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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

October 2023 / November 2023



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## NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



Welcome to the November edition of By Hand and Eye.

This will be the last edition of By Hand and Eye for 2023, where has the year gone, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the very best for the festive season.

I know many of the groups will close for a period of time over the holiday period. This will be a welcome break for some and a period of boredom for others. Whichever category you fall into try to remember your friends at this time and stay in touch with each other. It only takes a phone call, or an email. It always worries me that some of our members may be spending this time all alone. I think that it is important to help and support our friends, particularly during this part of the year. Personally, I do not care what your religion is or your political persuasion or the football team you follow. We are all humans living on this little speck of dust spinning through space. We have to get along and help each other or perish.

I am reminded of a time some years ago when I was working in Kula Lumpur around Christmas time. Malaysia is a Muslim country, but with a large Chinese Taoist population, Indian Hindu and a small Christian population. There were more Christmas decorations in Kula Lumpur than in Sydney at the time. I asked one of my Malaysian students how this could be so. The response, "I do not have to believe what you believe to enjoy a good party. Christmas songs are still good songs". I think we could all learn a lot from this response.

Finally, it is time to enter items into the Royal Easter Show Arts and Crafts competitions. You do not have to have made it yet, but please enter something if you can. Dates where known are in the following pages. I have included the link to the competitions [Arts and Crafts \(www.rasnsnsw.com.au/arts\)](http://www.rasnsnsw.com.au/arts). See "Around the Regions, From the Guild" for more details.

If you can get to the Easter Show, or better still help out, please do so. Contact Tony Ney or David King if you can help at any of the events. If you see any of the committee members or myself please come up and say hello. If you have any concerns or suggestions for your Guild we are always willing to listen and discuss your ideas and concerns.

Until next time, have a happy and safe festive season and to quote a previous Guild President "Keep the Lathes turning", and have fun and PLEASE, look after yourselves and each other.

*Philip McLeod*

(PHILIP MCLEOD)  
PRESIDENT

## GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023/2024.

Guild meetings take place at the Girl Guide Hall, 157 Waldron Street, Chester Hill. 2162.

The Guild meets on the last Monday of every second month i.e. January, March, May, July, September and November.

Meetings start at 1830, (6:30PM) and finish at 2100, (9PM) at the latest.

All members of the Guild are welcome to attend, but only 1 elected representative can vote at these meetings. This is to ensure that no one region can "out vote" the smaller regions. Everyone has an equal say in how the Guild is run.

The following dates are significant for the Guild:

### **2023**

October 2 Labour Day

15 November entries for the Royal Easter Show open. *Online entries only.*

November 27 GUILD MEETING

### **2024**

Macarthur Region will be 31 Years young first meeting held 1993

January 26 Australia Day

January 29 GUILD MEETING

17 January Royal Easter Show Entries Close

8 – 9 March Deliver Item/s to the Show

19 March Arts and Crafts Preview

March 15 Menai Region is 30 Years young

**22 March – 2 April ROYAL EASTER SHOW**

March 25 GUILD MEETING

April 7 Daylight Saving Ends – Clocks back 1 hour.

April 12 Eastern Region is 18 Years young (meetings were held before this date. This is date of Incorporation).

April 16 Southern Highlands is 30 Years young

29 March - 1 April EASTER

5 – 6 April Collect item/s from the Show.

April 25 ANZAC DAY

May 27 GUILD MEETING

Date TBA TIMBER, TOOLS and ARTISANS SHOW – Venue TBA

10 June Kings Birthday

June 30 GUILD MEMBERSHIPS DUE

July 4 Guild is 41 Years young founding meeting at George Hatfield's home.

July 29 GUILD MEETING

August 4 Bankstown is 34 Years young

August 19 first formal Guild Meeting Sydney Tech College Ultimo.

September 17 Northern Beaches, (then Peninsula Region) is 31 Years young

September 30 **AGM and GUILD MEETING**

October 6 Daylight Saving Starts – Clocks forward 1 hour.

