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Presidents View June 2017

Another interesting and busy month at Northern Turners with a great variety of activities. Our normal beginners program with a welcome to 4 new members a direct result of our participation in the Home Lifestyle Expo. A great number of sales at the Home lifestyle Expo on April 28th-30th, with a small glitch in our credit payment facility resulted an overall loss over the 3 days. However the interest generated and items sold auger well for participation next year. Strategies are in place to avoid this loss of payments occurring again.

Week 3 saw another competent & informative demonstration from George Pastuch on natural edged bowls. Week 4 was an informative talk from Alan Burgess on tool selection (with some well-prepared models for learner use) and using a Bowl Saver by Jake Jacobs. Thanks again to Jake & Alan for their time and commitment.

The Show and Tell table flowed over to 2 ½ tables on Week 4 and the quality of work was most impressive. It was great to see new members also exhibit.

A reminder that if you have received an email to participate in our *New Members Induction Survey* please complete so we can use it to inform our acquittal to Tea Tree Gully Council for our Smart Community Grant which purchased the 2 new Woodfast lathes.

The preparations for our *Biggest Morning Tea and Fair*, Saturday June 24th are progressing well, with a good cross section of activities offered and some donated goods, for our Auction and now a raffle to win either a Dinner voucher at Norton Summit scenic hotel, a platter blank with 2 hours of tutoring or some wine. It is shaping up to be an interesting and exciting event. The response to Dale regarding attendance, activity to offer, promise of goods to auction or foodstuffs for the day have been a little slow. Please contact Dale ASAP and let him know of your role. Any auctionable goods can be bought to any meeting and stored until the day or bought on the morning.

Just a reminder that there will not be a committee or General Meeting on the day.

I look forward to your support of this major event and the ongoing activities of our club

Lindsay Winen.
President

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Home Living Expo 2017 Summary

The Exhibition at the Wayville Showgrounds which Northern Turners decided to try as a club, for the first time, was held in April. The organisers Kym Jones Exhibitions and Events, allocated a 10mt x 15mt area for the Gallery space, for which the club had to pay, at a considerable discount compared to similar sites, included were 17 trestle tables, high and low walls and carpet. The demonstration area was 6mt x 3mt, power supplied

at no cost to the club. Thursday our new banner that Bob Bauze ordered for the gallery came, then Friday the one for the demo area arrived. Friday was rather quiet as far as people numbers, but the people that were there and visited our display were very impressed with the quantity and especially the quality of the pieces. The demo area had people milling around watching the chips fly pretty much most of the day. A number of the visitors were interested in how they could learn how to woodturn, with several stating that they would be coming to the club and see what we do at our meetings. Considering the lack of people, sales were better than expected.

Saturday I thought we would all be going home just after lunch, up until around 12.15 we hadn't had a sale, plenty of visitors with very deep pockets. In the afternoon it was a complete turn around, sales were good, enquiries were good, then one of the new lathes decided that it wasn't going to work, checked out the problem and Greg Jackson fixed it on Sunday.

Sunday started off with a sale as soon as we arrived, and then it was steady all day.

Lots of people interested in coming to the club, lots of favourable comments on the display and the products.

It is very encouraging when people comment that they come to the Home Show just to see what Northern Turners have on display. Several are repeat customers.

Was it worth the effort to put this show on, YES the exposure for the club, money could not buy.

Would we do it again next year, (I'll go out on a limb here. without consulting the other exhibition committee members) it would be a definite YES.

In conclusion I would like to thank all of the people who helped to set up on the Thursday and to pack up on the Sunday, also to all the demonstrators on the lathes, and to all of the exhibitors. Without the input by the members, we would not be able to put on the wonderful display that we do.

Graham Reed

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MEMBER PROFILE – Roger Coulter

What part of Adelaide are you from? I have lived in Salisbury Park since 1990.

What was or is your occupation and background? I came to Australia as a £10 Pom in 1964 and joined the Air Force in 1966 as an aircraft electrical fitter. I've served in every Australian state and did 2-year stints in Malaysia (Penang) and Papua New Guinea. Discharged in 1990 but stayed in Defence working with contractors until retirement in 2013.

How did you get into woodturning? Have always been interested in woodworking. Made a few pieces of furniture & then got interested in Scroll Sawing. Needed to do more after retirement so popped in to Northern Turners one Saturday and have been hooked ever since.

