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Hi All,

I think for the first time since you put your trust in me as the president I really don't have a lot to say. I can hear some of you sighing in relief and others looking to the heavens in disbelief, but it's true.

However, a few things do come to mind . Firstly, thanks to Tim Skilton's invitation our club has made a new friend in the form of Brett from Western Woodies, who I think left our meeting on Saturday with a vision of how a positive and supportive club environment can work. Brett's parting words to me were that he found his visit enlightening and positive. He also hoped our two clubs may be able to develop a closer working relationship in the future.

Secondly, is the result of our Wayville exhibition. I don't for a minute believe the reduced sales numbers are due to a lower level in the quality of the works presented. Rather I feel the general economy and reduced public interest/attendance at the show is a direct reflection of the returns to those who exhibited.

Finally, I again pay tribute to those among the membership who carry the load of both setting up for our Saturday meetings, the faithful few who repeatedly step up to provide interesting and informative demonstrations, together with all who work without recognition in the background to make Northern Turners the successful club it is.

Remember, this is your club and it stands or falls dependent on its membership's participation and input. So don't be shy, speak up if we can provide a better more inclusive and informative environment, any input will be greatly appreciated. If you have an idea or request, please contact me via email davewills58@gmail.com or phone 0423 728 158.

Yours in turning,

Dave.

Northern Turners Committee

2024/25

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- *Seeking Excellence*
- *Encouraging Individualism*
- *Fostering Creativity*
- *Teaching Skills*
- *Providing Support*

SHOW AND TELL Saturday 28th June 2025

Show & Tell was run by Hal Sneddon.

Hal showed a tiny bowl and fridge magnets made from red gum scraps. He also had a box bought in NZ showing different NZ timbers.



Dave Wills has a square winged bowl, a pendant and a casuarina bowl.



Jeff Todd brought a pendant and a lost-wood vase, both from olive.

Ez Zahra showed two coffee tampers and a small bowl from blue gum.

Colin Slater showed two lidded boxes, one from Tasmanian myrtle and the other from sassafras and wattle.



Gavin Pink had a 3-tier lidded box.

Chris DeGuet had a number of pendants, some small bowls and turned flowers in a vase



John Campbell had a western myall bowl

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Peter Page showed two natural edged bowls.

Bill Elliott brought a vase on legs, which had been painted by his grand daughter.



Anne Kerr showed us a round table with an embroidery on the top. It was made from blackwood obtained a number of years ago (before D.Starr could get his hands on it)

Anne Kerr was awarded the Halo for the month.



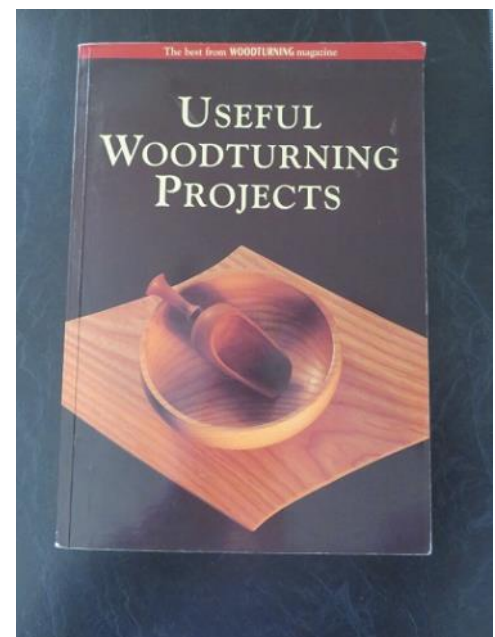
BOOK REVIEW

USEFUL WOODTURNING PROJECTS

Guild of Master Craftsman Publication Ltd—1995

This is the second of a series of books drawing on articles from back issues of Woodturning magazines. There is a treasure trove of ideas, information and inspiration specifically designed for woodturners. Articles from talented, expert authors which have graced the pages of Woodturning magazine from the first issue in 1990. Included is advice and tips on basic techniques and projects to try in your workshop.

Editor's Note: There are 32 individual projects and/or techniques described in detail accompanied with photos. The majority of the projects would now be described as basic woodturning projects when compared to the wood art now being published in current magazines. However the techniques and basics of woodturning have not changed. For a woodturner starting on their discovery journey or the more experienced woodturner, the book is an interesting read.



Minutes of Northern Turners General Meeting June 28 2025

Members Attending: ~37

Apology: Tony Davies, Stuart Hunnisett, Lynn Warneke, Barry Warneke, Ron Allen

The meeting started at 10:05 presided by our president, Dave Wills. Dave welcomed Brett Crosby, vice-president of Western Woodies, who may be losing their meeting place.

