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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

April 2012

Two challenges completed!!  
The Whitehorse Sustainability Officers were delighted with the trophies Mal Jackson designed and eight members made. The method of their making created much discussion which meant there were three different methods used. There will be a monetary reward for the Guild in this project. Special thanks to those who contributed.



Our second open day has been completed and despite the fact that we would have liked to welcome more visitors it was a very enjoyable day. Members contributed freely and interacted with heartening fellowship. It was pleasing to see the interaction with newer members to the Guild. The outstanding display showed the talent that is in the Guild. Sales of members' items showed that there is a market for well turned items at a reasonable price.

At this stage one lady who attended has asked for membership forms and attended Thursday sessions.

The results of the forms people filled in to indicate what they would be interested in buying if money was not a factor are interesting. An article further in Talking Turning gives some detail of this. For those interested in selling turned items this could be a guide. Robyn Besley won the award for the entry which was randomly drawn from these entries.

Raffle prize winners were

H. Boardmann	Pens	I. Gordon	Lidded container
R Besley	\$100 Voucher	G. French	Bowl

Thanks for the willing assistance on Open Day.

The next challenge is the Australian Woodturning Exhibition. Is it too much of a challenge to ask that at least half of our members have an entry or that there be at least twenty five entries from Guild members? I don't think so. Have a go at making something special with an excellent finish. Entries close 25<sup>th</sup> May.

At the April meeting we will have a discussion on selling turned items – items, prices etc. ( please be prepared to join in), a talk on CPR and a CD showing of turning by Jimmy Clewes. Don't forget Show and Tell.

See you 9.00am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Ray

## OPEN DAY

Our Open Day was a great success as members had a good time to catch up with each others news and talked a lot of turning. We had some interesting turning Demos that created much discussion.

The main display room had some fabulous works, and gave many of the newer members a chance to view some high quality pieces that they otherwise may not have seen.

Whilst it was encouraging that we had quite a lot of visitors, it appeared that we did not attract many from the local community and that was a bit disappointing.

The photos below capture some aspects of the day.



Our first Demonstrators Max & David both had the “wobbles” with offset turning pieces.

David & Ray had the complexity of the various raffles well under control.



Setting up the large range of items for sale.



Ray explains the intricacies of his lidded container.



The Main Display looked very professional, well done Di



Our sales team in readiness for the crowd.



Val attracts a crowd



Thanks to our special quests for their spinning and art bark craft demonstrations.





## SUSTAINABILITY AWARD TROPHIES.

Thanks to our members who took up the challenge and made one or multiple trophies. We ended up with 20 items from which the Council representatives selected 16 for their awards. They were delighted with the quality and design, especially seeing them en mass.

Photo beside was taken at the presentation to Council Environmental Officers on 23rd March.



## WEB SITE RELAUNCHED

The revised Guild website has finally been completed . Members are encouraged to have a look. It is hoped the new site will be easier for potential new members searching the web for a wood turning club to join, will find our new site easy to navigate and obtain info that may encourage them to investigate further and become members.

The site also has a section on our upcoming events and a photo gallery that will be progressively added to .

The Committee are now able to update information to the various pages within the site ourselves. This will be a great advantage to keeping the information current.

You can find the website at the following address <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~woodturn> or just type "Koonung Woodturners Guild" into your search engine and follow the links.

## WOODTURNING NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

An e-mail has arrived from Terry Scott – world renowned member of South Auckland Woodturning Guild giving details of an International Symposium to be held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Paerata New Zealand. Demonstrating Turners will include Kelly Dunn from Hawaii, Douglas Fisher from Vancouver, Alan Carter from Chicago and Guilio Marcolongo from Australia. More details can be obtained from [www.sawg.org.nz](http://www.sawg.org.nz) It is worth looking at the gallery of this web site.

### NEW MEMBER

We extend a warm welcome a new member, Frank Larson. Please make yourselves known to Frank and make him feel welcome when you see him.

### CPR TRAINING

Most of us have been touched by a family member or friend who have had a heart attack. These days, families are looking after their grandchildren more often.

Many do not know how to give CPR or over time have forgotten the finer details. There are many reasons and situations where CPR may be necessary, so, come and learn CPR at our next meeting – the key to survival! Your training could save a life.