

NEWS LETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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EDITORS REMARKS

I hope you are all keeping well in these challenging times.

As there has been no Cubby House activities for some time now I have decided to go back in time and revisit some of the articles from previous Cubby House News Letters. Hoping that this will bring back some memories for the older members and give the newer members some background information about the Cubby House. I have also revisited the news letters for the past nine years and tried to identify the Best Displayed Items that were judged by the members. I apologise if I have missed anyone.

Keep safe and well until the Cubby House reopens!!!!!!

CELEBRATING THE 15th ANNIVERSARY Of The Cubby House Saturday, 19th February 2011

Brief History

Formation of Guild

The Guild started as an idea of several teachers, students and past students of the Woodturning Trade Course at the Sydney Technical College, Ultimo, Sydney. The founding meeting of the Guild was held at the home of George Hatfield on the 4 July 1983, with the first formal meeting being held at the Woodturning Section of the Sydney Technical College on the 8 August 1983.

During the meeting on the 4 July 1983, the title of "Woodturners Guild of NSW" was adopted and used until 31 January 1989, when, after incorporation, it was changed to "The Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc."

Birth of Southern Region

The "South Side Regional Group" had its first meeting at Frank Bollins home on the 2 February 1986, nine members and their wives attended a barbecue lunch. The 9 members in attendance were; Frank Bollins, Bruce Leadbeater, Jack Hungerford, Les Noble, Mannie Burnham, George Evans, Joe de Fina, Clarrie Snell and George Luster.

Meetings continued at member's homes from February 1986 through till after renovations had been completed at the former Oyster Bay Scout Hall and after the Official Opening of Southern Region, on the 17 February 1996.

As membership increased so did the attendances at members homes increasing to regular attendances of 55 and up to 66, it became necessary to find a hall that would comfortably provide for the growing membership as well as security for tools and machinery as they became available.

Due to our group's community involvement with the Sutherland Shire Council's, Cronulla Fiesta held at Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla during 1993, 1994 and 1995, The Council became aware of our plight to find a convenient meeting place.

Disused Scout Hall

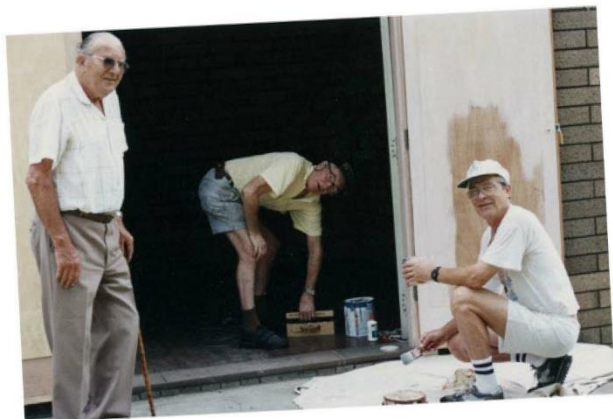
Tim Fong of Sutherland Shire Council suggested the idea of our group using the disused Scout Hall at Oyster Bay and made the necessary arrangements for members to view the hall.

Verbal negotiations between Guild members and Sutherland Shire Council commenced in August 1995 with recorded documentation from the Sydney Woodturning Guild Inc. to Council dated 29 August 1995, signed by then President Frank Bollins.

Correspondence continued between both parties until Council approved tenure occupancy on the 15 November 1995 with specific conditions, one in particular being that the "Management Committee of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc., be appointed as a community management committee of Council" and follow Council regulations and conditions.

The nominated Management Committee comprised Guild Members, Alan Bourne, Bert Ponder and Clive Cairns, later known as the "ABC Committee", the "ABC" being the first letter of the Christian name of each committee member.

