

MURRAYLANDS TURNERS

During the latter part of 2002, Jack Hunt and Brent Golledge held several discussions with Woodgroup committee members about the possibility of starting off a new Special Interest Group at Murray Bridge. A public meeting was called for November, and was attended by twelve people. Negotiations took place with the Murray Bridge High School, and as a result arrangements were made to use the Technology Studies Workshops on the first Saturday of each month.

The first official meeting of the Murraylands Turners was held on Saturday 7th December 2002 with twenty-five people in attendance. At this meeting we elected our committee, which was:- Jack Hunt - Coordinator, Brent Golledge - Master of Ceremonies, Russ Putman - Secretary and five committee members.

At our March meeting our guest demonstrators were Ron Allen and Tim Skilton and we were treated to an excellent day of instruction. We also had a local, who showed us his carving skills. Throughout the year we had various demonstrators instructing us in their various fields, including turning miniatures, scroll saw cutting, bowl turning. Charles Greig also demonstrated two piece turning of hollow vessels.

The club has purchased a bench grinder, two lathes and chucks, and a trailer, which we have refurbished for carrying these items to our meetings and to various Fairs and other demonstrations. In our short history, we have demonstrated at the Renmark Show, the Murray Bridge Show and the Unity College Fair.

Our membership is currently thirty eight members. We, are having a Christmas break-up at Dundee's, Murray Bridge on November 22nd, at which members and partners will vote on a Candlestick Competition (A and B grades)

Rus Putman (Secretary)

Coordinator: Jack Hunt

