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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MAY 2019

Member's shed visit.

The April General Meeting saw a smaller gathering of our members visiting the sheds of Tom Beswick, Cliff Walsh and Charlie Mercer. Colder weather may have kept some members home but those that ventured out saw what could be done in a smaller workshop, an extremely well equipped workshop and a vast workshop with a cheery wood heater which was greatly appreciated as we had the meeting and morning tea. Many thanks to Charlie for the effort he put in keeping us warm and well fed with party pies.



Members were reminded that AWTEX entries were closing soon and encouraged to enter. If you have not done so already it is too late as entries closed on Friday 17th May. It is not too late to purchase raffle tickets but you will have to do so at the May meeting. This will be the last meeting before AWTEX which is on June 14th, 15th and 16th, so you will not be able to take a book to return at the next meeting. If there are people you know want a ticket please purchase it for them at the May meeting. The committee apologises for this inconvenience but we only received the tickets last week.

We will also have a chance to purchase some timber during morning tea at the meeting. I was contacted by an ex turner who has a ute full of timber to sell. I believe he has some Camphor Laurel, some burls and some gidgee among other pieces.

Don't forget the egg challenge that is due to be handed in at the June meeting. At the last committee meeting we had a visit from Robyn Gibson who had asked for the eggs to be made. They need to be 4 ½" long and only half of them need to be hollowed. As Robyn has organised for the eggs to be decorated we do not need to finish the eggs beyond sanding. I encourage all members to have a go. If hollowing the egg out is beyond your skill set then a solid egg is acceptable. Robyn has agreed to pay the guild \$5.00 for each egg.

The open day continues to pay dividends. Last Saturday morning I received a call expressing interest in Learn to Turn. With the interest that is being shown we will be running another course starting on August 24th.

Learn to Turn seems to have settled down with two regular students at this stage. One extra will return after performing election duties (unless they transfer to Thursday with Ray). Many thanks to Graham who ran one week while I was at a wedding and Rick and Neal who ran the following week while I was not available. The next lesson will be on Saturday 25th May after the general meeting. This month is a normal general meeting with Graham Besley doing the demonstration.

All the best and keep turning.
Richard Jardine.

WORKSHOP VISITS

TOM'S WORKSHOP



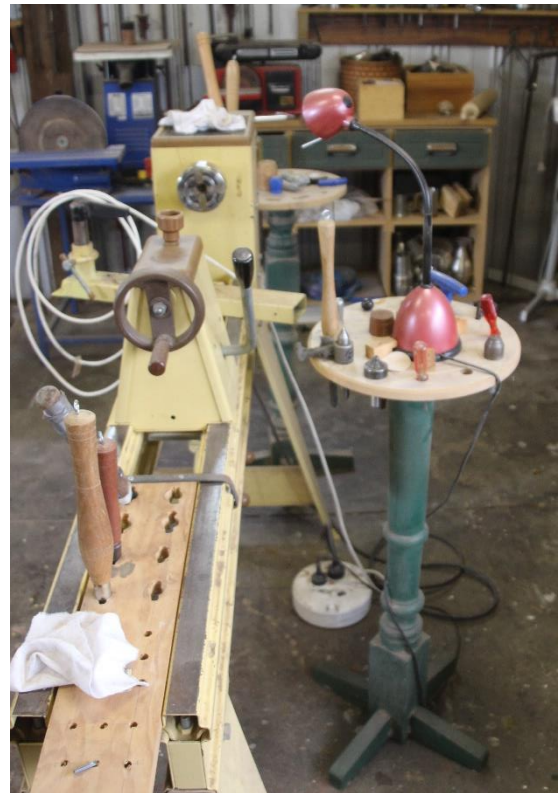
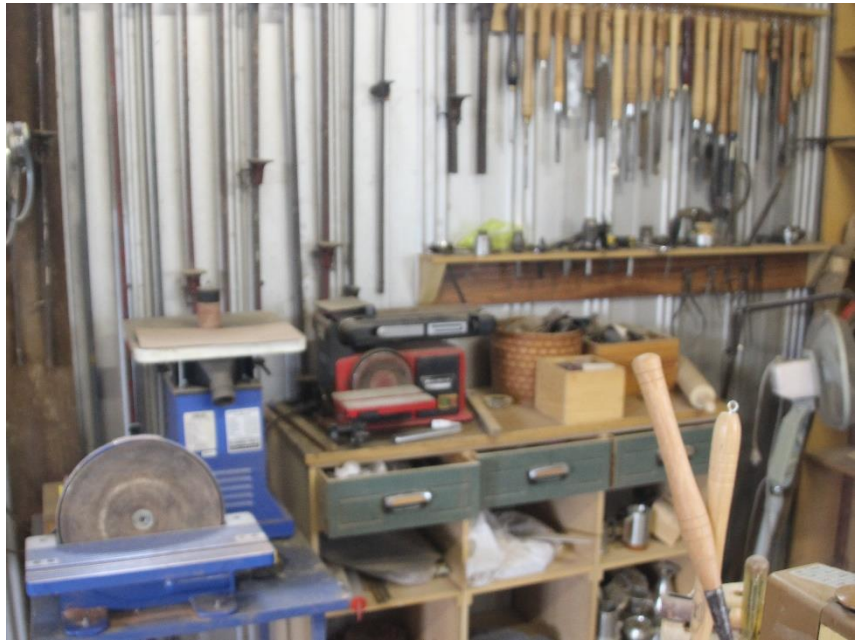
CLIFF'S WORKSHOP



