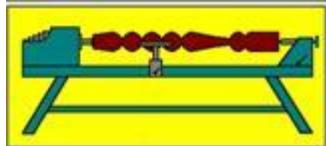


Turning Talk

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Presidential Words For May 2017



Dear Members,

Eli Avisera's Hands-On Days and Demonstration

We recently had the best 3 days at Pine Street for some time. Eli's Hands-on workshops and demonstration were a real treat. A big thank you to Brian and Helen Creese, and Sandy and Earle May for hosting Eli and Rikki while they were in Brisbane. Thank you also to John Elkins who drove them around, and lastly, thanks to Mike Dodson for once again catering for all of us who attended the 3 days of Eli's workshops.

Dan Woodward's Finial Demonstration

On Saturday 22 April, Dan entertained us all with his simple, yet skilful approach to turning finials for his lidded containers. Although this was his first ever demonstration it did not show through in his delivery, and it was enjoyed by all who attended. We are intending to have Dan back later this year to show us how he makes the turned box and lid section of his work.

Timber and Working with Wood Show Tickets

Although we are not having a stand at this year's show we are able to purchase \$12.00 tickets. So, if you want some tickets to the Timber and Working with Wood Show, please let us know by Tuesday 9 May. Either email me at rmckee@bigpond.net.au, or put your name on the list on the Notice Board at Pine Street.

New Dust Extraction System

The new dust extraction system is now installed. It must be started and shut down in specific orders. If this doesn't occur the system can sustain serious and expensive damage. Please ensure you learn these processes if you may be required to turn the new dust extractor on or off.

A big thank you to Mike Dodson, Reg Weber and Bob McGeechan who worked hard before and during the installation to see we obtained the best unit available.



The Dust Extractor



Some of the Ducting

Open Days in June

We are planning to hold 2 Open Days on the weekend of 10 and 11 June. This weekend will showcase our talented members turned work, woodwork, leatherwork and other crafts. There will be demonstrations of woodturning, pyrography, general woodwork, and toy making. We will need members to provide our visitors with tours of our facility, morning and afternoon teas, and a BBQ lunch.

Till next month

Rob McKee
President

Diary and Looking Ahead at WSQ

May 2017 and Beyond

Date	Day of Month	Session Title	Convenors	Times
2 May	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
4 May	1st Thursday	WSQ Safety & Workshop Induction for New Members		9.00am – 12noon
5 May	1st Friday	Toy and Open Workshop Toy Group Open Workshop	Peter Churchward	8.00am – 3.00pm
9 May	2nd Tuesday	Open Workshop New Member Training Evening Open Workshop	Lyndon Prescott	8.00am – Noon 1.00pm – 3.30pm 6.00pm – 9.00pm
11 May	2nd Thursday	Pre-Booked Project Tuition Cost - \$25.00	Rob McKee	9.00am – 12.30pm
13 May	2nd Saturday	Management Meeting		9.00am – Noon
16 May	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
20 May	3rd Saturday	WSQ Monthly Forum/ Show and Tell	To be advised	9.00am – Noon
23 May	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
25 May	4 th Thursday	Pre-Booked Project Tuition Cost - \$25.00	Rob McKee	9.00am – 12.30pm
27 May	4 th Saturday	WSQ Demonstration	To be advised	9.00am – Noon
30 May	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

Monday 1 May	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Friday 12 May to Saturday 13 May	Cooroora Woodworkers Club Annual Show - details available at the following web site http://www.cooroorawoodworkersclub.com
Friday 26 May to Sunday 28 May	Timber and Working with Wood Show - details available at the following web site http://impressiveexhibitions.com.au/index.php/brisbane-details.html
Tuesday 30 May	Competition – Entry Forms Due
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 March is:

Receipts

Memberships	\$1,279
Meeting Income	\$854
Store Sales	\$34
Eli Avisera Workshops/Demonstration	\$610
Sundry Income	<u>\$185</u>
	\$2,962

Less Payments

Audit	\$550
Meeting Expenses	\$135
Property Expenses	\$1,799
Kitchen Supplies	\$213
Electricity	\$756
Equipment Purchases	\$12,317
Library Purchases	\$260
Other Expenses	<u>\$1,716</u>
	\$17,746

Cash Deficit	(\$14,784)
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Property expenses were for testing of electrical switchboard safety devices and testing of, and repairs to, exit signs (\$1,593), and for annual termite inspection (\$254).

Equipment Purchases covered deposit for the cyclone dust extraction system (\$9,559), concrete pad for the extraction unit (\$421) and lathe alterations to allow for the new system (\$555). Cost of the system has primarily been funded via the Gaming and Community Benefit Fund grant we received last year. Also purchased was an additional video camera for the auditorium (\$1,782).

Our major activity during March was the Eli Avisera workshops and demonstration. Unfortunately, these weren't as well patronised as we had hoped and the event ran at a loss of (\$1,532). We will need to consider how similar events are run in future.

