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The AGM is coming up fast (in October as usual). You should have received the official notice along with a nomination form. Please consider nominating for a position.

Show & Tell

Show & Tell was run by Nik Surikov.

Jan Beare showed a cake stand, using the metal parts from the broken one shown, along with the small bowl turned from firewood.

Peter Smith brought along three bowls made from red cedar, made early in his turning adventure.





Graham Camac made the large “milk churn” (his description) incorporating a Celtic knot.

Chrtis Deguet brought several miniature scoops and a piece following on from George’s 3rd Sat. demo.

Colin Campbell had a piece following on from George’s demo,

Peter Page showed a sturdy face mask which he purchased cheaply on-line. It came with a dozen filters and he says it doesn’t fog up.

Colin Slater showed the two-tiered lidded box visible at the top of the picture.

Jeff Todd made the red rimmed bowl with details added by using a router and a jig he made using bicycle parts.

Ed Zahra made the large scoop, an egg and a small bowl from juniper. He also made a piece following George’s demo.

Bill Gilson showed the laminated cake stand.





Bill Elliott made the triangular box with turned corners.



Stuart Hunnisett showed the small lidded box (olive) and the two-tone piece following from George's demo.

Hal Sneddon brought 4 Christmas ornaments following from a Ron Allen demo some time ago.

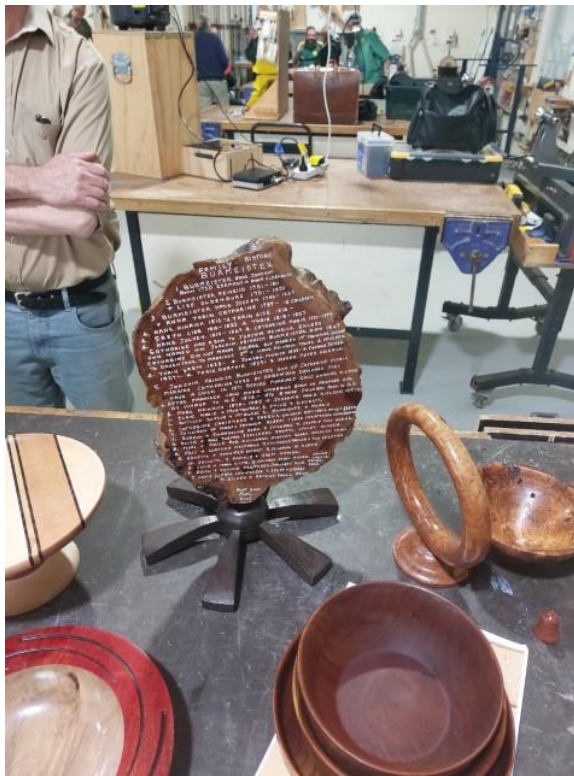
Peter Hanks showed a small bell and a hollow form turned from coloured pencils prepared by the late Paul Beebee.



David Kleinig brought the sassafras platter shown in the right of the photo. He was unhappy with the finish he obtained and asked for suggestions.

Victor Garcia made the segmented bowl and the green rimmed platter (which is a different colour on the bottom).

Eric Burmeister
showed the timber slab
on which he had
outlined his family
history.



The halo was awarded
to Jeff Todd for the
behind-the-scenes work
done to cut the swirls in
the rim of his bowl
using a router and
bicycle parts on his
lathe.



3rd Saturday Demo – Aug.17

Our usual cameraman (Rob Williams) was away so there was no video of the demo.

George Pastuch demonstrated how to turn what are called streptohedrons. The demo seemed popular given the number of examples that were presented in Show and Tell.

Many thanks to George.

You can watch some videos on how to turn these interesting (if useless) items at the following:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUU6UoPg8u8&ab_channel=NorthcoastWoodturners

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cS0B8AqLmg&ab_channel=SpiritwyndWoodStone%26Bone

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6MJB5zMAEs&ab_channel=BAILEYWOODWORKS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7ewED-XC98&ab_channel=GregStute

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1P1Dzzv03V8&ab_channel=JohnKelsey%2CArtisan

4th Sat Demonstration – Sept.28

Our demo for the day was turning some Christmas ornaments, presented by Flora Rumbelow and Tim Smeaton.

