



# Turning Chatter



## Newsletter of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

*Mission Statement: "Promote woodturning as a creating skill for all ages"*

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**DEMO DAY – NOVEMBER 9 2024. Note: it is the second Saturday of the month!**

### Demonstration by "Is Guillemín"

Date: Saturday 9th November 2024

Topic: Making Wooden Instrument as well as others and the use of their sound as a Therapy.

"Is" was born in France and came to Australia twenty seven years ago. She brought with her the love of music and besides practicing alternative therapies; she started to make musical instruments as part of her practice.

For "Is", natural music is the most healing of all and the reason to make instruments was to create natural and harmonic scales which can't be found easily in mainstream outlets. She has made a lot of these herself, be they Acoustic String, Woodwind, Percussion and even Clay. She also happens to like working with wood, hence the association with the Men's Shed and the Wood Turners.



"Is" is a Psychotherapist and Registered Musical Therapist. She uses sound in individual sessions and sound Meditations with groups as part of her therapy.

Starting at 10am, it should be a fascinating day.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Club house ceiling; Quotations submitted, council to advise. Dates TBA.

Nov 9 Saturday: Demo: Is Guillemín. Making musical instruments and music as therapy. Confirmed.

Nov 11 Monday: Remembrance Day. Whitton Park. 10.30 for 11am. Including Poppy display.

Nov 14 Thursday: Club clean-up day and Men's Shed BBQ.

Dec 7 Saturday: 25 year celebration; Christmas Party/ Symbolic toy presentation. Catered lunch.

**BLUE MOUNTAINS WOOD TURNERS**  
**NOVEMBER PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024**

Greetings fellow wood turners, the year is getting closer to the end, time does fly as we our getting older.

It was so encouraging get almost full committee, last Thursday we had a full house, first time in years, what a positive start to our financial year. Well, done to all of you offering your services and gifts to us. Now we have keen catering officer, thanks John for offering your service to feed the multitude. We have had a busy last month with the demonstration to our community seniors at the Hub then to Leura at very short notice for the Leura fair. Both went very well. We even got a new member from the Leura gig, welcome Rowland to our club. Many thanks to all who put the shoulder to the wheel, thanks to those who loaded the trailer as I was unable to help because of my back. Many thanks to all of you.

Great news from the council as they are putting a new ceiling in the main room and painting it as well, new LED lights, also painting the library. Clive will be organizing the movement of equipment for the painting while I am away. So please help Clive out with the moving task.

There are couple of jobs on hand at the moment, the rocking horse and two finials to make. In December, at the Hub, we have been invited to join in and demonstrate making Christmas trees as well as having to have a batch to sell, so get busy and start making trees to sell for Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas, it is coming so we are having our 25 year celebration and Christmas party at the club house on our normal meeting day in December. Please inform the secretary if you are coming and will you be bringing your partner along. We will have external catering so we want to know numbers. The party planning team is Ross, Des and John, thanks gents.

There will be no Saturday meeting in January but the club is open on Thursdays for those interested. Saturday meetings will start from February with demonstrators with the organizing team of John Cosey, Ernie and Steve.

So keep turning and will be away to the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the big white land. Keep making those Christmas trees.

*John H Mulquin*

President 25/10/2024



If anyone knows of any members that are unwell or in difficulties until a new welfare offer is appointed please contact John H Mulquin. 0407709351

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## Seniors Expo Thank You, October 2024

The following is a letter of thank you from Prue Hargrove, Aged and Disability Services Development Officer at Blue Mountains Council for the club's involvement in October's 'Seniors Expo' at the Hub, Springwood.

*Hi Everyone,*

*Thank you all for being involved in the two Seniors Expo events held at Springwood and Katoomba, both events attracted close to 200 people. This is a credit to each, and everyone involved in both events, from the stall holders, the musical entertainment kindly provided by Blaxland Ukulele Group and the Katoomba Men's Shed, and of course the sausage sizzle kindly provided by Rotary.*

*Whilst we haven't addressed the issue of social isolation in our senior community, I have received some informal feedback that some have now made some new connections which is fantastic*

*As conveyed at yesterday's Expo (Thursday 17 October), we will be reviewing the evaluation survey responses from both events to ascertain what was liked by most, what wasn't and what could be improved for future expos. On analysis of these results, I will share these with everyone, and in coming weeks will meet up with the Working Group to discuss these results to plan for next year.*

*Thanks again for your involvement, it was great to work with so many dedicated service groups committed to fostering healthy well-being in our senior community*

*Kind Regards*

*Prue*



*Woodies in action at the Seniors Expo in Springwood October 10, 2024. Photo Courtesy of Tom Fox*

# Blue Mountains Woodturners Inc.

## Are you interested in attending the 25 year (almost) Incorporation Anniversary Dinner?

**When is the party?** Maybe, possibly, in last week of November 2024 - 1st week December.  
Subject to availability and member interest.

