



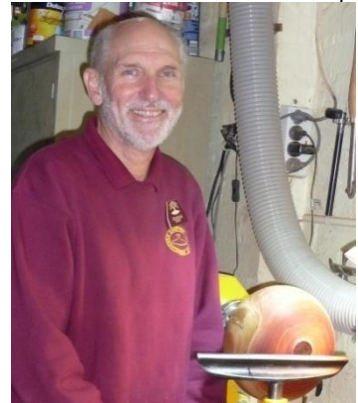
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 2015

Workshop Upgrade Projects;

After many weeks of diligent work the re establishment of the dust collection system has been completed and is working quite well. My sincere thanks to the following members who not only put in time but contributed materials to the project. John Osborne 2, Charles Mercer, Frank Larsen and Alan Thompson (who has made 4 new isolation valves similar to the 4 he made many years ago). Val Dalsanto will be making some stands to allow easier movement of the collection points along the bench with the Vicmarc lathes. Thanks guys.



A new stand has been installed on the Demonstrator lathe and is much more stable for any off center / imbalanced work. We have a revitalised trolley that can be used to move the lathe into the cottage.

A camlock toolrest has been purchased for the Tough lathe, replacing the rather cumbersome spanner operated unit. This should be a lot more user friendly.

The Australian Woodturning Exhibition is drawing closer and I hope you have had some fun and risen to a challenge or two in making your items. We all look forward to seeing the end results in early June. Many of you have taken AWTEx raffle tickets to sell, money and ticket stubs are due to be returned at our May meeting next weekend. If you are unable to return them next week, then please ensure they are returned to a committee member so that the Guild can claim the \$1 per ticket sold.

Our next meeting next Saturday is being held at Pops Shed in Chirnside Park. The meeting will commence at 9:30 to allow extra transport time. Anyone wanting to car pool to the venue is asked to meet at the Koonung carpark before 9:00am. We will have a few cars ready to do the trip. Don't forget to have your shopping list of all those items that need replenishing, or wood needed for that next project. No show & tell this month, keep them for the June meeting.

The Guild will be having an opportunity to display our work items at the Nunawading Library from 24th June to 28th July. We would hope that many members will be happy to display your recent exhibition items or other special pieces for this period. We will collect them from you at the June meeting.

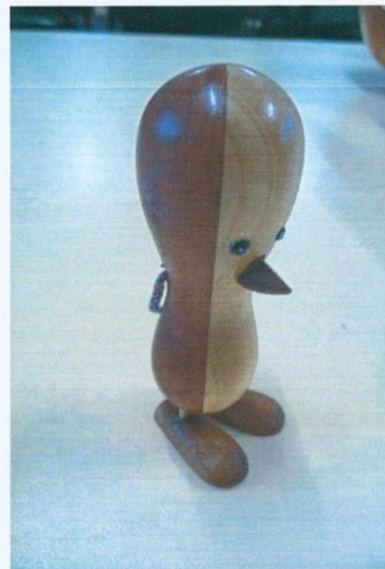
For those who take up a challenge; *"The pain you feel today is the strength you feel tomorrow. For every challenge encountered there is opportunity for growth."* - Unknown

Due to the editor's ANZAC day commitments, this month's TT has been prepared by our President Graham Besley. Many thanks Graham.

APRIL SHOW AND TELL *Lead by Charles Mercer*



Many members were at Anzac Day Services and functions and unable to attend our April meeting. A small but enthusiastic bunch of hearty turners had a great day. Note that the front seats were left for a few late comers.



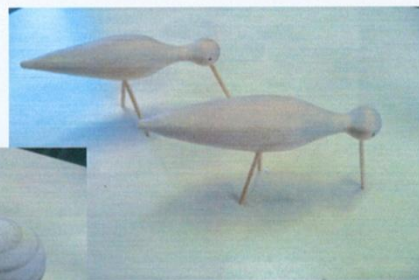
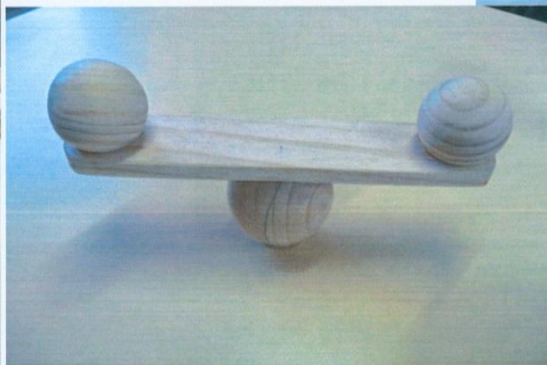
Two excellent items by Joe Walker;
The "Openheimer" bowl turned from Danta, an African wood. The "jovial duck" complete with wings was from redgum and myrtle. Both items finished with Danish oil



David Coull found two pieces of burl hiding in his shed and produced these two attractive clocks. The one on the right will be displayed as a hanging.



