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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

October 2025 / November 2025



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NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



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

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas. Those who are travelling on the roads during the holidays please take extra care. We do not have so many members that we can afford to lose you in a traffic accident.

Well, another year has almost slipped by and another AGM has been done for the Guild.

Sadly, the AGM saw the usual low turnout of members and the same people elected unopposed to the same positions. As President, this worries me. It means no new ideas coming into the committee or your Guild. It is very sad, however Your Guild is not alone with this problem. I belong to a number of organisations, and they all have a problem getting people to help run the organisations.

However, we shall endeavour to do our best to keep your Guild running. I should remind you that if the Guild disappears you should expect a significant increase in your membership fees and your group will not get some of the exposure that it currently gets.

The Royal Easter Show will shortly open entries for the various competitions. Please consider creating something to go into the competitions. We had more entries last year than previous years, more again this year would be a great outcome and provide motivation for the committee. Those entering the Novice sections are reminded that you must be new to turning to enter these competitions.

More details about which days your Region/Club are demonstrating will come out in due course, if not by the time you read this. We need at least 4 people each day, 6 would be better. Two people at a time on the lathes, 2 people watching the tables and 2 to act as reliefs so people get a chance to take a look around the show. Please consider helping out. Your electronic show pass will entitle you to free show entry over the 12 days, and I am told free public transport to and from the show.

Happy Holidays.

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

Philip McLeod

(PHILIP MCLEOD)
PRESIDENT

WELFARE

Menai reported that long time member Ken Watson passed away about 6 weeks ago (this is as of 29 September 2025). They have been trying to make contact with the family, but no one has been available yet.

GUILD CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

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:

2026

Macarthur Region will be 33 Years young first meeting held 1993

Monday 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 20 and 21 \(9am to 3pm\) Deliver Item/s to the Show](#)

March 30 GUILD MEETING

[April 2 \(6 to 9pm\) Arts and Crafts Preview](#)

APRIL 2 – 13 ROYAL EASTER SHOW

Friday 3 April – Good Friday

[April 5 Daylight Saving Ends – Clocks back 1 hour.](#)

Monday 6 April – Easter Monday

April 12 Eastern Region is 20 Years young (meetings were held before this date. This is date of Incorporation).

April 16 Southern Highlands is 32 Years young

[April 17 and 18 \(9am to 3pm\) Collect item/s from Royal Easter Show.](#)

Saturday April 25 ANZAC DAY

May 25 GUILD MEETING

May 31 Please Fill in your Membership Renewal Form by this date and pay your Membership.

Monday 8 June Kings Birthday

July 1 IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP, YOU ARE UNFINANCIAL AND UNINSURED.

July 4 Guild is 43 Years young founding meeting at George Hatfield's home.

July 27 GUILD MEETING

August 4 Bankstown is 36 Years young

August 19 first formal Guild Meeting Sydney Tech College Ultimo.

September 17 Northern Beaches, (then Peninsula Region) is 33 Years young

September 28 **AGM and GUILD MEETING**

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Monday 5 October – Labour Day

November 30 LAST GUILD MEETING for 2026

2027

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BH&E Closure Dates for Article Submission:

2026

16 JANUARY	17 JULY
20 MARCH	18 SEPTEMBER
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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FROM THE HISTORY FILES

The following is an extract from the booklet that was published as *20th Anniversary Sydney (1983 – 2003) Woodturners Guild Inc* and was provided by Peter Herbert.

MENAI REGION

In early 1994 some people by the names of Manny Burnham and George Edwards (both now deceased) tossed around an idea to increase “The Guilds” number of participating regions. The idea being to service the rapidly expanding population growth occurring within the area South of the Georges River, bounded by the Woronora River and extending south towards Heathcote and Engadine suburbs, generally known as the Menai area. Existing adjoining suburbs such as Narwee, Peakhurst, Padstow etc. were also considered as potential.

This Menai area really started to expand in size after 1973 as a result of the old Lugarno vehicular ferry crossing the Georges River being replaced by the opening of the Alford's Point bridge. This led to many suburbs springing up such as Bangor, Illawong, Alford's Point, Barden Ridge, etc. with an estimated population being now well in excess of 31,000.

