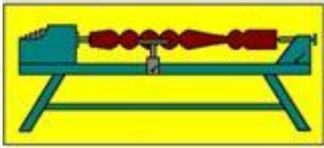


Turning Talk

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Presidential Words

For June 2017



Dear Members,

Competition Presentation

We will be holding our annual Woodturning Presentation on Friday June 9 from 6.30pm. Ian McKenzie our Patron and local BCC Councillor will be presenting the major awards. The Competition Judges will present the section awards. This will be a great night, with the opportunity to see all the entries and the winners in one room. All members and their families are invited to this special night. The presentation which goes for about 40minutes will be followed by a light supper.

Open Weekend June 10 and 11

Members wanting sale tables for the Open Weekend should register with Sue Kennedy (ph. 3892 4675), or place your name on the list on our notice board at Pine Street.

We will be open from 9am till 3pm on both Saturday and Sunday. It is FREE ENTRY, so bring the whole family. Members wanting to donate cakes or slices should please let us know so we can better organise our catering. We will be having a BBQ Sausage Sizzle lunch both days so members don't need to bring lunch.

Demonstrations of Toy Making, Leather Craft, Pyrography and Woodturning will happen throughout both days. We will be having tours of our Pine Street facility for visitors, so we will need members to take small groups around throughout the day. It is an excellent opportunity for all members to visit to see the new dust extraction system and the revamped store which is stocked with a lot of new products.

The competition winners' pieces will be on display within the Auditorium, and the public will be asked to choose a People's Choice Award winner by selecting their favourite winning entry. I hope to see every member across this special weekend.

On a Personal Note

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all of the members who have sent texts and emails, or phoned to give Monica and I messages of hope and well wishes. My father has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and we are unsure of how long he has. It will mean that I may not be able to attend as regularly as I normally do as I am now spending half the week at my parent's home.

It is a timely reminder to all of us, to have the little medical things checked out as they occur. My father has allowed his symptoms to go on for too long before seeking medical attention. In the end, it was difficult to convince him to seek medical help. Please do not let this happen to you. The doctors have told us that this happens all too often. Men, in particular, are reluctant to seek help for little ailments until it is too late. This is my father's case, and if I can convince someone else to seek medical attention for an ailment or illness that is worrying them, then this little message has been worth it.

Till next month

Rob McKee
President

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Diary and Looking Ahead at WSQ

June 2017 and Beyond

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day of Month</i>	<i>Session Title</i>	<i>Convenors</i>	<i>Times</i>
1 June	1st Thursday	WSQ Safety & Workshop Induction for New Members		9.00am – 12noon
2 June	1st Friday	Toy and Open Workshop Toy Group Open Workshop	Peter Churchward	8.00am – 3.00pm
3 June	2nd Saturday	Management Meeting	Brought forward this Month only	9.00am – Noon
6 June	1st Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	John Sheppard & Bob McGeechan	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
8 June	2nd Thursday	Pre-Booked Project Tuition Cost - \$25.00	Rob McKee	9.00am – 12.30pm
13 June	2nd Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	Lyndon Prescott	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
17 June	3rd Saturday	WSQ Monthly Forum/ Show and Tell	To be advised	9.00am – Noon
20 June	3rd Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	John Sheppard & Bob McGeechan Rob McKee (Former DVA Team members welcome) John Sheppard	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
22 June	4 th Thursday	Pre-Booked Project Tuition Cost - \$25.00	Rob McKee	9.00am – 12.30pm
24 June	4 th Saturday	WSQ Demonstration	To be advised	9.00am – Noon
27 June	4 th Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	Rob McKee Rob McKee (Former DVA Team members welcome) Allan Dickson	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
N/A	5th Tuesday - Only if one falls in the month	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	Rob McKee Rob McKee Rob McKee	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Future Events and Important Dates				
Tuesday 6 June		Competition – Entries must be received by 12 noon		
Wednesday 7 June		Competition – Judging		
Friday 9 June		Competition – Presentation of Trophies – Commencing at 6:30 pm		
Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June		Open Days - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Cost: FREE		
Friday 16 to Sunday 18 June		Q-Turn - Camp Moogerah - Cost: \$160 per person		

Treasurer's Report

A summary of our financial position at the end of April is:

