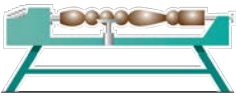


TurningTalk

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Editor's Note

By Joyce Arnold

Happy reading of the June edition of your Turning Talk. Thank you to the contributors for their hard work getting the news to you. I am sure we all appreciate that they were working hard for the Belmont exhibition in the week as well as writing their notes for us. If you have items for future editions, please send them to me at drjoycearnold6120a@gmail.com or phone 0466 650 048.

President's Report

by Mike Dunne

Belmont Showcase

The Belmont Showcase was well attended over the weekend, attracting 541 visitors. Member sales remained steady throughout the event. The high quality of meals offered in the café was reflected in increased food sales. This contributed positively to both the overall atmosphere and visitor satisfaction.

Raffle sales also experienced a significant increase compared with previous events, highlighting the enthusiastic participation of visitors and the effectiveness of our greeters in engaging attendees. A sincere thank you goes to all the volunteers whose time, effort, and commitment made it possible to open the showcase and ensure everything ran smoothly. Their dedication was instrumental to the event's success.

Visitors were given the opportunity to provide feedback through an online survey, and the responses were overwhelmingly positive. Many attendees complimented the venue, the thoughtful setup, and the quality of the displays. Such encouraging feedback reinforces the value of these community events and recognises the considerable effort that goes into making them successful.

Feedback from event survey:

"Good location, parking an well layout of exhibits, good to chat with the people who displayed their work. Free entry is a bonus. I'll be back!!"

"Excellent demonstrations and beautiful displays of worked pieces (with great prices!)"

"Lovely little event our 10 year old boy was amazed by all the different wood craft and would like to attend an event again!"

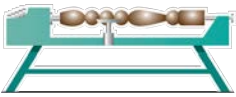
Mt Coot-Tha

The Mt Coot-tha Exhibition will be held on 23, 24 and 25 October. Closer to the event, Don McMillan will place sheets for table bookings and volunteer registrations on the auditorium notice board.

BigPond Email Users

We are aware that, on occasion, emails sent to BigPond email accounts have been returned as undeliverable. This appears to be a broader issue affecting some BigPond email users and is not limited to emails sent by WSQ.

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Secretary's Report

by Binny Willis

WSQ Management Committee Meeting 9 th May 2026

Meeting opened at 7.25am

Present: Mike Dunne, Alwyn Clark, Binny Willis, Richard Watkins, John Donaldson, Neil Howard, Therese Richards, Jan Chapman, David Williams, Katherine Ogg, Barry Wilson

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 11 th April, as presented, were accepted. Business Arising was dealt with.

2. Correspondence

The Correspondence List was accepted with 3 items drawn to the attention of the Meeting.

3. Finance

The Finance Report for April was accepted.

4. Membership Report

The Membership Report was tabled by the Membership Secretary, Therese Richards. She noted that total Membership now stands at 261 with the Applications for Membership of Maree Jarrett, Liane Burns, Husnain Ali and Joseph Roth to be ratified.

5. Workplace Health & Safety

David Williams presented 2 Accident/Injury Reports with the incidents dealt with by the Convenor on duty. A Fire Drill for each Workshop is scheduled over the coming month of May.

6. Building & Grounds

Neil Howard reported that he has successfully sourced replacement filters for the Jet Dust Extractors and they are currently being made and will be installed.

The issue with the Micronair Dust Extractor is being attended to by an electrician but servicing of the system is proving difficult to organize.

The Annual Pest Inspection was completed and the Report tabled and discussed.

7. Tools & Equipment

New bowl gouges have been put into circulation

Issues continue with the pull saws. Another has been broken and the blade replaced due to using it as a push saw. Workshop attendees to be reminded of the correct technique of using a pull saw.

8. Events & Activities

Round 2 of the Introductory Woodturning Course commenced on 11 th May with a full complement

The Simon Begg visit was discussed and costs decided.

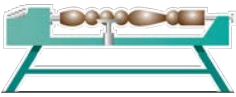
There was a discussion of a Burl Clinic to further advance the skills of our more experienced turners.

There was an extensive discussion and review of the preparations in hand for the Belmont Exhibition.

9. Governance

The meeting was updated on the progress being made on the Tidy HQ database system and the transition in progress. Data is currently being transferred.

Meeting Closed at 8.55am



Treasurer's Report

by Richard Watkins

The financial report for April was presented at the May Management Committee meeting. At the end of April, we had \$33,024 in our two operating accounts, compared to \$32,791 at the end of March.

