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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

April 2026 / May 2026



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MAY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



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

I hope that everyone had a Happy and Safe Easter and a great time at the Show.

By the time you read this the Royal Easter Show will be well and truly over. However, I would like to make you aware of some of the things that go on in the background for your Guild to attend the show. Firstly, David King and his wife Ronnie liaise with the Arts and Crafts people of the Royal Agricultural Society for space at the show. These people are extremely helpful to us, (though there were some problems this year) giving us the space to demonstrate in and sell our product, something commercial organisations have to pay a significant amount of money for.

This year over 2000 items were put up for sale. Every item has to be entered into the database. This is then used to track sales, costs and payments to individuals and your Guild. At this point I should mention Ken Morgan. Most of you would know him as the Membership Secretary. However, he is also our resident I.T. expert. Whenever something goes wrong with the sales computer the call goes out to Ken who comes running. Thanks, Ken, for all your help and support.

Then of course there is the bump in and out. The Lathes, tables, signage and sale items have to be brought to site and laid out. This could not be done without the help of Tony Ney, (Guild Vice President) and Michael Twemlow, (staunch Guild supporter and helper).

I cannot go on without mentioning Ronnie King. Ronnie has supported David in his endeavors for the Guild at the show for many years. Typical of many wives, she tends to stay in the background and not promote herself but quietly works away. Ronnie Thank You!

To all of you, I and the Guild owe a great vote of thanks. If I omitted anyone I am sincerely sorry.

Next, I want to address those who participated at the show, the Demonstrators, people selling their product, volunteers on the tables and people who entered into the competitions. Again, a very big heart felt thank you to you. I am informed that there were only 9 people who put in the 2000 items for sale. With just over 200 members in the Guild one has to wonder what everyone is doing with their excess product.

The result of all this work is that your guild got an additional \$1719.70 into the coffers this year.

Finally, I want to congratulate all the people who entered the competitions and the people who won prizes. Personally, I think anyone who enters a competition is already a winner. Anything beyond that is a bonus. You took the plunge and let everyone see what you can do – Well Done!

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

Philip McLeod

(PHILIP MCLEOD)
PRESIDENT

WELFARE

Menai advised us that long term member Allan Stephens, who has been suffering with Dementia. He was the original Convener for Menai. He has been moved into Calvery Hospice. I am sure that you join with me in expressing our sincere sympathy to his family.

Southern Highlands advised that Robert William has passed away. Again, the Guild extends our sincere sympathy to his family.

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

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 (via Zoom)

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 (At Chesterhill)**

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

December Royal Easter Show Arts and Crafts Entries Open.

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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BH&E Closure Dates for Article Submission:

2026		2027	
	17 JULY	15 JANUARY	17 JULY
	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.

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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.

AND FINALLY EASTERN REGION WOODTURNERS.

Eastern Region was started in 1985-1986 by Jim Dorbis while a student of woodturning at a college of Technical and Further Education. Things were hard in the beginning, but at the same time exciting.

Eastern is the smallest of all the Sydney Woodturners Guild Regions, but it is well supported. Most of the members are working and often lack time to devote to their hobby but are emphatic that the Eastern Region will survive.

In the early days of the Region, meetings were held at Jim Dorbis's premises. But recently meetings are being held in various other members workshops which is a good way of seeing other peoples' tools and equipment and approach to workshop safety. The members find this approach practical. In May of 2003, the Region began meeting at Joe Brueck's business premises in Woollahroo and it is hoped that this will be a long-term arrangement.

Eastern Region is a miniature United Nations with members originating from Sweden, Italy, Egypt and Malta. Some members even come from Sydney.

The Region usually meets on the first Sunday of each month although this sometimes changes to accommodate long weekends and other holiday periods. A phone call to the convenor is all that is needed to find out what is happening next.



HEALTH ISSUES.



(Mental Health)

OUR SHRINKING WORLD.