Receipts

Memberships	\$278
Meeting Income	\$510
Store Sales	\$236
Eli Avisera Workshops/Demonstration	\$290
Grants	\$1,000
Sundry Income	<u>\$257</u>
	\$2,571

Less Payments

Meeting Expenses	\$79
Cleaning	\$200
Insurance	\$276
Store Purchases	\$845
Kitchen Supplies	\$21
Newsletter	\$121
Eli Avisera Workshops/Demonstration	\$3,350
Equipment Purchases	\$24,436
Other Expenses	<u>\$401</u>
	\$29,729

Cash Deficit (\$27,158)

Cash at Bank \$29,420

As reported in last month's Turning Talk, the Eli Avisera workshops and demonstration in March incurred a loss of \$1,532. The amounts above are the final income and expenses which occurred during April.

A grant of \$1,000 was received from the Brisbane Airport Community Giving Fund. These funds will be used to acquire new equipment and tools for the toy making group.

Store purchases expenses was the first payment toward expanding the range of stock carried in the store. There will be further payments in the coming months.

Equipment Purchases covered the final payment for the cyclone dust extraction system (\$22,305), electrical work required for the installation (\$2,114) and steel consumables (\$17). Total cost of the system was approximately \$35,000 of which \$31,643 was funded via the Gaming and Community Benefit Fund grant we received last year. In addition to our monetary contribution, WSQ also provided an "in kind" contribution of \$2,700 via the voluntary work done by our members in preparing the site and lathes for the installation.

John Reed
Treasurer

Jest a Minute

The oldest computer can be traced back to
Adam and Eve.
Surprise, surprise.
It was an Apple.
But with extremely limited memory.

Just 1 byte.
Then everything crashed.

Anonymous
WSQ Member

Library Displays of WSQ Turned Items

	NORTHSIDE	SOUTHSIDE
May	Arana Hills	Bulimba
June	Albany Creek	Carindale

Many thanks to all those people who have loaned items for display. If you are willing to offer some of your pieces for display, Sandy and John would be pleased to talk to you.

John Byrne
WSQ Member

Sandy May
WSQ Member

Competition Update

At the close of entry, the Competition Sub-Committee had received entry forms from 24 members for a total of 88 items. Members are reminded to bring competition pieces to the Hall by Tuesday 7 June, prior to Judging Day on 8 June.

All members and partners are invited to attend the Awards Presentation, which will be held on Friday evening, 9 June, starting with wine and cheese at 6.00 pm.

This year, a People's Choice Award will be presented for the first time. Competition

pieces winning awards based on the official judging will be on display during the Open Weekend (10 and 11 June). Each visitor, members and non-members, will be given a voting slip to nominate their favourite competition piece from amongst those on display. The People's Choice Award will be presented at the Tuesday workshop meeting on 13 June.

Brian Creese
Management Committee Member

Open Days - 10 and 11 June. Volunteers Needed

Volunteers and helpers are needed for our open weekend on 10 and 11 June. Please contact Brian Creese on 0411 108 551 or brian.creese@bigpond.com if you can assist with any of these activities.

- Advertising and promotion of the event, letterbox drop
- Organisation and setting up of competition display and sellers' tables
- Sales counter, wrapping of purchased items
- Woodturning demonstrations - nothing fancy required, just being in the workshop for 1-2 hours using basic techniques so that members of the public can see how it's done
- Other workshop-based activities, e.g. pyrography, piercing and other enhancements
- Catering – morning/afternoon teas and BBQ for lunch (Sausage Sizzle)
- Leatherwork display/demo
- Hands-on activities – leather stamping? pyrography?
- Selling raffle tickets at main entrance
- Donation of a raffle prize
- Toy making in downstairs workshop
- Provide information to prospective members and show them around

Success of the weekend in raising WSQ's public profile will depend on many members doing a little bit to help.

Brian Creese
Management Committee Member

Turning an Eli Avisera Inlay Bowl



1. Make a laminated stick. In this case Hairy Oak laminated with Silver Ash and wenge veneer.

2. End view of laminated stick



3. Laminated stick on right. To the left the corners cut from stick. Remainder (centre) of stick to the left.



4. 90° slots routed into the bowl. Bowl can be turned thick or not hollowed. This bowl has 12 slots.



