

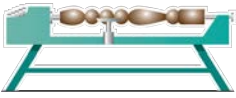
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**Lucas Watts and Ken Warren with their perpetual trophies
in the 2026 WSQ Competition.**



Editor's Note

By Joyce Arnold

Happy reading of the August edition of your Turning Talk. Thank you to the contributors for their hard work getting the news to you. Congratulations to the winners of the Woodturner's Society of Queensland 2026 Competition. Congratulations to all entrants and heartfelt thanks to the committee and all the work done to make this a success.

If you have items for future editions, please send them to me at drjoycearnold6120a@gmail.com 0466 650 048

President's Report

July was a fairly quiet month overall, with much of our time and energy focused on this year's competition.

Competition 2026

There were 95 entries in this year's competition.

The standard of work was exceptionally high, making the judging process both challenging and rewarding. Judging has now been completed, and we thank all participants for their outstanding entries.

The winners will be announced on Saturday, August 1 and details published in next month's Turning Talk.

Planning has already begun for next year's competition and we look forward to welcoming even more entries.

Workshop Open Day

Our Club Open Day will be held on Saturday, **29 August 9AM to 3PM**. There will be plenty happening throughout the day, including:

- Sausage sizzle and bacon & egg rolls for sale in the car park
- Woodturning demonstrations
- An opportunity for visitors to "come and try" woodturning
- Display of completed items

Please note that a large soccer carnival is also being held nearby on the same day, so traffic and parking will be busier than usual. We *may* attract interest from the soccer parents.

Important Parking Information

The club car park will be locked from Friday afternoon. On Saturday, access to the car park will be for members only. Brisbane Council have advised that we are within our rights to do so. A notice of our intention to block off the car park has been sent to the local soccer club.

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your cooperation. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

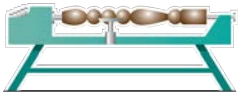
Another successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was held on 25 July. A big thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and helped make the day such a success.

The event generated a profit of \$1,900, an excellent result that reflects the dedication and teamwork of everyone involved. Richard will expand more on the results.

Income from our Bunnings BBQs has become a very important component of the revenue earned by WSQ, helping to support our ongoing activities and programs. Thank you again to everyone who contributed.

The next BBQ is September 13th.

Mike Dunne
President



Treasurer's Report

By Richard Watkins

A summary of the key results for June was presented at the July Management Committee meeting. June had net earnings (loss) of (\$1,555.93) for the month. Net Income \$11,052.42 and Total Expenses \$12,608.35.

At the end of the month, we had \$15,179 in our two operating accounts, compared to \$29,147 at the end of May and \$16,662 on 9 June, as discussed in the previous report.

Major sources of income (\$500+) for June were commission on Belmont member sales; Belmont raffle, café & WSQ sales; workshop fees; shop sales; and membership fees.

Major expenses (\$500+) for June were Belmont payments to members; electrical (3 phase outlet and plug); Belmont hall hire; shop stock; Public Liability insurance; new laptop; dust extractor service; and BCC rent.

For the Bunnings sausage sizzle on 25 July sausages were again donated by Australian Country Choice.

Thanks again to ACC for their support. Net profit was \$1,913. The next Bunnings sausage sizzle is 13 September.

Membership Report

by Alwyn Clarke

Please welcome the following new members.

- Ian Hindhaugh
- Greg Birnie
- Daniel Kassulke
- Gary Fogarty
- Kasper Skou

Remember it is mandatory for members to wear their name badges to the club and to any club events.

We are looking for a member to take over the Membership Secretary role ASAP. Please contact myself or Mike Dunne.

Just to let members know who pay by their subscription by cheque, banks are not processing them, so it will have to be by cash or bank transfer.

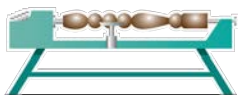
Birthdays for August

- Ron Brown
- Jan Chapman
- Neil Howard
- Primo Fantin
- Gaye Dunne
- Sue Brown
- Martin Darch
- Adam Boevink
- Marion Duval
- John Dash
- Karyn Adams
- Charles Charalambous
- Garth Wilshire
- Douglas Wyeth
- Joseph Roth
- Benjamin Engledow
- Greg Birnie



Members only facebook group

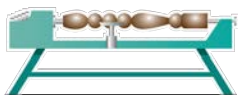
A members only Facebook group serves as a virtual extension of the club, providing a space for members to share their projects, ask for advice, and stay connected even if they cannot frequently visit the club. This platform can also be used to announce events, share resources, and buy and sell timber/tools between members. You can join the members only group on facebook by scanning the QR Code.