Major sources of income for April were shop sales, workshop fees, training courses and membership fees. Major expenses for April were plant and equipment, and computer expense, including the new Tidy HQ CRM database

There was a sausage sizzle on Mother's Day, 10 th May, with a profit of \$1,388. This is a valuable contribution to our funding and members are encouraged to volunteer. Come along and have some fun, meet people, and maybe have a free snag! May has a big expense in the annual Business Insurance at \$16,490

General note: when using the EFTPOS machine at WSQ, please place a copy of the printed receipt (either customer copy or merchant copy, doesn't matter) in the cash box, with a note on the receipt what it is for, e.g. "Workshop Fees", because our hard working treasury team need this information to feed into QuickBooks.

Membership Report

by Therese Richards

The Committee awarded a Certification of Appreciation to Ian Audsley, for his efforts on the sanding station bench.

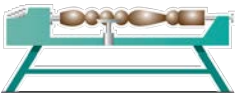
Thanks Ian and to everyone working hard to create a fab space for the busy toy group downstairs

4 New Members for May / June

Brian Fenn, Brian McDonnell, Long Le and Ken Hawley, please make them welcome if you see them around the club

Birthdays for June

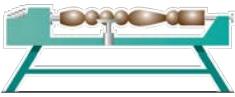
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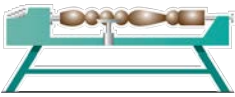
Convenors' Roster

Mike Mason- Convenor

Wk	Date	Session	Time	Session description	Convenor	Convenor
1	1/06/2026	Monday Afternoon	2pm - 5pm	Training program	Mick Phythian	-
	1/06/2026	Monday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Training program	Mick Phythian	-
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Bob Kennedy	John Donaldson
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop/Toy group	Barry Wilson	Reg Weber
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Library	Mike Mason	Pete Wyr
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Shop	Don McMillan	-
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Afternoon	1pm - 4pm	Open Workshop	Allan Short	-
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Afternoon	10.30am - 2.30pm	Pyrography Group	Joyce Arnold	-
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Afternoon	1pm - 4pm	Box Making	Reg Weber	-
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Mick Phythian	Dan Woodward
	2/06/2026	Tuesday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Pyrography	Dan Woodward	-
	4/06/2026	Thursday morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Keith Greenland	-
	5/06/2026	Friday Morning	8am - 3pm	Toy Group	Barry Wilson	Peter Churchward
	5/06/2026	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	John Carney	-
	6/06/2026	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Demonstration day	-	-
2	8/06/2026	Monday Afternoon	2pm - 5pm	Training program	Paul Machin-Everill	-
	8/06/2026	Monday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Training program	Paul Machin-Everill	-
	9/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Bob Kennedy	John Donaldson
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	9/06/2026	Tuesday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Pyrography	Dan Woodward	-
	11/06/2026	Thursday morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	John Reed	-
	12/06/2026	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Mike Mason	-



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	12/06/2026	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Carving Group	Keith Greenland	-
	13/06/2026	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill	-
3	15/06/2026	Monday Afternoon	2pm - 5pm	Training program	Paul Machin-Everill	-
	15/06/2026	Monday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Training program	Paul Machin-Everill	-
	16/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Alwyn Clark
	16/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop/Toy group	Barry Wilson	Reg Weber
	16/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Library	Mike Mason	Pete Wyer
	16/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Shop	Don McMillan	-
	16/06/2026	Tuesday Afternoon	1pm - 4pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	John Dash
	16/06/2026	Tuesday Afternoon	10.30am - 2.30pm	Pyrography Group	Joyce Arnold	-
	16/06/2026	Tuesday Afternoon	1pm - 4pm	Box Making	Reg Weber	-
	16/06/2026	Tuesday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	John Dash
	18/06/2026	Thursday morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Clayton O'Brien	-
	19/06/2026	Friday Morning	8am - 3pm	Toy Group	Barry Wilson	Peter Churchward
	19/06/2026	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Mike Mason	-
	20/06/2026	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	John Reed	-
4	22/06/2026	Monday Afternoon	2pm - 5pm	Training program	Mick Phythian	-
	22/06/2026	Monday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Training program	Mick Phythian	-
	23/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Alwyn Clark
	23/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop/Toy group	Barry Wilson	Reg Weber
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	23/06/2026	Tuesday Afternoon	10.30am - 2.30pm	Pyrography Group	Joyce Arnold	-
	23/06/2026	Tuesday Afternoon	1pm - 4pm	Box Making	Reg Weber	-
	23/06/2026	Tuesday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Lucas Watts
	25/06/2026	Thursday morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Lucas Watts	-
	26/06/2026	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Clayton O'Brien	-
	26/06/2026	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Carving Group	Keith Greenland	-



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	27/06/2026	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill	-
5	29/06/2026	Monday Afternoon	2pm - 5pm	Training program	Mick Phythian	-
	29/06/2026	Monday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Training program	Mick Phythian	-
	30/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Rob McKee	Alwyn Clark
	30/06/2026	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop/Toy group	Barry Wilson	Reg Weber
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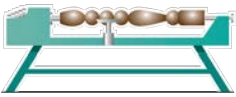
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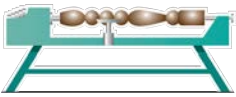


Date Claimers

Binny Willis.