The foresight of Messrs Burnham and Edwards led to a meeting of interested people being held on March 15, 1994, culminating in the establishment of The Menai Region of the Sydney Woodturners Guild. From those attending this inaugural meeting, elections for the positions of Menai Region Guild representative and Menai Region Convenor were made, Phil Simpson and Gwyn Joseph respectively. It is also reported that George Edwards, considered an expert in the art and techniques of toolmaking and tool sharpening, had the privilege at this meeting to be the first Menai Regions demonstrator by portraying his skills in chisel sharpening.

Not long after the commencement of Menai Region, Harold Kershaw was elected as Menai Region Treasurer. A post he diligently held until 2002.

Gwyn Joseph remained Convenor through 1996 whereupon Phil Simpson was charged with taking on both Convenors and Region Reps. Positions which he dutifully carried out until 1999.

In 1999 we saw a change in positions with Ron Fisher being elected as Regional Rep. and Gary Light being elected to the position of Convenor. Ron stayed on as Regional Rep. through 2002 whereupon Keith Worsley was elected and is the current Regional Rep. Gary relinquished the Convenors position in 2000 whereupon Phil Simpson once again was elected as Convenor.

In 2001 Alan Stevens was elected to the position of Convenor and in 2003 he relinquished that position to our current elected Convenor Bill Black. Phillippa Biswell was elected on 2002 to take over the Treasurers position and is the current treasurer.

The Menai Region hold their meetings and workshops at the Menai High School utilising the schools five lathes for a fully hands on approach to woodturning. We are very appreciative to the school's management for allowing us this privilege and use of the equipment and amenities. Our once a month meetings are held on a Tuesday evening from 6pm to 9pm to coincide with the school term timetables. During the longer summer vacation period, and with the school closed we usually organise to hold a January full day function

including BBQ lunch at one of our members premises. Members spouses/partners are invited to attend on this day and share in the friendly atmosphere.

In the startup years of the Menai Region there was a fluctuating attendance at the monthly meetings with an average of between 3 – 5 members regularly attending. Today the regular attendance would average 20 members from a probable 30, all of whom are at various skill levels in woodturning. There is a considerable knowledge base held by the attending members stemming from their various backgrounds. It is most invigorating and encouraging to attend the meetings and listen to the knowledge being freely shared with many a problem being solved on the evening.

We are privileged in having Gary Light, a skilful, and well known woodturner, participate regularly at our monthly meetings. He is constantly supervising the lathe and workshop activities, and he freely and frequently advises, and coaches new and old members of the rudimentary basics required in woodturning. Gary has given many demonstrations, including handout materials, especially emphasising lathe and tool safety procedures together with the fundamental techniques and use of the common chisels. He is ably supported in the workshop by Phil Frisardi who is always keen to assist our new members at their first hands on and ongoing assaults into woodturning.

Occasionally members of our Menai Region assist and participate with other Regions at Guild approved functions endeavouring to promote the SWG. Members have exhibited various pieces of their works in prominent places within and outside the Region. Menai and Hurstville Libraries being some of the showcase exhibits held within the Region.



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HEALTH ISSUES.



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WHAT IS MORE ACCURATE: YOUR SPEEDO OR THE GPS?

(Avoiding High Blood Pressure when you are doing posted speed limit and you are overtaken by some one).

By Tom Wolf Waverly Mens Shed.

The answer is not as simple as it first sounds, it is subject to lots of factors and circumstances.

Speedometer: Unless you have your speedometer recently custom calibrated, all speedometers in cars manufactured and sold in Australia after 1st July 2006 must comply with Australian Design Rules which strictly provide that your car's speedo must not show a speed lower than your actual speed. To avoid liability, therefore, all car manufacturers calibrate the car speedo to show a speed higher than the speed you are actually travelling at. On an unmodified car, this higher calibration may be just 1kph, but usually it may in fact show a speed of up to 5% higher. This may depend on the model and the manufacturer. If the car is modified by installation of a tyre different to standard, such as a "lower profile tyre" (or the opposite, a "fat pack all terrain tyre") or if your tyre pressure is low (or high) or dependent on the wear on the tyre, your speed as shown on your speedometer may be way out of whack. This is because the speedo shows the speed calibrated according to the number revolutions of the wheel and any change in the circumference of the tyre compared to the standard circumference as calibrated will not vary the speed shown but does vary the distance travelled (either faster or slower) during a calculated period of time (ie. kilometres per hour). A good rule of thumb to follow is if your wheels and tyres on your vehicle have a larger rolling diameter, your speedometer will show a slower speed than you are travelling. If you have wheels and tyres with a smaller rolling diameter, your speedometer will show a faster speed than you are actually travelling.