5. Stick corners ready to be glued in. I use a heavy two part epoxy.



6. Stick corners glued into bowl slots.



7. Outside of bowl after turning off waste from stick.



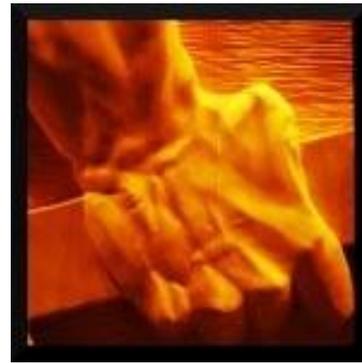
8. Inside of bowl following turning to approximately 3mm

Charlie Edwards
WSQ Member

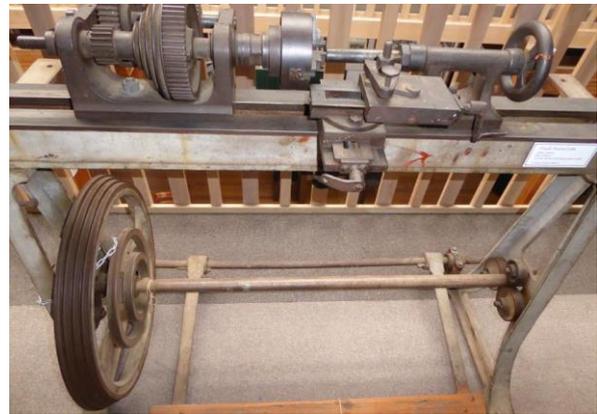
Tasmania

I've just got back from a 12 day trip to Tasmania, and would like to share a few highlights with you.

While in Strahan we came upon a storage for the Huon Pine logs retrieved from the Franklin River area. "They just float down" so I'm told. There are only a few companies with the franchise to collect the logs, but there is no shortage as you can see from the pictures below.



Prior to going across to the west we drove down to Geeveston south of Hobart, where the Forest and Heritage Centre proved a real eye opener. There were many old pedal driven and geared lathes on display upstairs.



On the boat trip down the Franklin they took us to a very old Huon Pine stump. As you can see it is 650 years old.



Apart from these highlights, I enjoyed drooling over the number of huge old trees fallen down, and the number of burls to be seen ...still on the trees in many cases. Unfortunately, they were too big to fit in my suitcase.



On the way across to Strahan we visited a remarkable example of carving by Greg Duncan. It is a wall consisting of 100 hand carved panels, each 3 metres high and 1 metre wide, depicting the history of the area. The hand image below gives you an idea of the skill of the carver.

John Byrne
WSQ Member

Dan Woodward's Demonstration

On the morning of Saturday 22 April, 21 members made their way to WSQ Hall to attend a demonstration by one of the Society's finest turners, Dan Woodward.

Dan had kindly offered to demonstrate how he goes about making the finials which are such an important component of many of his turned pieces. Personally, I thought it was too good an offer to miss, as did a number of other members.

Dan started by saying he became interested in finials after seeing Cindy Drozda's work at Turnfest a number of years ago. He has obviously worked long and hard to achieve his current level of expertise in this and other areas of woodturning.

Dan said he liked to use western hardwoods such as Budgeroo, Western Rosewood, and Leopardwood for finials as they have a fine and straight grain. He doesn't use softwoods, and he doesn't recommend the use of acrylic blanks for finials. Dan has also used Purple Gidgee and Ebony, but he considers the latter too expensive.

He advised that he only uses 3 chisels for turning finials, i.e. ½" bowl gouge, ¼" spindle gouge, and ½" diamond parting tool. Dan stated that he uses long nosed chuck jaws to hold the pen blanks that he uses for his finials. Unusually, he mounts the corners of his blanks against the flat surface of the chuck jaws rather than the flat surface. His reasoning was that unless the blank is exactly square, using the jaws in the conventional manner can result in the blank "creeping" out of the jaws. Dan advised that he ran the lathe at 2,500/3,000 RPM.

He stated that he starts turning the blank from the tailstock end, and works on 30/40mm sections at a time. Each section is turned and sanded to completion before he moves on to the next section.

Dan uses the bowl gouge first to remove waste. He then uses the spindle gouge to shape the finial, supporting the finial with his fingers under the toolrest. He uses the parting tool to create spigots, do detail work, and for parting off the finial. It is a meticulous process, requiring great skill and experience. Dan said he had made very many finials over the last few years, and had a number of failures in the learning process. He reduces the lathe to 1,500 RPM when sanding. He starts sanding at 120 grit and finishes at 320 grit. Dan uses sandpaper once only. He never reuses it. He finishes his turned pieces with 2 to 3 coats of a 2 pack lacquer.



