

# BY HAND & EYE



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

December 2025 / January 2026



**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.

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## JANUARY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



Welcome to the January 2026 edition of By Hand and Eye.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday period. By now you should have your entries in for the Royal Easter Show competitions. Please remember to be very careful about which category you have entered and make sure that there are no distinguishing marks on the entered piece except the tag supplied by the RAS competition people.

I hope that this year will see membership in the various Regions/Clubs grow. Northern Beaches seem to be leading the way with new membership applications coming through every couple of weeks. Your Guild promotes groups through large-scale activities like the Easter Show. However, Regions/Clubs can promote themselves via Community radio adverts (often free), Flyers on Community Notice Boards in shopping centers, local Council community web pages, asking local shopping centers if you can sell or display items that have been made by members or advertising in local community papers. The more members we have the less pressure there is to increase membership fees to cover insurance. And insurance is the main reason most Regions/Clubs are in the Guild.

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

*Philip McLeod*

(PHILIP MCLEOD)  
PRESIDENT

# WELFARE



We were saddened to receive news of the passing of Warren Rankin. Warren was a past President of the Sydney Woodturners Guild and a Life Member. He had Membership Number 944. He was made a Life Member on 29 September 2008.

Warren was a long-term member of Bankstown Region joining on the 1st of January 1997 and being issued with membership Number 944. Over his years of membership, he was well known for attending Maxi Day show and tell judge, being able to pass his experienced eye over the pieces presented to him on the day. He also acted as representative to the Southern Region Woodturners Association, when that institution was active.

As Warren was a long-term member of the Guild I am sure everyone will have their own memories and stories of him to tell and we will be hearing them over the coming weeks.

If you wish to attend his funeral and wake, the details are below

Thursday Jan 29 at 10am

Forest Lawn cemetery, Camden Valley Way. Leppington.

North Chapel

After at Mount Pritchard Community Club

254 Humphries Rd. Mt. Pritchard.

Tony Ney (Guild Vice President) in late October/early November had a very nasty fall in his bathroom. He has injured his shoulder, broken 1 rib and bruised several others. He is currently seeing doctors regularly to sort it all out. I know you join with me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

## 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

Tuesday January 27 – School holidays end.

February 2 FIRST GUILD MEETING for 2026.

[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

Tuesday 7 April School Holidays start

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.](#)

Friday 17 April School Holidays end.

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.

Monday 6 July School Holidays start.

Friday 17 July School Holidays end.

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**

Monday 28 September School Holidays start.

**October 4 Daylight Saving Starts – Clocks forward 1 hour.**

Monday 5 October – Labour Day

Friday 9 October School Holidays end.

November 30 LAST GUILD MEETING for 2026

Friday 18 December School Holidays start.

## **2027**

Macarthur Region will be 34 Years young first meeting held 1993

Tuesday January 26 Australia Day

**January 25 FIRST GUILD MEETING for 2027 (may be moved to 1 FEB due to Australia Day clash).**

**February Royal Easter Show Arts and Crafts Entries Close**

March 15 Menai Region is 33 Years young

**March 20 and 21 (9am to 3pm) Deliver Item/s to the Show**

Friday 26 March - Good Friday

Monday 29 March – Easter Monday

**Monday March 29 GUILD MEETING (may be moved to 5 April due to Easter Monday clash)**

**April 2 (6 to 9pm) Arts and Crafts Preview**

**APRIL 2 – 13 ROYAL EASTER SHOW**

**April 4 Daylight Saving Ends – Clocks back 1 hour.**

April 12 Eastern Region is 21 Years young (meetings were held before this date. This is date of Incorporation).

April 16 Southern Highlands is 33 Years young

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

Sunday April 25 ANZAC DAY

May 31 GUILD MEETING

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

Monday 14 June Kings Birthday

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July 26 GUILD MEETING

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Monday 5 October – Labour Day

November 29 LAST GUILD MEETING for 2027

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

<b>2026</b>		<b>2027</b>	
16 JANUARY	17 JULY	15 JANUARY	17 JULY
20 MARCH	18 SEPTEMBER	19 MARCH	17 SEPTEMBER
15 MAY	20 NOVEMBER	21 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.

