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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

July 2012

Our last meeting showed the turning standard of our Guild members and what we could aspire to when John Mc Brinn showed us what some world standard turners displayed at Brisbane. Let's keep raising the bar. There are still some of the Guild members' exhibition items yet to be featured in Talking Turning – these will be shown in future copies during the year.



At our next meeting we are fortunate that Jim Pagonis has been able to obtain Andrew Potocnik to give an all day demonstration. This will be held in the Field Naturalist Hall at No.1 Gardenia Street Blackburn. This building is just behind the shops in Blackburn at the edge of the car park - there are no parking restrictions in the car park on Saturdays. The entrance we will use is from the car park side ( not the steps on the shop side) as there are no steps to make the placing of equipment difficult. The demonstration is scheduled to start at 9.00am. and go through to approximately 4.00pm. There will be morning and afternoon tea as well as Jim's barbecue lunch.

The Annual General meeting will be held at our August meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> August. If any of our present committee do not wish to continue as committee members it is hoped that there are other members who are prepared to offer themselves to take their places.

Members of the committee are anxious to have recommendations from any members of name to be considered for the Brian Christian Award.

Some years ago the late John Atkinson started members taking part in making toys that can be painted by children, with cancer, who attend Camp Quality. This practice has continued and now we have an award for the member who makes the best toy. Things to make include birds, geese and people. Plans of these are available and the challenge is to make lots of them.

The Committee has accepted Whitehorse Spring Festival organisers request to participate and asked for the same place as last year.

No 'Show and Tell' this month. See you at the demonstration.

Ray

## SHOW & TELL OF MEMBERS ITEMS ENTERED INTO THE WOODTURNING EXHIBITION

Fifteen Guild members entered some 44 items of work into the recent Australian Woodturning Exhibition. Many of these were reviewed at the June meeting where members discussed the inspiration for their design, challenges with making the items and lessons learnt. It was generally agreed that a lot of experience had been gained from making the items to a very high standard.



Graeme Mills enjoyed doing his natural edged lidded container and found a lot about finishing techniques.

Ian Absolom challenged himself with a thin walled conical lidded container. Ian experimented with a few support stands before settling on the offset design.

Ross Gabriel turned a walking stick for the first time which included some brass connecting rings that he also machined.

Graham Besley experimented with the offset bowl design and was inspired by works from other craftsmen for his vase and natural edged bowl. New techniques learned involved accurate drilling of holes and not losing fingers with the spinning natural edge.





David Scott's urn brought together a variety of techniques including fabricating a fiberglass shell, cutting and turning "hundreds" of wooden squares and finishing such a large impressive piece.

Val Dalsanto found success with a danish oil finish for his lidded containers. His clock with 3 finials provided some accuracy challenges.

Jim Pagonis produced two huon pine clocks which had inserts filled with super glue and wood dust. The base required some skillful bandsaw work. Jim also made two walking sticks, one of which was in blackwood fiddleback which gave some surface problems and required extra sanding.



Ray Smith was inspired by NZ turner Greg Browning for his bowl shapes that incorporate a curved top and inner rim design. Use of beautiful woods (zerbrano and fiddle back forms of huon pine and maple) added to the outcome.

Ray also produced two clocks, one of which was a similar design to his lidded container entry, both being supported on three finials. Ray used a full size drawing of each item so that accurate measurements could be used for turning each component and for drilling of the angled holes. To achieve a balanced design, the golden mean was utilised with the overall height 1.6 times the max diameter.



John McBrinn made an identical pair of lidded goblets. Construction of the build-up of various woods required accurate assembly. The dark African wood used was striking however John found the wood chipped easily and was very porous when oiling. After many attempts (an AAA for perseverance), John put his experience to good use to successfully achieve the thin walls and rim curving requirements. The process and challenges of making of his streptohedron has been the subject of previous demonstrations. John's platter entry also had some challenges, especially with the carving of the central pattern.



## REMINDERS OF UP-COMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**JULY 28TH MEETING;** The monthly meeting is an 'all day' demonstration and will be held at the Field Naturalists Hall, located at **1 Gardenia St, Blackburn**. Costs will be \$3 for those members only attending the morning session, and \$15 for members staying the full day. Visitors \$25.

Andrew Potocnik, who shared the "best of show item" at the Woodturning Exhibition, will be our guest demonstrator.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Notice has been given that the Annual General Meeting of the Koonung Woodturners Guild Inc. will be held at the Koonung Community Cottage 109 is Koonung Road Blackburn North on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 9.00am**.

**BRIAN CHRISTIAN AWARD.** The Committee is seeking input from members wishing to nominate a Guild member for this year's award. The award is made to outstanding members who have shown excellence in turning and contributed to the Guild, and is presented at the AGM.

**JOHN ATKINSON APPEAL;** Can you start thinking about making some ducks, people or similar item that can be painted by the children. Items are required for the August Meeting.

**ST ALFREDS;** Each year in August we have provided a demonstration to the boys from St Alfreds. This occurs before Fathers Day and we generally have items to sell to the boys. Please be prepared to make a few items over the next month in support of this even

**You have to love British humour!** These classified ads have been taken from a U.K. newspaper:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.  
8 years old. Hateful little bastard. Bites!

FREE PUPPIES.  
Mother is a Kennel Club registered German shepherd.  
Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.  
Also 1 gay bull for sale.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!  
Must sell washer and dryer £100.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE ...  
Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

FOR SALE BY OWNER.  
Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes.  
Excellent condition, £200 or best offer.

No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

and a thought from the Greatest Living Scottish Thinker -Billy Connolly.

"If women are so perfect at multitasking, how come they can't have a headache and sex at the same time?"