October 7 Labour Day

November 25 GUILD MEETING

**BH&E Closure Dates for Article Submission:**

2024		2025	
19 JANUARY	19 JULY	19 JANUARY	19 JULY
15 MARCH	20 SEPTEMBER	15 MARCH	20 SEPTEMBER
17 MAY	15 NOVEMBER	17 MAY	15 NOVEMBER

The last 3 missing editions are: Anything from September 1983, 3/84 (May/June), 6/84 (November/December).

So, please check with friends, under beds, in old boxes and see if you have any of these old copies.

THE EDITOR

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HEALTH ISSUES.



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**This information is taken from “The Little Black Book of Scams” put out by The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission.**

**Every year, scams cost Australians, businesses and the economy hundreds of millions of dollars and cause emotional harm to victims and their families.**

To stay one step ahead of scammers, learn more by visiting the ACCC's Scamwatch website – [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) – where you can sign up for free alerts on new scams targeting consumers and small businesses. You can also follow Scamwatch on Twitter at @scamwatch\_gov or [http://twitter.com/scamwatch\\_gov](http://twitter.com/scamwatch_gov).

### **Charity and medical scams.**

### **Scammers are heartless and can strike during desperate times of need.**

#### **How the Scam Works.**

Scammers take advantage of people seeking to donate to a good cause or find an answer to a health problem.

**Charity scams** involve a scammers collecting money by pretending to work for a legitimate cause or charity, or a fictitious one they have created. Often scammers will exploit a recent natural disaster or crisis that has been in the news.

These scams divert much-needed donations away from legitimate charities. Charities must be registered with government-donate confidently by checking their registration first.

**Miracle cure** scams offer a range of products and services that can appear to be legitimate alternative medicines, usually promising quick and effective remedies for serious conditions. The treatments are often promoted using false testimonies from people who have been “cured”.

**Weight loss scams** promise dramatic weight loss with little or no effort. This type of scam may involve an unusual or restrictive diet, revolutionary exercise, a “fat-busting” device, breakthrough pills. Patches or creams. You may be required to make a large advance payment or enter into a long-term contract to receive ongoing supplies.

**Fake online pharmacies** offer counterfeit drugs and medicine at very cheap prices, and sometimes provide them without a doctor's prescription. These drugs may have limited or no active ingredients, which can have lethal consequences for users.

### **Protect yourself:**

- If you are approached by a charity street collector, ask to see their identification. If you have any doubts about who they are, do not pay.
- Check the Australian Charities Not for Profit Associations list of registered charities.
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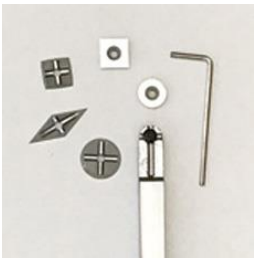


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## GUILD ITEMS FOR SALE.

Please see your Guild Representative for prices if you want any of these items.



Guild Cloth Patch



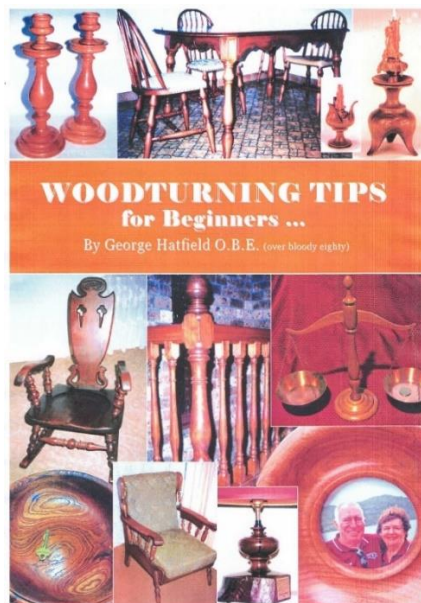
Guild Baseball Cap



Lapel Badge

If there is anything you, or your club wish to sell. Or something you are looking for let me know, I am happy to put it into By Hand and Eye.