Global Positioning System (GPS): GPS speedometers are unregulated by governments. It is accepted that they will in most circumstances show your actual speed regardless of the tyre variables discussed above. BUT! There can be a time lag between when a speed is recorded and when it appears in your app such as when you travel on a slope or around winding curves. Also GPS does not work in some tunnels or satellite dead spots, meaning there are times when a GPS speedometer does not work at all.

What is important to remember is that when you go downhill, the GPS measures the horizontal distance, even though that distance is just one of the sides of a triangle, and you actually travel the distance made up of the hypotenuse (and therefore you travel a longer distance in that timeframe and therefore travel faster than the speed shown by the GPS!! The reverse is true.

So, what happens if you are caught by the police "speeding"? Police use many methods

to check the speed of cars travelling on the roads. They use specialised mobile radar units, as well, in all highway patrol cars specially calibrated speedometers are installed, and also, police are trained to make "speed estimates" that the Courts accept as "expert evidence". As for the radar device and the speedometer used, each different police force in Australia has rules that require regular calibration tests, and tickets issued while using expired tests become inadmissible (but this happens rarer the finding a needle in a haystack). In fact, in most (if not all) jurisdictions the enabling legislation provides that the reading of the radars or specialised speedometers are deemed to be precise and absolute evidence of speed. Even if you prove that your speedo or GPS showed a different speed, it is no defence to the fine as intention is not a relevant factor. Also, even if your car is fitted with a dashcam that takes video that displays your speed as shown on the GPS, it will in most likelihood not be accepted if you decide to fight your speeding infringement notice based on a radar or speedometer checked speed. In the case of a fine based on the "expert evidence" of the estimated speed, only on the very rare occasion will the Court not accept the accuracy of that evidence of estimated speed.

As for civil cases where the speed of a car involved in a collision becomes an issue, then such video evidence of speed may be used. Even where the GPS speed is not recorded on the video, there are expert witnesses who can be engaged to estimate the speed of the car by triangulating the car's position to its surroundings shown in the video, but this is really expensive!.

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HUMOR FROM THE SHAVINGS.

PEARLS OF WISDOM

- My girlfriend says I'm cheap, so I took her out for tea and biscuits. It was quite exciting as she had never given blood before.
- Non-alcoholic beer is like watching porn on the radio
- My wife wants me to wear a bracelet that belonged to her grandfather. It says "Do Not Resuscitate."
- If you have a red wine stain on your carpet, get some white wine and drink it until you don't care anymore.
- Vitamins are good for what ails you and Viagra is good for what fails you
- One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.
- Even rarer than a doctor who can't stand the sight of blood is a lawyer who can't stand the sight of money.

CHRISTMAS DAD JOKES

What do you call an elf who sings?

A wrapper!

How do sheep say "Merry Christmas?"

"Fleece Navidad!"

4. What's red, white, and blue at Christmas dinner?

A sad candy cane!

5. What comes at the end of Christmas Day?

The letter Y!

6. What type of cars do elves drive?

Toy-otas!

8. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

"It's Christmas, Eve!"

11. What's a parent's favorite Christmas carol?

Silent Night!

13. How did Mrs. Claus tell Santa the weather?

"It looks like rain, dear!"

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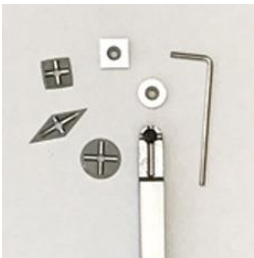


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MT.2 THREE STEP BUFFING SYSTEM: A durable wax finish with MT.2 lathe-mounted polishing system. Buffing passes are made with a Tripoli buff (linen wheel), White Diamond buff (linen/flannel wheel), then Carnuba wax (flannel wheel).