John Reed
Treasurer

Library Displays of WSQ Turned Items

NORTHSIDE		SOUTHSIDE
April	Grange	Garden City
May	Arana Hills	Bulimba

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

WSQ's Newest Life Member



Rob McKee receives his Certificate of Life Membership from Vice President Kev Kruger

At the Annual General Meeting on 14 March the members present unanimously endorsed the Management Committee's recommendation that Rob McKee should be awarded Life Membership.

The following is a little background information about Rob McKee.

Rob started teaching woodturning to apprentices in 1983 when he was teaching part time at Ithaca TAFE College. Rob taught woodturning at Ithaca, Mt Gravatt, North Point and Yeronga TAFE Colleges from 1985 to 2001.

He started judging woodturning competitions in 1986. Rob continues this activity on a regular basis to this date.

Rob joined the Woodturners Society of Queensland in September 1988.

The following is a summary of Rob's activities since joining WSQ:

- Rob regularly entered items in the Competition from 1988 until the mid-1990s.
- He first demonstrated for WSQ in late 1988, and has demonstrated every year since.

- Rob was elected to WSQ Management Committee from 1990 – 93. He was elected as Vice President for 93. Rob was elected Secretary between 2008-10, and President from 2011-2017.
- Rob has taken on the following roles at WSQ:
 - WSQ Workshop Convener from 2004 to 2017.
 - Assistant Instructor between 2007 and 2014.
 - WSQ Instructor in Woodturning and Woodworking Machinery from 2007 to 2017.
 - Timber and WWW Show Co-ordinator from 2010 to 2015.
 - Mt Coot-tha Co-ordinator from 2010 to 2017.

Rob has also been a Turnfest demonstrator at end Symposia held in 2004, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2017 and 2018.

Congratulations to Rob on the award of a well justified Life Membership.

Geoff Holbeck
Editor – Turning Talk

New Members

There was one new member last month, i.e.

- David Bedford

Please make him feel welcome when you meet him next at WSQ Hall.

Alwyn Clark
WSQ Membership Secretary

Eli Avisera's Hands-On Sessions and Demonstration

29, 30 and 31 March



Some of our members who attended the wonderful hands-on sessions that Eli conducted at Pine Street



Local flooding at the back of our workshop on Thursday 30 March.



My version of Eli's painted & offset spinning top box



Eli's knitting spool tensioning technique for turning his Tremblers



Eli's Trembler with wine bottles and goblets



Eli's 3 tier earring stand



Presenting Eli with a Certificate of Appreciation at the demo.

The 3 days we spent with Eli were truly magical. Being able to spend time with him and turn some of his iconic forms during the Hands-On Days is something I will never forget.

Rob McKee

President

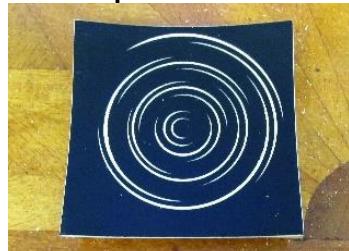
Eli Avisera's Demonstration

Eli produced the following items, in whole or part, during his day long demonstration.

Earring Stand



Small Square Platter



Trembler



Lidded Container with Spinning Top



Textured Earrings



Bowl



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Editor – Turning Talk

Turnfest 2017

One of the most inspiring demos that I attended during Turnfest was Jason Breach's "Orbital Arc" (first photo). Jason gave a comprehensive presentation on how these boxes with two openings are made. The presentation included the making of templates, how to mount the work piece upon the lathe (second photo), measuring and laying out the profile shape, the basic tools used to shape the materials, cutting the piece in half ("the point of no return", third photo), and the final assembly process (fourth photo).



Photos: Jason Breach (#1), Brian Creese (2-4)

Brian Creese
Management Committee Member

A Few More Dust Extractor System Photos



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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

Library News

Please enjoy the library as it is yours to enjoy. I am open to members discussing books or DVDs they think they would like to see in the library. The new DVDs are the result of a member asking if they could be obtained for the library.

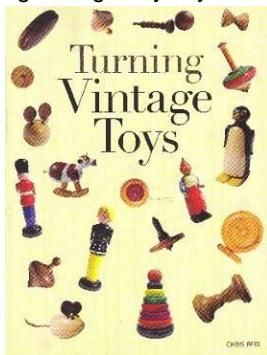
We are still looking for members to put their hands up to assist with doing reviews on new books, magazines and DVDs. It would be nice for all members to feel involved and that way the library will meet the member's needs, and not just be a collection.

It is with regret that I announce that Barb Sheppard is standing down from the Assistant Librarian's role. I would like to thank her for her help and companionship since I took over the Librarian role. Barb has been a great help, especially when I have been away.

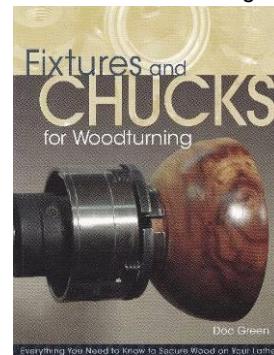
Could the night conveners please check the white board in the workshop for new member name badges and give them to the members if they are there?

