

# **BY HAND & EYE**

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

February 2025 / March 2025



REPLICA GUILD CANDLE STICK SHOWING THE TWO POSSIBLE CONFIGURATIONS

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

NEWS FLASH: Repairs at the Guide hall Chester Hill are now complete. Meeting will resume at this venue from Monday 31 March at 6:30 PM.

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### MARCH MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



Welcome to the March 2025 edition of By Hand and Eye.

In this edition I would like to bring your attention to the businesses that support your Guild and this newsletter. Without Machinery Warehouse, (better known as Hare and Forbes), Carbatec, Bote Cote and McJing the job of running your Guild and producing this newsletter would be much harder. I publicly thank them for their support, and I would encourage you to support the businesses that help support us.

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Also buying locally means that you can actually see and touch the item, and you help to keep local people employed.

Also in this edition is a request from Alex Bendeli for demonstrators for Sydney Northern Beaches. I would recommend that you read it. DO NOT WORRY if you are not a "Gun Turner", The main requirement is to show something that you do and to be able to talk about it. Please contact Alex if you think you can help out.

Related to this is the need for demonstrators at the Easter Show. As always you do not need to be a great turner to demonstrate. Basically, you are entertaining the kids and parents. I promise no one will think anything bad of you. Any small item can be made, Finger Tops, Mini Baseball Bats or Hair Pin Holders. Larger items can also be made, such as small bowls or Platters. It is your choice. I can guarantee that if you are not great at the start of the day, you will be at the end of the day. There is always time off available to have a bit of a look around the show. Entry to the show for demonstrators is free. Contact David King or Tony Ney. Their contact details are on the previous page.

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

(PHILIP MCLEOD)
PRESIDENT

Philip McLeod

WELFARE

Nothing to report.

#### **GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS 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:

#### 2025

March 31 GUILD MEETING

April 9 (6 to 9pm) Arts and Crafts Preview

11 - 22 APRIL - ROYAL EASTER SHOW

April 5 Daylight Saving Ends – Clocks back 1 hour.

April 12 Eastern Region is 19 Years young (meetings were held before this date. This is date of Incorporation).

April 16 Southern Highlands is 31 Years young

18 - 21 April EASTER

TBA Collect item/s from Royal Easter Show.

April 25 ANZAC DAY

May 26 GUILD MEETING

Date TBA TIMBER, TOOLS and ARTISANS SHOW - Venue TBA

9 June Kings Birthday

June 30 GUILD MEMBERSHIPS DUE

July 4 Guild is 42 Years young founding meeting at George Hatfield's home.

July 28 GUILD MEETING

August 4 Bankstown is 35 Years young

August 19 first formal Guild Meeting Sydney Tech College Ultimo.

September 17 Northern Beaches, (then Peninsula Region) is 32 Years young

September 29 AGM and GUILD MEETING

October 5 Daylight Saving Starts - Clocks forward 1 hour.

October 7 Labour Day

November 24 LAST GUILD MEETING for 2025

2026

Macarthur Region will be 33 Years young first meeting held 1993

January 26 Australia Day

January 26 FIRST GUILD MEETING for 2026 (may be moved to 2 FEB due to Australia Day clash).

February Royal Easter Show Arts and Crafts Entries Close

March 15 Menai Region is 32 Years young

March (9am to 3pm) Deliver Item/s to the Show

March 30 GUILD MEETING

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July 27 GUILD MEETING

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

2025 2026

17 JANUARY 18 JULY 16 JANUARY 17 JULY

21 MARCH 19 SEPTEMBER 20 MARCH 18 SEPTEMBER

16 MAY 14 NOVEMBER 15 MAY 20 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.

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How to turn a regular sofa into a sofa bed:
Simply forget your wife's birthday!!

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I think I nailed it but nobody saw it.



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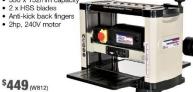
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### FROM THE HISTORY FILES

### The Early History of the Woodies with thanks to Peter Herbert

The following is an extract from the booklet that was published as 20th Anniversary Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc and was provided by Peter Herbert. Peter can be contacted at PFH29@bigpond.com

Formation of the SHW.