**What is the party for?** Dinner and toys presentation: and to

## CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS WOODIES!!

**Where is the party?** Springwood Country Club: 68-84 Hawkesbury Road. Springwood.  
Maybe in the Auditorium

**Any more details?** Members and their partners are proposed to be invited.  
We will investigate availability menu and costs subject to your interest and response. We will need numbers to book and to get costs so please RSVP ASAP.

**How do you RSVP?** Please contact: John Turner... [mjturner@live.com.au](mailto:mjturner@live.com.au). Phone 0418 207212.

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### SRING 2004 QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER

Ernie Newman

1/ Match the wood types with the areas where they are found growing naturally:

Ebony	Australia,
Eucalyptus	South East Asia
Balsa	Tropical America

2/ What is the optimum thickness for a 3/4 inch wide skew chisel:

A.=1/8"      B=3/16"      C=1/4"

3/ When is the wide shallow roughing gouge used in faceplate work [grain at 90 degrees to lathe bed]?

4/ An auger or drill may be mounted in the tailstock and used to bore a hole in wood chucked on the lathe. What is the consequence if the auger or drill wobbles or bounces as it first enters the wood?

5/ Have lathes ever been successfully powered by water?

ANSWERS LATER IN THE NEWSLETTER.

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## **Blue Mountains Wood Turners**

**Lend a Hand 27 October 2024**

Mission statement-Wood turners supporting our community

### **Rocking Horse -Robbie (2). (Supporting a local charity)**

Gluing of body is complete. Next up: 1. Machine outer profile of body so that all three body sections match up. 2. Make a start on rockers. 3. Round over all sharp edges. 4 select timber for between rocker spacers.

Note: There is still a long way to go.

### **Operation Christmas Child - (The shoe box Charity) & Gateway international**

Date for handover of toys to Gateway is Saturday 7 December. Committee has given 'All clear' to contact Gateway. Current completed toys to be unpacked and a selection to be withdrawn and set aside for Susan Temleman. Susan, to be contacted in regard to this.

### **Seniors week: The Hub Springwood 10 October (Thursday)**

This event went down very well, thanks to the organisation of Prue Hardgrove and the team. It is on occasions such as this that the club members get the chance to reveal in the fantastic skill that their fellow members have. The items on display were offset by Red Velvet table cloths, not to mention the intricacy of the Rose Engine surface decoration. And then there were the Turned Wooden Tulips that were presented to some of the ladies that attended the turners stand.. Judging by their expression, this was not something that they had expected.

### **Laura festival; 12 October**

A cold and drizzly day. None the less well attended by the public with considerable sales undertaken. We now have a new member by the name of Roland. Roland has taken to the lathe "lick a duck to water"



Photo Courtesy of Tom Fox

### **The finials**

Your club has received two requests to replicate two finials. The larger of the two comes with the timber having been supplied (100 x 100 x 3600mm). It has been laminated, so we will have to see how our HSS tools tolerate the possible abrasion from the glue

### **Work shop building repairs & Video cameras problems.**

Council has advised that they will be replacing the water damaged ceiling in the common area. This gives us the opportunity to inspect the proximity of the video wirers relative to the 240v power supply. The problem being “Resonating Frequency Interference” (RFI) coming from the old DC drives from the Jet lathes.

### **Whitton park memorial**

Whitton park monument is now ready for the 11/11/2024. Poppies will be on display

Wish to know more about this or the forty toys on file in the library.

Contact: Clive on [s\\_clyle@hotmail.com](mailto:s_clyle@hotmail.com)

Hope to see you there.

Clive



### **SPRING 2004 QUIZZICAL WOODTURNER ANSWERS**

Ernie Newman

1/ Eucalyptus [gums] are native to Australia, Balsa is native to tropical America and Ebony is native to South East Asia, Africa and to Australia.

2/ Some turners won't touch a skew chisel of any type but those who do will find that skew chisels less than ¼ inch thick tend to chatter due to lack of strength and rigidity. A 1/4 inch thick chisel will rarely chatter except on jobs such as porch posts where the tool overhang is excessive and in these cases a thicker tool is preferable.

3/ The wide, shallow-fluted roughing gouge is so user friendly on between-centre work that it is tempting to try it on pieces where the grain runs at 90 degrees to the lathe bed. However, in this context the wide shaving that it takes is very difficult to control and likely to cause a monster dig-in which could easily split the wood into two very dangerous pieces.

