

DON FREEMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE.

At the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 21st November Anne Kerr was announced as this years worthy recipient of the Don Freeman Award For Excellence.

Anne reached a milestone in 2009 passing the 20th anniversary as a member of Woodgroup SA, a significant proportion of which has been with Northern Turners where she has been a stalwart of that Club.

When Anne joined Woodgroup SA she admitted to being a learner woodworker but continuously developed her skills by attending classes, workshops and demonstrations as well as seeking advice from others to help with her queries and solve her problems.

Originally she favored woodturning but has been extremely successful in crafting many items of high quality furniture that incorporate her wood turning skills and display here passion for woodwork. Throughout her woodworking years she has been a strong supporter of internal and external exhibitions and always seems to pop up in the awards or honorable mentions list. In pursuit of excellence her ability to combine timber and design has enabled her to produce many excellent pieces of work over the years.

A persistence and commitment to achieving a high standard is reflected also in her wood turning skills. Using fittings, upholstery and other enhancements in a careful and pleasing manner complements her projects. Backing her work with great care and attention to detail ensures that each is beautifully finished.

Anne is a devoted and enthusiastic member of Northern Turners and strong supporter of Woodgroup SA. While consistently pursuing quality and excellence in her woodworking she remains a much valued and respected turner among her peers.

Fortunately for Northern Turners she applies herself with the same commitment and self imposed demand for excellence in the organizational and administrative tasks she accepts within the Club. As well as being a "great" librarian she is involved in organizing other events some of which create community awareness. She is also a strong advocate of programs that promote a theme of "Women in Wood".

Throughout the whole of her association with Woodgroup SA, Anne has been consistent in her devotion and interaction with all of the individual members and that is just another reason why she has been rewarded for excellence.

Well done Anne and I feel sure all of your friends and acquaintances join with the Board in congratulating you on your woodworking achievements over many years.

Neil Schulz
Secretary