

WestTurn News



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If you know that any member or their partner is not well, give Graham a call and he'll organise a card to be sent.

We wish a speedy recovery to Jenny Reynolds who is a patient in Westmead Public Hospital as a result of a serious car accident. Also on the sick or injured list are Dom Vaticano, Vince Harrison, Hans Loomans, and Richard de Groot.

Catering Officer: [Brian Brooks](#)

The lunches at the Maxidays are always well received by the members who appreciate Brian's high standards.

Library: See [Gary Hansell](#) if you would like to know what is currently available from our library.

Stores, Equipment & Maintenance:

[Graham Dawes](#), [Alan Phelps](#), [Mannie Farrugia](#) and [Dave Matthews](#).

Please let them know if you find any problems with any of the machinery in the hall.

Please Note:

There will no Westurn News published in January. The first issue for 2010 will be in February 2010.

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Western Sydney Woodturners Programme 2010

Workshops: Every **Tuesday** from 8.30am, \$5
Wednesday from 8.30am \$5
Thursday from 8.30am, \$5
Friday Night from 7.00pm. \$3

Maxidays: Third Sunday every month from 9.30am
There is usually a demonstration by a guest turner then Show & Tell. Lunch is provided. Cost \$6.

Committee Meeting: The committee meeting is held on the **second Tuesday of the month** starting at 7.00pm at Twin Gums. All are welcome to attend.

The club will be closing for the Christmas period. Club closes Tuesday 23rd December 2009. Club opens Tuesday 5th January 2010.

Coming Events:

Sunday 13th December Christmas Party

Sunday 17th January Maxiday — Lindsay Skinner

Sunday 21st February Maxiday — Darryl Smith

Sunday 21st March Maxiday — Jack Butler

Sunday 18th April Maxiday — Ernie Newman

Finally, a reminder about Shop Safety.
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President's Message:

Another year is rapidly drawing to a close. I believe that it has been a very successful year. At present, our membership stands at 91.

There has been a number of changes to the club premises including the purchase of an additional lathe, new Nova scroll chucks and two new Jacobs chucks. The floor where the stage once stood has been concreted and lino tiles have been laid. Also, over the coming weeks the premises will be given a coat of paint.

The club has participated at demonstrations at the Blacktown City Festival, Linwood House, Wisteria House, St Marys Street Carnival, Bunnings at Bella Vista, Mulgoa Bicentenary and Carlingford Nursing Home.

Jo Farrugia has worked very hard and through a dedicated effort has set up a web page for the club which enables our members to access newsletters and club activities on line. It also provides a link to The Woodturners Guild and our sponsors. This page has already been directly responsible for a number of enquiries in relation to membership and activities.

The plans for the open day on Saturday 5 December are progressing well and I sincerely hope that members and their families and friends will come along and make it a huge success.

At this time I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the day to day running of the club and its activities including opening and closing the club, assisting in stores, cleaning the clubhouse, transporting machinery to demonstrations, attending demonstrations, catering, organising functions, maintaining financial records, organising demonstrators for maxi-days, Guild representatives, assisting in collecting wood from various locations. To these people (too numerous to name, and with my memory I would hate to leave anyone out) you know who you are, a very hearty thank you. Your assistance so freely given makes my job much easier.

It is that time of the year again to wish all members and their families a very happy and safe Christmas. A very happy and healthy New Year and come back next year refreshed, relaxed and creative.

Please do not forget our Christmas lunch on Sunday 13 December at Seven Hill Toongabbie RSL. It would be great to see all of you there.

"Become masters & turn master pieces"

Eddie Catford 9837 3311

A good day was had by all at Lynnwood House with Bob Jarvis and Bob Young along with Eddie Catford in the morning and Ron Devine in the afternoon. Eddie left at midday to attend his annual ballet concert (the mind boggles!!).



The weather alternated between drizzle and overcast until the afternoon but did not seem to deter the visitors who kept up a steady stream until early afternoon.

Our charity was boosted by a cheque from Lynnwood for \$60 for some stands made by club members for them.



We had a good display of bowls and personal items which people wanted for Christmas presents. We had plenty of tops etc. prepared but for once there was a depleted supply of children.

Rohan and Coleen McCardell called in the afternoon, after the obligatory free R.S.L. lunch, just to make sure that the standards were being kept up.



OPEN DAY 5th December by a jubilant Eddie Catford

Well, what can one say, except "WOW what a success!". This is not only my opinion, but that of the numerous visitors and the many members who attended and it is all due to the sterling efforts of the organising committee, Alan, Rohan and Brian who after a "few shaky problems" picked up the pieces, took the bit between their teeth and pulled off a most impressive and rewarding day for themselves and also the club.