These are my own thoughts and observations – Philip McLeod.

As I have grown older, I have noticed that there is a tendency for people's world to grow smaller. When we were younger, we thought of the world getting smaller because of the ever-increasing speed of travel. In the 1950's if you wanted to travel to Europe unless you were very wealthy it took 6 weeks on a ship. Then came the large passenger aircraft and the jet engine. Now you could travel at a reasonable cost to Europe and be there in 24 hours. A 1950's motor car travelled at about 80 to 95 Kilometres Per Hour comfortably, our modern cars travel comfortably at 100 to 140 Kilometres Per Hour.

This is how we thought of the world in our youth, and we took full advantage of the sights sounds and adventures that were on offer. It was almost a "Right of Passage" to travel to the UK, Europe or some other far-flung part of the world and enjoy all it had to offer. The world was our Oyster, (I hate oysters, but love travel) and we ate, drank and were very merry.

The problem starts as we grow older. Suddenly it seems to take more effort to go anywhere, it can be difficult to get travel insurance, we live far from airports or public transport. It becomes easier to stay at home and watch the world through TV or the internet. We are all guilty of this, I revisit places I have been via webcams on the internet. I particularly like Bergen and Finse in Norway. I also relive my flights by seeing what aircraft are doing on the website Flightradar24.com.

While all these things can be good it means that my world is shrinking. Hobbies can be the same. It is too easy to stay at home, work in my own workshop, not take a risk meeting new people or doing new things. The result is that our world shrinks. There is also an element of fear involved. When I first moved to Newcastle it took me some time to contact Woodturners Of The Hunter and go and see what they were doing. In Sydney I had a certain standing and some control over what happened in my local Woodturners group. Here I would be starting from zero again, and there was an element of fear of rejection. Of course, the rejection did not happen. The group made me very welcome, but the fear was still there.

Many years ago, I was on a tour through Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. I met an older lady who was 85 years old at the time. She had run a restaurant in London during the London Blitz. We arrived in Singapore and checked into our hotel. As I was going through the foyer she was heading out of the hotel. She tripped on a step and fell. In the time it took me to get to her she had got up, dusted herself off. She then said "that is why they put carpet on the floors" and continued on her way. I asked where she was going in such a hurry. She told me she was off to see her Taylor, she needed some new clothes and she had a regular Taylor in Singapore. I hope I am that good at 85. She was not letting anything stop her and her world was definitely NOT shrinking

So, I say to you and any of your acquaintances reading this do what I intend to do. Open up your world again. Take a trip/holiday somewhere, join a group (it does not matter what type of group) or if you already belong to a group join another group doing something completely different, or take on a role on the committee of your club, just to try it out. Forget the fear, as I write this our alarmist Australian press is screaming that we are about to run out of fuel, despite the government saying otherwise. Yes, some fuel stations in outer western districts have run out of diesel mostly due to panic buying, not because there is an actual shortage. I would not let something like this stop me. I will not be changing my travel plans, and to quote Nike "Just Do It". You never know where it might lead you.



CHECK IN WITH YOUR MATES

From “Mate, you Right”, the newsletter of the Special Envoy for Men’s Health

We never really know what someone’s carrying. Everyone’s got their own battles, and some-times the strongest-looking blokes, the ones who are always cracking jokes or helping everyone else out, are the ones who need a quiet check-in the most.

So, this is your reminder, send that message, make that call, grab a coffee or a beer with a mate. A simple “How you travelling?” can make all the difference. Let’s keep looking out for one another because none of us should carry the load alone.

If you or someone you know is doing it tough, there’s support out there:

- ☎ Lifeline – 13 11 14
- ☎ MensLine Australia – 1300 78 99 78
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HUMOR FROM THE SHAVINGS.