## **NEW ITEM NOW AVAILABLE**



This book is by George Hatfield, (Membership Number 2 and a Life Member of the Guild). George wants to “Leave something on the shelf”, so he put this together. It is aimed at beginners. It is 47 pages and will sell through your Guild Representative for \$7, (very good value). Contact Philip McLeod (02) 4049 4299 or your Guild Representative if you want one.

## **WOODTURNING QUIZ**

(Answers will be published near the last page).

### **Acknowledgements**

It would be impossible to name all the people who have helped with the quiz over the years, but I thank George Hatfield, Mike Darlow, Terry Martin, Mark Sfirri, Jean-Francois Escoulen, Stephen Hogbin, Simon Priem, Lindsay Skinner, Frank Bollins, Keith Smith, Dick Turner, Bernie Carveth, Col Herbert, Des Lane, Allan Game, Karen Blewden, David Laird, John Ewart, Bernie Axford, Dale Hageman, Richard Raffan, Vic Wood, Bonnie Klein, Robin Wood, Stuart King, Dale Nish, Steve Riley, Phil McNabb, Tony Garbellini and my father, Ernie Newman. Apologies to those I have missed. Ernie Newman.

### **Now to the Quiz:**

- 1/ Would timber from the wattle (Acacia) family make good handles for striking tools?
- 2/ Should a lathe be run at 3000 rpm, 2000 rpm or 1000 rpm when turning a piece of timber 50 mm x 50 mm x 250 mm? Assume that the timber is free of defects and the lathe is solid.
- 3/ What are backing plates used for?
- 4/ What is treen?
- 5/ True or false? Carbon steel tools were invented in the twentieth century.

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## AROUND THE REGIONS

### FROM THE GUILD.

The Guild meeting was held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.  
Your Guild currently has \$12,634.92 in the bank.

There are 230 members as of 24 September 2023. We have not yet returned to pre Covid numbers.

Many members would have received an email from Carbatec saying that they will no longer provide a discount on purchases. The Guild contacted Carbatec. I refer you to their advertising in By Hand and Eye. They will still give a discount to Guild Members upon you showing them your membership card.

The Guild will be demonstrating for 6 DAYS at the Easter Show next year. We will have a larger area than previously. We will also have more cabinet space. **PLEASE LOOK IN YOUR STORAGE AREAS AT HOME, FIND A PIECE THAT YOU THINK IS PRETTY GOOD AND ENTER IT INTO THE SHOW.**

The Timber Tools and Artisans Show is looking like going ahead in June, if they can organise the exhibitors. If it goes ahead it will probably be at Homebush.

**The AGM** was also held on 25 September 2023. Your Guild made an overall loss of \$1,085.92. This was mainly due to there being no Timber, Tools, and Artisans Show. There are no plans to increase fees at this time.

It was decided to change the Guild Constitution to allow the awarding of Life Memberships at any normal meeting, not just the AGM. There will also be guidelines to help in the decision process for determining if someone is worthy of Life Membership. Each Region/Club will receive a copy of the updated Constitution once it is done.

At the AGM on 25 September the Guild bestowed Life Memberships on Michael Twemlow (Region Representative) and Tony Ney.

The citations said:

**Michael (Mick) Twemlow** joined the Sydney Woodturners Guild in 2008. He has Membership Number 2613, and therefore has been a member for 15 years.

Michael lives at Ingleburn and does not drive. So, in order to go anywhere he depends on Public Transport, walks or occasionally gets a lift with a friend.

He has regularly visited various Regions/Clubs with suitcases full of timber that he has collected for them. He then uses public transport to deliver the collected timber to the Region/Club in question.

Michael has been a big part of the demonstrating team. Always there to set up and tear down the demonstration area at the various shows that the Guild attends.

Once the show starts, he is there at the beginning of each day and stays until the end of the day getting home late at night.

He is like an Energizer Bunny, he does not stop. He loves demonstrating to the public and the knowledge he passes on to them is a great reflection on himself and the Sydney Woodturners Guild.

Although he has not held a position on the executive committee, he has been a Guild Representative for his Region for many years. His willingness to leave home early and get home late shows a deep commitment to the Guild.

We wish we could clone him, it would make things easier.

