant feedback on errors, etc, but too much trouble (for ME only) to bring tools and suitable clothes.

Longer hours would allow more time for turning. Especially week 4.

I've used lathes at both week 3 and week 4. When I don't use a lathe myself I give assistance to people who are still gaining confidence. Because I live in the south I'd find it difficult to get to Golden Grove earlier than between 9.30-10am

Leave it to the majority

Pretty happy with the week 4 hours as they are. OK if they moved forward 30 minutes but would prefer current times.

Maybe the finish time also should have been surveyed to gauge the total hours necessary, it appears that the finish time may be the limiting factor for some (those with the voice) people if they have to be/go somewhere else.

As a demonstrator I would like to gain entry at 9 am for a 10 am start. Time needed for preparation

Parking is a BIG problem. This is the reason that I cannot attend meetings. Are there any places reserved for disabled parking near the entrance

I usually use a lathe week 2 & 3 if possible but not usually week four because by the time we have the meeting, show & tell and a demo it's usually a bit late for me to start a project.

Video the demos and put onto a usb stick for use from the library

At the last end of the month meeting you have too much commitments. There's the committee meeting then the members meeting Show and tell demonstration and if there's enough time you might get on the lathe, I have ceased bringing my turning tools because there's not enough time to turn, I enjoy the demonstrations social of the Northern Wood turners.

If committee is to meet beforehand, then for them to start earlier than 9am seems a bit early.

Distance some members travel can affect ideal opening time, Saturday is meant to be relaxing, not another early start.!!

Actions & observations from responses:

1. **Qu 2,3,4:** Attendance to Week 4 is the most popular (72%) regularly
2. **Qu 8:** Starting time to move forward to 9:30 as 60% of respondents preferred a 9:00 or 9:30 start to be reviewed at the AGM (this would also provide some accommodation to those with other Sat afternoon commitments)
3. **Qu 9:** There does not appear to be a case to alter duration of operation as there is a variation of a total of Qu 5, 47.4%(wk 2), Qu 6, 64.9% (wk3) to Qu 7, 86% would stay 3 to 4 hours. However, **Qu 10** 44% of respondents indicated they would stay longer if allowed, which is interesting as there is a variation of 24%, (week 2), 32% (week 3) to 48%(week 4) members that stay 4 hours now. (this must be reviewed in light of rental costs for use of increased hours)
4. **Qu 11** Weeks of lathe use data, was unable to be interpreted as it only allowed one response instead of multiple selections
5. Need to attend to Disability parking. From May there will be signage and dedicated car parks.

6. Issues of packing up & travelling times impact on members.

Thank you for your participation and comments. Please pass on any comments, observations or conclusions to any member of the Committee

Lindsay Winen on Behalf of the NT committee

Dale Starr – temporary editor

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