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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JANUARY 2018

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the first edition of Talking Turning for 2018. I hope The Christmas and New Year period has been good to you all with a chance to catch up with family and friends.

The Christmas break up went very well. Thank you to all those who contributed food (and other) items and to the many people who helped set up and clean up. It seems everyone who attended had a good time. Special thanks go to Carol who demonstrated her painting skills. There is much more talent in the guild than just woodturning. The Guild received a letter of thanks from Major Gary Hart from the Salvation Army thanking us for the donation of toys and commenting how he always feels welcome at the Guild.



On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November I was interviewed by Iain Messer at 3WBC fm about the guild and woodturning in general. Hopefully some of you managed to catch some of the interview. Iain's time slot is Thursday afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00pm and usually he would usually have three other guests to interview but being the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month there were no other regulars so the interview continued for about 45 minutes. I was able to plug the Guild and mention the open day coming up in April. Perhaps we will gain a few more inquiries and possibly some new members.

Hopefully you have had a chance to get into the shed to do some turning or had time to think about projects you might like to make. Is it too early to remind you that AWTEX will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June? Entries will need to be submitted in May. If you have a complex item or want to submit several entries the time will go very quickly. I am looking forward to getting back on the lathe as I have spent the last couple of months remodeling the workshop and leveling the floor. This is very much a work in progress but I think I have done the bulk of the work and normal production *should* resume shortly. I may even be ready to accept visitors in time for the March meeting when we plan to visit some local members workshops to get some tips and ideas from how they have set up their workshop.

This month we will be having a hands on day and will be making a spindle turned item. There will be a few changes to how we normally run the day to introduce a bit more fun into the day so come prepared for the unexpected. Along with your turning jacket and face shield you will need to bring a roughing gouge, spindle gouge, skew chisel and parting tool. You may also find it helpful to bring a rule, dividers, calipers

and a pair of pliers. The action kicks off at 9.00 am in the shed.

The hands on day marks the start of activities for the year and the normal Monday night and Wednesday and Thursday afternoon meetings will start up the week following the hands on day.

I look forward to seeing you all on next Saturday. In the meantime...

May all your days turn out well.  
Richard Jardine  
President

**CHRISTMAS TOY PRESENTATION**

Once again there was a great range of toys made by members for presentation to the Salvation Army and Eastern Relief. It was also lovely to see Knitted toys made by the wives of members. A great effort by all.







President Richard Jardine presents toys to Major Gary Hart and James Jameison.



Carol showed us another side to her talents and was very informative in her presentation of folk art skills.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Christmas Luncheon took place after Carols presentation. I guess I was too busy eating and forgot to take photos but I can assure you everyone enjoyed a great feed. Thankyou to all those who contributed food.  
The door prize was won by Judy Wheeler.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Night group will recommence on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm  
Wednesday turning group recommence on January 31<sup>st</sup>.  
**Thursday turning group starts January 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## JANUARY MEETING

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Hands on day. Bring your tools for spindle work roughing gouge, spindle gouge, skew chisel and parting tool. You may also find it helpful to bring a rule, dividers, calipers and a **pair of pliers**.

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