Dan Supports the Finial Being Turned

Dan mentioned that he had started making multi-part finials. His longest yet is one about 300 mm which is made of 4 parts. It is shown below.



Dan demonstrated turning 3 finials

First finial was approximately 75 mm to be attached to a small lidded container. It had a 3mm spigot.



The second finial that Dan attempted to make used a Budgeroo blank. It broke a couple of times in the process of turning. Dan explained that this was happening because the grain was not running straight along the blank. This was useful information for all of us. The blank was abandoned.

Third finial used a Western Rosewood blank. It became part of a 2 part finial which is shown below.



It was a very interesting and informative demonstration presented by an excellent woodturner. We all expressed our appreciation with a round of much deserved applause. Those of us who would secretly like to make tall, attractive finials, left with some hope in our hearts.

Geoff Holbeck
Editor – Turning Talk

Some of Dan Woodward's Finial Pieces

Dan brought in a number of lidded containers with finials. Some of these are shown below.



Geoff Holbeck
Editor – Turning Talk

WSQ's New Store

On Saturday 20 May our Vice President, Kev Kruger, cut the tape to officially open the revamped WSQ store. The room has been renovated with a paint job, new display shelving, air conditioning, and an expanding product range.



Vice President Kev does the Honours

We now carry a range of Vicmarc accessories and parts, and have access to the full catalogue range of their products. So, if you are looking for a new lathe talk to the store people about our competitive pricing. We have expanded our range of U-beaut polish and finishes, Norton sandpaper sheets, and don't forget our club shirts, dust jackets and caps.

The aim of the new store is to expand our range further so as to be a convenient place to buy your

consumables at a competitive price. So, next time you are at the club pop in and say hello to the guys/girl in the store and have a browse of what is on the shelves.



The New Store Awaits Your Business

Looking after the store on a rotational basis will be: Don McMillan, Elaine Jonsberg, John Byrne, Bob Mowat and Terry Green.

Mike Dodson
Management Committee Member

Note: A copy of the WSQ General Price List is on the next page.

WSQ: General Price List

Item	Size	Price	Item	Size	Price
Auger Bits 235 mm long	16mm	\$8.00	Polishes & Adhesives		
	20mm	\$8.00	Rustins Danish Oil	250ml	\$28.50
460mm long	8mm	\$8.00	Rustins Danish Oil	500ml	\$45.00
Bandsaw Blades (14' - 2475mm)	1/4"	\$15.00	Shellawax Liquid	250ml	\$34.00
	3/8"	\$15.00	Shellawax Liquid	500ml	\$50.00
	1/2"	\$15.00	Shellawax EEE	250ml	\$26.00
Bandsaw Blades (extra length)	1/4"	\$6 /mtr	Shellawax Cream	300ml	\$24.00
	3/8"	\$6 /mtr	Traditional Wax	250ml	\$17.50
	1/2"	\$6 /mtr	Superglue		\$15.00
			Superglue Accelerator		\$20.00
Chainsaw Sharpening		\$8.00	Rapid Cure	250ml	\$48.50
			Rapid Cure	500ml	\$74.50
Diamond Hones & Sharpeners			Sanding Products		
Chainsaw Sharpener		\$10.00	Belt Restorer	Jumbo	\$14.00
Diamond Hone S		\$9.00	Cloth - 100 wide	perM	\$4.00
			Cloth - 150 wide 1m Length	perM	\$6.00
Dust Masks & Safety Glasses			Velcro backed 115mmx400g	perM	\$6.00
Dust Masks - P1 Disposable	\$3 ea	\$24 / Box	Sanding Sealer	500ml	\$19.00
Dust Masks - PC321-P2 with valve		\$3.50	Sanding Sealer	1Lt	\$26.50
Safety Glasses		\$4.00	Pads - "Scotchbrite"	Fine	\$1.00
Replacement visor for head shield		\$20.00	Pads - "Scotchbrite"	Medium	\$1.00
Head Shields (Complete)		\$34.00	Sheets - Velcro - 115 x 230	All Grits	\$1.20ea. \$10/10shts
			Steelwool ultrafine 250gms	oooo	\$24.00
Grinding Wheels 200x25 White		\$43.00	Velcro Tape	50mm	\$3 / Mt
150 x 25 (6")	All grits	\$27.00	Velcro Tape	100mm	\$5 / Mt
Dressing Stick		\$8.00	Velcro Tape	150mm	\$11 / Mt
			230x280mm Norton Sheets	All Grits	\$1.55/Sht
Light Cord with Fittings			230x280mm Norton Sheets	All Grits	\$14.50/10Sht
			Micro Meash Pk 9	2"x2"	\$13.50
Carvers mallet		\$10.00	Velcro 6 hole 150mm	Sheet	\$1.20ea. \$10/10shts
Scratch Fix Pen Set		\$10.00			
Bottle Cap Twisters Per Pkt 10		\$1.00	Shirts, Badges, Caps & Mugs		
180mm Cork Mats	Each	\$1.00	Shirt - (Gold/White Collar)	All Sizes	\$10.00
Disposable Scalpels	Each	\$0.40	Shirt - Gold no Pocket	All Sizes	\$15.00
Digital Calipers		\$25.00	Shirt - WSQ Gold with Pocket	All Sizes	\$20.00
			Shirt - Maroon/Gold Lightweight	All Sizes	\$55.00
			Shirt - Maroon/Gold (Winter)	All Sizes	\$50.00