In early 1994 Graham Zealy (a woodturning graduate from the Lidcombe TAFE and a local businessman) suggested that the Woodturners Guild should form a group in the Southern Highlands of NSW. This group would provide a focal point for local people interested in woodturning. Graham arranged for representatives of the Sydney Woodturners Guild to come to the Highlands for a meeting at Bowral High School.

The Bowral meeting was held on 16 April 1994. Six members of the Guild addressed a meeting of approximately 20 people to explain the aims and aspirations of the Guild. Among those present was Arthur Ball, Alf Jordan and Derek Burton. Peter Herbert volunteered to be the Convener and Graham Zealy acted as Guild Representative for a few months but Peter Herbert took on this added role and became representative in 1995.

Attendance book records a first meeting being held at Bowral High School on Saturday 9 July 1994 with six (6) members present. A following meeting was held on 11 November in Moss Vale in a shed rented by

Graham Zealy. In the first year of operation the Southern Highlands Region (SHW) had 12 financial members.

In 1996 bi-monthly meetings were held and the venue moved from Fred Anthon's to Don Akridd's [enormous] shed in Moss Vale.

The following table list the growth in the number of members in the first nine years of operation:

1994 - 12	1995 - 16	1996 - 17	1997 - 47
1998 – 50	2000 – 80	2001 – 80	2002 - 80

2003 - 83

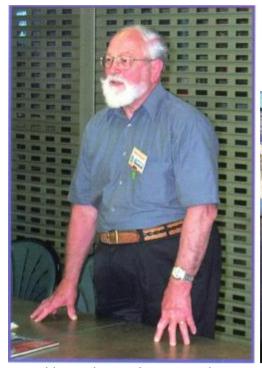
The increase in membership from 1994 to 2000 coincided with two crucial developments in the groups activities.

Firstly, it was agreed that a visiting demonstrator would present on alternate months. Mike Darlow, Michael Cassidy and Bill Shean were demonstrators among the highly value demonstrators.

Secondly, the membership was growing and more equipment was obtained. Also, members felt that they were imposing on the Akrigg's hospitality. Charlton Hall in the grounds of HarbisonCare Burradoo was identified as a possible venue. The group moved to Charton Hall in June 2001. The SHW recorded

their thanks to Don and Bess Akrigg for providing a home prior to Charton Hall and they were honoured by being made patrons of the SHW.

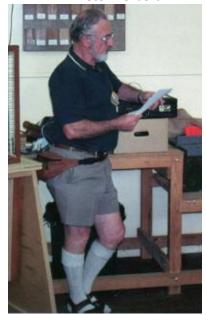
The move to Harbison coincided with the need to appoint an acting Convener and John Rossiter took on that role until Albert Hodgson was elected at the 2001 AGM. Under Albert's guidance the group introduced a pre-meeting sausage sizzle, the building of a storage shed, purchase of more equipment, the expansion of the use of video equipment to aid demonstrators and the extended use of the facilities. The story of SHW will be continued in a later edition of Woodchips including the halcyon years at Charlton Hall and the years in the wilderness without a home until the Woodies moved to the Moss Vale Show ground under President Martin Nadas.



Guild President and SHW member Peter Herbert



Charlton Hall June 2001



Albert Hodgson



Group hosting the Working with Wood Show 2001



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### **HEALTH ISSUES.**

### **DEHYDRATION IN ELDERLY PEOPLE:**

### Risks, Warning Signs, & Prevention Tips

Did you know that the consequences of dehydration in elderly adults are often serious - more so than in younger people? Seniors also have more risk factors for becoming dehydrated.

But here's the good news: Dehydration can be easily prevented. Awareness is

the first step in avoiding the health problems that can be caused by a lack of fluids.

Why dehydration is more common among seniors

Maintaining a healthy balance of water and electrolytes can be an even more complex process for seniors than it is for younger people.

As a result, older people are more likely to get dehydrated. And the complications of dehydration in the elderly can be more serious.

According to an article in "Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences", dehydration is one of the top 10 reasons for seniors to be hospitalised. And for hospitalised seniors, dehydration can lead to longer stays in intensive care units, increased hospital readmissions, and more placements in long-term care facilities.

