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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD INC.

June 2026 / July 2026



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JULY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.



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

By the time you are reading this the Guild AGM will be coming up in September. In this issue of your newsletter there are all the forms you need to nominate for a position. The positions are not particularly difficult, and meetings only happen on the last Monday evening every two months, and in the Winter (May and July) Zoom is the preferred method of meeting as it saves driving in the cold and dark.

Roles and Responsibilities:

PRESIDENT / CONVIENER:

1. Run the Bimonthly meeting of The Guild.
2. Be a co-signatory for the Guild Bank Accounts.
3. Be the focus of Guild Public Relations.

TREASURER:

1. Keep the accounts of Sydney Woodturners Guild.
2. Report at each bimonthly meeting the financial position of Sydney Woodturners Guild.
3. Disburse funds as directed at the Sydney Woodturners Guild bimonthly meeting.
4. Be a co-signatory for Sydney Woodturners Guild Bank Accounts.
5. Co-ordinate and help update with the Membership Secretary the Sydney Woodturners Guild Membership lists.
6. Bank all moneys received.
7. Check the attendance book and balance the money at the bimonthly meetings.

SECRETARY:

1. Create the agenda for the bimonthly meetings and the AGM.
2. Email out agendas to all Guild Representatives prior to the relevant meeting.
3. Keep the Minutes of the Sydney Woodturners Guild bimonthly meeting.
4. Keep the Minutes of the Guild AGM.
5. Supply to one of the group Bank Account signatories a copy of the AGM minutes so that Bank Account signatures can be changed as soon as possible after the AGM, if necessary.
6. Send out to the representatives a copy of the minutes for Sydney Woodturners Guild bimonthly meetings.
7. Report at the Sydney Woodturners Guild bimonthly meeting on correspondence IN and OUT.
8. Write letters as directed by the Sydney Woodturners Guild executive Committee.

PUBLIC OFFICER:

1. Keep and update in co-operation with the Membership Secretary the Guild Membership Lists.
2. Fill in and send in Fair Trading Form A12-T2 (Annual summary of Financial affairs) within 1 month of the Guilds AGM.

I have to say that of all the organisations that I have been involved with over the years the meetings of your Guild are the most pleasurable to attend. They are short, sharp and to the point with the business being done quickly and efficiently.

All members are eligible to attend, though only the elected representatives are allowed to vote. However, anyone is welcome to ask questions and make suggestions. It is after all YOUR GUILD.

I hope that you will see your way clear to attend the AGM in September.

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

Philip McLeod

(PHILIP MCLEOD)
PRESIDENT

WELFARE

Nothing to report.

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

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

Late November 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).

[29th January 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

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

July 4 Guild is 44 Years young founding meeting at George Hatfield's home.

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BH&E Closure Dates for Article Submission:

2026

2027

15 JANUARY

17 JULY

18 SEPTEMBER

19 MARCH

17 SEPTEMBER

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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FROM THE HISTORY FILES

FROM BY HAND AND EYE JUNE/JULY 1997

By Bill Shean

Some time back, one of the Western Group members suggested that I write an article for By Hand and Eye on marketing wood turned work. Many know that I have been selling everything that I make for the last three years or so, and have learned some lessons in the process.

The first thing you must ask yourself is, markets or galleries? The former means that you need to devote considerable time to sitting in the sun, talking to people about your work while selling large numbers of pieces at economical prices. The latter means that you hand it over to a gallery and let them do the selling, normally on commission, but also normally at higher prices on a smaller number of items. As there are no galleries in my area, I have opted for craft markets, art/craft shows etc.

Some simple rules for craft markets:

1. Have a range of price items, a range of goods, a range of timbers. I have prices from \$6 to \$60, seven pen styles, about 20 different "production" items, and I use up to 20 different timbers. I found it was better to have two of each of 6 different items than 12 of the same.
2. The first time you attend a market, expect to sell nothing or very little. Market people tend to buy this month, what they saw last month; so be prepared to build your clientele slowly.
3. Use height to display your work, do not leave it sitting flat on the table. Put a real interesting piece (even if very expensive) in an eye-catching position, get them "in the door".
4. Good finish is essential. People may not know what is good turning, but they know when something is badly finished.
5. Bowls are not big sellers, except the big ones, the unusual ones and burls.
6. Value your work reasonably, take into account materials used (wood, finish, sandpaper, tools) and time to make the item. And then stick to that price, don't allow yourself to be bargained down just for a sale.
7. Be prepared to talk to people about your craft. They want to know what, when and where of the particular piece that they are buying off you.
8. Be prepared for rain. Nothing kills sales and damages work like rain if you are not protected.