THE EDITOR

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- Jig 110 - Ideal for tools that are difficult to clamp
- Stone Grader - Changes wheel surface finish, double sided, smooth & rough



**\$132** (W8625)

## Table Saw - HS120

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- 550 x 800mm work table

- Tilt arbor 45°
- 3hp, 240V motor

**\$715** (W443)



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- 25mm chisel capacity
- 170 x 140mm table movement
- 220mm head stroke
- Magnetic safety switch
- 1hp 240V motor

**\$1,529** (W3465)



## Dust Collector - HA-1000

- 109cfm HPLV system
- 5 micron filter
- 50 litre tank
- 1.5hp, 240V motor

**\$220** (W885)



## Bench Top Router - hf-50

- 610 x 360mm cast iron table
- 11,500 - 24,000rpm variable speed
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- 1.5kW / 2hp, 240V motor

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## Dust Collector - HD12

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- 3/4hp, 240V motor

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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.

## **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION**

### **Formation**

Early in 1994 Graham Zealy, proprietor of Southern Trade Supplies in Moss Vale and a woodturning graduate from Lidcombe TAFE, suggested that a Region of the Sydney Woodturners in the Southern Highlands be formed to provide a focal point for local people interested in turning. He arranged for representatives of the Sydney Woodturners Guild to come to the Highlands for a meeting, which he organised at the Bowral High School. Graham booked the venue, put an advertisement in the local paper and hosted the meeting, which resulted in the formation of the Southern Highlands Region of The Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc.

From the 1994 June/July edition of *By Hand & Eye*:

BOWRAL GROUP During the visit to Mittagong, six of our members addressed a group of twenty five at The Bowral High School explaining the aims and aspirations of our Guild. They are interested in forming a division of The Sydney Woodturning Guild.

The Bowral High School meeting, which included Arthur Ball, Alf Jordan, and Derek Burton, was held on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1994. Peter Herbert volunteered to be the Convenor and Graham Zealy acted as Guild Representative for a few months, but Peter Herbert took on this role and became representative in 1995.

The early attendance book records a meeting being held at Bowral High School on Saturday 9 July 1994 with six members present. The following meeting was on 11<sup>th</sup> November in Moss Vale in a shed rented by Graham Zealy. In this first year we had 12 financial members.

We continued with bi-monthly meeting during 1995 and the venues were:

January – Fred Anthon's shed (8 people present)

March-Don Akrigg's workshop in Moss Vale

May-The Woodage (16 people present)

July-Don Akrigg's workshop (33 people present, Simon Priem was the first visiting demonstrator assisted by Col Herbert)

September-Don Akrigg's workshop (10 people present)

November-The Woodage (20 people present)

December-Christmas get together at Don Akriggs' shed, saw 8 of us meet and enjoy a sausage and drink.

In 1996, with 17 members in the group, we continued with bi-monthly meetings, the first being at Fred Anthon's after which we moved almost permanently to Don Akrigg's place. In November, Trevor Reedman demonstrated sanding and finishing work for market presentation. In September, Bruce Leadbeatter was the visiting demonstrator.

At the December 1996 meeting, we decided that we would meet monthly in 1997. John Page was appointed Convenor, John Rossiter was Treasurer and Peter Herbert continued with the Representative role. Albert Hodgson and Russ Torr were on the committee. By this time, we were getting about 30 people at the meetings.

1997 was a development year, meeting monthly, with visiting turners at each meeting. Interest grew, membership grew to 48 at each meeting. Gary Light, Derek Burton, Roy Guthrie, John Crawford, Adrian Barendregt, Bert Ponder, Michael Cassidy, Bruce Leadbeatter, Alf Jordan, John Hanrahan, John Ewart, Ron Day, Ernie Williams, Bill Shean, Ernie Newman, Bill Hellier and Kay Paton were some of those who visited us in 1997 (and subsequent years).

1999 saw our first junior member, Joseph Neale.

By 2000, we decided to have a visiting demonstrator each alternate month, with a hands-on day on the other month in which Mike Darlow, Michael Cassidy and Bill Shean contributed.