The final finish is very similar to multiple coats of lacquer but is softer and much deeper. Including: 3pcs 8" fabric buffing wheels 1pc Tripoli bar, 1pc White diamond bar, 1pc Carnuba wax bar. 1pc MT.2 heavy duty lathe mandrel which holds the buffing wheels. The system requires a lathe with a minimum of 1/2HP. It is recommended that the final piece be pre-treated with Danish Oil.

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.

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.

Correction to Quiz Answer in Aug-Sep 2025 'BY HAND AND EYE'. From Jenny Talbot Northern Beaches

- Aug-Sep Quiz asked at Question 1: 'To what **botanical family** do Sydney Blue Gum, Flooded Gum, Jarrah and River Red Gum belong?'
- Quiz Answer was wrongly given as ... 'They are eucalypts

These four tree species are all members of the ***Eucalyptus*** genus, which is part of the larger ***Myrtaceae*** family.

Example: ***Eucalyptus saligna***, commonly known as the Sydney Blue Gum, belongs to the ***Myrtaceae*** family.

Scientific Classification

Family: *Myrtaceae*

Genus: *Eucalyptus*

Genus and species: *Eucalyptus saligna*

Thanks Jenny, the error was unintentional, it is nice to know people read the Newsletter – The Ed.

Now to this Issues Quiz:

1/ Match the common and botanical names of these timbers:

Radiata Pine, Red Cedar, Huon Pine, Toona australis, Dacrydium franklinii, Pinus radiata.

2/ Why do turners often seal the ends of green timber with paint or wax?

3/ What is the purpose of a slipstone?

4/ If the motor pulley is larger than the headstock pulley will the lathe run faster or slower than the motor?

5/ Water and horse powered lathes appeared in which century; eighth, twelfth, or sixteenth?

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AROUND THE REGIONS

FROM THE GUILD.

The Guild meeting was held on Monday 29th September at Chester Hill Guide Hall.
Your Guild currently has \$9103.11 available to it.

It was decided that each Region Club can make up its own mind on whether or not to require 2 signatures for new members joining. It was noted that in today's environment new members are not generally known to the people proposing and seconding their membership.

The Membership Secretary reported that we currently have 176 members. He also asked everyone to please ensure that they renew their membership before 30 JUNE 2026.

The Event coordinators reported that we will be demonstrating and selling at the Easter Show from 2 to 7 April 2026. This is over the long weekend. Each Region/Club will need 4 people minimum. If you decide to sell your product at the show you will need to attend and help out. People who are not turning need to be watching the tables. The coordinators also want to know if you are planning to sell at the show by February 2026.

The update to the Guild Constitution has been delayed, however, it should be submitted by the time you read this.

At the AGM the same people were elected unopposed to the same positions. See Page 2 for the details.

The next Guild meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday 26th January 2026.

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

MENAI REGION.

Guild Report 29 September 2025:

Menai They are still meeting regularly, with a good turnout. They had 21 at the social BBQ Everything is OK, they have two new members. They will hold their AGM in September

Show and Tell 2025: This June's theme ""

NORTHERN BEACHES.

Guild Report 29 September 2025:

Northern Beaches Have advised that all correspondence is to be through a group email address or through PO Box 532, Forestville. NSW. 2087.

They are going OK. Currently they have approximately 66 members. They advise that their general monthly meeting will be in March, May, July, September and November. Committee meetings will be in the off months. They want everyone to realise that the workshop is open on multiple days in the month for members and visitors.

They will be doing a Bunnings BBQ on 11 October.

Show and Tell October 2025:



Finn Thorvalsen: Finn was interested to receive advice from the Masters that his proportions were uneven in the top of his pepper and salt grinders. The following Friday he valiantly attempted to correct that design flaw. His gnomes received praise and he also showed us some delightful Christmas decorations he had turned.



Chris Falvey: Chris had created what he called 'Wonky Tubes' from some Red Stringy Bark turned green with grain horizontal rather than the norm, vertical. They showed off the gorgeous rich colour of the Red Stringy Bark.



Jenny Talbot: Jenny tried Catherine's version of piercing and carving using a Dremel and found it a very unsatisfactory implement. Next Jenny showed us a very intricate sphere jigsaw. To achieve it she created her own jig.



