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PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Our **AGM** in August concluded my first year as President, and although reluctant to do so initially, have found the past year most rewarding. My thanks must go to the committee, who were relatively new at the time, for their support and hard work. Vice President and Editor, Ray Smith, Treasure Geoff Easton, Secretary Michael O'Callaghan, and Committee members, PP Arthur Sankey, David Scott, Jim Pagonis and Tom Beswick have all worked hard to make this year most Successful. Also, my sincerest thanks to all members who without your support and involvement there would be no guild at all.

Ted Anderson Kindly stepped in as Acting Chairman, declaring all positions vacant. With the exception of Michael O'Callaghan, Tom Beswick and David Scott, to whom I must thank profusely for the time and effort they put into the guild, the remainder of the committee has stayed intact.

Welcome to Ian Absolom, our new Secretary, and Committee members KRin Pender-Gunn, Graham Besley and John McBrinn. We look forward to a happy and productive year!

Val Dalsanto was this years recipient of the 'Brian Christian Award'. Well Done Val! Your dedication and good humour are appreciated by all.

Show and tell was small but never the less conducted admirably by Tom Beswick and as always the demonstration of the day was highly anticipated. John McBrinn went into great detail to show how to make 'Chinese balls within a ball'. An excellent Demo John!

Demonstrations at Bunnings and Schwerkolt Cottage were well attended. Through these demonstrations and our Website we have a number of new members. Welcome to those new members who have joined us. Vice President Ray is doing overtime in the Workshop on Thursday with his trusty helpers!

Monday nights as always, are very well attended, everyone, no matter what level they are at can come and have a good time by sharing an idea, have their work appraised and have a good laugh as well. Toms' Monday Mutterings will continue. Thanks Tom!

Between now and November we will be busy making Toys for Charity to give away at our Christmas Breakup, and of course the **Spring Festival on the 24th of October** is just around the corner. We look forward to members support on the day so put your name down on the list supplied.

Remember to bring along your items for Show and Tell

Next Meeting 25th September

Cliff Walsh will be demonstrating Offset Turning

'Don't fail for the want of trying – give it a go!' W.G.P.



SHOW and TELL taken by Tom BESWICK

Graham Besley was proud of his first attempt at deep hollowing – a tall ash vase.

Ray Smith made his clock from huon pine with accessories made from wild cherry painted with black proof tint and polished with black boot polish. His triangular box –as per Ken Wraight demo was made from cypress.

Val Dalsanto had a red gum and oak platter and a half yard. The paper in the top? Indicating “a work in progress.”



JOHN ATKINSON TOY APPEAL FOR COUNTRY HOPE

For many years the late John Atkinson encouraged members to make toys to be painted by children suffering from cancer attending the Country Hope camp. In his memory the appeal continues and this year we were able to send a consignment of 97 toys – ducks, geese, birds men and other designs.

In the competition held within the Guild for the best toy Alan Thompson's duck was judged the winner. Close inspection will show it was made with turning on two centres and the finish was the way Alan usually uses – nothing but the best.

DON'T FORGET SHOW AND TELL –We were light on last meeting!!



**DEMONSTRATION by
John McBrinn**

John McBrinn demonstrated (and made it look easy) how he made the winning identical pair of a ball within a cube. John has added extended ply wood jaws to a Cole jaw to hold an accurate cube of a fairly soft timber . He gauges an accurate circle on one face and takes out material to a known depth. To get into the corners he uses a specially shaped scraper. This leaves a small part of a sphere. The cube is then rotated to do the same at each face with a specially shaped block held in position with strong rubber bands used to hold the internal sphere in position for the last face.

John does the sanding of the internal sphere with the lathe running and sand paper held through the holes.

To work further on hollowing the sphere it can be held in place with the shaped blocks.

John makes it look so easy but !!! skill comes with practice. Several members are now copying John's Cole jaws extension.



Bunnings PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS Schwerkolt Cottage

Demonstrations over the years for the public have brought new members to the Guild. The two most recent were held at Bunnings and a well attended Historical day at Schwerkolt Cottage. Special thanks to Val, Arthur and Geoff who now have the transporting of equipment down to a fine art.