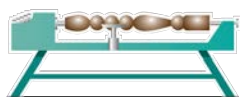
Convenors' Roster

Mike Mason- Convenor

Wk #	Date	Session	Time	Session description	Convenor	Convenor
1	1/08/26	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Demonstration day	-	-
	4/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Brian Creese	John Donaldson
	4/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop/Toy group	Barry Wilson	Reg Weber
	4/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Library	Mike Mason	Pete Wyer
	4/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Shop	Don Randall	-
	4/08/26	Tuesday Afternoon	1pm - 4pm	Open Workshop	Allan Short	-
	4/08/26	Tuesday Afternoon	10.30am - 2.30pm	Pyrography Group	Joyce Arnold	-
	4/08/26	Tuesday Afternoon	1pm - 4pm	Box Making	Reg Weber	-
	4/08/26	Tuesday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Mick Phythian	Dan Woodward
	4/08/26	Tuesday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Pyrography	Dan Woodward	-
	6/08/26	Thursday morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Keith Greenland	-
	7/08/26	Friday Morning	8am - 3pm	Toy Group	Barry Wilson	Peter Churchward
	7/08/26	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Lucas Watts	-
2	8/08/26	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill	-
	11/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Brian Creese	John Donaldson
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	13/08/26	Thursday morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	John Reed	-
	14/08/26	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Don Randall	-
	14/08/26	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Carving Group	Keith Greenland	-
3	15/08/26	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill	-
	18/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Bob Kennedy	John Carney
	18/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop/Toy group	Barry Wilson	Reg Weber
	18/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Library	Mike Mason	Pete Wyr
	18/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Shop	Don Randall	-
	18/08/26	Tuesday Afternoon	1am - 4pm	Open Workshop	Mike Mason	John Dash
	18/08/26	Tuesday Afternoon	10.30am - 2.30pm	Pyrography Group	Joyce Arnold	-
	18/08/26	Tuesday Afternoon	1pm - 4pm	Box Making	Reg Weber	-
	18/08/26	Tuesday Evening	6pm - 9pm	Open Workshop	Mick Phythian	-
	20/08/26	Thursday morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Clayton O'Brien	-
	21/08/26	Friday Morning	8am - 3pm	Toy Group	Barry Wilson	Peter Churchward
	21/08/26	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Don Randall	-
4	22/08/26	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill	-
	25/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Bob Kennedy	Mike Mason
	25/08/26	Tuesday Morning	8am - 12pm	Downstairs Workshop/Toy group	Barry Wilson	Reg Weber
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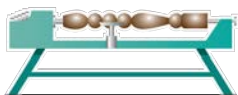
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	28/08/26	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	John Carney	-
	28/08/26	Friday Morning	8am - 12pm	Carving Group	Keith Greenland	-
5	29/08/26	Saturday Morning	8am - 12pm	Open Workshop	Paul Machin-Everill	-

Date Claimers

Binny Willis.

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

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 5th 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.
Saturday 3rd October	Finishing Techniques - Dan Woodward	Dan will share the range of Finishing techniques he uses on his projects. You can expect to see how he uses lacquer techniques as well as a variety of colouring methods. Plan to bring a hat, because we will spend a bit of time in the carpark!
Saturday 17th October	Show and Tell forum	You will now have had a month to show us what you took from Simon's demonstration and maybe you incorporated some of Dan's Finishing advice.
Saturday 7th November	Fine Finishing Techniques - Terry Martin	Feedback from the Judges of our recent Competition indicated that the standard of finishing of much of the work displayed needs attention. Terry Martin will demonstrate basic sanding protocols to ensure that tool marks and inconsistencies in the use of the various grits and sanding techniques are not a feature in the finish used in your turning. He will explain and demonstrate the application of finishes and the basics of different methods of buffing to get the best results.
Saturday 21 st November	Show and Tell forum	This would be an ideal opportunity to bring along your own work to get feedback on what you have learned from both Dan and Terry.



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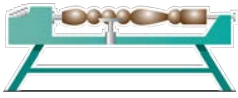


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Preliminary Competition Report

Recipients of Perpetual Trophies:



Small Bowl by Lucas Watts

Lucas Watts - Vicmarc Machinery Encouragement Award for Introductory Level entry gaining the highest point score in purely wood turning categories

Lucas Watts - the Ma.Lu.Ca Award awarded to the individual gaining the highest aggregate points in the Introductory level



Platter by Ken Warren

Ken Warren - Max Morris Shield awarded for the highest point score in purely wood turning categories at Introductory or Intermediate level



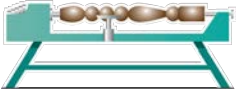
Turned article with other work incorporated by Don McMillan

Don McMillan - Ben Flack Memorial Trophy awarded for the highest point score at any level in Category - Article Incorporating other Work or Materials



Peacock by Denise Tierney

Denise Tierney - Rosemary Thornton Shield for Pyrography.