On behalf of this committee, thanks to ALL those members and non members for their help and support from the "silver spoon polish" of the premises inside and out on Thursday to the advertising in the media, the printing of fliers, organizing newspaper media, pamphlet and business card printing and to the demonstrators.



To the dancers and players of "The Bridge City Jazz Band" we extend our grateful thanks for the entertainment they provided. That Dixieland jazz sure brought back pleasant memories. One of our members, Colin Beal, plays the clarinet with the group and the other



members are Graham Bull (keyboard), Jim Morrel (drums), Colin Davies (bass), Dennis Quinlan (banjo) and John Betts (trombone). They play every Friday at Ashfield Community Club.

At our Open Day, the band was pleased to have Paul Furniss play a few tunes with them. He was testing out a blackwood barrel turned for his clarinet by the club, to aid fine tuning his instrument. Paul is well known and liked for his playing in Europe and America and has his own band called "The San Francisco Jazz Band".



Thanks to Bob Young for donating the raffle prize of a pedal tractor and excavator. My three year old grandson will be extremely happy to receive this gift from Santa and will have many happy hours of enjoyment.



Finally, and most importantly, I thank YOU the members who dedicated numerous hours of support and labour, showing that you are proud to be part of the club. The wearing of our club shirts highlighted our unity. This was also evident by your commitment in the quality of woodturning and woodworking on display and for sale. This was as good as I have seen anywhere.



This club has quality and a lot to be proud of as confirmed by the visitors whose comments were very complimentary and indicated that they were impressed with the high standard of the presentation and displays which were by far in excess of what they were expecting.



In rounding up, from the bright hot sunny day, the entertainment, catering, member unity, quality of displays and sales, through to the prospect of gaining six new members made a most gratifying and successful day.

To the committee and all club members, a most sincere heartfelt thank you and congratulations on a job well done on a day that will be talked about for a long time to come

Eddie Catford

Mulgoa Anniversary 9th November

Things went off with a bang at Mulgoa when about 2000 people attended this weekend to help celebrate the village's 200th birthday.



They visited historical houses, attractions and took part in a fete in Mulgoa Park, where Governor Marie Bashir opened the celebrations and unveiled a plaque. She inspected the troops then bought a few things from the stalls



Our club was well represented with Manny Farrugia, Bob Taylor, Wayne Hipwell, Brian Brooks, Rohan McCardell, Eddie Catford and Bob Jarvis.

They gave demonstrations of turning charity bowls and tops for the kids.

Rohan was disappointed that the Governor didn't have time to come over and purchase one of his cheese platters. But several others did.



It was a great family day out with displays of machines of yesteryear, vintage cars and motorbikes and the usual children's amusements



There was plenty of interest shown in our stand and we raised another \$203.70 towards this year's charity.

It was also a good opportunity to promote our Open Day at the clubhouse coming up on the 5th December.

Larry the woodworker called his boss and said: "Hey, boss I'm not coming to work today, I'm really sick, I got a headache, a stomach ache, my leg hurts, I just can't make it in."

The boss says: "Larry I really need you today. When I feel sick like that I go to my wife and tell her to give me sex. That makes me feel better and I can go to work. You should give it a try."

Two hours later Larry the woodworker calls again: "Boss, I did what you said and I feel great, I'll be in right away. By the way, you sure got a nice house."

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Show & Tell 15th November



Sid Churchward
Bowl
Rubber Tree; Friction polish



Sid Churchward
Bowl
Muranti; Friction polish



Sid Churchward
Potpourri container
Muranti; Friction polish



Fred de Jonge
Square bowl
Cedar



Fred de Jonge
Carving
Cedar



Bob Jarvis
Vase; Pacific maple
Polyurethane



Manny Farrugia
Segmented Fruit Bowl
Juniper & Pine; Estapol Satin



Erich Aldinger
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Lidded Box
Claret Ash with Bone



Steve Hitchcock
Hour Glass
Jarrah; Friction polish & Boot-polish



Steve Hitchcock
Egg Timer
Reclaimed floor boards
Friction polish



Sid Churchward showing his
bowl to Rohan McCardell



Rohan McCardell gives his
appraisal of Fred de Jonge's
carving



Bob Jarvis shows Rohan
McCardell the original length
of the vase



Newly joined member Steven
Hitchcock talks about one of
his timers!