We were growing and gathering equipment and felt that we needed a permanent home, partly because of the growing membership and also because we felt that we were imposing on the Akriggs' hospitality. The opportunity to use the Charlton Hall at HarbisonCare, Bowral, arose and we made the move on 2001. We have obtained even more equipment, and members now meet on the first and third Tuesdays each month as well as the regular monthly meeting. The move to Harbison left us with a sense of gratitude to Don & Bess Akrigg for all their tolerance and help during our formative years and they have been honoured by being made our first Patrons.

The move to Harbison coincided with the need to appoint an acting Convenor: John Rossiter took on the job until Albert Hodgson was elected at the 2001 AGM. Under Albert's' guidance we have introduced pre-meeting sausage sizzles, the building of a storage shed, the purchase of much equipment, the expansion of our use of video equipment to aid demonstrators and the extended use of the facilities.

Growth of members attending the Region	1994	12
	1995	16
	1996	17
	1997	47
	1998	50
	2000	80
	2001	80
	2002	80
	2003	83

## Publicity

In January 1995, John Page started producing and distributing a flyer for displaying in local shop windows and for inclusion in the diary section of the two local papers. The flyers and newspaper inserts are still an important part of our publicity. In August 1995, Peter Herbert started a newsletter to tell us what was happening in the Guild and where we could go to see demonstrations. In January 1996, John Page started

the bi-monthly "Woodchips" newsletter with local and Guild news. At that time, we did not have any money and to support the cost of the newsletter, John approached nine local businesses, each of which agreed to pay \$25 per year for six bi-monthly advertisements. These newsletters by Albert Hodgson continue on a monthly basis, changing format but aimed at keeping members informed about our activities. We have benefited by advancing technology, with Warren Harris sending photos and text to Keith Jeeves who has made a photographic record of all meetings since September 00.

## **Finances**

In May 1995, we decided that we needed money to run the Region. Until that time our main expenses of printing Newsletters and providing afternoon teas were borne by individuals. We started by charging \$1 per head entry in May 95, and increased it to \$2 at the July meeting: this gave us a little money to defray the running costs. Simon Priem told John Page about a coffin factory source of MDF off-cuts, so we soon had MDF boards for sale at \$2 per board.

John Rossiter was acting treasurer until he was officially appointed in January 1997 and our bank account was opened.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> 1998, we held a Woodshow and made a profit of \$400. Various money-raising activities were held over the next few years, mainly through the sale of work at stalls and charity functions. Further Woodshows were held in September 1999 and September 2001, half the proceeds of the 2001 event going to the Berrima Volunteer Rescue Association. In more recent times we have run raffles, increased the entrance fee to \$3, successfully applied to Wingecarribee Council for a community grant (thanks to a first class effort by member Desmond Kennard) and now have a sound financial position and a fiscally prudent treasurer.

## **Community**

With all the manpower we had, it was decided at the September 1996 meeting to make toys as Christmas gifts for disadvantaged and sick children. Rainbow of the Southern Highlands (Jone Armstrong) was chosen as the distributor of these toys. This activity has continued, with a greater number of toys being made each year.

The Moss Vale Quota Club invited us to have a stand at their 13<sup>th</sup> Art and Craft Sale and Exhibition in November 1998 in aid of Care Flight. This was our first effort and we sold 54 items. Demonstrations and fund raising stalls increased and included Sutton Forest Hall, Burrawang School of Arts, Moss Vale Public School, Moss Vale Show, Colo Vale markets and a display of works and a month long series of demonstrations in the foyer of the local Council chambers. We were asked to make 12 "Acorn" finials for a newly constructed footbridge at Exeter oval. In time for the opening of "The Exeter Country Fayre" in November 1999. Twelve members turned finials which were in place on time.

## **Social**

We decided to make use of the local Community bus to visit other Regions and interesting venues. Two of our members, Bob Miller and John Harris, were approved as authorised drivers. The first bus trip was in 2001 to the Blue Mountain City group at Springwood. Further trips have been to Canberra, Southern Region, Nowra and Sydney for the Timber and Working with Wood Show.



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HEALTH ISSUES.



## HEALTH ISSUES.

### (Mental Health)

### ELDER ABUSE

From the NSW Legal Aid Calendar

#### **Everyone deserves respect**

In the last three years we've seen a big jump in cases of older people being abused by people they know and trust.

It's important to know what abuse can look like, how you should be treated and take a moment to reflect on your own personal wellbeing.