Nick Vertes: Nick had finished and waxed the two different styles of segmented rolling pin but found in the heat the different timbers had moved. Now he will have to sand and re-finish them.

CATHERINE RITTER



Neil Turner-esq design vase from Eucalypt.



A pen pot that started out as a salt pig but cracks in the Cypress Pine changed its future.



A dish from Banksia.



A carved/pierced dish from Liquid Amber.



A square plate from Tasmanian Myrtle. The piercing represents the North-west coast of Tasmania.



A Salt Pig. It has a very neat swivel lid.

The Cammeray Project



In 2023, the SNB Woodturners Club turned what has become known within our Club as the "Collaboration Platter" - a large trophy-like platter for the Cammeray Golf Club. A number of people were involved in turning the platter, hence the term "collaboration".

The timber for the platter (Sydney Blue Gum, *Eucalyptus saligna*), was sourced from one of the larger trees on the Golf Course which was cut down as part of the remodelling of the Golf Course associated with the Warringah Freeway Upgrade/Western Harbour Tunnel project.

The Collaboration platter is now proudly displayed in the newly-refurbished Cammeray Golf Clubhouse and is awarded annually to recognise outstanding environmental contribution and achievement at the Golf Club.

In 2024, we were asked by Cammeray Golf Club if we could turn another six items. These would be given to the winners of golf championship/tournament events, for the winner to keep at their home for a 12-month period. The substantive trophy (most of which are preexisting 'silverware') are traditionally presented to the winner and then returned to their place inside a trophy cabinet at the Clubhouse. The only requirement was that the turned item had to be from wood that came from a tree that grew on the Cammeray Golf Course and which was cut down as part of the Golf Course redesign/freeway upgrade project.

From his time working on the Freeway/tunnel Project, Chris Falvey still had a limited stash of cut logs from trees felled as part of the Golf Course redevelopment. There were two flat blanks of Southern Silky Oak (*Grevillea robusta*), two logs of Sydney Blue Gum, one log of Tallowood (*Eucalyptus microcorys*), and two logs of Paperbark *Melaleuca* (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*).

Chris would like to express his thanks to his fellow 'collaborateurs' for being part of this project, for their generous gift of time, and acknowledge their amazing skills as woodturners.

Collaboration platter: Jack Butler, Ken Cooper, Angus Ireland.

Individual trophy items: Alex Bendeli, John Donnelly (yet to be completed from Tallowood), Julie Jarvis, Catherine Ritter, Nick Vertes, Chris Falvey.



Alex Bendeli - Silky Oak bowl/dish



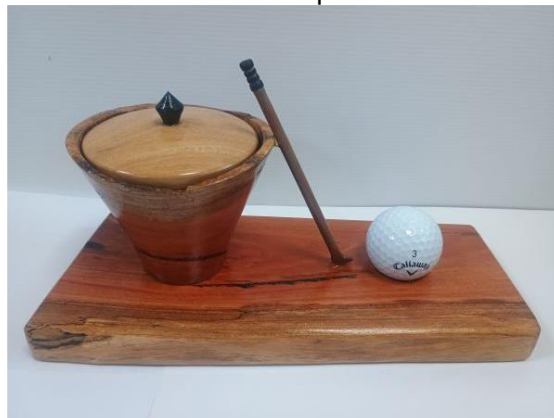
Julie Jarvis - Tallowood statuette



Catherine Ritter - Melaleuca pierced bowl.



Nick Vertes - Emerging bowl from Tallowood



Chris Falvey - Chris made two of these from Red Gum, one club is a driver and the other, shown here, an iron.

New Beginner Class



The first "beginners and basics" course has kicked off in our Clubrooms with a class full of enthusiasm and high expectations.

The course is designed to meet a long-identified need for the Club to better support new Members, particularly those who do not come from a trades or craft background. Members can still learn at their own pace under supervision on any of the Workshop open days - Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

However this new course is designed to take a more structured approach, and with a higher level of supervision. President John Donnelly has developed the course using approved materials and resources from the Club Library. John himself of course a former teacher and long-time Club Member. No pressure, Mr President!!!