**Tony Ney** joined the Sydney Woodturners Guild in 2004. He has Membership Number 2207, and therefore has been a member for 19 years. Tony took on the role of Vice President in 2013 and therefore has been the Vice President for 10 years.

Tony is a big part of the demonstration team. Always there to set up and tear down the demonstration area at the various shows that the Guild attends.

Once the show starts, he is often there at the beginning of each day and stays until the end of the day getting home late at night.

About three years ago he took on the role of Events Coordinator when David King felt he could no longer do it on his own. Tony loves demonstrating to the public and the knowledge he passes on to them is a great reflection on himself and the Sydney Woodturners Guild.

Tony has held the position of Vice President on the executive committee for 10 years, he has also been a Guild Representative for his region for many years.

Tony uses his own vehicle to transport Lathes, tables and other bits to and from the shows and activities that the Guild is involved with.

Earlier this year during a period when he had a Cancer scare he continued to work for the Guild to get us ready for the Royal Easter Show. This showed an extraordinary commitment to the Guild.



**Micheal Twemlow and Tony Ney being presented with their Life Memberships 25 September 2023.**

### **ROYAL EASTER SHOW COMPETITION INFORMATION.**

**WOODWORK Maximum of one entry per Class.** THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO ALL WOODWORK CLASSES; ➤ Size: Maximum height 120cm. Each Exhibit must not occupy a base area larger than 165cm x 60cm. ➤ Exhibit must be able to be handled by one person. **Cost for Open Craft Classes is \$15 per entry.**

**CLASS 285 - Wood Carving.** All disciplines. One article. Prize 1st \$50.

**CLASS 286 - Wood Inlay and/or Marquetry.** Not to be covered by glass or Perspex. One article. Prize 1st \$50.

**CLASS 287 - Platters/Bowls.** Any turned item which can be used as or resembles a platter or bowl. Item must NOT have a cover or lid and turned from one piece of timber, either solid or laminated but not segmented. The item can be embellished in any way, but the Judge must be satisfied that the piece shows 80% turning. Prize 1st \$50 Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$80, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$20.

**CLASS 288 - Segmented Woodwork.** One article made up of numerous pieces of various timbers. These items can be vessels, bowls, platters, or any other wooden pieces, and the final shape shall be achieved by woodturning. Prize 1st \$50 Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$80, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$20.

**CLASS 289 - Innovative.** Entries in this Class must be at least 80% turned, and be turnings which by design and/or construction are unique, and do not fit easily into any of the above categories. Prize 1st \$50 Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$80, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$20.

**CLASS 290 - Novice Face plate turning.** Open to all wood turners who have not won a first, second or third prize in any Sydney Royal Easter show section of wood turning. The Exhibit must be turned with the grain of the timber at 90 degrees to the bed of the lathe. Prize 1st \$50 Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.

**CLASS 291 - Novice Spindle turning.** Open to all wood turners who have not won a first, second or third prize in any Sydney Royal Easter Show section of wood turning. The Exhibit must be turned with the grain of the timber running

parallel to the bed of the lathe. Prize 1st \$50 Cash Prize supported by Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. Prizes 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.

**CLASS 292 - Model or Miniature in Wood made from scratch.** One article. Specifications on scale must be stated on the Application for Entry and included on actual piece. The use of kits is not permitted. Prize 1st \$50.

**CLASS 293 - Small Furniture Item.** Predominately in wood. One article. Prize 1st \$50 Cash Prize supported by Woodworkers Association of NSW. Prize 1st \$250.

**CLASS 294 - Wooden Box Work.** One article. Maximum size not to exceed 450mm x 300mm x 150mm. Prize 1st \$50 Cash Prize supported by Woodworkers Association of NSW. Prize 1st \$250.