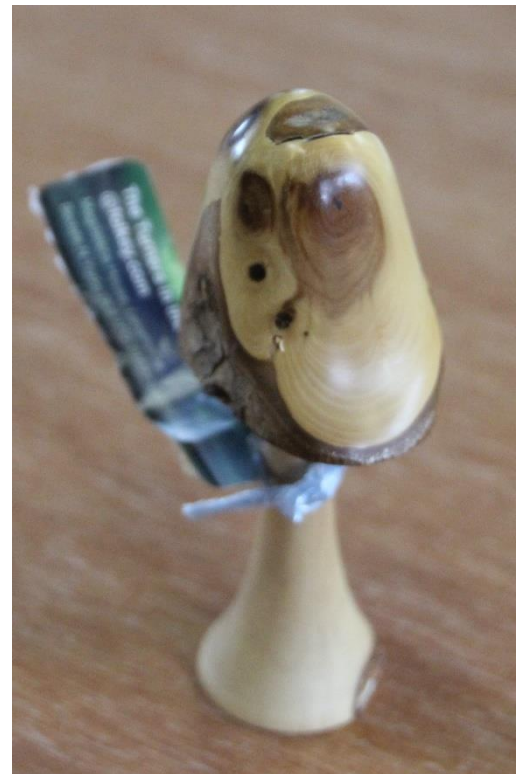


CHARLES' WORKSHOP





SHOW AND TELL led by DI BERMINGHAM



On the left Charles turned this segmented clock from Huon Pine and Red Gum and finished it with CA and EEE.

On the right Max Bought along a Mushroom he found in York England. Timber unknown.



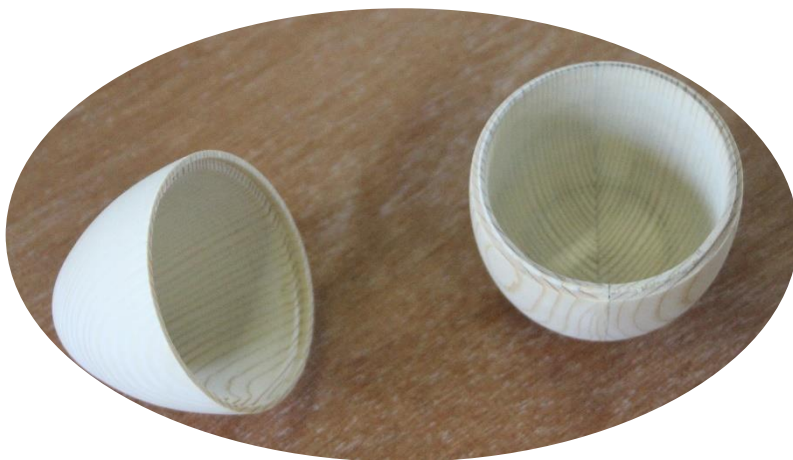
Richard has made these Pendants from Red Gum finished with Aussie Oil and Oregon finished with Natural Oil Sealer. His Pen is made from Huon Pine and Purple Heart finished with CA Glue.



Rick made these two bowls from Blackwood both finished with Danish Oil



Graham turned the three legged vessel from Grass Tree and Claret Ash. The bowl is Sassafras finished with Danish Oil.



Here is an example of an Egg for the President Challenge turned by Mal Jackson. Remember they do not have to be hollow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

The President's challenge this year is to turn an egg. We have been asked to turn the eggs to a specific size and I have attached an extra attachment with the drawing for you print. They do not need to have finish applied as they will be painted by the customer they will be due at the August meeting.

MAY MEETING

May 25th..

Graham Besley will be demonstrating a process inspired by Nick Agar and David Springett evolution series.

AWTEX RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will be sale at the meeting only so bring along your money to help support AWTEX and also Guild as we receive a percentage of sales. The committee apologises for the short turnaround but the tickets were received very late.

Timber will be for sale at morning tea from a trailer outside. Timber available will be Camphour Laurel, gidgee and burls. Brett Dickson is a woodturner who no longer turns so the timber is no longer needed.

JUNE MEETING

June 29th.

We have organized for a speaker from Dementia Australia to talk about Dementia

The Koonung Woodturner's Guild meets at 9.00am
on the fourth Saturday of each month at
109 Koonung Road Blackburn North 3130



2018 AWTEX Exhibition
Richard Jardine Novice Bowl Over 200mm
Red Cedar, Danish Oil

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