Happy marketing! ! Bill Shean

From my experience nothing much has changed. These gems of wisdom still apply. The Editor.



HEALTH ISSUES.



(Home Safety)

As we progress into winter, the days get shorter, the nights darker, longer and colder, we should all take more care when moving around.

Is your home a hazard?

One in three people 65 years and over living in the community will have at least one fall during the next 12 months.

More than half these falls happen in and around the home.

A safe home and surroundings can help you to maintain an independent lifestyle and reduce your risk of falling.

Check your surroundings and take steps to make them safer

-  Floors: Secure rugs (or remove them). Have non-slip floors. Remove clutter
-  Cords and cables: Remove cords and cables from walkways.
-  Lighting: Ensure adequate lighting in all rooms, steps and stairs. Use night lights inside and sensor lights outside.
-  Stairs and Steps: Mark edges of steps clearly, use slip-resistant strips. Install handrails the full length of the stairs/steps.
-  Bathroom: Install grab rails, use a non-slip mat, be careful on wet floors.
-  Kitchen: Mop up spills straight away. Don't climb on chairs to reach high cupboards.
-  Garden Areas: Make sure that paths are even and free of moss. Keep paths free of garden tools.

For further help:

- Home safety checklist – on home hazards and suggestions to manage them, is available in the Staying Active and on Your Feet booklet. Ask your health professional for a copy, or see **www.activeandhealthy.nsw.gov.au**.
- Ask an occupational therapist for suggestions on how to adapt your home environment.

For further information:

Email: falls@cec.health.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au

Disclaimer: This article is not intended, nor should it be read, as medical advice. It is merely information to be used in recognising and responding to some symptoms and if in any doubt, medical advice and attention should be sought.

HUMOR FROM THE SHAVINGS.

Samsung Electronics Caller: "Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?" Operator: "I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about". Caller: Page 13 "On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?" Operator: "I think it means the telephone point on the wall".

RAC Motoring Services Caller: Operator: "Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am travelling in Australia?" "Doesn't the product name give you a clue?"

Caller (enquiring about legal requirements while travelling in France) "If I register my car in France, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?"

Directory Enquiries Caller: "I'd like the number of the Argoed Fish Bar in Cardiff please". Operator: "I'm sorry, there's no listing. Is the spelling correct?" Caller: "Well, it used to be called the Bargoed Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off".

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven. Operator: "Woven? Are you sure?" Caller: "Yes. That's what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland".

On another occasion, a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phone box told a worried operator: "I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on".

Tech Support: "I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop". Customer: Tech Support: Customer: Tech Support: Customer: Tech Support: Customer: "OK". "Did you get a pop-up menu?". "No". "OK. Right-Click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?" "No". "OK, sir. Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?". "Sure. You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'".

Caller: " I deleted a file from my PC last week and I have just realised that I need it. If I turn my system clock back two weeks will I have my file back again?"

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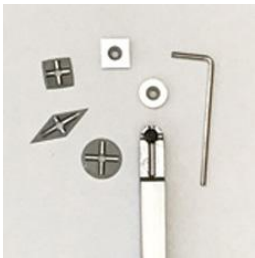


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CBN GRINDING WHEEL: CBN is Cubic Boron Nitride. Don't have to worry about dressing or shaping like typical aluminum oxide wheels. It's perfect for sharpening HSS turning tools. You will achieve a super fine, sharp edge with polished bevel on either hardened tool steel or carbide. CBN Grinding Wheel are very quiet, produce very little sparks and generate very little heat when sharpening. The steel wheel body with hollow recessing bushing to make it light.



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.

Now to this Issues Quiz:

1/ Why is turned timber sometimes dampened before sanding?

2/ What is a pedestel tool rest stock?

3/ When would a skew chisel need to be 12 mm thick?

4/ Which material blunts tools least: plywood, chipboard or custom board (craft wood)?

5/ The following trades are all mentioned in a nursery rhyme: woodturning, baking and butchering. Can you remember the rhyme?