The Club Committee has approved the course being run as a six-week pilot, and it is one of the key pillars of the Committee's considered response to a broad-ranging discussion around the Club's approach to Work Health and Safety matters. We look forward to the results.

Photo caption: First class and well on their way to alumni status: from left: Jonathon Livesey, Club President John Donnelly, Phil Skelton, Tim Doherty, and Gary Munns.

BANKSTOWN REGION.

Guild Report 29 September 2025:

Bankstown are continuing to meet, all is going well. They working on putting a sign out the front of the Guide Hall. They are not allowed to put a sign on the building.

They currently have 10 members.

Show and Tell August 2025:

MACARTHUR REGION.

Guild Report 29 September 2025:

Macarthur are still going well. They have done 2 demos, 1 at Bunnings and 1 at The Oaks. They are looking into the possibility of getting some space in the Camden Men's Shed in a similar way to that which Menai have done. I am informed that they also have a new Secretary. Lee Brown phone 0418167212.

Show and Tell August 2025:

EASTERN REGION.

Guild Report 29 September 2025:

Due to rep being unable to attend the monthly meetings. There was no report.

Meeting held Sunday 5 October 2025: There was some discussion about buying a bigger lathe, though it was pointed out that there is nowhere to currently put it. It was suggested that some of the less used equipment should be sold. A clean up is planned for a Saturday to be advised to get rid of some of the out-of-date bits and pieces.

Kooloora are now charging the group \$95 per quarter for electricity.

Kooloora have acquired a Tag and Test machine. As soon as someone is trained to use it, they will be testing all their, and the sheds electrical equipment.

Next Meeting: November 2 at 10.00 am General Meeting followed a BBQ.

Show and Tell 5 October 2025:



PHIL MCLEOD – BATTERY TEA CANDEL
HOILDERS, SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS
LAMINATED POTPOURI BOWLS.



CHRIS ANDRIANAKOS – VARIOUS
BOWLS & COFFEE SCOOP WITH
TAMPING END.



GEORGE XYLAS – RUBBER TREE BOWL
OREGON PLATTER AND BANGLES.



NINA KYTE – SQUARE BOWL, TOOTH
PICK HOLDER TEA CANDEL HOLDER
HALLOWEEN WAND.



MARIO DATO – MUSEUM OLDEST 1989, NEWEST 2023

No report from the November meeting.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION.

Guild Report 29 September 2025:

Southern Highlands No report due to Rep being sick.

Show and Tell August 2025: “”

GUILD AFILIATES CALENDER OF EVENTS

BANKSTOWN REGION

Bankstown Region has their shed open on the 1st and 3rd 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 4th 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 in Forrestville Avenue,
Forrestville, 2087 (the old Girl Guides Hall).**

Mail Address: Sydney Northern Beaches Woodturners,

PO Box 532

Forestville. NSW. 2087.

The Club workshop is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 0930, and from 0830 on Saturdays.

**In addition to woodturning and similar activities, the Club also runs an active toy-making
program which benefits local charities.**

**Club meetings, Members' 'show and tell', and demonstrations are held on the third
Sunday of each month from 0900 for an 0930 start.**

**Check the Club's website www.snbwoodturners.com or email
snbwoodturners@hotmail.com for further information.**

Secretary: Chris Falvey 0437 682 785

MENAI REGION WOODTURNERS.

Men's Shed at Barden Ridge, (100metres down on right from Golf Driving Range) 5:30PM to 8:30PM
2nd and 4th 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.

Secretary: Lee Brown - 0418167212

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Menai:	Bill Black 0401701327
Northern Beaches:	John Donnelly (President) 0418 686 227
Eastern:	Mario Dato 0419 404 405
	Philip McLeod 0418 267 096

QUIZ ANSWERS

1/ Radiata pine = *Pinus radiata*, Red Cedar = *Toona australis*, Huon Pine = *Dacrydium franklinii*.

2/ Moisture leaves the ends of logs more quickly than elsewhere. Sealing the ends slows this process and reduces splitting.

3/ A slipstone is used to hone gouges. It's curved edges are used to hone the flutes of gouges.

4/ Faster.

5/ Lathes driven by water and horse were first recorded at Nuremberg, Germany in the sixteenth century.

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