The Five Principles of SHED SCIENCE

1. NEVER THROW ANYTHING OUT : You never know when you might need it.
2. I KNOW WHERE EVERYTHING IS: I know by instinct, it only appears to be a mess.
3. YES, I NEED SEVEN OF THOSE: You can never have too many tools.
4. LEAVE THAT ALONE: Can't you see that's work in progress?
5. IT WORKS BETTER THAT WAY: Stop asking stupid questions.

Results of the Royal Easter Show Competitions.

CLASS: 287 - Platters/Bowls. Turned from one piece of timber, either solid or laminated but not segmented.

1	3589 MR SIMON BEGG SALT ASH NSW 2318 BURL BOWL
2	3593 MISS ROBYN MAHONEY STANHOPE GARDENS NSW 2768 THREE SIDED TURNED BOWL
3	3591 MR KEITH FERRERO-LAMELAS EAGLE VALE NSW 2558 TURNED PLATTER MADE FROM PURPLE HEART
Highly Commended	3598 MR NICK VERTES CAMMERAY NSW 2062 THE FIBONACCI BOWL

CLASS: 288 - Segmented Woodwork. One article made up of numerous pieces of various timbers.

1	3603 MR MALCOLM STEWART CORRIMAL NSW 2518 TABLE LAMP WITH SHADE
2	3605 MR GEOFFREY TONG BLAKEHURST NSW 2221 OPEN SEGMENTED TABLE LAMP
3	3601 MR FREDERICK CASSAR THIRLMERE NSW 2572 SEGMENTEDWOODEN VASE OF VARIOUS COLOURS
Highly Commended	3604 MR MATTHEW TABONE BANGOR NSW 2234 SEGMENTED VESSEL WITH GREEK KEY
Highly Commended	3606 MR NICK VERTES CAMMERAY NSW 2062 DRUNKEN SEGMENTED ROLLING PIN

CLASS: 289 - Innovative.

1	3608 MR SIMON BEGG SALT ASH NSW 2318 ERUPTION 3. NATURAL EDGE BURL VESSEL
2	3619 MR MALCOLM STEWART CORRIMAL NSW 2518 LIDDED BOWL WITH LEGS (SPUTNIK)
3	3621 MR NICK VERTES CAMMERAY NSW 2062 EMERGING BOWL FROM TALLOW WOOD
Highly Commended	3611 MR CHRIS FALVEY LANE COVE WEST NSW 2066 RING BOX WITH ELONGATED FINIAL, AUSTRALIAN TIMBERS
Highly Commended	3612 MR RAYMOND FOOT EAST MAITLAND NSW 2323 PEDESTAL FORM

CLASS: 290 - Novice Face plate turning.

1	3624 MR CHRIS FALVEY LANE COVE WEST NSW 2066 BBQ PLATTER/CARVER FROM BURL SLICE
2	3627 MR NICK VERTES CAMMERAY NSW 2062 4 SIDED BOWL/PLATTER LONDON PLANE TREE
3	3625 MS ELIZABETH GARDINER EAGLE VALE NSW 2558 CAMPHER LAUREL BOWL WITH GLASS INSERT

CLASS: 291 - Novice Spindle turning.

1	3630 MR MARK MARTINOVIC CASULA NSW 2170 6 BRANCHED CANDELABRA WITH 7 CANDLE HOLDERS
2	3628 MS ELIZABETH GARDINER EAGLE VALE NSW 2558 TURNED RETO CLOCK, WITH INLAY AND HIDDEN CHAMBER
3	3631 MR NICK VERTES CAMMERAY NSW 2062 MORTAR & PESTLE FROM RECYCLED MERBAU

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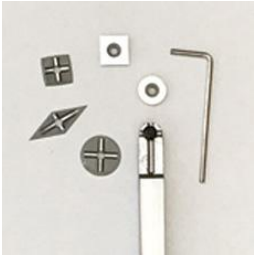


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GUILD ITEMS FOR SALE.