Extensive renovations were carried out by a very active and enthusiastic group of members. Alan Bourne (deceased) recorded that over 40 volunteers contributed in excess of 2,000 hours of labour, with 95% of this labour performed by members over 60 years of age. The work required licenced tradesmen, electrical, plumbing, builders and carpenters some of which still active in their trade with other talented assistants completed the work for a financial outlay of less than \$1,400, using finances made available on loan from members of our Region



First Open Day at Southern Region

Southern Region's doors were opened to the public on Saturday 10 February 1996, with a "Meet the Neighbours Day" and invited the surrounding neighbourhood to the open day to show them the newly completed woodturning workshop and enlighten them on Guild activities. Attendance for the day was 140 visitors and 35 members.

A Little on the Birth of The Cubby House (cont.)

Official Opening at Southern Region

The Official Opening Day at the new clubhouse was a Maxi-Day on the 17 February 1996, with Convenor Les Noble, welcoming all members and visitors, a total number of 150 people signed the attendance book on this special day. Bert Ponder was Host for the day.

By the end of the day, Southern Region had signed up 9 new members of whom 2 are still active members, Alan Shoebridge and Alan Pentecost.



The Name "Cubby House"

The name came out of a conversation between two of the ABC Committee wives, the 'two P's', Pauline Bourne and Pam Cairns, who suggested their husbands during the hall restoration, that they have bunks down at the hall. The word Cubby House was mentioned and stayed. After which other members then told their wives they were going down to Cubby House. It must be a good name and proof of that is evident, as the name is known throughout Australia and some countries overseas.

Formation of Cubby House Newsletter

The first official newsletter for Southern Region, titled Cubby House News, was published and distributed at the November 1996 Maxi-Day, The editor, production manager, distributor of this masterpiece was Alan Pentecost and comprised of 2, A4 size pages.

Convenors/Presidents

Convenors/Presidents since formation of Southern Region:

Convenors

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Stuart Debnam | Sep '91 to Sep '92 |
| 2. Joe De Fina | Sep '92 to Sep '94 |
| 3. Les Noble | Sep '94 to Sep '96 |
| 4. Pat Thorpe | Sep '96 to Sep '98 |
| 5. Peter Weir-Smith | Sep '98 to Mar '99 |
| 6. Gavin Wenham | Apr '99 to Sep '00 |
| 7. Ian Casburn | Sep '00 to Sep '01 |

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 8. Jim Govan | Sep '01 to Aug '03 |
| 9. Fred Warr | Aug '03 to Aug '05 |
| 10. Ken McEwen | Aug '05 to Nov '06 |

Presidents since Incorporation, 13 November 2006.

Presidents

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 11. Ken McEwen | Nov '06 to Aug '07 |
| 12. Frank Williams | Aug '07 to Aug '10 |
| 13. Keith Moses | Aug '10 to |

Treasurers

The position of Treasurer was not formalised until after the Official opening at Southern Region, February 1996. Prior to this date, Convenors managed the finances.

Treasurers since the Official formation of Southern Region:

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Clive Cairns | Feb '96 to Sep '98 |
| 2. Ken Elliott | Sep '98 to Sep '01 |
| 3. Graham Chapman | Sep '01 to Aug '03 |
| 4. Brian Horder | Aug '03 to Aug '05 |
| 5. Fred Warr | Aug '05 to & still going |

Southern Region Woodturners Inc.

Life Membership

After Incorporation November 2006

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Bruce Leadbeatter* | Nov '06 |
| Pat Thorpe* | Nov '06 |
| Ted Macquart | Nov '06 |
| Alan Bourne | Nov '06 |
| Clive Cairns | Nov '06 |
| Bert Ponder (posthumous) | Nov '06 |
| Val Lipping | Dec '08 |

* Previous Life Member of Southern Region granted Life Membership of Southern Region Woodturners Inc.

Southern Region Woodturners Inc.

Guild Life Membership

1. Mannie Burnham
2. Frank Bollins
3. Bruce Leadbeatter
4. Alf Jordan
5. Warren Rankin
6. Ted Macquart

1st Patron of Cubby House

Patrick Thorpe, Guild No 766

On Saturday 15 August 2009, at Cubby House, Southern Region Woodturners President, Frank Williams, presented Pat Thorpe with the Honour of being made "PATRON" of Cubby House. This prestigious award was granted in recognition of unrivalled support and guidance that he has so generously given to Southern Region and its members over so many years

A Little on the Birth of The Cubby House (cont.)