Demonstrations and Show & Tell Forums All members must sign in and pay the \$5 entry fee. Starts at 9 am.

Saturday 6th June	Bowl with undercut rim Dan Woodward	Dan will demonstrate the techniques of using a hook scraper to get clean, controlled cuts while removing material and refining the shape of the undercut rim of a bowl. He will also speak about the sharpening technique that he uses on his hook scrapers and de-mystify this specialist but very handy tool.
Saturday 20th June	Show and Tell	Come and join in the discussion and see what your fellow Members have produced. Maybe you need some help with a project – this is the ideal forum to get some great advice on the tricky bits of woodturning and woodcraft.
Saturday 4th July	From Bowl Turning 101 to 201 Rob McKee	This is a demo not to be missed by recent graduates of our Introductory Woodturning Courses and those who need some reminders about assessing the grain in a bowl blank to accentuate its features, choosing which side of a bowl blank should be the top and bottom, planning for a foot or recess and turning a balanced, pleasing curve on the outside and inside of the bowl. If time permits, Rob will focus on various turned embellishments that enhance the visual appeal of a bowl.
Saturday 18th July	Show and Tell	This will be a great opportunity to marvel at the entries in the 2026 Competition and maybe have a discussion with your fellow Members on some of the pieces. See if you can pick the winners in the various categories.
Saturday 1st August	No Demonstration - Presentation of 2026 Competition Awards	
Saturday 15th August	Show and Tell	Come and enjoy the discussion of the latest accomplishments of your fellow members. Bring your own along for some feedback.
Saturday 15th September	Guest Demonstrator: Simon Begg Make sure to put this in your Calendar.	Enjoy an interesting and informative demonstration by the talented Asquith NSW located, international turner who is flying into Brisbane specially to share his skills with us. Simon is a particularly good demonstrator and teacher with a wealth of experience and excellent teaching and communication skills. Start saving your pennies, because this demonstration will cost you \$35 . More details in next month's Turning Talk.
Saturday 19th September	Show and Tell	This will be a great opportunity to discuss Simon's presentation and show off your interpretation of his project.



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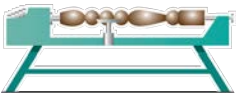
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Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

by John Reed

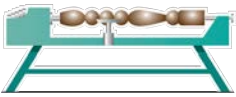
A sausage sizzle was run at Bunning Mt Gravatt on Sunday 10th May. Being Mother's Day, the day was a bit quieter than we normally experience. Nevertheless, an enjoyable day with good camaraderie was had by all. Thanks to the following members who volunteered their time:

Dave Rase, Therese Richards, Binny Willis, Grant Reid, Katherine Ogg, Brian Creese, Keith Greenland, Jan Chapman, Chris Smith, and Richard Watkins.

Thanks also to John Carney who purchased all the required supplies.

Some happy snaps:





WSQ Chuck and Lathe Maintenance 2026

by John Carney

A reminder that our first lathe and chuck maintenance for 2026 is Wednesday 3rd June 2026 commencing 8.00am. I encourage members to support your organisation and participate. New members will learn the process of maintaining a lathe and servicing Vicmarc chucks. A set of printed and bound notes will be available to take home for participants who wish for a copy. There is a lot to be done but many hands make light work.



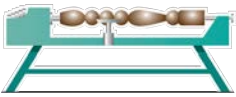
Report on Adrian Ball: International Woodturner/worker Part 1

by Therese Richards

I had the pleasure of meeting Adrian Ball when I presented him a silver badge, given to members with 30 years of WSQ membership. Adrian was born in England and grew up in Zambia until 10 when the family relocated to Sydney. Later working in Brisbane as an electronics design engineer he was in good company with Harold Wiltshire who worked at the same firm.

In 2003 Adrian joined Larry Perkins Co to design and build data logging systems for helicopter and light aircraft. Like his father and his uncle Albert he had a keen interest in woodwork. During time spent with Albert in his workshop on Christmas holiday visits to England, he developed his skills of the craft. In Australia Adrian's early woodturning skill and growth was influenced by Richard Raffan. He mentions he and his uncle had the privilege of meeting with Richard. Like many members he has an extensive workshop at home and looks forward to time spent there.





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