Why does the risk of dehydration increase with age?

Older adults are prone to dehydration because they can experience several health or lifestyle conditions that lead to low fluid levels. Many seniors experience at least one of the following risk factors:

### 1. Age-related physical changes

As we age, our bodies contain less water, partly because our kidneys become less efficient. (At birth, we are about 75 percent water, but an elderly body is about 50 percent water, according to an NPR science article.)

However, according to the "Nutrition and Healthy Aging" article, studies have found that although seniors are at greater risk for dehydration, they drink less water, on average, than younger people. That's often because seniors experience a weakened sense of thirst, so they don't always realize when they need to drink.

Scientists aren't sure why this happens. But what makes this lack of thirst in elderly people particularly troublesome is that we're generally dehydrated before we feel thirsty. So the elderly get dehydrated quickly because they can't always recognize the signs of needing to take a drink until it's too late.

This reduced sense of thirst is often more pronounced in seniors with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia or in those who have had a stroke. Such seniors may also have difficulties swallowing or asking their caregivers for a drink. As a result, seniors with dementia often need their fluid intake to be carefully monitored.

#### 2. Medication side effects

Many medications that are commonly prescribed to seniors can act as diuretics (i.e., they can increase the production of urine) and contribute to dehydration.

### 3. Incontinence issues

The risk for dehydration associated with incontinence isn't necessarily caused by the fluid lost through involuntary urination. Rather, it's related to the fact that many elderly people restrict their fluid intake because they don't want any awkward accidents.

### 4. Fear of falling

Some seniors resist drinking a lot of water because they worry about falling if they have to get up at night to use the bathroom. It's often a good idea to restrict fluids for a couple of hours before bedtime. Again, talk to your healthcare provider in order to figure out what works for you.

### 5. Living conditions

Seniors in aged care homes are more likely to become dehydrated because they are often dependent on staff to help them with fluid intake. Ensure you talk to your care staff about this to prevent unnecessary dehydration.

### 6. Medical issues

Many seniors have medical conditions that can lead to dehydration. Examples of health problems than can result in fluid loss include diarrhea, fever, and diabetes.

Signs of dehydration in elderly people

It's important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of dehydration. In elderly people, the effects of being dehydrated can progress quickly, so you must act fast if you suspect dehydration.

You can tell if an elderly person is dehydrated by checking for:

- Cracked lips
- Dry mouth
- Dry skin, particularly in the armpits
- Less frequent urination than normal.

If an elderly person is dehydrated, you should give him or her a glass of water right away. If their symptoms don't improve, it's best to head to the emergency room or call 000 for help.



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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** 



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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.

Lapel Badge

#### REQUEST FOR DEMONSTRATORS FROM SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES WOODTURNERS.

Hi all,

It appears as if I have become the go-to person (by default) after organizing woodturning demonstrators for SNBW in the last two years.

Having done it many times, people look at me as the "coordinator" and ask me who is next?

I knew and contacted many "great" demonstrators such as G. Hatfield, E. Newman, S. Begg, A. Dawes, B. Venner, B. Black who have already demonstrated at SNBW.

In addition, a few members (Cooper, Butler, Ritter) at SNBW do demonstrate on an ad-hoc basis. Many of our SNBW skilled turners have unfortunately "aged" and not actively turning any more.

I have just issued our yearly roster for 2025.

Our DEMO days are still to be "filled" by interested turners. We have another "great" turner slotted in and SNBW is waiting for a confirmation.

Unfortunately, many of the other "woodturning greats" live far and wide (Marcolonglo, Raffan etc etc) and the cost of engaging their services, transport and accommodation is becoming "too much" for our limited budget.

So, I am broadcasting a request to all Guild members via their representatives as to who might be interested to demonstrate at SNBW for the usual members "mates rates" and a "gift".

I have run out of names. Many (ex-Guild) regions who have seceded from the Guild also had great turners and a combined large pool of members. I believe that some members may have retained their individual Guild subscription.

We are meant to spread the skills and inform others about what we do (in addition to the Newsletter articles).

