

# TURNOUT

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From the President

Dear Members

Now that our Editor is back from his rather prolonged holiday to South America, coupled with enforced quarantine in Sydney and now further quarantine at home, TurnOut is back in circulation. Welcome back George!

While everyone is having to spend more time at home, some great woodwork is being done in sheds around the town, as evidenced by the Digital Show and Tell. Previously, I have circulated this through the Secretary who knows how to set it up on the Web. However, from now on it is appropriate that it should go out to members via TurnOut, so the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue is published below.

I took the liberty of awarding a “digital halo” to Graham Hawkins this time, but it would be fair to say that in issue #1 Lindsay Winen should wear the crown, and in issue #2 I think Guido would be the recipient. Overall, the response has been excellent, and I hope many of you will send me photos and stories of your efforts to keep the lathes spinning.

David Kleinig has been keeping the books for Northern Turners, and on paper we have had a bad month, with little by way of income and a few costs. However, with our finances in very good shape, we can rest assured that David will continue to maintain accurate records.

I hope that all of you are keeping well, and although it may still be some time before we can meet as a club, it is important to maintain contacts between members. If there is someone you think could do with a phone call, give them a ring. If you want help with a project, make a call and visit someone who can give you some advice. Small groups, with appropriate social distancing are one way of keeping Northern Turners functioning as a club.

Enough for now,

Tim Smeaton

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Hello to all. My wife Franky and I have had a long Holiday???? . We were marooned on the Celebrity Eclipse off Chile South America for 7 days as the Chilean government would not allow us to dock. (There were no cases of COVID-19 on the ship.) This followed a further 10 days sailing to USA where we flew to Sydney. 14 days enforced isolation at the Marriot in Sydney and a further 17 days at the Merchant Hotel in Parramatta. We were eventually released from our incarceration after 2 negative swabs each 24 hours apart at the end of the 14 day isolation period. Our second isolation period was due to the fact that Franky tested positive at the Marriot and I negative but was in contact with a positive person. We assume that Franky contacted COVID-19 somewhere from the ship through San Diego, flight to San Francisco and on the plane to Sydney.

Not wanting to risk the air flight to Adelaide (even if we could get a flight) we hired a car and drove to Adelaide arriving Friday. Now day 2 of our 14 day home isolation in Adelaide.

As Tim has stated the Turnout will include the virtual show and tell and anything else that either I can find or will be sent to me.

George

## DIGITAL SHOW AND TELL ISSUE #3

Dear Members

Thanks again to those of you who have made a contribution to this issue. I am always amazed at the talent shown by you, coming from all sorts of backgrounds and previous life experiences.

As probably the worst wood-turner to ever be president of Northern Turners, I decided to try and produce something a little better than usual, especially after the demonstration by Bill Elliot and Graham Reed giving me more clues about finishing. I even stole a role of paper towel from the kitchen to apply some wax. So, here are my efforts.



Two lidded boxes, made from a single piece of olive. (I had previously bored a hole about 2 cm deep into the middle of the wood, with a completely different plan in mind, so had to cut out the centre and make two small boxes instead). The lids are from another piece of peach from Dick Pillar, alas the last I think.

Internal view of the two boxes, finished with wax.



A couple of little bird boxes which I finished at the same time.

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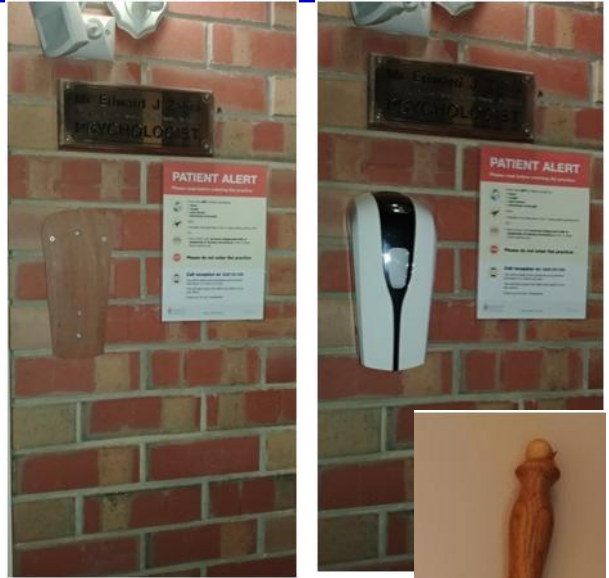
## Ed Zahra

As one of our newer members, with a quirky sense of humour, Ed provided these examples of how Covid-19 is even influencing what our members produce.

Hi Tim

As mentioned previously, all the workplace changes caused by the COVID-19 virus hasn't left me with much time in the shed. However, I have managed to complete a few projects.

The first is actually for the virus. A simple jarrah mounting board for my new automatic hand sanitiser dispenser at the entry to the waiting room.  
The jarrah mounting board and on the right complete with sanitizer dispenser



The second is a plinth for the anvil & mallet made from a cypress pine log collected from our street when a neighbour had their tree felled. I have some more bits from that tree which I will be putting on the lathe when they are dry enough to turn.

The final project is what I have called the "Fibonacci Wand", made from old English Oak with a Bluegum plug. I also have two more projects on the go and will let you know how they turn out in due course.  
Cheers.

Ed Zahra



## Jan Beare

Hi Tim,

Staying home alone has its advantages....I've been in the shed !! for a few hours, quite often. I'm starting small, and will hopefully work up to bigger pieces. I've also started to go through the bags of wood in my woodshed, and hope to cut blanks and create some firewood as well!!

I am navigating around my "new" computer at the moment, thanks to my techno son Tim. I have managed to download a few photos from my phone, saved on Google photos. These are all things I've completed over recent

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weeks.

The green - limed pot was actually started by David, having broken off the foot when he had a catch turning the inside, it was abandoned. In my effort to unearth my shed I have discovered a few such items that may be worth finishing. !!



Three pill pots – practice pieces



Ash box with Fimo insert



Green limed ash pot with Fimo insert

Sea blue.  
sponged pot

The Fimo inserts were made by me a year or 2 ago

Thanks and cheers

Jan



### Graham Hawkins

I thought you might like to see the results of me being down in the shed talking to myself over the last few weeks.

Seriously though, I have had a lot satisfaction from producing these articles and it occurred to me that I really owe a great big thanks to those in our Club who devote time demonstrating and encouraging members.

The Raccoon is cut on the scrollsaw using different coloured woods and this technique is known as Intarsia. I then placed him into a Huon Pine Log and made the stands out of Western Red Cedar.



The Display Bowl has a 3D scrolled Dog Rose - again produced on the scrollsaw.

Lois is enjoying wearing the Bracelet turned from three laminated pieces of wood. This resulted in a second one having to be made for our son's girlfriend!!

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Finally, a friend asked if I could make her a set of wooden Serviette Rings. I said sure, but I spent a day making an expandable jig and a second day actually making them.

Regards to all members

Graham Hawkins

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And, the “Digital Halo” is awarded to Graham Hawkins for some beautiful work. This is the first time this award has been made, but there were worthy winners of #1 and #2, (though I didn’t think of it then.)

Thanks for everyone for their contributions, and keep them coming!

Cheers

Tim Smeaton

#### FROM THE EDITOR

During this trying time that we find ourselves in, I have decided to publish the Turnout every 2 weeks. At the end of the month, the Turnout will include a note from our President and the virtual Show and Tell.

At the end of the second week of each month, the Turnout will include a demonstration I have recorded from past years as well as any other articles that are either submitted or ones that I think will interest members.

Cheers

George