Any act that causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know, and Trust, is abuse. The most common types of abuse are psychological and financial.

Stopping someone from making their own choices is psychological abuse. It can look like making important decisions for someone else without permission, stopping someone from seeing their family, or preventing someone from attending appointments alone.

Limiting access to someone's money is financial abuse. It can look like a stack of unpaid bills, having no money for everyday things or the power of attorney making decisions to benefit themselves, not the person. Unfortunately, it is very common for older people to be abused by relatives (mainly adult children and parents). Relatives are the subject of allegation in almost two-thirds (60.5) of reported abuse.

How can the law help? In some situations, the law can protect you from abuse and also help you after the abuse has happened. Some types of behaviours are crimes (for example, assault, theft or fraud) and can and should be reported to the police. Call 000 in an emergency or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. NSW Police has Aged Crime Prevention Officers (ACPOs) in multiple locations. They assist in preventing and responding to the abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable people who may be ageing, with disability or homeless. To find your nearest ACPO, contact your local Police Area Command or visit [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

An Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) can protect you from the person who makes you fear for your safety and can include conditions that they can't live with you or come into your home. If you are a victim of a violent crime in NSW, you may be able to apply for victims support-this can include money or counselling, or both.

In cases of financial abuse, you may be able to take legal action against the person who took your money or property to get it back. You don't have to deal with abuse on your own. There are many free and confidential services that can help you. Adult children living at home  
There are many reasons older people find themselves sharing their home with an adult child.



It is not unusual for older people to decide they want this arrangement to end, but they are not sure how to make this happen. It can be complicated when the person you want out of your house is also your carer, but there are services to help you with this change. There is help available if you are no longer happy with the situation and want your adult child to leave the home. For more information visit [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

### **My Wellbeing Checklist**

- I know how much money I have in my bank account
- I have the freedom to spend my money
- I have the freedom to see family and friends when I want
- I attend social activities
- I receive medical attention when I need it, and have a say about my healthcare plan and treatment
- My personal care needs (showering; personal hygiene etc.) are taken care of
- I am treated respectfully by my family and friends
- I feel safe at home

Think about your responses. If you have any concerns about your situation, you may wish to talk with someone you trust such as a family member, friend, doctor, religious leader or you can call the NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline 1800628221 (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm).

### **Where to find more information**

- NSW Ageing & Disability Commission is an independent agency of the NSW Government. They promote the rights of older people and adults with disability to live free from abuse, neglect and exploitation in their family, home and community. You can contact them for information, support or to make a report. Call 1800 628 221 (Monday - Friday, 9-4) or visit [www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ageingdisabilitycommission.nsw.gov.au)

- Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) can help resolve complaints about loans, reverse mortgages, guarantees, account transactions and potential misuse of powers of attorney. AFCA has guidelines for banks to follow when there is a family break down and financial abuse. Call 1800 931 678 or [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

- The Domestic Violence Line free and confidential counselling and help for women experiencing domestic and family violence. Call 1800 656 463 (24 hours, 7 days).

- 1800RESPECT is a national sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service. Counsellors can give you information and referrals to other support services. Call 1800 737 732 (24 hours, 7 days) or visit [www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au)

- Victims Services can provide free counselling, financial support and a recognition payment to victims of a violent crime in NSW. Call 1800 633 063 or visit [www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://www.victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au)

- Beyond Blue has resources and support available for older people experiencing anxiety and depression. Visit [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au) or call 1300224636
- Family Violence Law Help is a national website with helpful Information about family law, child protection and family violence, Including elder abuse. Visit [www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au](http://www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au)

### **Where to find legal help**

- Legal Aid NSW Call 1300 888 529. Everyone can get legal help from Legal Aid NSW. If you want to find out about a legal topic or take steps to resolve your problem yourself, the 'My problem is about' section of our website covers most areas of the law. If you have a legal question, start with the team at LawAccess NSW., their information officers can give you legal information, help you plan your next step and connect you with services that can help you. Start a chat using our website's web chat function or call 1300 888 529 from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), visit [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)
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- [www.lawfullyexplained.com.au](http://www.lawfullyexplained.com.au) is a good place to start when you're looking for legal advice.
- The Elder Abuse Service is a specialist service of Legal Aid NSW for older people on the NSW Central Coast and Lower Hunter region (including Newcastle). Visit [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 888 529

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· Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre is a free legal service for Aboriginal women. It can help in the areas of family violence, sexual assault and victims support. Visit [www.wirringabaiya.org.au](http://www.wirringabaiya.org.au) or call (02) 95693847

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## **HUMOR FROM THE SHAVINGS.**

### **ADVERTISING TERMS EXPLAINED:**

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**ALL NEW** - Parts are not interchangeable with previous design.