**CLASS 295 - Musical Instrument.** Predominately in wood. One article. Prize 1st \$50.

**Region / Club Membership Secretaries please note that until further notice new memberships, or members renewing paperwork should go to Ken Morgan ([swgmembershipsec@gmail.com](mailto:swgmembershipsec@gmail.com)) , cc'd Ian Cocks ([ian.cocks@gmail.com](mailto:ian.cocks@gmail.com)).**

Members and regions / clubs are reminded that if you are meeting out of normal times, or at different places or doing activities PLEASE let the Secretary know. A large part of your membership is for insurance, but it ONLY WORKS if the secretary knows about what is happening. An email or phone call is all that is required.

FROM THE EDITOR – When taking photographs for inclusion in the BH&E please try to put the item on a white, or light coloured background with as much natural light as possible. This will make it come out better in the newsletter. Thank you.

Please remember:

If you send me something for BH&E I will print it. Email:

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## MENAI REGION.

### **Guild Report 25 September 2023:**

Everything is going OK. Their Facebook page is going well. They had a social lunch with the wives and girlfriends, which was a great success.

Normal members meeting are going OK. They will hold their AGM on 10 October 2023.

**Show and Tell September 2023:** This month's theme "Salt Dispenser".



NORM LEWIS



TOM HILL



DAVID GASKELL



ROB LOVISA



ARTHUR WALKER



GRAEME STOKES



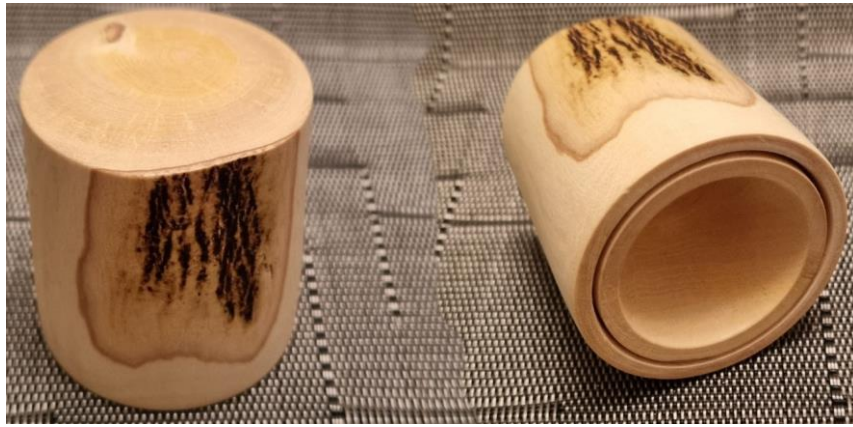
BOB THOMPSON



BILL BLACK



MICK BOUCHARD



PAUL IBBOTSON

**Show and Tell October 2023:** This month's theme "Photo / Mirror Frame"



ARTHUR WALKER Redwood frame  
Picture Frame Maple Stand.  
EEE Cream finish.



MICK BOUCHARD Tasmanian  
Oak. Picture Frame Mirrortone  
finish.



PAUL IBBOTSON Large - Red Cedar - Danish Oil finish Double - Mallee Burl - Spray  
Lacquer



KEITH ALLEN Camphor Laurel  
Mirror inserted into frame.



GRAEME Silky Oak STOKES Magnets securing back.



BOB THOMPSON Mountain Ash. Shellawax &  
EEE Cream finish.

**Show and Tell November 2023: Theme “Christmas Decoration”.**  
(Below)

**Bill Black being presented with “CLUB LIFE MEMBERSHIP” by Tony Ney in recognition for years of dedicated Club service.**



Bill Black – with Christmas Tree



ARTHUR WALKER - A variety of hanging Decorations.



PAUL IBBOTSON - Deer with antlers



NORM LEWIS - Complex abstract



GRAEME STOKES - TURNED TUMBLER with  
TURNED BOTTLE



BOB THOMPSON - CHRISTMAS DECORATION



MICK BOUCHARD - TURNED SANTA

## NORTHERN BEACHES.

### **Guild Report 25 September 2023:**

They held their AGM in August and elected a new executive. They have done a Bunnings which was financially very good. They highly recommended that any group which does not have a "Square" or similar electronic device for allowing the use of cards to collect money get one. It increased their take by 2/3rds.

