

# TURNOUT

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT JULY 2021

Dear members

Here we are in lockdown, hoping to defeat the Delta strain of Covid-19. What a roller-coaster ride it has been for Northern Turners over the past two years! Unfortunately we had to cancel our general meeting for July, but we probably were extremely lucky that we did not get caught up in the latest outbreak in the Modbury/St Agnes area. I have heard that Ken and Raelene Allen are in isolation because of a shopping visit, and we wish them well, with negative tests all round.

This brings me to the very serious matter of signing in to meetings. It is preferable for tracing if you sign in using the QR code on the Govt App, but if you can't do that, you must sign in on the form provided. In future, we may have to check with everyone as they arrive, just as would happen at a supermarket or other shopping venue. First, it is for the protection of all members. Secondly, we do not wish to have fines paid by members or the club for not obeying the Covid-Safe rules.

Where possible, we should practice social distancing. This is not practicable when teaching a colleague how to use a skew or gouge, but wherever you can, keep a reasonable distance between you and other groups, and make use of the fresh air outside if you want to have a chat. As we are reminded by SAHealth, this virus is particularly nasty, and we want to keep it out of our State until we have "herd immunity".

That brings me to an interesting point. How many members are vaccinated? Many of us have had one shot of Astra-Zeneka, some have had two. Others may have had access to Pfizer if they work in certain areas, or are in a younger age group. At some time in the future, might NT have to consider whether members can attend meetings if they have not been vaccinated? We are seeing countries in Europe adopting strategies where without a vaccination certificate you cannot attend public events. Also, international travel may require a certificate. Perhaps that may be adopted in Australia. I want members to think about this issue so that we can have an informed discussion in the future.

To other topics – we had a very successful visit by Copper Coast wood-turners on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July. Ron Allen demonstrated how to turn a natural edge chalice, and it was good to see many of the lathes in use, attempting to emulate Ron's work. The sausage sizzle went down well, and thank you to the cooks who volunteered to feed the masses.

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### Northern Turners Committee

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Since there will not be a committee meeting this month, here are a few things we are looking at.

An embroidered badge which could be sewn on to a jacket.

Jackets from Timberbits (similar to those worn by Copper Coast turners) at ~\$30.

Sign for the road into the TVCS tech centre.

Information for visitors

If we are out of lockdown, Ron Allen plans to have an egg-turning demonstration, including making a simple chuck, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in August, so keep your eyes open for that event.

Please take care, and get out to your sheds where you are in splendid isolation, with only a spinning lathe and sharp gouges!!

Stay well

Tim Smeaton

### Second Saturday meeting, July 10 2021

A short visit to TVCS for the second Saturday meeting showed lots of activity, especially with newer members improving their skills, helped with advice from the more experienced turners. A wide range of pieces are being attempted, and a few pictures show how active the day was. This Saturday is especially useful if you need help for a project, or advice on finishing your pieces. Bill Elliot is always there to help.



### Third Saturday Meeting July 17<sup>th</sup>

Ron Allen gave an excellent demonstration, showing how to create a natural edge vessel. If you use green wood, there may be some interesting changes as the timber dries out. Using Tim Skilton's lathe (thank you Tim), Ron emphasised the use of the tailstock, particularly with larger lumps of wood, to protect the bearings on your lathe. Even after hollowing the centre, a piece of MDF with a centre hole could be used to support the end of the piece using the tailstock.

Many members took the opportunity to practice their new knowledge.

The Show and Tell included pieces from the Copper Coast turners, with some very nice segmentation work, triangular pieces in both Huon pine and Jacaranda, and pens produced by one of their members to be sent to Australian troops serving overseas. There were some excellent pieces from our own members also.

Thanks to our cooks, we enjoyed a sausage sizzle, kept to a very simple formula of sausage and onion on a piece of bread – delicious!

Having a visit from another club added a new dimension to the meeting. In future, NT should encourage other clubs to come to our meetings, and try to visit other clubs, possibly to demonstrate techniques, or just to maintain friendships and networks.

A very successful meeting, and thank you to everyone for participating.

Tim Smeaton



## Demonstration—Chalise with natural edge—Ron Allen

Choose a branch material with no loose bark. In this demonstration Ron chose a piece approx. 100mm diameter and 180mm in length.

Initially mount piece between centres and turn a tenon on one end to suit your particular scroll chuck.



Mount piece in scroll chuck and also support the other end with the live centre in the tailstock. Ron talked about the stress on the bearings when holding a lengthy piece and turning unsupported.

Remove the bark waste material starting from the headstock and moving towards the tailstock.



Remove the tailstock and turn the end of the piece square. Use a push from the outside into the centre. This will minimize the change of losing the bark.

Hollow out the inside of the chalice to the desired depth and width. Sand the end and inside of the chalice. Take care sanding so as not to remove the bark.



Ron showed his method of supporting the piece by using a circular piece of MDF with a small centre hole. This simple method supports the piece when turning the stem of the chalice.

Begin to turn the under side of the cup. This will result in numerous stopping to remove the MDF piece to check for the desired wall thickness.



Once the desired thickness is achieved, start to turn the stem. Ron decided to have a feature between the cup and the stem. Complete this before moving onto the stem

Working from the feature towards the headstock start turning down to the desired diameter of the stem. Work in small sections and complete the diameter before moving onto the next section of the stem.



Sand the underside of the cup, the stem and the base. Begin to part off but do not complete this process. When down to a small diameter, use a hacksaw or similar to cut through the last bit to complete the parting off process. To finish the project, sand off the underside of the base.

### 3rd SATURDAY PROGRAM FOR 2021

Please remember - we do not have to finish by 2pm

August Demonstrator Ron Allen

#### Potpourri Bowl.

A turning blank approx. 150 dia x 50 to 60 thick.

A potpourri lid, available from Carbatec or online from Carrolls Crafts and others. These lids vary in diameter and you need to fit it to your potpourri bowl.

A round nose scraper or similar. Something robust would be good (bowl gouges as well). If you have a goose neck or other hollowing tool bring them as well.

September Demonstrator George Pastuch

#### Ball/Sphere clock

Blank— 90mm long x 80mm dia. No knots. Any decorative timber

35 mm clock insert available from Carbatec or online from Carrolls Crafts and others.

October Demonstrator George Pastuch

#### Mushroom Box

Blank - 170mm long x 79 to 90mm dia branch with/without bark attached. Preferably with hard bark intact.

Jam chuck process will be demonstrated

November Demonstrator Ron Allen

#### Involuted turning. A Christmas mystery project.

Ron will purchase and prepare timber and members can purchase same. (Inexpensive - probably less than \$2 each).

Super glue and Activator.

### PROGRAM FOR FOURTH SATURDAY MEETINGS DEMONSTRATIONS IN 2021

July 24	Christmas decorations, inverted turning  NOTE: Cancelled due to Covid lockdown. This may be rescheduled later in the year. The committee will review and decision forwarded at a later date.	George Pastuch
August 28	Offset turning – bowls, spindle-turning	David Gilland, Bill Elliott
September 25	Finishing to exhibition standard, decoration etc * Competition as below	Graham Reed, + *Members
October 23*	AGM	
November 27	Metal inlay, combining metal with wood Judge competition*	J.Todd, P.Page, R.Humphris

Competition:\* Members to take away similar pieces of wood at September meeting and return in October with a finished item – best effort wins a prize!

NOTE: As there was no committee meeting( normally held before the 4th Saturday meeting), nor the report to the members on the 4th Saturday, there is no committee report for July 2021.