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



Guild Cloth Patch



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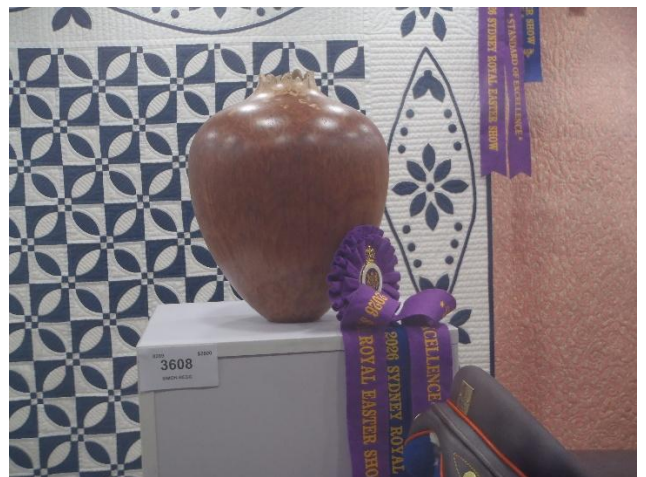


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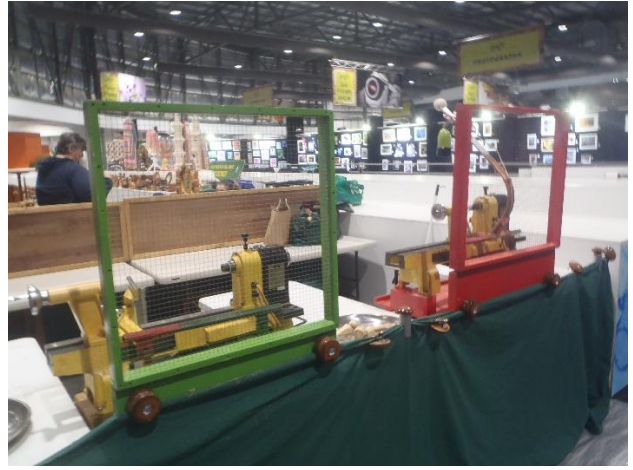
If there is anything you, or your club wish to sell. Or something you are looking for let me know, I am happy to put it into By Hand and Eye.

SYDNEY WOODTURNERS AT THE ROYAL EASTER SHOW.

Your Guild was at the show from Thursday 2nd April to Monday 6th April. The following photos were taken on Friday 3rd April.



Simon Begg – First Prize and Cabinet of Excellence for his Platter and Natural Edge Burl Vessel



Guild Sales Area and Demonstration Area.



Photos of some of the competition entries.



More Competition entries.

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/ European Oak [*Quercus Robur*] trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older: true or false?
- 2/ What is the difference between marquetry and parquetry?
- 3/ A hat is turned from green wood with a wall thickness between 2.5 and 3 mm. It won't fit if it is left round so it is placed in a cradle and gradually compressed till it becomes oval. How long does the hat have to stay in the cradle till it "sets" in the oval shape?
- 4/ Why do turners round over crisp corners on faceplate work as early as possible in the turning process?
- 5/ Whip tops are kept in motion indefinitely by whipping them with a cord which is commonly attached to a stick. Were the first whip tops made before the time of Christ?

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AROUND THE REGIONS

FROM YOUR GUILD.

The General meeting was preceded by a Special General Meeting. This meeting was called in order to change the Guild finances from our standard Commonwealth Bank Cheque Account to a Commonwealth Business Account. The motion was passed unanimously. Once the account is set up it will mean that moving money around and paying bills will not require cheques. It will still need two people to approve the account activity, so your money will remain safe.

The Guild meeting was held on Monday 30th March at Chester Hill Guide Hall.
Your Guild currently has \$8856.72 available to it.

David King, Ronnie King and Tony Ney have all done a fabulous job to get the Guild ready for the show. They have about 2000 items to sell over the five days we will be at the show. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed at the meeting.

There are currently 201 members spread across the Regions/Clubs.

