

# BY HAND & EYE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.



April / May



**ORIGINAL GUILD CANDEL STICK MADE BY ALEX BENDELI AND BROUGHT TO  
EASTERN REGION.**

Plans for the design are on the Guild Website.

The Guild acknowledges and thanks George Hatfield for allowing the use of his Candlestick as the Guilds Logo.

## **THE GUILD COMMITTEE FOR 2017 / 2018**

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## MAY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



Hello and Welcome to the May edition of the By Hand and Eye.

The Royal Easter Show was a great success. My thanks on behalf of the Guild to all those who helped to make this happen. A special thanks to David King, our Event Coordinator, as always THE man getting things done. Also a special thanks to Tony Ney, our Vice President, without him we would not have had any equipment there. As far as I could see we must have given out over 100 each of mini Baseball Bats, Tooth Pick Holders / Bobby Pin Holders and Finger Tops over the 2 days that we were there. Very well done to all.

On a less happy note there were only 23 entries in the various competitions, with about 250 members currently in the Guild this was not a good result. This brought up a situation that WILL NOT be repeated. For those members who had a problem with their entries, I apologize for the problem. We have put in place a fix and it will not happen again. However, when entering any competition please read the criteria and entry conditions carefully.

Our next event is the Timber and Working with Wood Show. Please consider helping, remember it is YOUR Guild. By the time you read this your representative will have given you the information.

### **MYTH BUSTING**

There is a myth out in the clubs that needs to be busted. The myth is: "You are not a member until you have a number from the Guild". WRONG! Our Secretary has contacted the insurance company. Their response was, "As soon as you fill in the application form, and it is approved by the club, and you pay the membership fee you are a full member". From that moment you enjoy all the rights and cover that the Guild offers. Membership cards and numbers are part of the Administrative Tail and will come as soon as possible. On that note the Guild has taken some steps to speed up the process a bit. **MYTH BUSTED!**

Finally as President of the Guild I look forward to meeting members at various activities and your local Workshop in the coming year. Happy New Year to all.

So, to quote a previous Guild President until next time "Keep the Lathes turning", and have fun.

*Philip McLeod*

(PHILIP MCLEOD)  
PRESIDENT

## GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018.

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.

Meetings start at 1830, (6:30PM) and usually 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:

### **2018**

Monday May 28 GUILD MEETING

Sydney Timber and Working with Wood Show, 20 to 22 July 2018. NOW AT ROSEHILL GARDENS.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE.

Monday July 30 GUILD MEETING

Monday September 24 (**AGM and GUILD MEETING**)

Randwick Eco Fair September (Eastern Region)

Mid October entry's open for Royal Easter Show 2019

Monday November 26 GUILD MEETING

### **2019**

Monday January 28 GUILD MEETING

Monday March 25 GUILD MEETING

Monday May 27 GUILD MEETING

Monday July 29 GUILD MEETING

Monday September 30 GUILD MEETING

Monday November 25 GUILD MEETING

## **HISTORY FILES.**

**APRIL 1990 BY HAND AND EYE**

### **PRESIDENTS COLUMN**

The enthusiastic response to the turning of the Guild Logo candle holder as Presidents choice for the February meeting is to be applauded. In all, there were thirteen contributors, with one exercising his initiative and producing one half scale in size.

The exercise itself, based on the line drawing prepared by George Hatfield required a variety of turning processes.

It was quite evident from comments made by the various contributors that they had used a degree of initiative in overcoming problems of holding, turning and boring out the central hole.

Those who had previously turned the Logo as a Tech exercise were able to draw on that experience which made the task a little easier for them. However, because no-one had the advantage of the use of the Tech "Dolly" sander to produce the tripod effect and the scallops in the small candle holder, all had to devise their own sanding methods to achieve the end result.

For some, it was their first attempt at turning to a prepared drawing with specified sizes, which in their case added to their achievement.

Again with the final finish there was a variety of finishing mediums used from brush on and spray lacquers to, in one instance, a beautiful black French polish finish that certainly enhanced the quality of the turned piece.

All in all it was a most valuable exercise, not only for those who performed the task, but for those in the audience who listened to the frank exchange of experiences both good and bad that each of the thirteen had in the turning of the Guild Logo.

This experience leads me once again to emphasize the benefits of the "President's Choice" segment of our general meeting activity.

To my mind President's Choice has a number of very positive aspects that bear reiteration.

Firstly, it sets out a specific task, usually selected by myself, but I'm always open to suggestions.

Secondly, it requires not only basic turning skills, but also the exercise of initiatives in turning and holding methods, type of timber and finishing mediums.

