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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM OF NORTHERN TURNERS 26/10/2019

The club has completed a very successful and rewarding year of operation and it is most satisfying to look back and reflect on some of the highlights of the year and acknowledge the contribution made by members throughout this period.

Some of the significant achievements for the year are as follows .....

Extremely successful 25th anniversary celebration in October 2018.

Welcome booklet for distribution to new members on their first visit to the club.

Purchase of two new lathes through Tea Tree Gully Council community grants scheme.

Building stronger relationships with city of Tea Tree Gully culminating in a very successful Exhibition at the Council Library.

Introduction of Electronic Point of Sale system.

Organising and conducting two additional exhibitions at short notice (namely Burnside and the July Building and Home Improvement Show at Wayville).

Establishing a Code of Conduct that will serve the club well into the future.

Breaking all previous records for money raised at the Biggest Morning Tea. An extremely successful and enjoyable event.

All demonstrations presented at general Workshops on the fourth Saturday were a direct result of member feed back.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to the following people for their contribution to the management of Northern Turners .....

Bill Elliott for his support as Vice President and his outstanding service as a willing and entertaining demonstrator.

Robert Edge who continues to make the role of Treasurer seem easy.

Dale Starr for the extraordinary job he has done as Secretary for the past seven years.

Fred McCann, Graham Reed, Jan Beare, David Kleinig, Glenn Kutchen and Flora Rumbelow for their contribution and support as committee members.

George Pastuch for his work as Newsletter Editor over many years.

Tim Skilton and Robert Edge for arranging and organising our annual Woodturning Skills Demonstration.

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### Northern Turners Committee

President	Tim Smeaton
Secretary	Dale Starr
Treasurer	David Kleinig
Vice President	Bill Elliott
Member	Roger Coulter
Member	Glenn Kutchen
Member	Fred McCann
Member	Nik Surikov,
Member	Graham Reed
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- *Fostering Creativity*
- *Teaching Skills*
- *Providing Support*

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Publicity Committee - Gordon Best, Robert Bauze, Jan Beare, Tim Smeaton, Ron Young, Enzo Bronzi.  
Enzo Bronzi for the warm welcome he provides to all new members.

Exhibition Committee - Graham Reed, Bill Elliott, Paul Beebee, Glenn Kutchen, Flora Rumbelow, Greg Jackson, David Gilland, George Pastuch, Hal Sneddon. This committee now administer 5 major exhibitions per year.

Chris Deguet who is usually first to arrive and last to leave all Northern Turners meetings.

Jeff Todd for his ongoing work in maintaining the club lathes and equipment.

Anne Kerr for her outstanding contribution to the club library over many years.

Ron Allen, George Pastuch and Bill Elliott for coordinating the second and third Saturday programs.

It is comforting to know that the club is financially viable and has maintained a healthy bank balance. We continue to attract new members which augurs well for the future. Northern Turners is by far the largest wood turning club in South Australia and would rank favourably amongst some of the larger clubs throughout Australia.

To ensure continued success it is important that we introduce new members to the administration of our club.

Ken Allen  
President

## AWARDS AT THE AGM

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Anne Kerr received life membership award for her work establishing and maintaining our library, served on the committee for a number of years and initiating our involvement in the Biggest Morning Tea.



### DICK PILLAR AWARD

It was announced that the committee decided to present the Dick Pillar Award to Robert Edge, club treasurer for the past five years. Ken thanked Robert for his excellent work, highlighting the setup of the electronic payment system this year.

## ANTIQUATE LATHE AT THE TE WAIMATE MISSION NEW ZEALAND

During a recent holiday to New Zealand we took a small trip to the Te Waimate Mission Station.

This is reportedly New Zealand's first farm. It was established by the Church Missionary Society to teach British farming practices and promote ideals of Western civilisation to Maori. The scientist and evolutionist Charles Darwin stayed here for the Christmas period in 1835.

Although very interesting I was immediately drawn to the wooden lathe there. A notice described the lathe as:-

*This large lathe was used to turn hubs for cartwheels. Today it is an extremely rare piece of New Zealand early machinery.*

*It is made from Kauri with hand forged iron components, probably by lay missionaries John Bedggood or Richard Davis. Bedggood was blacksmith, wheelwright and cartwright to the Te Waimate Mission from 1836 to 1804. In 1840 he resigned from the Mission, but remained in the area as a settler.*

*The lathe was housed in the wheelwrights work shop, which was next to the blacksmith's shop, some 800 meters from the Mission house.*



I was impressed with the size of the fly wheel which was about 1.5 meters diameter and the rope pulley instead of a belt. Nobody there could tell me how the lathe was powered.

George Pastuch



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# STEPHEN HUGHES

## 2019 DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP – NOV 2nd and 3rd

Hosted by Northern Turners

*Coordinated by Tim Skilton and Robert Edge.*

We are very pleased to confirm that we have retained the services of Stephen Hughes as this year's world-renowned demonstrator.

Stephen will be demonstrating the following items;

1. Turning a 'winged lidded box'
2. Turning a 'sculptural – natural edge lamp' from a section of log.
3. Turning and carving a 'wavy edged' bowl form.
4. Turning an 'end grain' vessel with carved legs.

We are sure you'll agree, there will be many new skills for you to learn from Stephen.

**So, to ensure your place at this year's wonderful demonstration, the details you need for essential bookings and pre-payment are:**

**Where:** Torrens Valley Christain School 1227 Grand Junction Road Hope Valley

**Cost:** \$100 Woodgroup members, \$120 non members

**Payment:** BSB 805050 (Peoples Choice Credit Union

Acct Number 102356456

Acct Name Robert Edge

Description Your name

**Bookings:** Contact Robert at 0431735108

**Stephen Hughes:** Head of Technology and Design (Wood and Metal) at Haileybury

One of the top private schools in Melbourne, with campuses in Keysborough, Brighton, Berwick, Melbourne CBD and Beijing (China). - That is his "real" job.

In addition, he is an exceptional artistic woodturner and a much sought-after wood instructor and demonstrator.

Serving as an inspiration to Australian artists and acknowledged internationally for his leadership in the field.

Stephen has won more awards than any other Australian woodturner with 34 national and international prizes.

His commissions include six major works for the Irving Lipton Collection in the United States, the most prestigious private collection of woodwork in the world