They have acquired a very large lathe that was designed by George Hatfield when he was a teacher at TAFE. It will be a great addition to their equipment.

They also participated in a council run open weekend. It was great for exposure and they have 5 new members.

**Show and Tell October 2023:** Our Vice President, Alex, stepped in as Show & Tell presented in Meg's absence due to ill health. The challenge for October was for Members to bring along tools they had sharpened based on the previous demo (Ken's sharpening). Members could also bring their jigs or aids to sharpening if they wanted to show them and talk about them.



Libby Beaman - Jacaranda shot glasses were finely made with a natural finish by request.



Tony Vidler - the 'turning work' in Tony's bread knife could not be faulted. This shellac finished piece was made of found wood.



Owen Holden - two well-made bowls, a Coolabah Burl bowl with epoxy had 'Organoil' and polyurethane finish.



Finn Thorvaldson - A lovely bowl was shown by Finn. His inventively named Jacaranda Mimosifolia /Silky Oak / Banksia bowl was finished with 'Shellawax' and 'Tripple E'.



Catherine Ritter - described some specialised tools she'd shaped to use on her multicentre candlestick and three engraved bowls. A Drozda style 'Vortex' tool or gouge with no flute, and a 'pyramid' or three-sided point tool with flat, not concave faces.



John Donnelly - reminded us of the need to profile newly bought gouges prior to sharpening, showing his example of a bowl gouge sharpened prior to profiling. John's hatstand was finished with a clear polyurethane, and he recommends a wipe on then cut back method for a run free result.



Collaboration - Not without effort, Chris saved a 31kg chunk of Sydney Blue Gum (Eucalyptus Saligna) felled at Cammeray Golf Club. A collaborative work ensued. The platter, now reduced to about 3kg, was worked on jointly by Chris, Jack, Ken and Angus.



Jenny Talbot - The design of Jenny's four pieces was influenced by operculum scars on Gum Nuts. Woods used were Camphor Laurel, Eucalyptus, spalted Jacaranda and Builders waste. A set of Darlow tool sharpening jigs and a drill bit gauge of two hex head nuts referenced last month's sharpening demo.



## **“ITEM OF INTEREST”**



Club Members will recall local professional turner Simon Begg recently demonstrated his "German ring turning' at a Club demonstration. Simon is currently in the United States on a demonstration tour but not before he perfected a new German ring turning piece - the American bald eagle.

Included is a photo from Simon's facebook page - he's well worth following. Timbers used in the 'Bald Eagle" are Tasmanian Huon, Rock Maple, Tasmanian Blackwood and Ebony. Great work Simon and we hope the US tour has been a great success.

Chris Falvey

## **BANKSTOWN REGION.**

### **Guild Report 25 September 2023:**

Everything is going OK. They will hold their AGM on 7 October 2023. They have 2 new members – a husband and wife team.

## MACARTHUR REGION.

### **Guild Report 25 September 2023:**

All is going OK. At the meeting yesterday they had 19 members and they have 5 beginners. They have had a demo day at Bunnings.

They advised that Ron Davies had passed away. There was a funeral at Camden Civic Center with 300 people attending.

The group will be doing a demo day at Materday Special School on 22 October 2023.

The most recent gathering of the Macarthur Woodturners was a testament to the incredible skill and creativity of our members. The meeting featured a multitude of beautiful and meticulously crafted pieces.

Amidst the warm ambiance of friendly faces, Geoff Larson presented a cedar bowl and a set of four exquisite vessels made of Camphor Laurel and exotic Chinese timber, gracing the display table and drawing the admiration of all present.

Additionally, a unique Crepe Myrtle mallet by Paul Kruss, showcased a live edge design, demonstrating how to embrace an imperfect piece of wood and highlight nature's beauty.

The meeting also featured a captivating Jacaranda hollow form by Lee Brown with graceful contours: a wonderful display of artistry and skill cultivated within the Macarthur Woodturners community.

Exciting plans were unveiled during the meeting as well, with discussions revolving around the production of new merchandise for the club. Denis Wu and Jason Ho, two new members, have created samples of bespoke hats and distinctive name tags, all designed to embody the spirit and ethos of the Macarthur Woodturners. This ignited a palpable sense of anticipation among the members.