Thirdly, and I raise this as all important, it encourages a public display of a finished product. This not only gives a feeling of personal satisfaction, but it allows us to learn from each other and so enhance our collective turning abilities.

To those who are still diffident about displaying their efforts, again let it be said that if we are a Guild of woodturners with a diverse range of knowledge and experience from the raw beginners to the more confident exponents of the craft, so we do not set any standards of quality as far as President's Choice is concerned.

President's Choice is complementary to our general learning and teaching activities. It is also a practical guide to the general development of our turning skills and finishing abilities.

So, those of you who have previously exhibited – keep it up. Those who so far have not shown us their work – what about it. Make the April meeting the occasion where you will display your qualities for the first time before a friendly audience.

To do this

In the meantime – keep those lathes turning

FRANK BOLLINS

PRESIDENT’S CHOICE – APRIL GENERAL MEETING

A turned piece of your own choice – a bowl – candlestick – kitchen or tableware – whatever

PRESIDENT’S CHOICE – JUNE MEETING

A small turned vase or weed pot.

**Current President Note: Nothing changes very much, does it?**



As many of our member's age it is important to recognize the signs / symptoms and immediate treatment for Stroke.

Below is a short summary taken from St John's Emergency First Aid.

Dial triple zero (000) immediately if you suspect that you or someone you know is having a Stroke.

If calling triple zero (000) does not work on your mobile phone, try 112.

## Signs and Symptoms:

Sudden decrease in level of consciousness.

Weakness or paralysis on either one or both sides of the body.

Feeling of numbness in face, arm or leg.

Difficulty speaking or understanding.

Dizziness, loss of balance, unexplained fall.

Disturbed vision or confusion.

## Immediate Treatment:

Think and Act **FAST**: **F** Facial weakness, **A** Arm weakness, **S** Speech difficulty, **T** Time to act fast

Stay with the patient and stay in communication with triple 000

Reassure the patient, loosen tight clothing, maintain body temperature, wipe away secretions from mouth and ensure airway is clear and open.

Monitor consciousness, breathing and movement, be prepared to give CPR or use Defibrillator if available.

If they are unconscious but breathing place them on their side in the Recovery Position.

## HUMOR FROM THE SHAVINGS.

These are old, but still funny and most of us can relate to the situation.

**Drill Press:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching timber stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, spattering it against that freshly painted part you were drying.

**Wire Wheel:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Ouch..."

**Electric Hand Drill:** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

**Skill Saw:** A portable cutting device used to make studs too short.

**Pliers:** A tool used to round off bolt heads.

**Belt Sander:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**Hacksaw:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you try to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**Table Saw:** A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

**Band Saw:** A large stationary power saw primarily used to cut good wood into smaller pieces that fit more easily into the garbage tin after you cut on the inside of the line, instead of along the outside.

**Tweezers:** A tool for removing wood splinters.

**E-Z Out Bolt and Stud Extractor:** A tool ten times harder than any known drill bit that snaps off in bolt holes you couldn't use anyway.

**Phillips Screwdriver:** Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper and tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**Straight Screwdriver:** A tool used for opening paint cans; sometimes used to convert slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**Hammer:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer today is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

**Dammit Tool:** Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the shed while yelling "*Damn it*". It is also the next tool that you will need.

**Expletive:** A balm, usually applied verbally in hindsight, which somehow eases those pains and indignities following our every deficiency in foresight.



## FROM THE GUILD – ROYAL EASTER SHOW DEMONSTRATION.

The Guild once again demonstrated at the Easter Show this year. This year we demonstrated our craft for 2 days, the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March. David did a magnificent job of organisation, as usual. With 3 Lathes going for the 2 days there was plenty of opportunity for people to have a go and interact with the public. If the Tuesday is anything to go by it was a very intense couple of days.

There were very few times when there was not a crowd of people around the demonstration area. This was very pleasing. There were also a few pieces out on display, and had we been able to sell profits could have been made. For those who do not know we get the stand at the show almost free from the RAS. If we were to start selling product we would be considered a commercial organisation and have to pay for the stand. And if you have been to the show you will know what that does to the price of things.