How long have you been woodturning? Since late 2014.

What lathes do you currently have? A Nova 1624-44. It's a great lathe, but it didn't take long to get fed up with continually changing belts all the time, so just recently purchased the Nova Comet II midi lathe from Carbatec. It's fine for smaller items and pens (which as you are aware I make a lot of), and use the bigger lathe for larger pieces.

What is your dream lathe? A Nova DVR XP.

What was the first thing that you turned? The first thing I turned was a honey dipper during turning lessons with Tim Skilton. And yes, I still have it.

What is your favourite kind of turning? I turn pens almost exclusively. Very rarely would I turn a Slimline pen, and only turn Streamline pens for my collection of different timbers (current total 347). I tend to stick to the more up-market style of pen, although the initial outlay for the kits can be quite expensive, especially when you add freight from the USA. I do turn bowls, platters, lidded boxes, etc., but usually give them away to family & friends (my wife Jean says we have enough, they're all over the house).

What do you find the most challenging to turn? Everything really. I haven't tried deep hollow vessels, mainly because I don't have the correct tools to attempt it.

What type of timber do you like turning most? I like Huon pine for ease of turning, Camphor Laurel for its aroma, and Pacific Rimu for colour and grain.

What is your favourite part of your workshop? The chair at my pen-making bench where I can just sit and read Woodturning magazines and generally chill out.

What do you like best about the Northern Turners meetings? Everything. Show & Tell, Demo's, and of course the friendship and sharing of knowledge.

What is your favourite piece and do you still have it? My favourite piece is a 33cm red gum platter that I am particularly proud of. Took it to a couple of shows, but for some reason platters do not sell well. I'm now glad it didn't, and therefore yes, I still have it.

Describe your Workshop? My workshop is a purpose built shed approximately 6.5 x 6.5 metres with another 6.5 x 3.2 metre area attached for general-purpose use and wood storage. There are four windows and a roller door for access. Even though it is quite a large area I still could do with more room (couldn't we all).

Any tips for those new to pen-turning? This is hard because I have a lot of bad habits, and my way is not necessarily the right way. I do believe however that one of the most important aspects of making pens is the finish. A pen is handled a lot so the finish has to be durable. Oil finishes and friction polishes do not cut it. Although it took me a while to master the process my preference now is a CA (super glue) finish, which is as tough as nails. If you ask 20 different turners how to apply it however, you will get 25 different answers.

Lacquer is another hard wearing finish, but I'm not a fan.



BIGGEST MORNING TEA 2017

Anne Kerr started the Biggest Morning Tea at Northern Turners in 2002 and has been instrumental in continuing the activity every year since. 2017 marked 15 years of Biggest Morning Teas.

After lots of advertising across the Woodgroup members and lots and lots of planning by various Northern Turner members, the day finally arrived. There was no committee meeting so the day was fully designated to the Biggest Morning Tea.

By 9.30am on the day things were already starting to buzz. Woodfast Machinery had set up lots of gear to buy, Brent Golledge from the Riverland was selling some timber, demonstrations were being set up and the water urn was bubbling. Displays featured basic weaving by Jan Beare, ship model making by Tim Smeaton, scroll sawing items by Franky Pastuch and Graham Hawkins, and two tables of turned items by various NT members.

Demonstrations started at 10.00am featuring Franky Pastuch & Graham Hawkins scroll sawing, Jake Jacobs demonstrating bowl saving, and Roger Humphris and George Pastuch wood turning. Roger also showed wool spinning on a spinning wheel he made himself.

The scheduled auction started on time and our auctioneer Tim Smeaton presided over the audience with much fun and more important raising money through sales. After the auction it was time for lunch and people partook in consuming lots and lots of food.

The day was a success with 81 people attending of which 19 were visitors from other clubs and family. However the purpose of the day was to raise money for the Cancer Foundation. This was achieved through an entry fee, the auction and several donations. The total amount of \$2354.10 was raised. A fantastic effort by all. The yearly event has come a long way since the first BMT at Northern Turners in 2002 which raised \$48.

The success of the day belongs to the volunteers who planned the event, cooked food, demonstrated and most of all the people who attended and opened their wallets and purses for this worthy cause.

George Pastuch