Flora began by talking about some problems she had turning Christmas tree using meranti. She then bought some jelutong



Partially turned piece of jelutong to make two trees.



A piece was mounted on the lathe and lines marked with a pencil for the bottom and the tree sections, getting closer together towards the top.

A parting was then used to cut down on the lines.



The piece is then tapered towards the top.



The sections are then undercut to make it look more like a Christmas tree.

You can then decorate it anyway you like.



Next up was Tim Smeaton, who started by going over some of his colourful family history.



Tim showed a number of simple shapes you could use to hang on the tree.



He then went on to turn a tear-drop shape...



which he then coloured to look like a Christmas tree.



He then turned a small snowman from the same piece of timber.

Anne Kerr's 70th Wedding Anniversary

The following is from a local paper, giving some details of Anne and Douglas, who will be celebrating their 70th anniversary on Oct.2. Note that Anne has been a member of Northern Turners since 1989. Congratulations from everyone at Northern Turners.





the keys to a happy life

Leah Smith

It's 4.30pm and "the bar" is open.

Douglas Stuart Kerr and wife Anne are sitting at their living room table, their only vice – a glass of wine – in hand as they share the story of their day with one another. It's been a daily ritual in their 70 years of marriage.

"We don't have to be together all day, but it's sharing what we have done," Mrs Kerr said.

They spend their days as individuals; Mrs Kerr, 88, carving or turning wood to make furniture and trinkets while Mr Kerr, 93, spends time in the gardens alongside seven-year-old pup Rusty.

But sharing their day over a drink is not the only pillar that builds up their almost 70 years of marriage.

"I've got a theory," Mrs Kerr said. "The secret to a happy marriage is that you've got to be really good friends."

"Sexual attraction wears out after a while – and other things – but if you're really good friends, it takes you right through, and also you need a

really good sense of humour."

As the years have passed and their life changed, watching their three children – Sue, 68, Garry, 67, and the late Steve, 68 – grow and start their own families, and growing into great grandparents, the Kerrs have found new ways to bring happiness to one another.

"We've done a lot of laughing in our time, a few tears, but a lot of laughing," she said.

After Mr Kerr's retirement from working with defence technology relating to autopilot machinery, and Mrs Kerr from education, the couple travelled Australia in a Toyota Hiace – which was fitted out like a camper van.

"We went away every single year for many years after Stuart retired, and the kids called us geriatric gypsies and they had shirts printed for us and we wore them happily," Mrs Kerr said.

"I remember early in our marriage like humdrum, saying to Stuart that I want an adventure – and we had so many adventures ... we have so many stories we haven't even told our kids."

Mr Kerr said those years of travel brought them both "real happiness" together.

Mrs Kerr moved to the Victorian town of Warragul when she was 14, and two years later met Mr Kerr on a night out at the dances – while he was on a date with another girl – and have built their lifelong partnership together ever since.

The couple began dating while Mrs Kerr was 16 and Mr Kerr was 20, and were married just weeks after Mrs Kerr's 19th birthday – her mother wouldn't allow it any earlier.

"I just wanted to be married, and I just wanted to be with him," Mrs Kerr said.

Their early years were spent in the military town of Woomera, as Mr Kerr served in the Royal Airforce, before moving to Para Hills following his enlistment as he searched for more work around the pilotless aircraft technology he had come to enjoy.

The Kerrs will reach their platinum wedding anniversary on October 2, but before then will celebrate alongside their family and close friends at their daughter Sue's home.

Upcoming Third Saturday Activities

Oct.19	George Pastuch	Baby Rattle with captive rings
Nov.16	George Pastuch	Candle holder

Upcoming Fourth Saturday Demonstrations

Oct.26	Dale Starr	Quick release carbide tools on the cheap
Nov.23	Rob Williams	Turning a log into a turning blank
Dec	No December meetings	
Jan. 24	Bill Elliott	Sharpening with the ProEdge.

Christmas BBQ – Dec.7 11:00 – 14:00

Future Exhibitions

Dec.2024 – Jan 2025	Burnside Library
June 20-22 2025	Home Show (Wayville Showgrounds)

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