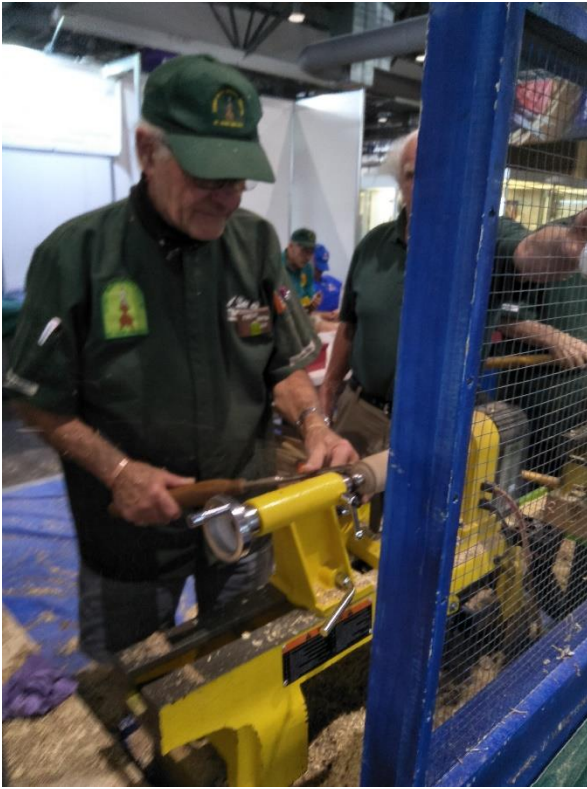


The 3 Mousecateers at the show with display items in front.

The days were long. Having to be there between 7 and 8 AM to drop off tools and equipment and then staying until 5 PM. A few more hands to help with the bump in and out would have been nice, but it all worked OK. Demonstrators were on for 2 hour sessions from 9AM to 5PM.

David King our Events Co-ordinator. A big Thank you David.





And just to prove to people that Mario can turn I have the above picture as proof.

Everyone had a great time and went home very tired. All agreed that it was well worth while seeing the kids eyes light up when we gave them a Finger Top, mini Baseball Bat or Tooth Pick / Bobby Pin holder. Thank you to all who gave us such a positive projection to the public. Who knows, we may even get some new members out of it.

### **EASTERN REGION HOSTS AMERICAN VISITOR**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March Eastern Region had a visit from Mr. Joel Albert. Joel is a member and Instructor from Mount Diablo Woodturning Center. They are affiliated with an Adult Education Centre, (similar to our TAFE). The club has about 150 members with 22 Lathes. They are open every day of the week. Very different from our situation. Unfortunately due to it being Good Friday, (there was no other alternative for him to visit) there was only a small number of members present. A big hat tip and thanks to Alex Bendeli for making the long trip over from Northern Beaches.

Joel had requested a demonstration of Burl Turning. Gerry Brady and David Caruana got together and came up with a plan. While Gerry could not be there, David was able to do a very good job of showing how it is done. Those of us who were there learnt a lot. Thank you Gerry and David.

David also explained how he uses his Arbortech to produce a similar effect to turning in the burl material.

Joel brought some show and tell which included some acrylic turned items. Joel makes his own acrylic blocks. He was kind enough to bring some with him as gifts. We were able to reciprocate the gift with a Guild Cap and Keyring.

After the turning we enjoyed a Fish and Chip lunch, (it was Good Friday after all), outside in the Aussie sun under the shade of our sheds verandah. Everyone had a very good time. Thanks to all who attended.





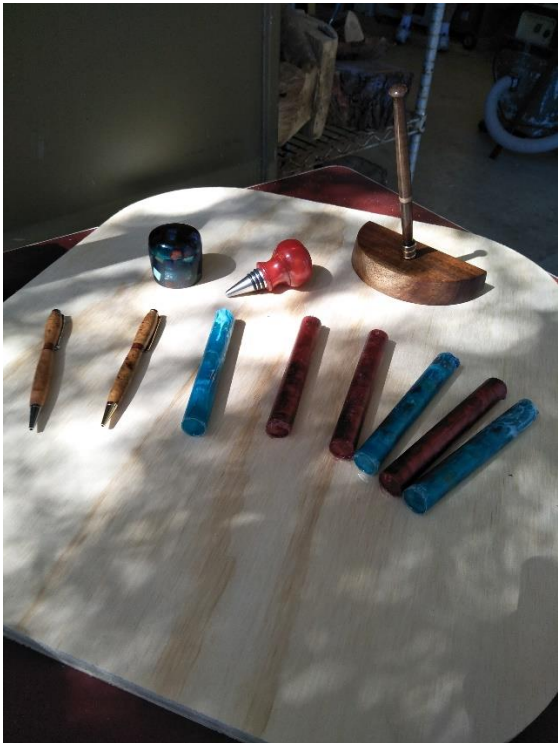
**ALEX and JOEL OUTSIDE OUR SHED**



David showing how it is done,



**JOEL HAVING A GO AT BURL TURNING**



**JOEL'S SHOW AND TELL**

## MENAI REGION.

### VALE BRUCE LEADBEATTER:

Bruce Leadbeatter passed away on Friday 20th April, but will long be remembered for his knowledge and skills of our craft. A short history would say that he authored a number of books as well as designing and manufacturing tools and machines. Some of which would be lathes and famously his Ring Cutter system.