**EXCLUSIVE** - Imported product.

**UNMATCHED** - Almost as good as the competition.

**FOOLPROOF OPERATION** - No provision for adjustments.

**ADVANCED DESIGN** - The advertising agency doesn't understand it.

**IT'S HERE AT LAST** - Rush job. Nobody knew it was coming.

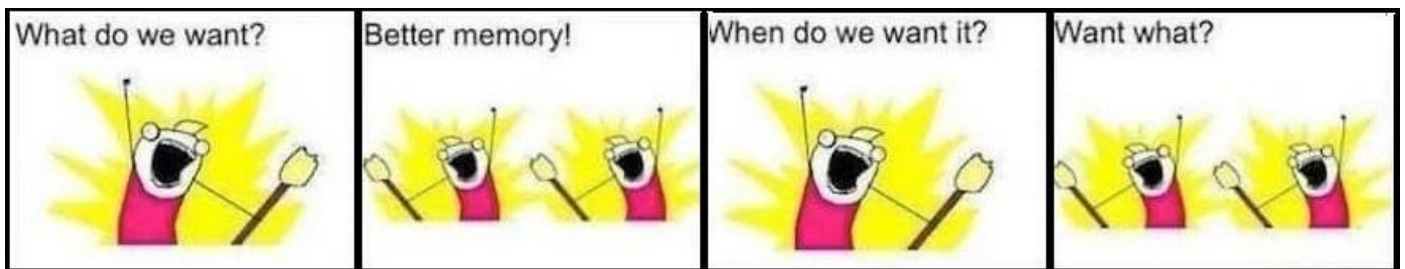
**FIELD TESTED** - Manufacturer lacks test equipment.

**HIGH ACCURACY** - Unit on which all parts fit.

**FUTURISTIC** - No other reason why it looks the way it does.

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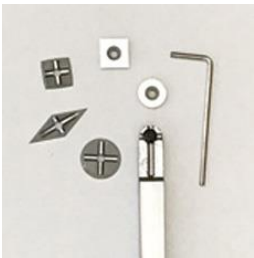


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If there is anything you, or your club wish to sell. Or something you are looking for let me know, I am happy to put it into By Hand and Eye.

## **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 this Issues Quiz:**

- 1/ Give a method for bending wood to shape.
- 2/ What is a spindle moulder?
- 3/ How far apart should a turner's feet be during spindle work?
- 4/ What is the best way to teach woodturning: by spoken words, by written words, by diagrams, by demonstration or by fostering hands-on experimentation?
- 5/ When did woodworking start in Australia?

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## AROUND THE REGIONS

### FROM THE GUILD.

The Guild meeting was held on Monday 24th November at Chester Hill Guide Hall.  
Your Guild currently has \$9058.12 available to it.

We are asking each region/club to supply a minimum of 4 demonstration turners and 2 table watchers for the Royal Easter Show.

Bump in will be 30 – 31 March 2026.

The preview night will be held on the 31st of March 2026.

We will be demonstrating but not selling.

We will be there from the 2nd until the 7th of April.

It would also be great to have everyone's support to help watch the store, especially from those who are putting items up for sale. Many hands make light work.

If you wish to help please let me know so I can start organizing things. Please let us know as soon as possible. David King can be contacted by email [dwoodturner2004@gmail.com](mailto:dwoodturner2004@gmail.com) or Mobile Phone 0424 188 857.

Thursday 2 April Northern Beaches demonstrating

Friday 3 April Eastern Region demonstrating.

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 April Menai demonstrating

Monday 5 April MacArthur and Southern Highlands demonstrating

Tuesday 7 April Bankstown and anyone who can come and help.