Treasurer's Report

The bank balance at the end of May was \$36849.

Vic noted that we donated over \$3000 to the Cancer Council as a result of the Biggest Morning Tea.

Exhibition Committee

Graham Reed reported that the Home Show was quiet on Friday, better on Saturday and so-so on Sunday. There were 16 exhibitors and all but one sold something.

Graham also said that the exhibition at TTG Library is tentatively set for Sept.1-7, but he and Dave Gilland will be talking to the person in charge next week to finalise things.

Robert Edge reported that 53 items were sold for \$5365.

Website

Gordon Best said that a few documents have been updated and the link to Toymendous was removed.

From the President

26 have expressed interest in the Neil Turner workshop weekend on Oct.11 & 12. If you intend to be there, please see David Kleinig.

Dave told members that the committee has approved the purchase of two new BBQs to replace our aging units..

This is the last call for those who want to purchase the lathe sanding disc system being prepared by Tim Skilton, Bill Elliott and Jeff Todd. Please let Tim Skilton know immediately if you want to buy one. Payment is when the units are received.

Any Other Business

George Pastuch told us that Turn SA will be taking place in Kingston in August. Details will be in the newsletter.

Closure of Carbatec Perth and Adelaide Stores

Considering the current economic climate, significantly increased operating costs, and a continued shift in our customers' desire to buy online, we have made the difficult decision to close our Perth and Adelaide stores. The last day of trading will be 16 August, 2025.

This decision is not made lightly. These stores have played a meaningful role in serving their local woodworking communities, and we are incredibly thankful to our team members in both locations. Their dedication, expertise, and passion for woodworking have helped inspire countless makers over the years and have been a valued part of the Carbatec family.

Carbatec remains fully committed to supporting woodworking enthusiasts across Australia. Our online store offers over 6,000 products, with fast, reliable nationwide delivery. Whether you're a weekend woodworker or a seasoned professional, our expert team is available online and over the phone to provide support, advice, and inspiration. For any assistance, please visit carbatec.com.au/support or call 1 800 658 111.

Although we have now closed our Hobart store and will be saying farewell to Perth and Adelaide, our physical retail presence continues through our Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne stores. Each remains a hub for hands-on advice, learning, and community engagement.

We sincerely thank our Perth and Adelaide customers for their loyalty and support, and we look forward to continuing to serve you through our webstore and call centre.

Simon Lowe—CEO

3rd Saturday Demonstration

PENDANTS—Ron Allen

The usefulness of the spindle-mounted disc sander was shown when working on this type of project. A workshop to help members make their own sanding disk and table setup is currently being organised by Tim Skilton, Bill Elliott and Jeff Todd.



Ron then mounted an off-set jig, and the associated locating-pin jig, to produce the pendant. I understand that Ron will provide plans for this set of jigs at a later date.



The pre-drilled pendant blank is made up of contrasting dark and light wood, and attached to the jig using thin double-sided tape. Note the use of a flat-ended live centre to hold down the pendant.



The pendant is then rounded off, and the outer edge is shaped and sanded.



The jig is then off set, and the inner edge is shaped and sanded. The pendant is finished with high gloss Hi-Tech (formerly Stylewood) using a soft brush (and diluted with 20% thinner) for a lasting shine.

NOTE: Gordon Best advised me that an eccentric chuck similar to Ron's which was fitted on a standard chuck in the space of two removed jaws called the "Dux chuck". It has the additional capability of being able to rotate the work piece to produce additional useful designs. There is an example in the Woodturning magazine 385.

4th Saturday demonstration

Using the lathe as a grinder and polisher

Edward Noah

Edward started the demonstration with a discussion on the current project of using the lathe as a sanding attachment. This a project organised by Tim Skilton, Bill Elliot and Jeff Todd.



Edward further discussed the various uses of jigs that he has made both in his previous work requirements and his current hobby.

The majority of his jigs utilize threading a timber block onto the thread of the lathe header. This he has achieved by drilling the desired hole into a block of timber and then using a thread cutter, cutting the thread inside the block of timber. Using this as a base, he showed several examples where he has made jigs such as sanding drums, polishing wheels etc.



In addition he converted a cone similar to buffing centres to fit on the lathe.

Edward finalised his demonstration by graciously inviting members who wished to either further follow up on his jigs or make use of some to his work shop at home.

FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS 4TH SATURDAY 2025

July 26th	Sputnik sea urchin ornament and stand	Dale Starr
Aug 23rd	TBA	
Sept 27th	TBA	

FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS 3RD SATURDAY 2025

July 19th	Mushroom Box	George Pastuch
Aug 16th	TBA	Ron Allen
Sept 20th	Antique Pepper Grinder	George Pastuch

PROFESSIONAL TURNING EVENT

Neil Turner is a renowned professional turner from WA has agreed to join us for the above week end.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL and can be made any time from now, with payment requested before September 1st. Morning and afternoon tea plus lunch will be provided and is included in the overall cost. Some Club seating will be available but you may wish to bring your favourite comfy chair and please try to remember a cup for tea/coffee.

Details for essential bookings and pre-payment

WHEN - October 11th and 12th from 9 am each day

WHERE – Torrens Valley Christian School, 1227 Grand Junction Road
Hope Valley

COST - \$120 – requested before September 1st

PAYMENT – BSB 325185 Account 03552816 Beyond Bank

Account name – David Kleinig

Description as reference – YOUR NAME

BOOKINGS – Dave Wills davewills58@gmail.com 0423 728 158

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From the Editor:- I received an email advising the following event. This event is open to individuals but Northern Turner members may wish to go as a group. Details as follows:-

TURN SA

Turn SA 2025 will be held from Fri 15th Aug to Mon 18th Aug at Wescombes Shed Princes Highway Kingston SE

Registration Please register by 31st July to assist with catering. You can register via email turnsa24@gmail.com phone Sid on 0407043393 or look up Turn SA on facebook

Cost is \$60 payable on arrival, includes Lunch and Tea (Pizza at the shed) Sat, BBQ lunch Sun and morning teas Sat Sun Mon.

Accommodation To be arranged and paid by those attending Some options Lobster Motel Kingston Caravan Park RV park Lacepede bay motel

Evening Meals other than Sat You can join us at the Crown Inn or select one of the other great venues in town

Raffles held throughout the weekend any profits are donated to local services in the town

Programme AKA a very rough guide for the weekend

Friday will be arrivals meet n greet set up and maybe a little turning or sawing then we will book table at the Crown Inn for tea (pay your own way) all are welcome to come along.

Saturday will be open to the public some turners and scrollsawers will arrive Saturday. There will be Turning and Scroll sawing. Raffles, maybe a competition and or Demo or 2, morning afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. We will have Pizza delivered to the shed for tea.

Sunday will be open to the public. There will be Turning and Scroll sawing. Raffles, maybe a competition and or Demo or 2, morning afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. We will book table at the Crown Inn for tea (pay your own way) all are welcome to come along.

Monday those of us that are left will be packing up telling lies and planning the next one

Trees 'n' Timber

Mallee

(*Eucalyptus species*)

Derivation of names

Eucalyptus from Greek 'eu', and 'kalyptos' meaning well covered and referring to the cap (operculum) which covers and protects the bud.

It is often said that **Mallee** is as Australian as is the kangaroo. It is uniquely Australian, having its origins as an Aboriginal word. The term 'Mallee' is commonly used to describe three different aspects. *First* is to describe a growth form of some eucalypts. *Secondly*, in reference to even height formations of scrub, and *thirdly*, describing a geographic area, eg. the Murray Mallee. These areas are usually associated with the wheat belt country having low rainfall.

The common names of several mallees can be misleading. There are several called red mallee and white mallee. The most common and widespread in South Australia are Red Mallee (*Euc. socialis*), White Mallee or Yorrell (*Euc. gracilis*), Oil Mallee (*Euc. oleosa*) and Narrow leaved Red Mallee (*Euc. foecunda*).

The Tree.

Although Mallee can grow to a tall erect tree to 10 metres high, it is usually a small multi-stemmed tree. As such, they have several small trunks growing from a swollen rootstock called a ligno-tuber. These ligno-tubers have the ability to regenerate new growth, even after serious damage by fire or drought. As such, mallee is almost indestructible, and many are thought to be up to 500 years old. In the past, these ligno-tubers were in great demand as mallee roots for firewood.

The tree is typically of an open form having several umbragious (umbrella shaped) crowns.

Habitat

Widely distributed over much of South Australia, central NSW, western Victoria, and southern Western Australia..

Timber.

The trees are too small to produce commercial timber, and the stems usually develop pipes from insect attack and heart rot. The timber is usually pale in colour, has a fine texture with close even grain. However, the trunks develop many burls, which provide beautiful colour and figure. These are much sought after for woodturning. The ligno tubers also provide beautiful timber. The grain in the ligno tubers and burls is tightly curled and usually can be worked and dried without undue splitting or cracking.

By Ron Allen

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Red Mallee



White Mallee