The Treasurer and Membership Secretary requested that membership renewals be sent to them by Sunday 31st May. This will help with the cash flow to pay the insurance which falls due on 30th June. It will also allow the Membership Secretary to stay on top of the significant administration that he deals with at this time of the year. Your membership currency will still run June 30 2026 to June 30 2027.

There was also some discussion about standardizing the Membership Application Form. No two Regions/Clubs are using the same format and this creates extra work when entering details into the Guild Data Base. The Membership Secretary will look into producing a standard form with the ability for each Region/Club to modify parts for local situations, e.g. The Region/Club name at the top of the form.

David King advised that Bote Cote will remain open. Scott Giddens has found a buyer for the Sydney business. You should check the website for some bargains, remember cash is king in this situation.

The next Guild meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday 25th May 2026. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

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 30 March 2026:

Menai All is going OK. They have two meetings per month. They continue to have good relations with The Men's Shed.

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

NORTHERN BEACHES.

Guild Report 30 March 2026:

Northern Beaches are now open Tuesday, Wednesday night, Thursday 0930 to 1400, Friday 0930 to 1330, Saturday and Sunday. They currently have 72 members and have just had a sign put up on the outside of the building. They will be doing a Bunnings BBQ on 23 May.

We have a stall at the Terrey Hills Makers Market, Sunday 3 May, 9am - 3pm

This market is perfect for us as they have a focus on handmade, organic arts & crafts and local produce. It is also a great opportunity to get the Club known in the community.

Do you have some masterpieces ready to sell? If not, get those shavings happening. There's not much time left. Bowls, pepper grinders, decorations, vases, platters, toys, salt pigs, pen/pencil desk organisers, candle holders. Anything and everything 'turned' is welcome.

Catherine Ritter and Julie Jarvis are the coordinators

Great results for Club Members at the Royal Easter Show



The Ribbon haul at the 2026 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Huge congratulations to Chris Falvey & Nick Vertes.



Chris Falvey's BBQ Burl Carver. A slice of Red Gum Burl. Chris says: At its widest point, it measures 598mm, just inside the maximum swing of my VL 300 lathe of 600mm. Its shape was far from circular, the thickness varied, it was very unbalanced and quite a challenge to turn. It had pockets of rock hardness and some areas were quite soft. The natural edges were under constant threat of flying off into orbit, and there was a lot of flex and wobble. All the voids had to be filled before it could be turned, and then as you were turning, more voids would be revealed. I think there were three or four bouts of resin work and then sanding, then turning, then sanding, then resin work – and rinse and repeat.

It took about two weeks to turn with final sanding, and then another week of finishing and polishing. The finish (all food safe) was two coats of Osmo chopping board oil, and then multiple coats of Feast Watson soft board wax, and then Gilly's liquid beeswax, with lots of buffing and polishing.



The other work (left) is my own design, a ring box with elongated finial called 'Eternity'. It features various Australian timbers including Queensland Red Cedar, Tasmanian Huon, Tasmanian Myrtle, and an elongated finial of NSW Black Bean which protrudes through the Main Ring. I received 'highly commended' in the 'Innovative' category, which is an open competition.

It takes a full day to complete, and there are a series of sequential steps and a number of turning techniques.



Nick Vertes came home with 6 ribbons. It is the first time he has entered the RAS competition and naturally he's very happy with the result.



John Cottle and John Donnelly demonstrating Nick, who also demonstrated gave a 45 Second interview which was broadcast Throughout the show.

BANKSTOWN REGION.

Guild Report 30 March 2026:

Bankstown They have been quiet but are very busy organizing for the Easter Show. They currently have 12 active members. All their equipment has been ticketed. All but 2 of their members have already renewed their membership for next year.

Show and Tell August 2025:

MACARTHUR REGION.