DEMONSTRATORS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE WHITEHORSE SPRINGFEST IN OCTOBER.

Arthur Sankey and David Scott demonstrated for a group of young boys from St. Alfred's Church Boyzone.



BRIAN CHRISTIAN AWARD

Established in 1998 to honour the memory of founding member Brian Christian.

Brian was an excellent woodturner prepared to share his knowledge, skill and design techniques in order to encourage others to extend their skills and abilities.

The aim is to recognize a member for marked improvement since becoming a member while at the same time contributing to the Guild.

In presenting this year's award to Val Dalsanto President Dianna pointed out that in a short time Val had been able to gain a first place in the novice section for clocks at the Australian Woodturning exhibition and a second place in the Intermediate clock section.

She also said that Val had become a valuable contributing Guild member who greatly assisted Guild activities and who was prepared to transport equipment for demonstrations.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Jackie Andrews and Steve McCleary are our latest new members. They have been regulars at Thursday afternoons so say, "Welcome" when you see them at a monthly meeting. Steve works at 3M.

Two other people have shown interest and asked for information.

INVITATIONS

On Saturday 2nd October, the Wonthaggi Woodcrafters are celebrating the completion of the second for the their Club's facilities at the Bass Coast Adult Education Centre (BCAEC) 239 White Road Wonthaggi. They are inviting all Woodies to join them in their celebrations.

Lois Green (Secretary of the Australian Woodturning Exhibition) and Hartley Tobin who demonstrated for us some time ago are both members of this group.

Barwon Valley Woodwrights are holding an open day on Saturday and Sunday (30th – 31st October) at the State Government Offices Cnr. Little Malop and Fenwick Streets Geelong. Open 10.00am – 4.00pm Daily.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the Annual Meeting members accepted the Treasurer's recommendation that the annual subscription be \$35. This is now payable to the treasurer, Geoff Easton. Those wishing to pay electronically should talk to Geoff who can arrange it.

When did you last look at the Guild's website?
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~woodturn/>

SOME UNIVERSAL WOODTURNING TRUTHS

Sanding is important – no finish can be any better than the surface it is applied to.

Sanding and finishing takes at least as long as the turning, and often longer, If it doesn't you are either very good and don't need to be reading this or your standards are too low.

The finish will accent your mistakes and torn grain.

It is a good plan to cover your nose and mouth when sanding. If you think it is not important come back in 20 years and tell me again that it isn't. (Did you hear Ken Wraight say that he has become allergic to blackwood and has asthma symptoms when turning it? I now have the same problem not only with blackwood but similar acacias - Ray Smith.)

Wood cannot be made into something that it is not. If you want waterproof, consider making a vessel of glass or porcelain.

There is no such thing as a "food-safe finish. Somewhere someone sometime someone will be found who has an allergy to anything that we can put on the surface of a piece of wood or to the wood itself. If it is considered to being safe, it's because that person hasn't been found yet.

Woodturners and chemical companies are the only people who believe, "That all finishes are foodsafe after the solvents have evaporated." Try explaining this logic to a generation who believe that their health has suffered from, "Better living through chemistry"

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MONDAY MUTTERINGS by Tom Beswick

Wonderful turnout 13 members.

Offset Joe started proceedings with a wood turning book and a die for sizing dowels. Raucous Rick (glad to see him back after a lengthy absence because of illness) produced some four legged stools which he is making for the Christmas Childrens Toy appeal.

Lady Di produced her die for making paper tubes in which to plant seedlings.

Bezza, after the praise I gave him at the Annual Meeting came up with yet another outstanding piece, a candle holder, inside out turning. Extensive discussion took place regarding chucking of the piece to fit internal finials.

'Irish McBrinn brought along his bowl jaws with even larger plywood jaws fitted and discussion took place regarding advantages and disadvantages of same.

Flying Dutchman. Offset jaw clamps, flush cut router and jig to hold same.

Veracious unusually quiet perhaps because of his Brian Christian Award win.

"Leprechaun O'Callaghan produced two small pieces made from Lady Di's Laburnum, one split and one full of borer holes.