Q-Turn 2017

16-17-18 June

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All meals from your Friday evening meal to Sunday lunch are included, and your accommodation is supplied by way of bunkhouse style bedding. Separate rooms are available for couples.

All you need to bring is your pillow and bed linen, tools, portable lathe and screen if possible, and your favorite piece of timber and project.

Don't worry if you don't have a lathe, there will be a couple extra, and there are persons willing to share.

Learners are most welcome. There are people available for teaching over the entire weekend.

Please note, although we can accommodate more people, we will be limiting the number of lathes to 45.

All this for only \$160-00 per person

**Where: Camp Moogerah
880 Lake Moogerah Rd
Moogerah**

Geoff Holbeck
Editor – Turning Talk

Seven Year Woodwork Project Completed

I have enjoyed being a WSQ member for some years now, and have greatly benefited, especially from the courses given by Rob McKee, which have transformed my woodturning. The project I have just finished is NOT woodturning, and has mostly put my turning on hold. But it is a fairly unique woodworking project and may be sufficiently interesting to other members.

For many decades I have been interested in harpsichords, (those antique "pianos" that pluck their strings). On retirement I decided to take the plunge and start one. I got the 2,000 part kit from Boston USA in 2010, and finished it this year. The long time-frame was due to doing many other jobs and work during that time.

The instrument is 7ft 6in long and 3ft wide. It has five "stops" or different tone-colours. The big surprise has been how unexpectedly beautiful it sounds. Now I am getting back to turning again!



Theo Woods
WSQ member

Tree of the Month

Gum, Sydney Blue



Sydney Blue Gum Trees



Blue Gum Timber

Botanical name: *Eucalyptus saligna*.
Other common names: Blue Gum.
Family name: Myrtaceae.

Distribution: Sydney Blue Gum grows from the southern coast of New South Wales through to Southern Queensland. It is a tall hardwood reaching up to 55m (180ft) with diameters to 2m (6ft). Rarely found in stands but grows amongst other species as a single tree.

Colour: The heartwood is a deep reddish-brown lightened in colour to a deep pink in younger growth. The sapwood is distinct.

The timber: Much prized and one of the predominant species in commercial use. The grain generally straight but interlocked grain will be encountered. The texture is moderately coarse and even. Gum veins are common.

Mechanical properties: A strong, tough and dense timber. Not suitable for steam bending and, due to considerable end splitting, not suitable for large section work. Moderately durable. The sapwood is susceptible to insect attack. High crush strength and stiffness.

Working properties: Cutters must be kept sharp but only moderately resistance to machining. Pre-drilling for fastenings is recommended. Glues well and comes to an excellent high polish. Takes finishing treatments well.

Uses: Flooring, furniture, moulding, decking and turnery. It is available as a veneer.

Availability: Now limited.

Related species: *E. blakelyi* (Blakely's Gum) is very similar in colour and properties



Segmented Bowl Using Blue Gum by Dan Woodward



Blue Gum Bowl by Dan Woodward

Geoff Holbeck
 Editor – Turning Talk

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