4/ If the auger or drill wobbles when presented to the wood, then it will run off line. It is ideal to turn out a conical lead-in to centre the drill or auger. If it still wobbles, the lead-in should be turned again for another try.

5/ Water mills were used to power lathes by the 16th century in Germany. In the early 19th century tidal power was pioneered in New Hampshire by George Walker who set up his woodturning workshop over a tidal inlet. He used the tidal flow to power his lathe and, as his water wheel was reversible, he could turn no matter which way the water was flowing.

# Blue Mountains Woodturners Incorporated

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## Annual General Meeting: 5th October 2024

Held at the Club house 19 Calver Rd. Mt Riverview.

Congratulations and thank you to all members who have volunteered, been hijacked, coerced, blackmailed or persuaded to stand for - and accept the roles - of the Blue Mountains Woodturners Committee. We salute you.

### Elected Committee Members October 2024-2025

President..... John Mulquin  
Vice President..... Clive Lyle  
Secretary..... John Turner  
Membership Secretary..... Ross Norrie  
Treasurer..... interim Tom Fox / John Turner  
Publicity Officer..... Steve Ward  
Committee Members..... Des Lane, John Cossey, Phillip Brien

### Appointed Officers

Public officer. .... Tom Fox  
Librarian..... John Cossey & Clive Lyle  
Workshop Manager..... Clive Lyle / Allan Game  
Editor of Turning Chatter..... Bec Higgins  
Webmaster..... Andy Georgiou  
Facebook Coordinator..... I don't know if I'm allowed to say.  
The list I was given said don't tell her yet...  
Safety Officer..... Tony Trainer and Allan Game  
Welfare Officer..... John Mulquin  
First Aid Officers..... Tony Trainer  
Entry Officer..... Des Tuck, Tom Fox  
Club Sales Officer..... Unfilled  
Catering Officer ..... John Craft  
Site Manager..... John Mulquin  
'Show and Tell' Coordinator..... John Cossey



Allan Game sent this photo of a potential new member. Apparently he was very keen and got straight on the lathe. He didn't leave his name and was quick to blend in with his friends when Allan tried to correct his technique.



**TURNING CHATTER TURNOVER (Or the for sale section)**

FOR SALE. Three(3) pairs of brand new steel capped work boots to help raise funds for charity details as follow:-



Attachment 1.- OLIVER brand, Black, Size 9, retail approx. \$150. **Sale price \$50.**



Attachment 2. - STEEL BLUE brand, Black, Zip side, Size 9, retail approx. \$170. **Sale price \$60.**

Attachment 3. - OLIVER brand, Wheat, Size 9 1/2, retail approx. \$290, **Sale price \$70,**



If anyone is interested please contact Brian Coates on 0433 900 675. If necessary prices could be negotiated.

If you have something turning related – tools, machinery, safety equipment you want to sell let me know. I will pop it in our Turning Chatter Turnover section.



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## POSING FOR A PICTURE

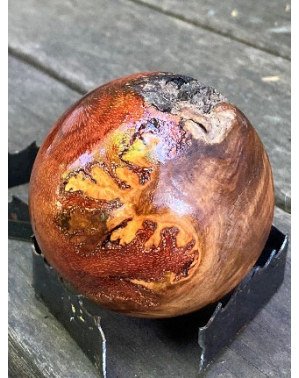
We all love our turning and, for the most part, are proud of what we create. But when we snap shots of our creations to share do we know how to set the scene?



1 First try

Do we just focus on the item or should we take the background into account? Should we worry about lighting or does it not matter? What about the overall composition of the photo?

The answer (of course) is that the background and lighting are just as important as the subject being photographed. Please note: this is a very brief description on how to improve your shots. Not a definitive do this document. In fact, I'm not going to write an article about this. I would like you – yes you – to tell me (kindly please) what is the problem with each photo.



2 Second go



3 Third Attempt

The subject in these photos is a natural edge Mistletoe Sphere I made this week. Remember, we are looking at the composition of the photo, not the flaws in my turning skills.

4 Final Fling



I look forward to hearing your thoughts. I think.

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## THANK YOU.

Once again I want to say thank you to everyone who has sent things in. I do appreciate your input. Hopefully next month I will be more organised. Anyway, if you have any photos, tales, triumphs or even sob stories (about turning, this is not an Agony Aunt situation), PLEASE email me a [turningchatter@gmail.com](mailto:turningchatter@gmail.com).

I would love to see something you are really proud of. It doesn't matter if it was made today or 30 years ago. Please, share your story and your photo's.

Safe turning!