Turning a pen with WSQ

We plan to hold another penmaking course over 3 consecutive weeks commencing 6th November 2026. The course will be limited to 6 members with preference given to those who missed out earlier in the year.

Our plan is to run an evening course on the three consecutive Fridays 6.00 pm – 9.00pm. If participants agree we would prefer to start up to an hour earlier as Don & I like to go to bed early.

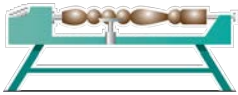
To participate you must be a financial member and hold full accreditation to use the lathe. The cost of the course will be \$70.00 plus the workshop fees for each session. Participants will take home 2 completed pens and a set of notes. Students should bring PPE. Your own tools are welcome but not necessary. To register your interest please contact John Carney at, jscarney83@gmail.com

Sales Tables for Mt Coot-tha (23 th to 25 th October 2026)

1. A list will be on the notice WSQ board by Tuesday the 2 nd of September, for table requirements.
2. There will be a maximum of THREE tables per member, providing there is availability.
3. Members requesting 3 tables will be allocated 2 tables initially. A third table will be allocated by ballot, if there is sufficient space.
4. Half tables will be made available, please indicate this on the Table Allocation List.
5. Members booking tables must nominate what jobs you intend to assist with to help the smooth running of this event.
 1. Café,
 2. Load in / Load out, at WSQ,
 3. Set up Auditorium Mt Cootha,
 4. Sales Counter,
 5. Raffle / Entry table,
 6. Set Up/Take Down of Flags and Banners, and
 7. Demonstrating.

The cut off for booking tables will be 12pm Tuesday 6th September 2026. Those members who cannot get into WSQ to book a table can Phone or Text: Don McMillan on Ph:- 0439704622.

by Binny Willis



Report on Open Workshops

I have enjoyed the couple of turning Open Workshops I have attended. Neil Howard and Alwyn Clark have been wonderful. They have made me feel very welcome, sharing their knowledge and guidance with me, which is very much appreciated. So this is a note of appreciation. I really enjoy coming to the club. The club has a wonderful and friendly energy.

by Wendy Hillhecker

Chainsaw Extravaganza

Here are two photos from this morning's chainsaw extravaganza. Mick, Keith & myself processed some logs, wood for the club this morning



by John Dash

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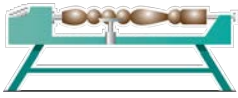
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Simon Begg is coming to Pine St.

Simon Begg will demonstrate his skills at Pine St. on Saturday, 5th August 9am-Noon.

Simon started his woodturning journey in 2009 with the making of his first bowl at school. Attending Turnfest in 2026 took his interest to a whole new level – he turned a hobby into a career. Now, he is in demand as a professional turner, demonstrator and teacher.

Simon has become an accomplished demonstrator and teacher and he has just returned from a demanding stint on the USA demonstration circuit. His excellence in his field will again be on show in Australia at the 2027 Turnfest.

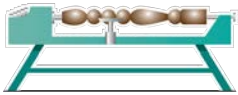
A well deserving recipient of a number of prestigious awards for his woodturning. His faceplate work gives him the opportunity to express his creativity as he creates beautifully balanced salad bowls, carved bowls, hollow forms and his amazing German ring turning.

Simon ensures that he reminds his audiences and students of the importance of developing good tool techniques and then constantly focusing on and refining them on each trip to the lathe. He is a master of explaining and re-enforcing the basics of turning and the need to understand the features of the timber being turned to show it in its best light.

Make sure that you sign up to attend his demonstration on Saturday, 5th September at Pine St. Cost is \$35 and **MUST** be pre-paid. To register, please transfer the \$35 directly into the account of the Woodturners Society of Queensland – BSB 124010 A/c number 10156989 by 31st August. Only those registered to attend will be admitted to the Auditorium. Money will not be taken on the day.



The Jan Pennell Award for Woodturning, Hollow Form Series



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

by John Reed

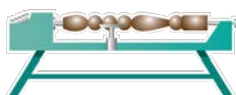
Our latest sausage sizzle at Bunnings Mt Gravatt was held on Saturday 25th July. The morning was very busy requiring a lunch time run to the local shops to purchase more sausages and bread. During the day, we cooked up 700 sausages, 15kg of onion and used 33 loaves of bread. A fantastic effort by all those who volunteered on the day:

Wendy Hillhecker, Jeanette and John Donaldson, Chris Smith, Jeff Lum Lan, Lucas Watts, Joyce Arnold, Niles Elvery and Katie Pittock. It was great to see several BBQ & 'newbies' including two 'newish' WSQ members.

Thanks also to David Williams who, as usual, helped with the setup.

Some pics from the day:





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