### EXAMPLE OF RING CUT BOWL.

Bruce's badge number in the Guild was #75 which automatically gave him badge # 1 in our club and Records I have show that Bruce joined the Guild in 1988.

A service to celebrate his wonderful life was held at the Southern Chapel, Woronora Cemetery on Thursday 26th at 1.00 pm.

Rest In Peace Bruce. 19/09/1927 – 20/04/2018.

**Royal Easter Show** -We had two entrants in the Royal Easter Show this year (Robert Lovisa & Arthur Walker). Robert entered a Platter and a complete Chess Set and Arthur entered a Bowl & a Ribbon formed turning.

Robert & Arthur received a Highly Commended Ribbon for their Platter & Bowl and Arthur received a Third place ribbon for the Ribbon form turning. (Below are pictures from the Show) The group congratulated Robert & Arthur.





**Robert's Chess Set**



Arthur's Ribbon Form turning

## Monthly Theme – Decorated Turning



Robert Lovisa- Decorated platter – Brushbox with various segmented timbers used with Oil & wax finish



**Mick Bouchard** – Decorated Bowl – approx. 160 year old Oregon – spray gloss lacquer



**Keith Allen** – Decorated Platter – Segmented Merante with dowel end grain decorations – finished with canola oil



## NORTHERN BEACHES MARCH MEETING.

Monthly Meeting number two was on us before we had time to think, however we must have had some time up our sleeves as the Show and Tell was another beauty with many contributors attacking our triple challenge. Have a look at S and T it was very good. **DON'T FORGET THE NEXT ONE** - your challenge is to turn a LIDDED BOX any size plain or decorated it doesn't matter, your choice

The meeting was good, we achieved a lot on a scorcher of a day.

If you remember, we were approached by the organiser of the "Hobby Society" asking if we would be kind enough to help by training any of their interested members in the fine old art of Woodturning.

As always we are only too happy to encourage people to learn to reach a standard where they can feel comfortable to participate in the very ancient and incredible art of woodturning. Hopefully from there they will continue to be a part of our group and continue with their practice and in turn help with our donations of toys and turnings to our selected charities.

If you are interested the Hobby Society is listed on the internet. <https://hobbysociety.com/>

*Show and Tell* conducted by Meg Webster

**The Challenge:** - A Spatula and/or a Toy and /or Tooth Pick Holder (TPH)

Graham set this threefold challenge and obtained an excellent array of exhibits, there were more spatulas than you could count. He also rewarded every exhibitor with a "gift", yes another spatula of his design and making. Thanks Graham.



**Meg Webster...** Our "top turner" met the full challenge by presenting a spinning top made from Cotoneaster, a TPH in the shape of a bird also from cotoneaster and a very useful, purse size, TPH and two spatulas



**Robert Morton....** (Mr. Bamboo). Yes, a neat. bamboo spatula. A much loved lacquer lidded TPH with a bamboo insert and screw on base and two pine whistles that tested the ear





**Rupert Linn....** Two beautiful finished bull dozers made in pine and a matching small pine spatula. The lidded TPH showed us all how it should be done.



**Lloyd Ross...** A TPH that also used some left over material from the previous challenge inserted into olive wood. A toy dog from pine and a "cup and ball" toy also made from pine



**Libby and Greg Beaman...** Two very attractive and very different TPHs. One made by Greg from Purple Heart timber and the other by Libby a very nicely turned bowl with center recess for the toothpicks from unknown timber, possibly spotted gum.

## 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
8.30am -4.00pm	8.30 am – 12.30pm	12.00pm – 4.30 pm

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

### SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES WOODTURNERS

The Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners are located at the Narrabeen RSL Club, 116 Nareen Parade North Narrabeen, 2101.

The Workshop is at the front lower section of the building and is available to members daily.

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday sessions are set aside for learning, training, guidance and toy making. Open: 9.00am

Committee/Member meetings are conducted at the Workshop on Tuesdays and the third Sunday of each Month.

Secretary: Barry Brown 0424 525 370

### MENAI REGION WOODTURNERS DATES 2017.

<b>Menai High School The Wood Room 6PM to 9PM</b>	<b>Men's Shed at Barden Ridge (100metres down on right from Golf Driving Range ) 5:30PM to 8:30PM</b>

### **EASTERN REGION CALENDAR DATES.**

**Shed Openings are at 169 Bilga Crescent, Malabar.**

**Our Shed is open each Friday and Saturday from 1000 to 1400, 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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