In recent months, the club has taken on 6 new members with three being female, helping to further our diversity efforts. Moreover, the meeting witnessed the spirited involvement of our newest recruits, who enthusiastically honed their skills on the lathes, diligently fashioning delicate egg cups. Their dedication this meeting to learning the intricate art of hollowing into end grain was truly commendable.

On the other end of membership, we celebrated and gave thanks to some of our veteran members. Michael 'Einstein' Twemlow, an indispensable member of the club for 15 years, was awarded a life membership by the Guild. His passion for the club, easy nature and knowledge make him a true club legend and we are proud to have him. Well done Michael!

Sadly, we've also had to say goodbye to one of our longest serving members, Marie Freeman OAM. She's currently 84 and has been with the club for 27 years but is no longer able to travel due to failing eyesight. During her time, she frequently wowed members with her skills on the miniature lathe and her creative input will be missed. With heartfelt sincerity, the club wishes her all the best and thanks her for many years of service to the club and the countless members that she's helped along the way.

Overall, the Macarthur Woodturners' monthly meeting once again underscores the passion, skill, and boundless creativity that thrives within our esteemed community, promising an exciting future ahead for all members.

Our next public event will be at Campbelltown Bunnings on the 7th of December in the evening for a wonderful Christmas event demonstration.

All the best, Denis.

## Show and Tell November 2023:



## EASTERN REGION.

### **Guild Report 27 November 2023:**

#### **Next Monthly Meeting:**

1 October – scheduled

5 November - scheduled

#### **Last Meeting:**

**1 October – Monthly Meeting.**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported that the bank account was \$ in credit, and \$87 in Petty Cash. The group therefore has \$ as in liquid assets.

#### **Kooloorra Community Centre:**

#### **General Business:**

The position of President has been taken on by Mario Dato. We now have a complete committee.

#### **Current Membership:**

To this date we have 30 active members.

#### **Eastern Region Shed Activities:**

Nothing to report.

**Conclusion:** The group continues to move forward.

#### **Show and Tell October 2023:**



Phil McLeod – Paper Towel Holders, Red Gum And Coachwood, Tasmanian Oak and Pine. Estapol finish.



George Xylas – Laminated Pedestal Platter, small bowls and pens. Various materials and finishes.



Bill Papalexiou – Pedestal glass with lid  
Camphor laurel – Estapol finish, various  
Acrylic pens.



Mario Dato – Two laminated Skew Chisel handles  
small lidded pill box, laminated bowl and pen with  
Religious cross on it.

I have received the following from Kim Rudder:

I have been away from the lathe for several months, firstly due to a very painful shoulder and subsequent surgical intervention.

Recently I came by some Gidgee from central Queensland and that prompted me to try my hand (or shoulder) at some turning.

The two pics attached, are the first two little bowls.

That is about the scope of what I will be able to do with the pieces I was given.

Cheers, Kim



**Show and Tell November 2023:**



**GEORGE XYLAS** – Square Based Paper Towel Holder, Shoe Horn, 2 Bowls



**MARIO DATO** – Platter, Mouse, Leather covered Pens



**PHILIP MCLEOD** – Christmas Ornaments including 2 examples of Inside Out turning.



**BILL PAPALEXIOU** – Picture Frame engraved on drill press, 3 foot turned fluted Lamp Stand. All made from Camphor Laurel.





KIM RUDDER - Here is a bowl I completed today. I am particularly pleased with this one:

Red Ironbark, *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* 260mm external diameter, 70mm high, 48mm deep.  
Carefully sanded through 80, 120, 240, 320, 400, 600 and 1200, with Shellawax finish.

### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION.

#### **Guild Report from November 2023 Newsletter:**

The workshop has consistently been open Wednesday and Friday mornings thanks to Michael Adamietz and Peter Gerlach. These weekday openings have also seen the attendance of two of our newer and younger members who have consistently participated and have been developing some excellent turning skills. The workshop is also currently open on the first Saturday of the month from 9 till 12 noon and members are encouraged to drop on down and spin some timber during this time.