**YOUR PASS IS GOOD FOR EVERY DAY OF THE SHOW. IF YOU COULD BE THERE TO HELP PACKUP ON 7 APRIL, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.**

For Demonstrators, you will need to be there at 0700. You will need to bring ONLY your wood and tools. Everything else chucks, drills, wood screws etc. will be supplied.

For security reasons David King will need to know who is attending, their car registration number and the persons phone number by February 2026.

Bote Cote NSW will be closing down in February. If David is able to get a couple of glass cabinets from the firm then the current ban on selling pens may be lifted.

The next Guild meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday 2nd February 2026. Due to a clash with Australia Day.

**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: [phlpmeld@gmail.com](mailto:phlpmeld@gmail.com)

## MENAI REGION.

### **Guild Report 24 November 2025:**

**Menai** They advise that they are losing one of their most treasured members, Paul Ibbitson is moving house. However, the guild is not losing him. He is transferring his membership to Macarthur.

Bill Black also advised if you have officially become a charity you must go to the ACNC website and fill in and submit the AIS form by Christmas 2025.

The group will hold their Christmas Party on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

They will close on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 and reopen on 6 January 2026.

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

## NORTHERN BEACHES.

### **Guild Report 24 November 2025:**

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

A large number of toys (180!!) were made at SNBW and dispatched. Our toy-making group does this every year near Christmas time. They are distributed locally or shipped overseas via Christian aid organisations.

We have a constant stream of new members who join, several stay long term, others attend to learn if woodturning is a hobby for them. Our pilot woodturning classes run by the SNBW President John Donnelly have now been completed. There is obviously a demand for this activity and the lessons learnt from running this trial course will formulate our approach methodology for the next phase of formal teaching.

A good article on bandsaw usage has appeared in our latest SNBW newsletter after we had several mishaps with blade breakages.

**The ED:** The following came from the November newsletter. Unfortunately, it arrived after the November issue of By Hand and Eye was published.

## **Toys for Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child is a division of Samaritans Purse which is a Christian international aid organisation. The toys we make are distributed to three local churches, Frenchs Forest Anglican, Forestville Uniting and Terrey Hills Anglican. The toys are packed in shoeboxes with other items, wrapped in Christmas paper and distributed around the world to children in need. We have made a total of 180 toys this year, The toys are for boys aged 2 to 4. There are seven models and we made 25 of each.

The representatives of the Churches are :-

Pat Watson - Frenchs Forest

Robyn Jacobs – Forestville

Debbie Severino – Terrey Hills





Operation Christmas Child equips and empowers local churches all over the world to share the Gospel. In Australia and 10 other countries, **churches play an essential role in packing and collecting shoebox gifts that are lovingly filled with toys, school supplies, and personal care items by individuals, families, and groups.** Internationally, Operation Christmas Child in-country volunteers are part of leadership teams that identify and partner with local churches to distribute the shoebox gifts. In places where there are no churches, the teams have the joy of introducing the Gospel and sometimes starting churches.

### BANKSTOWN REGION.

#### **Guild Report 24 November 2025:**

**Bankstown** All is going well. They only had 1 meeting in October.

They advise that they will close on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025, and reopen on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

They currently have 11 members.

#### **Show and Tell August 2025:**

### MACARTHUR REGION.

#### **Guild Report 24 November 2025:**

**Macarthur** Ian Cocks has stepped away from their Secretary role, and is now the Treasurer. They also have a new Secretary. Lee Brown phone 0418167212.

They are still in discussion with Camden Men's Shed.

They recently visited Trend Timbers and Timberbits.

They will hold their Christmas Party on 6<sup>th</sup> December and will close on 30<sup>th</sup> November. They will reopen in late January or early February.

#### **Show and Tell August 2025:**



## EASTERN REGION.

**Guild Report 24 November 2025:** NO REPORT

Meeting 7 DECEMBER 2025

Due to demand it was decided to open the shed on an additional day – Tuesday from 10AM to 2pm.

Approval was given to purchase 4 x 80grit belts for the Belt Sander and a new sticky back hook and loop attachment for the disc sander.

Due to problems getting Meeting Minutes out to the group Philip McLeod proposed that he would carry out this task on the proviso that he be reimbursed for the cost of petrol to and from the meeting on those days when he has to make a special trip down from Newcastle for the meeting.

