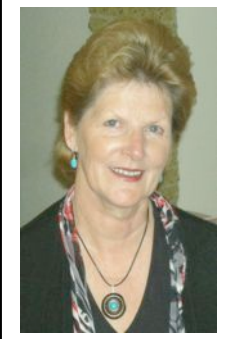




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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It is an honour to stand among those who have been Presidents of the Koonung Woodturning Guild. There are large shoes to fill from Harold Irving, our founding President to our Immediate Past President Arthur Sankey. Thank you to those who have encouraged me to do so.

Without our hardworking committee we would not be here, so thank you to our outgoing Committee members:

John McBrinn – for your generosity and being there when most needed

Max Lehmann – for your valuable input at meetings, raffle and demos.

Murray Round –Secretary – being secretary is an arduous task. Murray saw us through the transition period when the Guild handed the “Australian

Woodturning Exhibition to the Whitehorse Woodturners ...A difficult time made easier by your expertise.

David Tonkin –Treasurer. It is humbling to honour someone who has dedicated his time for as long as David has. David served on the committee as treasurer since 1995, Chairman of the “Australian Woodturning Exhibition” since 1994 has been a recipient of the Brian Christian Award. His contribution to the Guild has been immense. Thank you David for your tireless dedication.

Arthur Sankey- Immediate Past President Orator and Scribe. Arthur has done a splendid job during the past 2 years and was instrumental in getting our Guild back into a healthy financial position post “Exhibition “days. The Thursday group has thrived under his Presidency and several new members joined. On behalf of the Guild “Thank you Arthur.”

Welcome to the new **Office Bearers:**

VicePresident Ray Smith, Secretary Michael O’Callaghan, Treasurer Geoff Easton and
Committee : Jim Pagonis, Tom Beswick, David Scott and P.P. Arthur Sankey.

Every Year the Committee selects a member who has fulfilled the criteria to receive the Brian Christian Award. Alan Thompson has achieved this and far more in his time at the Guild. His excellence in woodturning has been inspiring. He has devoted his time for many years on committee as Vice President, President and for a number of years ran our “Critique” Monday nights. His eagle eye appraising every item that members were brave enough to bring along. He has raised the yard stick and dragged many to a level where they have entered and won awards at the Australian Woodturning Exhibition. Congratulations Alan.

Without our general members there would be no Guild. A more generous lot you could not find. There would not be a web site without Anne Munro, there would be no demonstrations at Bunnings and Schwerkolt Cottage, or the Spring Festival, no toys for the Harold Irving Toy Appeal or support for Country Hope organised by John Atkinson. At the drop of a hat members came forward to make items for charity, geese by the truck load for children with cancer, Knitting Nancies, Fabulous Toys for Eastern Emergency Services and the Salvation Army -----

AND THERE WOULD BE NO FUN! WE HAVE A GUILD WITH THE GREATEST SENSE OF HUMOUR.

Chinese proverb: **Tell** me something and I will forget. **Show** me something and I may remember **Involve** me and I will understand.

Please be involved at our meeting on 26th September when

Your Lady president -- Dianna Bermingham

SHOW and TELL

Ted Anderson, who recently was a judge at another Guild's competition praised the quality and quantity of the items on display.



Name	Item	Material
Rick Gilks	Salt & Pepper mills	Red Gum
Val Dalsanto	Bowls	Blackwood, Sassafras
Mike O'Callaghan	Lidded Containers	Huon Pine, African Blackwood
Reg Johnson	Off centre Turning	Red Lancewood
Max Lehmann	Vase	Temarine
Ron Dunston	Bowl	Silky Oak, Blackwood
Tom Beswick	Clock	Red Gum
Ken Starkey	Table Lamp	Red Gum
Anne Munro	Memo Holder	Huon Pine, Sassafras
Ray Smith	Lidded Containers	Red Gum, Wild Cherry

DEMONSTRATOR Michael O'CALLAGHAN



Our own member Michael O'Callaghan showed his method of making a small lidded container. Taking a cylinder of cherry wood he had previously turned he proceeded to turn a finial and shaped the top of the lid. The lid needed to be of smaller diameter than the cylinder. He ensured that the edges of the lid were parallel. Sanding was then completed. In parting off the lid he was careful that the underside was well finished. (He thinks at some time in the future he may use a Ken Wraight "crush chuck" to help with this.

He then proceeded to use a spindle gouge to take out the inside of the base working from the centre towards the edge. Michael was careful to make the fitting of the lid to be accurate. When sanding the inside he was careful not to sand the lid fitting so that it would not become oval.