MUSING IN MY WORKSHOP #44

I am a fan of improvisation - By Alex Bendeli

Preamble

Many of you know that I was an electronics engineer during my professional career. In the early seventies (years 1970's and not my age!!) I used to subscribe to the "Electronics Australia" magazine. There was a monthly article titled "The Serviceman" that I was always keen to read. It was about an electronics serviceman repairing radios and TVs (Black & White and early colour) recounting the tricky repairs encountered in his workshop or at clients' houses (remember the days when a servicemen came to your home to fix a TV!!).

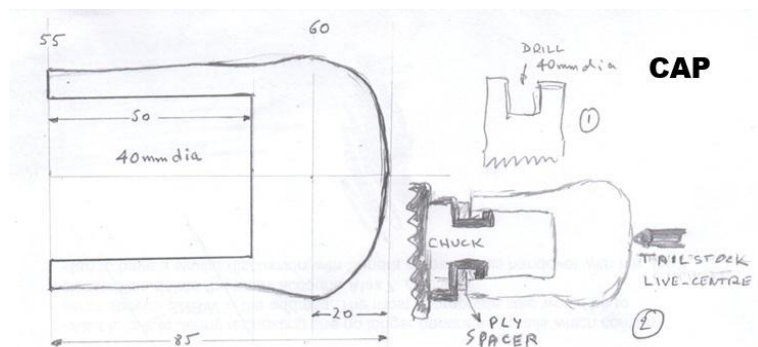
I fondly recall one article describing that, when he made a house call, the client complained that his new radio receiver seemed to be working for a while and then stopped receiving the station. The serviceman thought that maybe the antenna terminal was loose. Looking behind the radio, the serviceman noticed a length of dried-up sausages attached to the aerial connector. Upon asking the owner "What was that about??" he replied that when he placed his index on the antenna terminal, the reception was terrific. Of course, he could not keep his finger constantly on the terminal, so he wondered what could be done on a permanent basis! Since a sausage is fleshy like his index finger, he improvised by stringing a length of sausages on the terminal as an ideal replacement. This worked fine and he enjoyed the music for many weeks until the reception deteriorated and eventually stopped. Little did he realize that the sausages had dried and thus not performing their task as an "antenna". The serviceman quickly discarded the mummified snags and replaced it with a few meters of antenna wire hanging behind the audio cabinet and all was sweet.

The above preamble relates to a simple fan on a telescopic stand I picked from the kerbside at a council pickup, unaware if it worked or not. I occasionally need to hasten the drying of some of my turnings after coating so a pedestal fan would be handy. I initially confirmed the electric motor was operating perfectly at all 3 selected speeds. All it needed was a functional, heavier and sturdier base and legs. I think it was discarded because one of the legs was bent and it very easily toppled over. I basically had to improvise with what I could gather from my "treasure box" that holds a variety of bric-a-brac to "be recycled" someday. I am sure you all have a similar "treasure/trash box".

Execution

The four metal legs were configured as a flat cross and manufactured as a folded VERY thin steel gauge with two leg extremities severely distorted due to somebody stepping on them. Only 3 out of the four legs were capped with a 0.5mm wall-thickness malleable plastic cap. Because it is top-heavy with motor and wire safety cage located at the top of a slender lightweight stand, the appliance was wobbly and easily toppled over. I decided to use my turning skills to make four wooden robust caps (as shown in the sketch), each to be fitted to a leg after straightening the metal frame.

I usually hand-sketch the outline of my job with some dimensions and a turning procedure to visualize the process. I had a branch of Blue Gum cut down from my neighbor's garden two years ago. The wood felt reasonably seasoned and of the appropriate diameter for my job.



The branch was cut into 4 pieces approximately 85mm long with an expected maximum diameter of 60mm. A 40mm diameter central hole was drilled for inserting into the end of each metal leg (#1). Drilling was straight forward by using a 40mm Forstner bit mounted on a pedestal drill so that the cut face was perpendicular to the Forstner bit. The hole was drilled to a 50mm depth (#2).

Once all 4 were drilled, using the pin-chuck jaws in an expansion mode (#3) it secured each cap onto the chuck. It was a simple matter to then turn a bulbous end of the cap and shape it so all four matching caps “look” nice without any further beads and coves details.