Geoff Easton discovered the wonders of turning pear wood. "It was wonderful". On the left we have a pair of pear mushrooms, Geoff's signature items. The rim of the bowl was burnt to just the right amount.



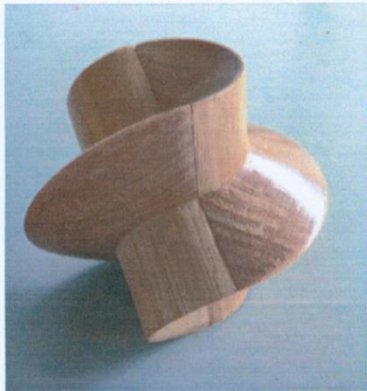
Val Dalsanto has been creative again with these four pieces. Val likes dabbling in clock designs. Recons he is still searching for the fab clock piece for the Exhibition. We look forward to seeing his end results. The balancing balls received a few comments not printable.



Spalted ash bowl by Graham Besley was started at the Kew festival demo day and completed at home. Needed to turn at high speed and with super sharp tools to minimise tear-out.

APRIL MEETING ACTIVITY:

Twelve happy turners adjourned to the shed to take on the Presidents challenge, to turn a six pointed star. (photo below) As the day was cold and wet we all huddled in the shed, cosy and great for social interaction. The new almost completed dust extraction system was put to the test and provided a good reduction in the dust levels.



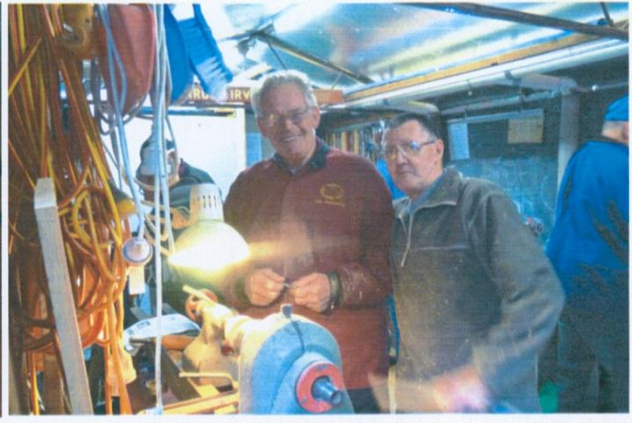
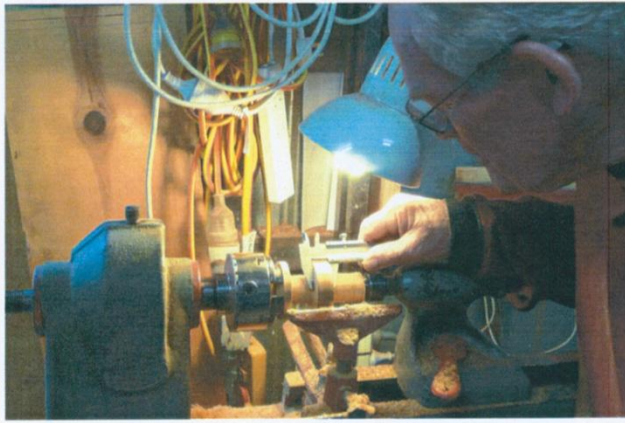
Alan Thompson and David Pincus teaming up for the challenge. Alan is always keen to pass on his considerable knowledge.



Geoff Easton focused on accurate turning. Note the new dust extraction system piping.



Charles Mercer and Max Lehmann fully focused on the task at hand. Charles certainly enjoyed learning from his experienced partner.



Val dalsanto and John McBrinn on the Tough lathe. Lots of shavings and cheek coming from this pair, they certainly had fun. Yes, that's Val using a set of callipers



David Coull enjoying himself. Using the template to check the shape of the end sections.

Ian Absolom and Richard Jardine getting into the challenge. It was good to see the pairing of our newer and more experienced turners.