The committee has been busy in the background exploring procedural and insurance issues with a view to developing some clearer training and support guidelines for members in the near future. We are hoping to create an enthusiastic and safer working environment for all as well as the opportunity to continue to build and enhance existing skills. Within the workshop environment we have seen fitment of the exhaust equipment, some reorganising of the workshop space to better accommodate numbers and create a safer environment.

In addition, Peter Gerlach has made a substantial contribution to the maintenance of the tools - spending many hours re-grinding, shaping and organising the turning chisels. This has been no mean feat and the Committee would like to thank Peter for his ongoing and diligent support of the club in this respect.

During the year we had the opportunity to induct Martin Nadas and Fred Robjent into the life members Hall of Fame in consideration of their respective years of ongoing support and service to the club that these two members have provided.

## October Show and Tell: Theme “Bling”



Michael Adamietz – Bling



Gerald's - Discus and Ringlets



Peter Gerlach's Mallets & Rolling Pins



Syd Dunford's Bling



Hat block for a very small person?  
Found object by Bridget.



Collection of items by the late Ken Sullivan



Ian Pye's Spatulas



Michael Adamietz Bird on a Branch and pendants



## GUILD AFILIATES CALENDER OF EVENTS

### BANKSTOWN REGION

Bankstown Region has their shed open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 0800 to approximately 1430.

They meet at the Girl Guide Hall, 157 Waldron Street, Chester Hill. 2162.

### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION

Tuesday	Friday	Saturday (By Arrangement)
9 am – 12.30 pm	9 am – 12.30 pm	

Moss Vale Showground, 16 Illawarra Highway, Moss Vale NSW. 2577.

Monthly meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month 11.00am -4.30pm

**Committee** (meets monthly at time as advised)

The AGM was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September. The following positions were filled as indicated.

President: Martin Nadas 4862 2268

Vice Pres: Steve Walker

Secretary: Michael Adamietz 0456 856 080

Treasurer: Gerald di Corpo

## SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES WOODTURNERS

The Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners are located at the Girl Guide Hall, Forrestville Avenue, Forrestville, 2087. (near the Scout Hall).

"The woodturning workshop is open Tuesdays & Fridays from 0930.

Saturdays from 0830 for sessions that include learning, guidance and toy making.

A special teaching session may be held on Wednesday evenings dependent on the number of attendees"

**Meetings and Demonstrations are held on the third Sunday of each Month.**

**Starting at 9AM.**

**Secretary: Jenny Talbot      02 9451 6140**

### MENAI REGION WOODTURNERS DATES 2022.

<b>Men's Shed at Barden Ridge, (100metres down on right from Golf Driving Range)</b>
<b>5:30PM to 8:30PM</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month</b>

### EASTERN REGION CALENDAR DATES.

Shed Openings are at 169 Bilga Crescent, Malabar.

Our Shed is open Saturday from 1000 to 1500, can be extended if necessary.

The group meets on the first Sunday of the month for an administrative meeting, BBQ lunch and "Show and Tell".

## MACARTHUR REGION WOODTURNERS

The Macarthur Region Woodturners meet on the last Sunday of each month.

From 9:30AM to 2:30PM.

At the Robert Townson High School, Shuttleworth Avenue, (enter off Spitfire Drive), Raby. 2566.

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## QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1/ Usually yes. Many Acacias have excellent shock resistance.
- 2/ 3000 rpm. Generally it is ideal to run the lathe as fast as possible, up to 3000 rpm, as long as vibration is kept to a safe and manageable level.
- 3/ Backing plates are used as spacers to vary the projection of the central screw on a faceplate. A selection of diameters is necessary so that the work mounted on the faceplate may be supported as close as possible to it's perimeter.
- 4/ Treen is that group of wooden domestic ware which is neither furniture nor architecture. Scoops, spoons, platters and bowls are typical examples.
- 5/ False. Carbon steel tools were commercially produced in England in 1751.

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