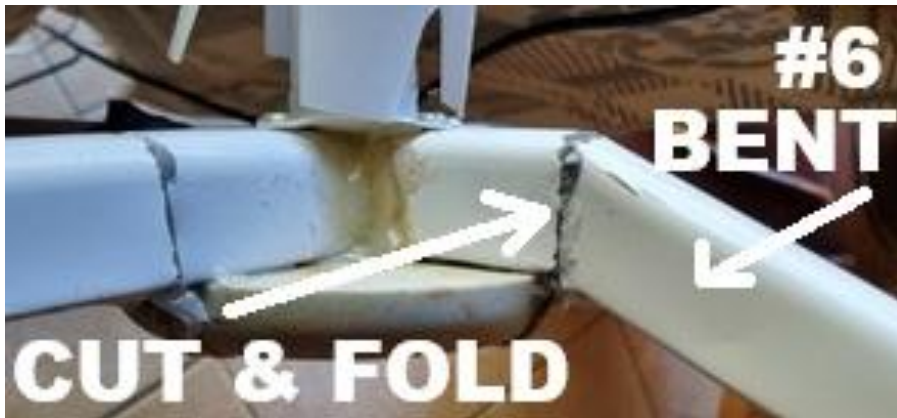


After initially roughing to a cylinder, I placed a plywood spacer (with a hole larger than 40mm) to ensure the cap edge clears the jaws and eliminate potential damage to the tools (#4 & #5).

I recently acquired a (low priced) Vevor brand four-jaw chuck boxset with various jaw configurations (unfortunately supplied with a native M33x3.5mm thread). I note that several manufacturers recently make their native chuck threads as M33x3.5mm (i.e. a larger capacity). I contacted many known suppliers for an insert to match my M30x3.5mm Teknatool headstock spindle. The only suitable insert that I found (for now) was from Vicmarc. As expected, the machined Vicmarc insert was of excellent quality (#5). My original Nova chuck key was a joined gear-key that was difficult to engage and turn so I placed a sticker on the chuck indicating the Hex-key rotation direction to close or open the jaws.

The existing base has a clearance of about 0.5mm off the ground. I tested my four wood caps but found that it was necessary to make the base heavier and rigid as the bent metal would fold or twist with every bump of the pedestal. It just happens I had a small circular, granite-looking, engineered-stone of 20mm thick by 150mm diameter. It was salvaged from a desk lamp discarded years ago. It was a useful weight if I could attach it at the base of the pedestal to provide some stability. To fit the stone base, it was necessary to bend the legs to raise the base higher from the ground. This was achieved by marking along each leg a position about 220mm from its extremity, cutting a slot, and then folding the leg at a suitable angle so that all four legs were bent downwards to look like a spider. When the new turned caps were fitted, an elevated stable platform was achieved (#6). The straight section cut was slightly prised open with pliers so that the bent section slides into it. As I do not have rivets small enough to secure the bent section to the fixed section, I drilled a 1.5mm hole through the two mating surfaces and drove a tack nail to lock

and prevent the legs from bending further. A smear of hot melt glue was applied externally and internally to the cut. Additional hot melt glue then secured the stone disk to the base (#6).



Having turned the four caps, I used two coats of 3-in-1 Taubmans primer, then two coats of Dulux yellow spray to zest up the finish (#7). The base was also given a coat of yellow spray. After drying, each cap had several blobs of hot melt glue dropped in its hole and then pressed into each leg (#8). When the glue cooled down and hardened, the stand was rigid and upright. When satisfied, each cap was then filled with some more hot-melt glue to ensure the cap was lodged securely. The final assembly is shown in (#9)

Results

Q- So where is the woodturning activity in this project??

A- The answer is obvious, but the whole thrust of the article is that woodturning is not just for artifacts, bowls and platters, but an extension to our armory of tools to achieve items not easily available or improvised to achieve a desired result.

I am taking the opportunity of this article to highlight a little addition to the tailstock shaft of my Teknatool 3000 (and many other lathe brands). Several lathes do not have a self-ejecting feature to release a live-centre (or usually a Jacobs chuck) fitted in the tailstock necessitating a pushrod / knockout bar to eject the accessory. My lathe is about 25 years old and on three occasions I accidentally managed to unwind the shaft a bit too far therefore locking the thread. This requires accessing a grub screw through the hand-wheel and removing a U-shaped washer that slips into the spindle shaft to ease out the thread then followed by reassembly. It is a fiddly process, so I fitted a Kinetic 304 stainless steel 17-32mm hose clamp available from Bunnings for about \$5.00 to the tailstock shaft (#10). This forcefully limits the shaft from being unwound too far and jamming the mechanism.