Incorporation, 13 November 2006

Southern Region had its First Workshop Meeting on Monday 13 November 2006, as an incorporated body. The Club's name changed from the Southern Region of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc., to Southern Region Woodturners Inc., an affiliated association of the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc.

The former position of Convenor was replaced with the new position of President. The incorporation procedure occurred during Ken McEwen's leadership.

Community Involvement

Craft Shows

During the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 our Craft Shows were specifically targeted as fundraising shows to provide financial assistance to deserving local community services. The shows were held on the last weekend in October, commencing with official opening on the Friday night followed by Saturday and Sunday day activities, demonstrations and sales.

Craft Show: Year 1998

The "Charity Wood and Craft Show", raised \$6,600 that purchased 3 Nitrous Oxide Machines for the local Sutherland Hospital Children's New Emergency Ward.

Craft Show: Year 1999

Our charity "Wood and Craft Show" raised \$9,100 to assist the Sutherland Shires' NSW Rural Fire Service, purchase vital equipment for use when attending fires and other emergency calls.

Craft Show: Year 2000

The "Charity Begins at Home Art and Craft Show" raised \$15,100 to assist the Sutherland Shires' NSW State Emergency Services, purchase necessary equipment for use during their emergency work.

Craft Show: Year 2001

Our "Charity Begins at Home Wood, Art and Craft Show" raised \$20,500 for the Sutherland Shire's Assistance dogs for Independence, who train dogs to help young children and adults with disabilities, achieve an enhanced quality of life.

Government Recognition

State Government Presentation

During March 1999, Lorna Stone, State Member for Sutherland presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to the Sydney Woodturners Guild Inc, in recognition of our outstanding contribution to the people of the Sutherland Electorate.

NSW Premier Presents Awards, 24 May 2000

In recognition and appreciation for outstanding services to the community, the Member for Miranda, Barry Collier nominated Southern Region for a Government "Community Service Award" in the Legislative Assembly on 6 April 2000.

Toymaking

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal

Years before Southern Region was established the Sydney Woodturners Guild had been making wooden toys for this Appeal.

During 2006 the Southern Region Woodturners and the Shire Woodworking Club Inc., (formerly Triton Owners Club) combined their efforts and set aside 1 day per month to manufacture a wide variety of wooden toys for both girls and boys.

The toys are distributed to the needy children throughout NSW in time for Christmas.

The Children's Hospital, Randwick

During the past 5 years, 2006 - 2010 the toy demand for the long stay children at the Hospital has dramatically increased. It was necessary during 2007 for our Toymaking group to introduce an additional 1 day per month to cope with the ongoing demand. The wooden toys for both boys and girls are usually delivered to the Hospital 3 to 4 times throughout each year.

Leo & Jenny Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation, now known as Cancer Research Foundation

For many years, our members produced turned items and donated them to the Foundation for fundraising purposes at their Annual Dinners. Don Dickson was our delivery boy and regularly attended these annual functions.

Boys Town Festival

For many years, our members produced and donated items together with assisting at their fundraising fetes. Our delivery boy and assistant for this function was Phil Newell who regularly attended these annual events.

John Field Historian

Editor's Note:

*Many thanks to John for ensuring that
"our history is up to date"*

Sydney Woodturning Guild
Southern Region

Cubby House News

November 1996

Thank you for reading the first monthly newsletter produced for the Sydney Woodturning Guild's Southern Region.

The committee has decided that an informal bulletin type of publication was becoming necessary as our region has grown in membership considerably since the opening of the Oyster Bay premises.

Initially, its main purpose is to publicise coming events and report on items of interest from the previous Maxi day.

On a trial basis, the newsletter will be distributed on maxi days, but may be posted in the week prior to publicise the upcoming maxi day. Posting will depend on funds being available, so anyone interested in advertising their company or able to secure some advertising please contact me. Non commercial for sale / wanted type adverts by members will be published at no charge.