The goblet shape was completed using a spindle gouge, sanding and finishing. To clean up the base after parting off Michael fitted the turning on to a press chuck.

Members were in praise of the finish Michael had attained in so short a time.

UPMARKET 109

A boutique market is being held by the Koonung Community House in November. We have been allocated a stall among the other groups of the Cottage who will have a wide variety of high quality goods for sale. This was very successful last year will be a good opportunity for members to sell some of their outstanding items.

The Guild will be allocated a table to display items and Guild members will man it and keep records. The guild will benefit by 20% of the sales

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the Annual General Meeting it was decided to retain the annual subscription at \$35. The treasurer Geoff Easton will be pleased to accept yours at the monthly meeting or by cheque posted to his address – 10 Burnett St Mitcham 3132.

Long serving members were pleased to see that Ken Starkey was able to attend the annual meeting and come to a Thursday session.

BRIAN CHRISTIAN AWARD

In memory of the late member Brian Christian the Guild makes a presentation to a member who has been of assistance to the Guild and who has shown improvement in turning during his time with the Guild.

In making this year's presentation to Alan Thompson President Arthur said that the reason Alan had not received the award sooner was that he was on the committee recommending others. Members looked upon this as a well deserved over due presentation.



TOY APPEAL

The Annual Harold Irving Christmas Toy Appeal will be held again this year with the recipients being Eastern Relief and the Salvation Army. **This has been a Guild highlight for many years.** Members are again asked to assist by making high quality toys for all ages or make a donation of toys.

These will be presented to the recipients at the meeting on November 29th (note that this is the fifth Saturday in the month instead of the usual fourth).

[Are you able to help and attend?](#)

DESIGN by Ray Smith

For those who like to make an accurate drawing to work from for an intended item there is a computer program which can be used for this. The shapes and curves can be manipulated and a Three D picture brought up.

Details of the program can be found at : www.creative-woodturner.co.uk

A free download can be used for 21 days.

Woodworking Warehouse
Open Days 9th Oct. 10-4pm !0th October 10am -3pm
Demonstrations of woodturning equipment
Free Sausage sizzle & raffle. Lucky door prize.
11 Citrus Avenue Braeside.

My mother taught me about justice.

“One day you will have kids, and I hope they will turn out like you!!”

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A SHOW AND TELL ITEM ON
SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**

DEMONSTRATIONS

Thank you to the members who responded to Bunnings request to demonstrate at their Middleborough Road store on the day before Fathers' Day.

Also to those who attended the annual Historical Day at Schwerkolt's Cottage. These public demonstrations usually generate interest for prospective members.

Another Annual event at which the Guild usually demonstrates will be the Whitehorse Spring Festival. We will be provided with a marquee in the grounds behind the Whitehorse City Council in Whitehorse Road Nunawading on Sunday October 18th. It is a good opportunity to see many of Whitehorse's community organizations and to advertise the work of the Guild.

MUNDAY MUTTERINGS by TOM BESWICK

On 7th September the usual Monday night group gathered, with a good attendance of 10 members. "Raucous" Rick Gilks started off with the production of his donation of ducks on behalf of John Atkinson for Country Hope Camp for Children with Cancer as a painting activity.

David, of the Antarctic Scott immediately followed up with his collection, then not to be out done Mal "Stonewall" Jackson's flock flew in, quickly followed by the "Terrier Thompson" Collection.

Not to be outdone Ray Dennis produced his DVD production of the Australian Woodturning Exhibition.

Lady Di, (El Presidenti) produced a tea candle holder made from red gum – this subsequently turned out to be an item turned by "Terrier Thompson" some time ago.

Tom B your scribe had a small platter of unknown wood. Then came "Voracious" Val with his improving items which went the rounds of the table. The interaction between Voracious and Terrier is always an interesting spectacle and all are waiting for the day Voracious finally finds a detail that Terrier has overlooked. I reckon when that happens, even though I can't see it happening, Voracious, ever the optimist will pounce with all the vigor of a wounded tiger

Michael "Leprechaun" O'Callaghan produced his latest piece, a cantilever type bowl, a work in progress. He detailed the manner in which he was approaching the project and how he was going to finish the piece, which no doubt will be displayed at some future stage.

Thanks Tom - at future Monday get togethers members may need to be careful with their behaviour!!!! R.S.

Our sympathy goes out to Sheila Flynn and family for the recent death of her husband and our former member Peter. Members will fondly remember Peter's joy at showing well turned items he had produced.