Being a workshop supervisor at SNBW where we have various bands of lathes, I fitted a hose clamp to all our lathes. Several Vicmarcs (fitted with a self-ejecting pin) also suffered this “locked state” because some accessories have MT2 tapers that are too short to reach and engage with the self-ejecting pin.



This “locked state” triggers panic in the user wanting to free the accessory trying to remember whether it is clockwise or anticlockwise they had to turn. Often, they can wind the shaft further than necessary in the hope the accessory will eject, but in most cases, all it does is jam the thread even further. Several wheel handles were bent by using a mallet/hammer to free the wheel or cause the plastic sleeve to crack in the attempt to unlock the winding wheel. Now that all our lathes have been fitted with appropriately sized hose clamps, this issue has not risen again.

Alex Bendeli.



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AROUND THE REGIONS

FROM YOUR GUILD.

The Guild meeting was held on Monday 25th May via Zoom meeting. Your Guild currently has \$12411.82 available to it.

There are currently 209 members of the Guild. The membership Secretary informed the meeting that he will be away for 11 weeks from 11 June, so no memberships will be processed after 5 June.

As stated previously the Guild was looking into changing the bank account from a cheque account to a Commonwealth Business account. It appears that the Commonwealth Bank requires us to register a business name to get this account. This would incur extra paperwork, and more importantly extra cost each year. It was therefore decided to investigate other banks to see what their requirements for such an account are.

The next Guild meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday 27th July 2026. This meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Notice is hereby given that the Guild AGM will be held on 28th September 2026 at the Chester Hill Girl Guides Hall starting at 1830 (6:30 PM).

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.ocks@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

THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. is to be held at the Chester Hill Guide Hall, Waldron Road Chester Hill on Monday 28th September 2026 commencing at 6:30pm, for the purpose of electing Office Bearers for the ensuring year as per the Rules of the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Each of whom is to be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Guild under rule 15.

(Those nominated require a 50% majority of the members voting, either in person or by proxy, to be in favour, to be elected)

Dated this 25th July 2026



Ian Cocks

Secretary

(Each financial member is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy, by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting, in respect of which the proxy is appointed. No one member may hold more than 5 proxies)

THE SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD Inc.

Nomination and Acceptance Form

Elections to be held on Monday 28th September 2026 at the Girl Guide Hall,
Waldron Road Chester Hill

We the undersigned wish to nominate:

.....

For the Position of.....

Signed.....

Signed.....

I will accept the Nomination for the Position of:

.....

Rules state:

Rule 15 (1) Nominations of candidates for election as an Office Bearer of the
Association:

1. Must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the Guild and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination) and
2. Must be delivered to the Secretary of the Guild at least 21 Days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place. (11th September 2026)

The Positions for election are;

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer

SYDNEY WOODTURNERS GUILD Inc.

Appointment of Proxy

I

(Full Name)

Of

(Address)

Being a member of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc.

Hereby appoint

(Full Name)

Of.....

(Address)

Being a member of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc. as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 28th September 2026 at the Girl Guide Hall, Waldron Road Chester Hill from 6:30pm and at any adjournment of that meeting.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER APPOINTING PROXY

..... Date.....

NOTE: Only Guild members may appoint another Guild member to be their Proxy

NOTE: This form must be presented to the Secretary on or before 6:30pm 28/9/2026

MENAI REGION.

Guild Report 25 May 2026:

Menai All is going OK. They have two meetings per month. They continue to have good relations with The Men's Shed. All members have been reminded to renew their membership by 30 June 2026

Menai Woodturners continues to meet twice each month on Tuesday evenings at the Menai Men's Shed. One evening is dedicated to hands-on practical woodturning, while the other combines practical work with the group's regular meeting.

Each month, members take part in a turning challenge. Entries are judged by those attending the meeting night, followed by a discussion about the different techniques and approaches used to create the pieces.

