



# Newsletter

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## What's on

May 26 –27 Merry Month of May

July 13 –15 SATurn (**Register by 1st April**)

Registration forms for both these events are included in this newsletter

## President's Report



Mike Donnellan

You will see elsewhere in this newsletter details for this year's Merry Month of May. The Copper Coast Woodworkers has put together a comprehensive program that even offers activities for non-woodie spouses/partners. MMoM is the annual inter-club Woodgroup event - I urge you to register and attend. My experience at previous MMoMs is that I always have a lot of fun, meet new people, learn something and usually purchase an item or two from the traditional auction; I'm sure this one will be no different.

The new Executive team has taken some time to come to grips with this thing that is Woodgroup. I was reminded of a previous report from John Rowe highlighting the difficulty of new people taking over but also the desirability of regular rotation of people through the positions. It seems that what is required is the replacement of one or two of the Executive team at any one time so that there can be some continuity of the knowledge and processes that the Executive undertakes to provide the operations of the group. More on this later in the year.

Last week I visited Toymendous. After a guided tour I was put to work on a scroll saw cutting out vehicle shapes. I enjoyed it immensely. If you have spare time on a Toymendous workshop day you might consider fronting along to lend a hand to a good cause - first, second and third Thursdays as well as second Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm (nominally).

Mike Donnellan

## Have you got big boots?



Ron Allen

Ron Allen has been contributing to the newsletter for many years, starting in the nineties. There has hardly been an issue, certainly in the past five years that hasn't featured a 'Trees 'n' Timber' article. Ron has finally decided to give it away, so we all owe him a vote of thanks for a great effort. Next time you see him, tell him so!

Of course. Ron's stepping down is a golden opportunity for one of you to step forward and take up the baton!

### SOUTHERN TURNERS INC.



*Keeping the World Turning!*

You are invited to hear Michael Schriever, the well renowned wood carver when he speaks at the Southern Turners meeting on Saturday 5 May at 1 pm.

Venue: Aberfoyle Park High School Tech Studies Room. Enter from Taylors Road West off Happy Valley Drive.

Michael started carving by chance as a young man in London. Self taught, he has expressed his innate talent in sculptures of great detail that now are in private collections around the world. Michael now lives in Adelaide.

Join Southern Turners for what promises to be an interesting and enjoyable exploration of the craft of woodcarving.

Southern Turners meet from 10 am with a bring-your-own lunch at 12 noon and everyone is invited to join us prior to Michael's talk.

For further information or to indicate that you are coming please contact Alvan Roman; email [saroma2@bigpond.com](mailto:saroma2@bigpond.com) or phone 83811368.

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Contact Bert on 8293 7401 or 0409 033 560

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Item can be seen at [www.machines4u.com.au](http://www.machines4u.com.au) (advert ID = 40265)

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## Is it Worth Travelling to an Interstate Symposium?

In July 2010 David and I took the plunge and handed over the money to attend the *Australian Woodturning Symposium – "Making the Chips Fly"*, held at St

Leo's College, Brisbane University.

The accommodation was also at St Leo's so we socialised with the demonstrators at meal times which was an added bonus.

The Symposium was organised by Bruce Bell, and had an impressive line-up of demonstrators, however because of lower than expected bookings, several of the demonstrators we were expecting to see (including our Tim Skilton) did not attend. In the end it didn't matter (sorry Tim) – because the demonstrators who did attend were so good.

Being a small group, class numbers were under 20 so we could all see and ask plenty of questions. It was also possible to see each demonstrator more than once, either repeating a project or showing us new skills.

So who was there you ask :

**Benoit Averly** from France who made exquisite lidded boxes (we bought one)



**Richard Raffan** who needs no introduction – he demonstrated bowl making and working end grain and basic skills.



**Peter Hromek** (Germany) – turned a multi axis vessel and a flower, started on the lathe and then carved and sanded using an angle grinder to change the appearance of the turned piece. These were quite large pieces, about the size of a football.



**Terry Baker** (NSW) who visited Northern Turners last November, is an artist who opened our eyes to new ways of decorating turned pieces. He encouraged us to keep a visual diary with sketches of designs, things that inspire, useful information etc. They were worth seeing!

**Dixie Biggs** (Florida) - who progressed from simple surface embellishment using dyes, grain fillers and dots to amazing relief carving using rotary powered carvers. She made it look easy – I rushed home keen to try it – it ain't easy!!



**John Wessels** (South Africa) : Uses pewter to decorated his turned work, either rims, or bases. David was intrigued by this and successfully turned a wooden mold in which to rough cast

the pewter. He then turned a pewter ring as the base for a bowl. He quickly learnt that you need to use very dry wood, as any moisture in the wooden mold quickly turns to steam and causes the molten metal to splatter – fortunately it missed David !