For example, I note several names such as Michael Bouchard, Merv Larsson and MANY others who win accolades at the Royal Easter Show and very frequently display their work in the By Hand and Eye newsletters.

However, due to privacy and lack of contact details of individual Guild members, could the Guild Reps talk to their members in the first instance and suggest a few names I can contact directly if they are interested at demonstrating at SNBW?

It does not matter if they are beginners or accomplished but we need new or alternative ideas and topics to be promulgated about.

Thanks in advance.

Cheers.

Alex Bendeli (Ph. 9416 1976)

### **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.

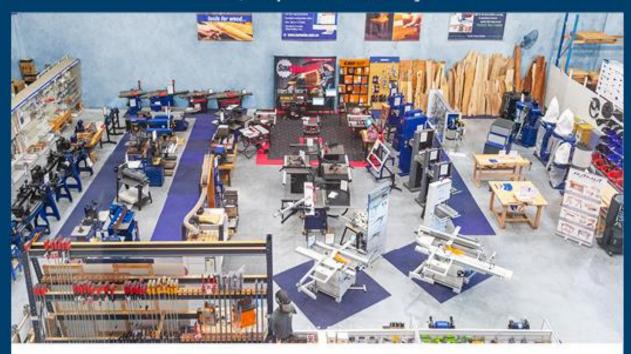
### Now to the Quiz:

- 1/ What commercially available timber weighs less than any other?
- 2/ The world's oldest living organism is a tree. In what country is it found?
- 3/ What is an advantage of a reversing switch on a lathe motor?
- 4/ What do the words draaier, tornatore, drechsler, tournier and tokarz have in common?
- 5/ Was the Queen Anne style cabriole leg, or clubfoot, popular in Europe and North America in the sixteenth, seventeenth or eighteenth century?



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### **AROUND THE REGIONS**

### FROM THE GUILD.

The Guild meeting was held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February due to the clash with Australia Day Long Weekend. Your Guild currently has \$ available to it.

Membership Secretary – There are currently 193 paid up members and 10 Life Members of The Sydney Woodturners Guild.

Your Guild congratulates David King who has been made a Champion Of the Royal Agricultural Society. His many years of work with the RAS organizing the Guild attendance and other activities for the Easter Show have now been recognized. **WELL DONE DAVID – ENJOY YOUR WELL EARNED RECOGNITION!** 

You will be able to sell any items you want at the show. David is worried that we may not have enough stuff to sell for the 12 days. You do not have to be there to sell your stuff, but you will need to submit a list of things to David. You will also have to organise to get the stuff there and get any unsold items returned to you. **NOTE – DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS, SELLING PENS IS NOT POSSIBLE.** 

Please note 10% of the sale price will be deducted to cover the cost of the card machine and as a small donation to The RAS for giving us the site for free.

Your Guild has decided to go down the Charity road for the required changes as a Not For Profit organisation.

The changes to the Guild constitution were accepted at a Special General Meeting on 3 FEB 2025.

Next Guild Meeting will be at TBA starting at 1830 on Monday 31 March 2025.

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

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:phlpmcld@gmail.com

### NEW TEMPORARY SEGMENT, GUILD COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE.

### Better Known as the Rogues Gallery.

### **TONY NEY – GUILD VICE PRESIDENT**

Tony Ney joined the Sydney Woodturners Guild in 2004. He has Membership Number 2207, and therefore has been a member for 21 years. Tony took on the role of Vice President in 2013 and therefore has been the Vice President for 12 years.

Tony is 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 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 extra 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 12 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. Tony has some ongoing health issues, but continues to support the Guild.

Tony was granted Life Membership of the Guild in 2023.

### MENAI REGION.

### **Guild Report 3 February 2025:**

**Menai** advise that they had a very nice Christmas Party. They are currently revamping their Facebook page in the hope that an updated look will help to bring in some new members.

Show and Tell November 2024: This month's theme "Coin Boxes".

### NORTHERN BEACHES.

### **Guild Report 3 February 2025:**

**Northern Beaches** advise that they are organizing some training with the Surf Life Saving organisation to refresh members on CPR and use of defibrillators. They reopened on 20 January 2025 and they intend to go down the NFP path to meet the ATO's requirements.