Erich Aldinger explains how to
keep your knuckles out of the
way when turning square
platters



Manny Farrugia tells the story
of how he overcame several
"problems" to finally produce
this attractive fruit bowl

Maxiday 15th November Bob Hodge & Graham Dawes

We have a lot of great Woodturners visit our club to give demonstrations of their specialities, but it is always pleasing to see some of our more experienced members who are prepared to get out in front of their colleagues and show something a bit more challenging to turn than the usual bowls, platters and pepper grinders.



Graham Dawes gave a demonstration of offset turning of a "spoon foot" table leg.

He started by marking the diagonals of both ends of his block of timber. He punched the centres of these diagonals and marked this axis AA.



He then marked a point 10mm from the centre along one diagonal. He did the same on the other end, being careful to move in the same direction along the diagonal. He punched these points which gave him another axis BB.



Both Santa and Graham chose projects involving offset turning and, in a manner similar to Bill Sheen and John Harris last month, invited members of the audience to come out and have a go at the job in hand.

They were also well prepared for their presentation by having drawings and samples which they had "prepared earlier".

Bob (Santa) had made two "cheek plates" from 10mm plywood. The centres were accurately located and 2mm holes drilled through both. These holes were used by the spur drive and the live centre in the lathe.

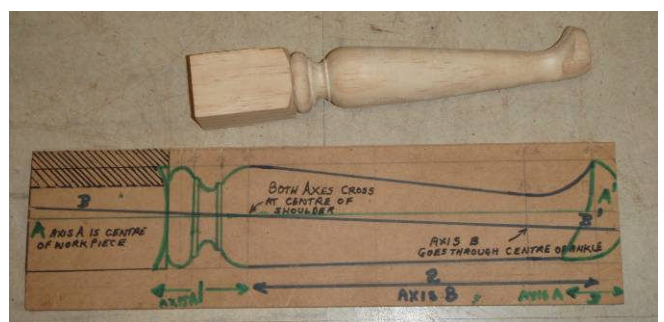
Two pieces of timber which had been dressed to be square were screwed between the cheeks at a distance from the centre to allow each piece to be rotated individually. With the mounting screws tightened and the speed set to about 1800 rpm, the desired shape was then turned.

Stop the lathe, loosen the screw at one end of one piece and rotate it 90° before retightening. Start the lathe again and observe the "shadow effect". You will see the shape of one piece and the straight edge of the piece you have just rotated. Looking through the shadow, carefully turn the straight edge until its shape matches the other. Repeat this process until both pieces are turned on all four sides.

Bob turned this contemporary square candlestick using the method described.



With the block set up in the lathe using the centres AA, Graham turned the bead, cove and fillets before stopping the lathe and remounting his block using the axis BB to turn the spoon foot as shown in the diagram.



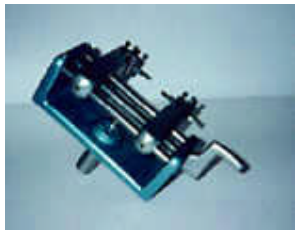
Using the Leady Ring Cutter

by Rohan McCardell

The following story tells how the bowl in the picture was made from a piece timber similar to the piece on which the bowl rests.



The timber is Mackay Cedar and I suggest the use of a mask when you are working this species. A description of the problems caused by this timber was in a previous issue of H & I when a country woodturner wrote an article on its effects on him. However I digress.



Bruce Leadbeater came to our club one day and demonstrated, among other things, a ringcutter which enabled a flat circular piece of wood to be cut into smaller rings as you moved into the centre of the wood.

The tool fits into the toolpost of the lathe (mine is a Leady) and you get a small gauge to set the tool up at the correct angle and also the correct distance from the rim. You cut into the timber from the right halfway and then from the left to part the ring off safely and catch it on the tool to avoid spinning off the lathe. The rings are quite fragile at this stage.

The rings are then turned over to form the shape of a cone and sanded on both faces and then glued to form the shape. The size of your bowl dictates the press required to assemble the rings to complete the gluing process. I was lucky that a fellow member of our club had a press to accommodate my bowl which had a diameter at the rim of 30cm.



After gluing has set return to the lathe using (surprise surprise) another Bruce Leady attachment, his bowl holding chuck which does a superb job of holding the bowl.

I also had a circular piece of board held about halfway into the bowl supported by the tailstock This was more as a safety measure than anything. Light cuts then completed the turning process both inside and outside before sanding. Polishing with 7008 finished the bowl to my satisfaction.



Any further information can be obtained regards the tools from Bruce Leady on 02 9718 5395. Please accept my apologies in advance as I am not used to describing wood turning on paper I would much rather have you with me at the lathe so I could show you the steps involved.

Enter "Leady Ring Cutter" into Google or any other search engine and you will find a good article with photos on the Guild site.



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