New Books

Turning Vintage Toys by Chris Reid



Fixtures & Chucks for Woodturning by Doc Green



Alwyn Clark
Librarian

2017 WSQ Competition

Dear members,

By now you will have your competition pieces well in hand, or at the least in advanced planning, and your chisels sharpened!

The Entry Form as well as a copy of the Rules (Conditions for Entry) and a summary of the various Competition Categories for entries was included in last month's *Turning Talk*. Copies of each of these forms are also available from the Library or from the WSQ website.

Don't forget this year there is a special feature category for entries reflecting the work of international woodturner Eli Alvisera.

Trophies

The following is a summary of the Trophies that can be awarded in the 2017 Competition.

- **David Thomas Memorial Trophy**
- **Moreton Machine Tools Encouragement Trophy**
- **Ma.Lu.Ca. Trophy**
- **Max Morris Shield**
- **Ben Flack Memorial Trophy**
- **The Ray Hall Memorial Trophy**

Entry Forms

Entry Forms must be submitted by Tuesday 30 May 2017. They can be handed to the

Librarian, Alwyn Clark or to one of the members of the Competition Sub-Committee - Richard Cooper, Phil Harris or Brian Creese, but not to Rick Harrison who is away on a camping holiday. They may also be returned via our President, Rob McKee.

Important Dates

- All Entry Forms should be in the hands of the Competition Committee **by Tuesday, 30 May 2017**.
- Competition pieces are required to be at our WSQ clubhouse, Pine Street **by 12 noon on Tuesday 6 June 2017**.
- Judging will take place on **Wednesday 7 June 2017**.
- The presentation of awards and trophies and viewing of Competition items will take place at Pine Street on **Friday evening 9 June 2017**.

Our Patron, Ian McKenzie will be in attendance on the Friday evening to present trophies.

We look forward to your participation in the WSQ 2017 Competition.

Good turning.

Richard Cooper
Competition Sub-Committee Chairman

In Memoriam

The Society was saddened to learn of the death this week of one of our most valuable members, *Someone Else*

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. *Else* has been with the club since its beginning and did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a social function to attend, funds to be raised, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips. Let *Someone Else* do it!

It was common knowledge that *Someone Else* was amongst the largest contributors of their time to the Society; whenever there was a need for volunteers, everyone just assumed *Someone Else* would volunteer.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of *Someone Else*.

Now *Someone Else* is gone.

We wonder what we are going to do. *Someone Else* left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to do the things *Someone Else* did?

When you are asked to help, remember - We CAN'T DEPEND ON *Someone Else*.

Anonymous
WSQ Member

Q-Turn 2017

16-17-18 June

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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

Jest a Moment

Dave was riding his motorcycle south down Highway 1 along the Northern California coastline, as he often did.

Suddenly, with little warning, the sky darkened and a booming voice spoke from above.

"Dave." the voice thundered, "This is God. I don't usually make these kinds of appearances, but I have decided to make an exception for you. You have been such a kind and generous man throughout your life that I would like to grant you a wish. Whatever you desire will be yours, but you must decide now."

Dave, who had always looked westward across the Pacific Ocean, knew immediately what that wish would be.

"That's easy", he said. "I'd like a bridge that goes from California to Hawaii so that I can ride my Harley across the Pacific any time I like."

Following some hesitation, God replied. "I could grant this wish, Dave, but the amount of resources which would be exhausted in the creation of such a massive structure would be catastrophic, and would be such a detriment to your fellow man that I implore you to choose something else."

While disappointed, Dave understood the request and, after some chin scratching, replied with another wish. "Well... this may seem strange, but I genuinely believe that if I could better understand the women in my life and I could relate to their feelings, then I could make more people around me happy and be a happier man myself. So I wish to be able to do just that."

After a pause and a long sigh, God spoke again. "Ok, Dave. Do you want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?"

Anonymous
WSQ Member

Tree of the Month

Budgeroo



Budgeroo Tree

Botanical name: *Lysicarpus angustifolius*.

Other common names: Tom Russell Mahogany, Brown Hazelwood, Buff Hazelwood, Mountain Mahogany.

Distribution: A hardwood limited to the South-West Queensland interior. The tree is of medium height, attaining 30m (110ft).

Colour: The heartwood has a beautiful combination of colours - steaks of yellow, browns to a fine purple-black. The sapwood is narrow and distinct.

The timber: Fine and even texture with a straight grain, sometimes with a faintly swirled effect.

Mechanical properties: An interior grade timber - Budgeroo is not durable. The sapwood is susceptible to insect infestation. Moderately suitable for steam bending. Kiln dry density of approx. 500kgs/m³ (31lb/ft³).

Working properties: Works well with both hand and machine tools with moderate resistance and limiting blunting of cutters. Glues well. Does not require pre-drilling for nails or screws. Finish well and takes a high polish.

Uses: Principally a furniture timber but can be used for flooring, carving and turnery.

Availability: Limited to areas of occurrence.



Budgeroo Timber



Lidded Container Using Budgeroo by Dan Woodward



Budgeroo Platter by Dan Woodward

Geoff Holbeck
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