Show and Tell March 2024 "Easter".

### BANKSTOWN REGION.

### **Guild Report 3 February 2025:**

Bankstown The Girl Guide Hall that they operate out of has ongoing major repairs. The council is undertaking these repairs and renovations. However, the floor has still not been started. They are hoping to be back in the hall on 1 March 2025. They need someone who can Test and Tag their equipment at a cheap rate please.

They will be holding a Special General Meeting to approve the changes to their constitution as per the information provided by Bill Black.

Show and Tell July 2024:

### MACARTHUR REGION.

### **Guild Report 3 February 2025:**

Macarthur advise that they have not yet restarted operations. They should be up and running in the last week of February. They need to have their equipment Tested and Tagged while they are shup down.

Show and Tell August 2024:

### EASTERN REGION.

### **Guild Report 3rd February 2025:**

Eastern advise that they are up and running for 2025. They need to organise a major clean up of the shed and its surrounds, including removal of spider webs, cleaning out of gutters and general tidy up inside the shed.

There has been an ongoing argument about the need to change the constitution to meet the new ATO requirements. A couple of people are going to independently investigate it with the ATO.

Next Meeting: March 2 at 10.00 am General Meeting followed by a BBQ

Following Meeting: April 6 at 10.00 am General Meeting followed by a BBQ

### Show and Tell February 2025:



Bill Papalexiou – Lidded Goblet Op Shop Glass & Camphor Laurel



Gene Sienniak – Lidded Pine box



Melvyn Dickson – Pair of Silky Oak

Vases



Steve Rutherford - Laminated Bowls



Charles George – Pens – He says it is the first thing he has
Has turned in some time

### SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION.

### **Guild Report 3 February 2025:**

**Southern Highlands** are up and running with many happy turners. They will be at the Mossvale show from 19 to 21 March. They will be providing demonstrations, organizing competition entries and selling some of their products.

### Show and Tell March 2025: "Goblets and Bowls"



Michael holds two of his own goblets.



Michael's goblets- pine and jacaranda with an oil finish.



Peter Gerlach's bowl - ironbark eucalyptus with a Shellawax finish



Side view of Peter's ironbark bowl.



Another bowl by Peter Gerlach - poplar from Tasmania and Shellawax finish



Side view of Peter's poplar bowl



Frank Garcon's Ornamental Bowl Red Cedar and finished with Triple E wax.



Michael Adamietz





Trevor Billingham's Christmas trees, spinning tops and pens.







John Halpins handle, bowl and vase.

### GUILD AFILIATES CALENDER OF EVENTS

### **BANKSTOWN REGION**

Bankstown Region has their shed open on the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  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 28th 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.

Men's Shed at Barden Ridge, (100metres down on right from Golf Driving Range)
5:30PM to 8:30PM

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

### EASTERN REGION CALENDAR DATES.

Shed Openings are at 169 Bilga Crescent, Malabar.

Our Shed is open Saturday from 1000 to 1700, and Thursday 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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#### **QUIZ ANSWERS**

1/ Balsa (Ochroma pyramidale).

2/ The oldest Australian clonal tree is a Huon Pine from Mt Read in Tasmania. It sprouted at least 10 500 years ago, around the time that humans began to grow crops and well before the invention of the wheel. It's snow laden branches have been forced to the ground, taken root and spread so that it now covers a hectare (100 m x 100m). Every leaf, root and branch in the stand has identical DNA which means that it is a clonal organism. The oldest single organism tree in the stand is 3900 years old. The oldest single organism tree in the world is a 4800 year old Bristle Cone Pine in the United States.

- 3/ Reversing the lathe can speed up the process of sanding faceplate work. A similar effect can be achieved with between centre work by reversing the work-piece. The end nearest the headstock is placed nearest the tailstock.
- 4/ They all mean turner draaier (Dutch), tornatore (Italian), drechsler (German), tournier (French) and tokarz (Polish). All these words originally meant woodturner and became surnames in the way that the English surname Turner was acquired by woodturners over five hundred years ago.
- 5/ (A) Early eighteenth century.

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