If you would like an article included, it must reach me by the Tuesday before the maxi day.

In the early stages, ideas for articles can be discussed by phone or see me or one of the committee members at Oyster Bay.

I am unable to attend mini days due to work commitments, so feedback by anyone attending mini days is invited to let me know what happened / is planned.

Somehow I have ended up with the job of editor / production manager / advertising manager / distributor etc. with no previous qualifications or experience, so any help, assistance or advice will be gratefully accepted. Any rough edges will be sandpapered out as the months go by.

The format / layout may change, your suggestions are most welcome.

Photos may be included on an experimental basis - I'll give anything a go!

There are no visions of grandeur with this newsletter, so don't expect it to develop into a multi page full colour Australian Woodworker competitor, nor a replacement for the Guilds Bi Monthly "By Hand and Eye" magazine, just a one or two page information handout.

About now, I should introduce myself. I am a new member, joining at the official opening of Oyster Bay in February. Please phone me after hours ####-#### to place adds, submit articles, offer assistance etc.

Alan Pentecost.

The Xmas party (thank you to the wives) was held in our hall on the 26th October.

87 people attended, including 5 children. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and a very interesting talk and demonstration of various types of bagpipes from throughout the world by Bill Hart was well received.

There were a couple of glitches, mainly the distribution of food. This will be rectified for the next party. Thanks to Bert and his helpers for a very enjoyable night.

Congratulations to Mannie Burnham being elected President of the Guild, also to Frank Bollins as the new Regional Rep. and to Pat Thorpe who is the new Convener. We expect good representation from these dedicated people.

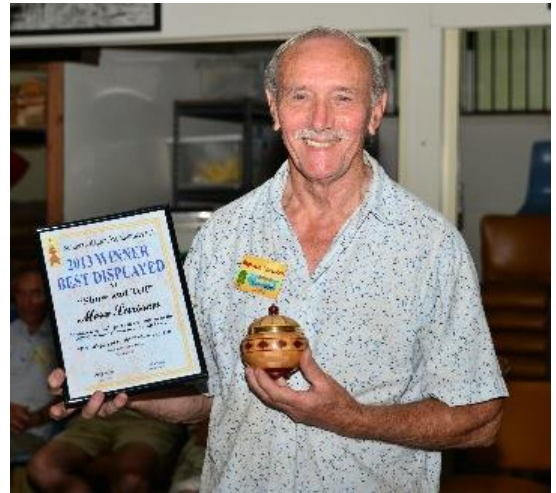
BEST DISPLAYED ITEMS FOR THE YEAR JUDGED BY THE MEMBERS

2012



Tony Hancox – Turned Item

2013



Merv Larsson – Turned Item

2014



Geoff Tong – Turned Item

2014



Frank Pynenburg – Turned Item

2015



Ken Dick – Turned Item

2016



Merv Larsson – Turned Item

2017



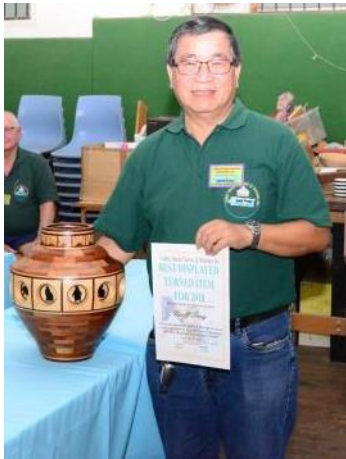
Tony Hancox - Turned Item

2017



Tony Hancox – Joinery Item

2018



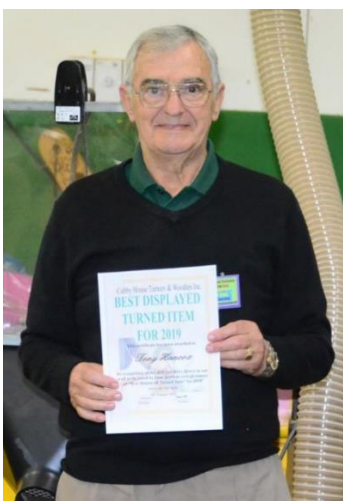
Geoff Tong – Turned Item

2018



Keith Guy – Joinery Item

2019



Tony Hancox – Turned Item



2019



Malcolm Stewart – Joinery Item



2020



Merv Larsson – Turned Item

2020



Merv Larsson – Joinery Item

One morning at The Pearly Gates ...