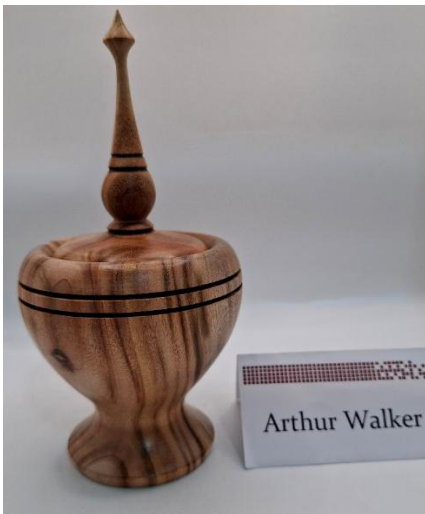
Recent Activities

Several members demonstrated woodturning at the Easter Show, where they received strong interest from members of the public. The group is also currently training three new members through a four-night course and is actively seeking additional members to help expand the club.

Monthly Challenges

Monthly challenges completed so far this year have included musical instruments, lidded boxes, mortar and pestle sets, decorated bowls, and other creative woodturning projects.

Photos From Challenges



Contact Details

- **President:** Bill Black
- **Vice President:** Tony Ney
- **Secretary:** Bob T
- **Treasurer:** Arthur Walker
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3375772322734837/>
- **Address:** Menai Men's Shed, 30 Recreation Drive, Barden Ridge, NSW — entrance to The Ridge Sports Complex

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

NORTHERN BEACHES.

Guild Report 25 May 2026:

Tool Sharpening: The President confirmed that the Club would now maintain two sharpening systems, the recently purchased Sorby Pro-edge for Club tools, and the Unijig for members who preferred this method.

Terrey Hills Market 3 May: Julie Jarvis reported on its success which was attributed to several factors: Improved running by the market organizers including the closing of the road making it available for stalls; the Club having a greater variety of items for sale; a larger number of visitors; stall position and improved display. Thanks to the 10 members who assisted on the day everything ran smoothly. Thanks too are due to Catherine (assisted by others) for creating a fabulous display stand. We need two more. If you can help, please speak to Catherine. It was pleasing everyone sold something and the Club also benefited well financially, and we were again able to present the Club as part of the local community. We have had interest from at least one potential member.

The meeting moved a vote of thanks for Julie and Catherine for their coordination of the event.

Open Day 22 August: The Club will again hold an Open Day with sausage sizzle. This year on Saturday 22 August. Demonstrators, volunteers for the BBQ, meet & greeters, sales helpers are needed. And get turning those items for sale. Some larger boxes would be useful to add to the assortment of items for sale. There was a last minute panic before the Terrey Hills market, which should be avoided for the Open Day.

Annual General Meeting: The President reminded Members that the next meeting on Sunday 19 July will be the Annual General Meeting with election of your Committee for the coming year. If you are interested in helping the Club as a Committee member, please talk to others about being nominated

Northern Beaches May Show and Tell

The two members who stole the Easter Show prizes, Chris Falvey & Nick Vertes, were asked to share how they created their pieces and the secrets to their success. Nick & Chris entered all but one category and together received a ribbon in all categories.

In addition, four other members put forward items of particular interest to Club Members.



Chris Falvey wanted to turn a large Red Gum burl platter. However, the nature of the burl meant it had no defined grain structure. It is more like turning end grain than a traditional 'side grain' platter – but still using traditional 'side grain' turning methods.

Burl often has pockets, randomly dispersed, of concrete-like hardness, relative softness, and even punkiness; interspersed with multiple voids of varying shapes and sizes. Additionally, you are dealing with an interrupted natural edge which is completely and randomly uneven.

The BBQ Carver earned him a First Prize at the 2026 Easter Show.



This ring box of Chris' is his own design called 'Eternity.' He makes about 3 per year, an evolving design. A combination of Black bean, Queensland Red Cedar, Tasmanian Myrtle and Huon pine. Extremely intricate.

He received a Highly Commended from the Easter Show judges.

Winning Tips:

Go Big

Spend a lot of time on your finishes

Have your own design

Disguise how you held the item on the lathe



Nick Vertes had several winning pieces which have been highlighted in previous issues. Four of them are shown to the left - the 4 sided bowl, fibonacci bowl, emerging bowl and gavel.



For this Show & Tell Nick presented a Banksia Bowl.



Jenny Talbot had created 2 matching boxes with a fabulous off-centre decoration on the lid. A friction chuck was used to turn the lid. The boxes are Pine & Liquid Amber.



Jenny showed us a salt spoon from Grevillea Robusta



Phil Drew Gave a handy tip about getting a great finish. He found that using a really smooth/shiny cloth on the above Walnut Bowl gave him a much better finish than he was able to achieve with a rougher cloth.