**Glenny Naden** (Coffs Harbour, NSW). Her husband turns the platters that Glenny decorates using simple designs which she demonstrated for us. Her objective is to carry on the aboriginal cultural tradition of telling stories through the paintings and designs passed on from her elders. Glenny made the painting of kangaroos, turtles and lizards look easy, but a steady hand and practice is required.



**Peter Jendra** (QLD) : Gave us some really useful tips on Photographing your work.

**Bruce Bell** (QLD) : Hosted some useful sessions on tool sharpening, mastering the scrow and understanding and drying your timber.

The following platter was worked on by all the demonstrators and presented to organiser, Bruce Bell.



We really enjoyed the 31/2 days. The registration fee was \$395 each, and the Accommodation fee including all meals was \$560 for a Double Ensuite Room. We paid an extra \$45 for the Saturday night banquet. Plane fares were an added cost.

I thought it was well worth the expense for the opportunity to learn from so many world class demonstrators at one venue.



*David Rhodes with John Wessels and Benoit Averly*

Jan Beare

**Networking Nights—all Woodgroup members welcome!**

**Next meeting: Thursday, 12th April 2012**

**Venue: San Giorgio Community Center  
(Henry St, Payneham)**

**Time: 7.00pm**

**TOPIC: Jewellery and Swap-meet**

**(if you've some timber or a tool you no longer require bring it along—  
you may find someone to exchange it with!!)**



## Network Night—March 2012

The topic for this meeting was ‘animal, vegetable or mineral’. Most of us managed the vegetable bit, since wood is our interest, but animal and mineral were a little scarce..



Franco Lanfranchi confused some of us with this item which had the appearance of mineral ( it was suggested that it might be Michaelangelo’s missing bit, whatever that is). In fact it’s vegetable—a taqua nut, which Franco is in the process of carving

Franco also presented four of the attendees with a challenge to produce something interesting from two irregular shaped blocks (as shown below). Several people were slow to put up their hands—those who haven’t leant never to volunteer for anything were John Edyvean, Mel Pearce, Alex Muhholz and Graham Were. We await their efforts with interest!



Fred Allen expressed his enjoyment as a Southern Turner and brought a collection of recent club day projects—an angel, a bantam egg and a small bowl.



Where the hell did that come from?

Ray Hoare’s animal item was this astonished flamingo.



John Edyvean tried to convince us this souvenir crate of Tasmanian apples from the 1960’s were vegetable!



Undoubtably vegetable was this sample foliage that John collected locally from a Boughton willow.



Mel Pearce’s animal was a carved elephant which required some major surgery when he acquired it - prosthetic tusk and toenails.

Mel also presented some unusual craft items—a laminated leather pen, another from laminated perspex, and an acrylic letter opener .



Keith Grote brought along a work in progress—a document box made to a Neil Scobie design. Keith pointed out a problem he had with tear-out to the legs when routing the end frames. The simplest solution appeared to be to shave away the obvious tears.





Greetings from the Riverland Woodworkers. Since our last contribution we have been very busy, still moving into the new clubrooms, redesigning, setting up, relocating machinery, benches, timber and just about everything else. A conscientious team of members are in the process of erecting another storage shed which will come in handy for our timber. A huge thank you must go to these guys. We are very proud of our new premises which we partly share with the Evening Star Quilters. Both these crafts complement each other.

We have purchased a new ride on mower as the grounds surrounding our clubrooms are very spacious. The members feel that the energy used walking behind a push mower can be better used on club projects. More trees have been planted around the grounds providing future shade. Members are looking forward to the forthcoming workshop with Ron Allen and George Pastuch from Northern Turners demonstrating Turning Skills between 31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April. The Public have also been invited.

A large contingent of participants and visitors attended our Merry Month of May in 2011. Everyone had a very enjoyable weekend. We are looking forward to hosting another one in the not too distant future. Some of our members will be attending the Copper Coast Woodworkers Merry Month of May between the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May and are looking forward to catching up with or old friends and making new ones.

Visitors are always welcome at our clubrooms. Don't forget if you are visiting the Riverland call in and say hello, we can be found at the old Renmark High school craft building. We are open Wednesday 9.00am - 4.00pm, Thursday evening 6.00pm- 9.00pm, and Sunday afternoons from 1.00pm



*Judy Pfeiffer with her cake plates*



*Samuel Wallege & his soccer ball*



*John Lacey & Kevin Jenke working on the shed*

Until next time... Trudi Haynes

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**... and the deadline is 20/05/12**



## GETTING READY TO GREET YOU.

Looking for a great weekend – we think we have the answer for you. The Copper Coast has many interesting places to visit, but we reckon the Merry Month of May will be the pick.

Thanks to the advice of many people, the Copper Coast Woodies have been busy preparing for this event. We seem to be on track and the registration forms and other details will be in this newsletter. Hopefully there will be only minor changes to our plans. Thank you everyone who has helped so much.