The Group Christmas Party will be held at Malabar Juniors on 13 December from 6PM.

### **Show and Tell 7 December 2025:**



Philip McLeod – Sauce/Glue Stand, Xmas Decoration, Finger Top



Gerry Brady SNR – various Toys, and three Bowls, the largest with a split and steamed beaded edge. The small platter has hand carved leaves applied to the surface.



Chris Andrianakos – Various Bowls, Clear Resin Edged Bowl There is also a to be finished Lamp Stand, (laying down).



Gene Sienniak – Cutting Board From floor boards, Camphor Laurel Bowl.



Steve Rutherford – Cherry Ballard Bowl and Lidded Boxes.



Nina Kyte – Left over Bowls after giving gifts to friends.



Mario Dato – large Burl Bowl And a selection of pens.



George Xylas – Camphor Laurel Bowl Note the use of the natural strange shape.

## SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION.

### **Guild Report 24 November 2025:**

**Southern Highlands** held their AGM and the usual suspects were re-elected unopposed.

They were part of the Arts Trail again this year and raised \$900 in sales.

Theor Christmas Party was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. They will close on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and reopen on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Show and Tell August 2025: “”**

## 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 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](http://www.snbwoodturners.com) or email  
[snbwoodturners@hotmail.com](mailto:snbwoodturners@hotmail.com) for further information.**

**Secretary: Chris Falvey      0437 682 785**

## MENAI REGION WOODTURNERS.

<b>Men's Shed at Barden Ridge, (100metres down on right from Golf Driving Range) 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 1700, Tuesday 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

#### **REGION CONTACTS:**

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Bankstown:	David King 0424 188 857
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/ Thin **green** [unseasoned] wood is often plastic enough to bend. If it is placed in a mould till it seasons then it will pretty much stay bent. Seasoned wood can be **steamed** or **boiled** to make it plastic enough to bend. The thicker the wood, the longer the steaming or boiling period. Wood a couple of mm thick only needs boiling for a matter of minutes to become bendable. Thinner wood needs less time in a mould to set in its new shape. Wood a couple of mm thick sets in a matter of hours. In Los Angeles in the 1990s, beams for the hull of a wooden sailing ship which were 150 mm thick were steamed for three days and successfully bent. Wood cut into **veneers** or thin sections can be bent. If veneers are put into a mould and laminated they retain the new shape. Longitudinally **compressed** wood becomes plastic and when bent, retains its shape. It can be twisted into multiple loops and rope-like spirals.

2/ A spindle moulder [shaper in the US] is a floor standing machine with a vertical spindle which has cutters. Wood is fed across the table past the spinning cutters to create mouldings. It is basically a large, upside-down, fixed router.

3/ Spindle turners have many views on how far apart one's feet should be during spindle work and that is fair enough. George Hatfield taught me woodturning at Sydney Technical College in the 1980s and he recommended that one's feet should be shoulder width apart and facing the lathe [perpendicular to the lathe bed] during spindle turning. I have found this to be excellent advice. This allows the turner to keep balanced and to make long cuts without shuffling. For example, it is possible to shape a tool handle 300 mm long in one pass without moving one's feet. It is harder to create a long smooth curve if you have to move your feet. If your feet are parallel to the lathe bed you are forced into moving them after a relatively short cut or you lose balance.

4/ After teaching hundreds of people to turn, I have observed many different learning styles. Some people respond well to verbal tips, some to written tips, some to diagrams, some to watching, and some to hands-on experimentation. I suggest that it is smart to use all these approaches with a group to cater for as many learning styles as possible. Some teachers always begin with set exercises such as roughing then smoothing a cylinder, turning beads, then hollows [coves] and so on. Others always get students to complete a simple project first such as a spinning top or a pen. Both approaches can work well though I can still hear George Hatfield warning that, for safety reasons, beginners should start with small scale spindle turning not large faceplate work such as a fruit bowl. After almost 30 years of teaching I couldn't agree more. A dig-in on a pen won't be catastrophic but a dig-in on a large bowl might be.

5/ The first Australian woodworkers go back about 60000 years. We don't know much about what they did but selecting and shaping a stick to a suitable length for hunting, digging or fighting is a simple form of woodwork and that, presumably, started when the country was first settled.



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