One of the finished items after it had been split along the paper join line. Now you can see why its called a six pointed star. You can find details for this project on the website in the members section. Congratulations to most teams who completed their item on the day.

How would the Banjo write his
famous verse if he was around
today?

Clancy@theoverflow

*I had written him a text
Which I'd sent, hoping the next
Time he came in mobile coverage
He'd have time to say hello.
But I'd heard he'd lost his iPhone,
So I emailed from my smart phone,
Just addressed, on spec, as follows:
clancy@theoverflow
And the answer redirected
Wasn't quite what I'd expected
And it wasn't from the shearing mate
Who'd answered once before.
His ISP provider wrote it
And verbatim I will quote it:
'This account has been suspended:
You won't hear from him any more.'
In my wild erratic fancy
Visions come to me of Clancy:
Out of reach of mobile coverage
Where the Western rivers flow.
Instead of tapping on the small
screen,
He'd be camping by the tall green
River gums, a pleasure
That the town folk never know.
Well, the bush has friends to meet him
But the rest of us can't greet him:
Out there, even Telstra's network
Doesn't give you any bars.
He can't blog the vision splendid
Of the sunlit plains extended
Or tweet the wondrous glory
Of the everlasting stars.
I am sitting at the keyboard,
I'm too stressed-out to be bored
As I answer all the emails
By the deadlines they contain.
While my screen fills with promotions
For Viagra and strange potions
And announcements of the million-
dollar Prizes I can claim.
But the looming deadlines haunt me
And their harassing senders taunt me
That they need response this evening*

*For tomorrow is too late!
But their texts, too quickly ended,
Often can't be comprehended
For their writers have no time to
think;
They have no time to wait.
And I sometimes rather fancy
That I'd like to trade with Clancy:
Just set up an email bouncer
Saying 'Sorry, had to go.'
While he faced an inbox jamming
Up with deadlines and with spamming
As he signed off every message:
clancy@theoverflow.*

FORWARD PROGRAM and REMINDERS

MAY MEETING.

The May meeting will be held at Pop's Shed. Chris will be demonstrating the latest and greatest products in the world of woodturning. This is a great opportunity to top up the wood pile and update your tool collection so be sure to bring lots of cash! There will be no Show and Tell this month. The meeting will commence at 09:30 at Pop's and members are advised to car pool as parking is limited at the shop. Those wanting to grab a lift or offer to drive are requested to meet at the Cottage around 8:45. There are currently 3 drivers who are offering lifts from the cottage.

2015 AWTEx

Hopefully everyone has submitted their entry paperwork and any last minute touch ups are underway. As per the conditions of entry, your pieces: "will be received in the foyer of the Warratah Room, Whitehorse Centre on Tuesday 2th June 2015 from 1.30pm – 8.30pm. Exhibits are NOT to be delivered to the Whitehorse Centre prior to this date and time". Good luck to all those that are exhibiting.

AWTEx Raffle tickets.

All ticket books and monies **must** be returned by the this month's meeting. Remember, the club gets half the money so do your best to sell all of your allocation.

Cheap Easy Wood Tools

As per the email sent out earlier in the month, Mike Steel is selling off his late father's stock of Easy Wood Tools (His father was the NZ agent for Easy Tools). He still has some items left and the prices are almost half what Pop's sells them for. Mike can be contacted on:

Phone: 0404 784 740

Email: tungstentoolz@gmail.com

FOREST EDGE EXPERIENCE 2015

This year's event will be held from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th of July at the Forest Edge camp, Neerim East. Registration is essential so if you intend to go, further details can be obtained from:

Bob Kirkland

5623 1821 or 0407 329 551

Robertkirkland786@gmail.com

Nunawading Library Display

Our annual display at the Nunawading Library commences on June 24th. We are hoping that a few members will loan some of their high quality pieces for a bit until we gather some exhibition pieces at the June meeting to bolster the display.

Tools

There are still a few of the tools left from the Barry Steffanson collection:

- 1) Roughing gouge by Ashley Isles Ltd, England. Size 39mm OD. Never used. I suspect its HHS Sale price \$60.
- 2) Parting tool 25mm x 4mm I suspect its tool steel. Sale price \$10
- 3) Parting tool 8mm x 4mm Again probably tool steel Sale price \$5
- 4) Mini scraper 8mm x 8mm Give away price \$2



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Intermediate Wood Art
3rd Place - David Scott
Australian Woodturning Exhibition 2014