Non woodies will be able to enjoy a bit of history and craft and woodies can look at all the goodies from Harris Traders, Dremel and Woodfast. Thanks to these traders for supporting this event and to Leda for their donation.

We would like to meet you so please register ASAP so we can confirm with caterers etc. etc.

While the Merry Month of May has headed our agenda we have also been busy moving the lathes over to the “Budgie” shed, so we now have two sheds. Greedy aren’t we. It’s amazing how quickly you can fill a large shed and this will give us more room and be quieter for the non turners too. The boys have been busy putting in windows and securing the door. Between pigeon and budgie sheds I hope we don’t start molting and just have a lot of woody fun.

It was great to have the executive members pay us a visit. Even though we aren’t too far from the city – like many country clubs, we do feel segregated at times as we are unable to readily attend monthly get togethers and catch up with fellow enthusiasts. Thanks again boys – now we all know each other on a far more personal level, and communication should be all the better for it.

Last year we were able to raise over \$700.00 for our charity – Can Do for Kids. It was a delight to hand this cheque over to Megan Gardner and I include a photo of this happy event.

In the mean time – put on your Can Do smile and get the Can Do attitude and come visit us in May.

Lee Nicolle



Merry Month of May—hosted by Copper Coast Woodworkers

Saturday 26th—Sunday 27th May

Fun and workshops for woodies, activities for non-woodies

Full program and accommodation options on the Woodgroup SA website

Registration form on next page

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*(Roger Parker - Editor)*





# REGISTRATION

## Merry Month of May 2012

Saturday & Sunday 26-27<sup>th</sup> May 2012



Hosted by the Copper Coast Woodworkers Inc.  
Kadina Show Grounds, Moonta Road, Kadina (Please use Agery Road entrance).

### Details

	NAME
AFFILIATE	
PHONE	
GUEST/VISITOR	
CLUB	
INTERESTS	

### Registration Payment

		COST	TOTAL
Affiliate		\$25.00	
Guest/visitor		\$15.00	
Caravan Site	Yes ( ) No ( )	\$15.00 per night	
Dinner Sat. night	No. attending ( )	\$20.00 per head	
		<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Other Costs - pay at venue

		Number attending
History Tour Option 1	\$6.00	
History Tour Option 2	\$3.00 + entry donation	
Card Making	\$10.00 (Pay at venue)	

NB - Details of all events overleaf.

### REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO BE FORWARDED TO:

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Kadina 5554

Contact : Graham Nicolle (President)  
Phone 08 8821 4882  
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**PAYMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND BEFORE MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> WOULD BE APPRECIATED.**

**SAturn 2012 is on again!!!  
July 13-15, El Shaddai, Wellington**

**Convenors: Jeff and Cate Wrigley**

If you haven't already been to our woodturning weekend, SAturn, you are missing a great experience. The whole aim of the weekend is to indulge your passion – you will meet other woodturners, discuss turning, around the fire – oh yes, and turn wood. SAturn is for everyone from those who have just picked up a chisel to those who have been turning for 40 years (or more!) Shared experience and wisdom is the order of the day – and a lot of laughs as well. El Shaddai is a Christian Youth Camp with an enormous gymnasium where we set up our lathes. Accommodation is in bunkhouses with ensuite bathrooms, so no braving the cold in the middle of the night! There are also 10 caravan sites. You are provided with 6 hearty meals, plus morning teas, suppers and tea and coffee on tap.

All you need to bring is bedding/ sleeping bag, pillow, personal gear (including towel), lathe if possible, tools, wood, polish, sandpaper etc (some will be available for purchase), and lots of energy and enthusiasm.

There are no organised demonstrations, although there may be some you will want to watch, and everyone is happy to share knowledge. There are a few light-hearted competitions, plenty of friendly banter and lots of time to indulge and turn, turn, turn. The only rule is that you have to stop sometimes to eat and sleep!

If you would like to join us this year, you can contact Jeff or Cate on 8557 7417, or email [cate@comstech.com](mailto:cate@comstech.com), or just fill in the form (on next page) and send it to us by April 1 with \$90 deposit or \$180 full fee.

We will be delighted to see you there!

**Types of articles required for the Newsletter ...**

- \* Club activities/developments
- \* Interesting projects
- \* Recognition of individual excellence/achievements
- \* Member profiles
- \* Members and their sheds
- \* Woodworking processes/tips.

**A taste of SAturn ...**

*... some of the action  
from previous years*



**Registration form on next page!**

## **SAturn 2012 Booking Form**

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Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of WoodgroupSA? Yes ☐ No ☐  
(If you are not a member, you will need to pay \$7.50 on arrival.)

Are you a snorer (ask your sleeping partner) Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you bringing a lathe Yes ☐ No ☐

Book caravan site Yes ☐

I enclose **deposit of \$90 per person** ☐ or **full payment of \$180 per person** ☐

**I will provide my own safety equipment and my own dust prevention equipment.**  
**I agree not to power-sand.**

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