An old man approaches the Pearly Gates. St. Peter is on vacation and Jesus is processing the new arrivals. The bent, old man hobbles slowly up to the gateway and stops, squinting at Jesus with half-blind eyes. "Greetings, old man," says Jesus, smiling brightly. "Welcome to Heaven. What is your name?" The old man thinks for a few moments and then replies, "I'm so old, I don't remember my name." "OK," responds Jesus. "Tell me about yourself and I can cross reference you in our computer." "Well," says the old man slowly, "I was a carpenter, yes, yes.... and... uh... I had a very famous son..." Jesus looks at the old man with wide eyes and in a breathy voice says, "Father???"

Photogenic?

When I went to get my driver's licence renewed the local Motor Registry was packed. The line inched along for almost an hour until the man ahead of me finally got his licence. He inspected his photo for a moment and commented to the clerk, "I was standing in line so long, I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this picture." The clerk looked at his picture closely, and reassured him, "It's okay. That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway."

It's Hell to be Old!

OLD people have problems that you haven't even considered yet!
An 85-year-old man was requested by his Doctor for a sperm count as part of his physical exam. The doctor gave the man a jar and said, take this jar home and bring back a semen sample tomorrow. The next day the 85-year-old man reappeared at the doctor's office and gave him the jar, which was as clean and empty as on the previous day. The doctor asked what happened and the man explained, well doc, it's like this--first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand, then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. She even called up Arleen, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezing it between her knees, but still nothing. The doctor was shocked! **You asked your neighbour?** The old man replied, Yep, none of us could get the jar open.

EVENT CALENDAR 2021

Note: - The following information may be subject to change in date or content,
if in doubt contact a committee member.

September

~~Wed 1st Mini Day~~
~~Sat 4th Mini Day~~
~~Tue 7th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm~~
~~Wed 8th Mini Day~~
~~Man 13th Committee Meeting 0930 hrs~~
~~Tue 14th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm~~
~~Wed 15th Mini Day~~
~~Sat 18th Maxi Day – Host John Jansons~~
~~Demonstration – 3 turned bowls~~
~~conjoined (1 piece of wood)~~
~~Tue 21st Mini Night 5 to 9 pm~~
~~Wed 22nd Mini Day~~
~~Tue 28th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm~~
~~Wed 29th Mini Day~~

Maybe Sometime in October

Sat 2nd Mini Day
Tue 5th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 6th Mini Day
Mon 11th Committee Meeting 0930 hrs
Tue 12th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 13th Mini Day
Sat 16th Maxi Day – Host Bernie Korent
Demonstration - Wood Piercing
Tue 19th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 20th Mini Day
Tue 26th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 27th Mini Day

November

Tue 2nd Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 3rd Mini Day
Sat 6th Mini Day
Tue 9th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 10th Mini Day
Mon 15th Committee Meeting 0930 hrs
Tue 16th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 17th Mini Day
Sat 20th Maxi Day - Paul Higgins
Demonstration - Custom/special tools
for jobs
Tue 23rd Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 24th Mini Day
Tue 30th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm

December

Wed 1st Mini Day
Sat 4th Mini Day
Tue 7th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 8th Mini Day
Man 13th Committee Meeting 0930 hrs
Tue 14th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 15th Mini Day
Sat 18th Maxi Day – Host Keith Jones
Christmas Party
Tue 21st Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 22nd Mini Day
Tue 28th Mini Night 5 to 9 pm
Wed 29th Mini Day