Guild Report 30 March 2026:

Macarthur Advise that they will be meeting at Camden Men's Shed on alternate months. The next meeting at Men's Shed will be in May. They have gained 2 new members from The Camden Men's Shed. They will continue to meet at the school, but again on alternate months. They have been invited to demonstrate at Belgenny Farm. They have done 2 Bunnings BBQs making \$5700 for the club. They are now looking into acquiring a new trailer for their equipment as the current one is many years old and showing its age.

Show and Tell August 2025:

EASTERN REGION.

Guild Report 30 March 2026:

Monthly Meeting held Sunday 1st February 2026

Treasurer's Report: George Xylas informed the group that we have \$2235 in the bank, and about \$627 in Petty Cash.

Kooloora have a new board. They have requested that all our members fill in a form which will allow Kooloora to gain access to more funds. They also advise that they will only work through our President (Mario Dato) and our Kooloora Representative (Geoff Cook).

Phill McLeod to be reimbursed travel expenses for attending meetings as the stand in Secretary.

A vote of thanks to Nina Kyte and crew for the great job of cleaning up and sorting out the shed and its surrounds.

Next Meeting: April 12 at 10.00 am General Meeting followed by a BBQ

Meeting Closed: 1200

Show and Tell 12 April 2026:

Due to the lack of a quorum no actual meeting was held in April.



Joshua Newman – Camphor Laurel Platters with Purple Heart bands.



Steve Rutherford – Pedestal Lidded Bowls



Gerry Brady – a large selection of pens



Phil McLeod – Newcastle Show prize winning items

Also a French Rolling Pin and Garden Dibble.



Joshua Newman showed the group some cups he had organised for the group. They came with the group logo. He also said that they can be personalized. They are available through K Mart at a very reasonable price.

Show and Tell 3 May:



Aidan Foulds (Guest) – Wooden Jewelry Box
Top inlaid and wooden hinge.



Gemma Foulds (Guest) – wooden Boom Box for
Mobile Phone. It actually amplifies sound.



Gerry Brady – Jewelry Box with secret
Compartment.



Greg Kaplan – first lidded Box. Bottom laminated
Pine, Lid of various timbers.



Mario Dato – Platter, Ring Cut Bowl, Wooden
Letter Opener and Spatulas.



Geoff Cook – Some examples of things he made
Starting in 1957 as a Pattern Maker.



Geoff Cooke – various Lidded Boxes and Lamp Stand.



Geoff Cook – Frangipani Lamp Stand.
Frangipani has a natural hole in the center
No need to drill.



Geoff Cook – Clock



Chris Andrianakos – several months production including timber and resin lamp molded in a milk bottle.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION.

Guild Report 2 February 2026:

Southern Highlands They are open Wednesday and Friday for turning activities. The Mossvale show was a great success for them. They were saddened by the passing of the original Convener, Robert Williams.

Show and Tell August 2025: “”

GUILD AFFILIATES CALENDAR 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 Forestville Avenue, Forestville, 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, 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.

Starting May 2026 they will be meeting on alternate months at Camden Men's Shed.

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QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1/ True: European Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty years of age or older. They can live for over 1000 years and turn nicely.
- 2/ Marquetry is the art and craft of applying pieces of veneer to a structure to form decorative patterns, designs or pictures. Parquetry is a geometric mosaic of wood pieces used for decorative effect. The two main uses of parquetry are as veneer patterns on furniture and block patterns inlaid in floors
- 3/ A hat is turned from green wood with a wall thickness between 2.5 and 3 mm. It is placed in a cradle and gradually compressed till it becomes oval. Species vary but the hat should stay in the cradle for several days, or a week, so it sets in an oval shape. If conditions are moist or the wall thickness is greater than 3mm then it will take longer for the shape to be fixed.
- 4/ Turners round over crisp corners on faceplate work as early as possible in the turning process because sharp corners can cut deeply and it makes sense to round them over early rather than later.
- 5/ Wood-carved whip tops discovered in Egypt, date from 2000-1400 B.C. In China whip tops date from 1250 B.C.

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