He also created some miniatures of Bird Feeders decorations



Finn Thorvalsen showed us two beautiful Oregon Pears with natural stalks and cloves in the bottom. It is sad that Finn is leaving us as his health has brought his turning to a close. We'll miss his cheerful disposition but he has promised to drop by occasionally for a cuppa.

decorative
and Xmas

BANKSTOWN REGION.

Guild Report 25 May 2026:

Bankstown They have been quiet. They have 11 active members.

Show and Tell August 2025:

MACARTHUR REGION.

Guild Report 25 May 2026:

Macarthur: Advise that the meetings at Camden Men's Shed seem to be going well. The demonstration at Belgenny Farm was a great success. Otherwise they are going well.

Show and Tell August 2025:

EASTERN REGION.

Guild Report 27 July 2026:

Tagging of equipment is now completed

Correspondence in:

Email from David King regarding groups willingness to participate in next years Royal Easter Show. Wanting groups feedback. The group is happy to help out.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer informed the group it has \$2429 in the bank as at 5 July 2026, and \$760 in Petty Cash. The group also received a bill for our electricity use.

Moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted – Bridey Martin, Seconded – Mario Dato
PASSED

Kooloora Community Centre:

The group is reminded of the necessity of providing a copy of the sign-in sheets to Kooloora to help them with gaining the grants to keep the place running.

General Business:

Purchase of Orange Oil \$60. Moved to reimburse this amount. Moved Philip McLeod, Seconded Gerry Brady SNR.
PASSED

Reminder to all members that before you purchase something for the club get approval from the Treasurer, or at least a couple of committee members.

The group AGM was held on 5 July.

The following people were elected unopposed to the following positions.

PRESIDENT – MARIO DATO

SECRETARY – JOSHUA NEWMAN

TREASURER – GEORGE XYLAS

PUBLIC OFFICER – BRIDEY MARTIN

KOOLOORA REPRESENTATIVE – GEOFF COOK

GUILD REPRESENTATIVES – PHILIP MCLEOD and MARIO DATO

CATERING OFFICER – MARIO DATO

ORDINARY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE – MELVYN DICKSON and WILLIAM ZIONG

Show and Tell 7 June:



Phil McLeod – Silky Oak Bowls
Organ Oil finish



Gerry Brady – Rocking Horse
various Scoops and Scoop Jig



Frederico Dominguez - Flutes
A full scale Ebony, Purple Heart



Greg Kaplan – Lidded Box
Laminated



George Xylas – Mallet, Bud Vase, Completed Ring Cut Bowl
Home made Ring Cutting Jig



Chris Andrianakos – Multiple Bowls
And Platters, also a Goblet made from
Tree Bark immersed in Resin



Steve Rutherford – Various Lidded Boxes and decorative stand
made from Cherry Ballard.



Joshua Newman – Large Bowl and smaller
Platters, top one laminated with various timbers



Melvyn Dickson – Two Bowls made from very
old Pine – we think.



Mario Dato – various items including
Bowls, Platters, Lidded box, Pens and Eggs.

Show and Tell 5 July:



Phil McLeod – Letter Openers, Executive Toy
Golf Putting green and Pen Putter.



Melvyn Dickson – Tooth Pick holders N.Z.
Kauri



Gerry Brady SNR – Pairs of Guild Candle Sticks. Normal size and miniatures



Chris Andranakos – Candel Holders and Bowls
Various timbers



Mario Dato – Bowl made from Meranti, various
pens

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS REGION.

Guild Report 25 May 2026:

Southern Highlands No Report.

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.

Secretary: Lee Brown – 0418167212

REGION CONTACTS:

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Southern Highlands:	Michael Adamientz 0456 856 080
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/ To raise the grain thus giving a smoother finish.

2/ The portable stand used to support the tool rest on the left hand, or outrigger, end of the lathe.

3/ When the tools overhang the tool rest to a far greater extent than normal, for example, when turning a verandah post. A 13 mm detail gouge would also be an asset in this situation as it would also reduce "chatter".

4/ Custom board (craft wood).

5/ "Rub a dub, dub, three men in a tub,

Who do you think they be?

The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker,

We'll turn them out all three.

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www.facebook.com search Sydney Woodturners Guild

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