

WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION of WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Inc)

MELVILLE GROUP 2026

All hands-on will be team activities, comprising a Beginner/Novice, an Intermediate & an Advanced turner (when possible). Ideally teams should **not** comprise the same people each time.

A demonstrator may suggest a different item, also may choose a more experienced turner to assist them.

JANUARY

Wed 07/Jan	General Meeting	SAFETY BRIEFING	John Oliver	Peer-judging of Christmas Challenge entries with Prizes	Committee
Wed 14/Jan	1. Collie WeWs Demo		David Milton	Spherical Lidded Box that sits on a Stand.	
Wed 21/Jan	A. Demo	Stacking Rings	Ian Ludford	Show & Tell	
Wed 28/Jan	A. Hands-On		Ian Ludford	Stacking Rings (of Different Sizes) Toy	

FEBRUARY

Wed 04/Feb	Demo	Small Treasure	James Murray	Show & Tell	Committee
Wed 11/Feb	2. Avon WeWs Demo		David Milton	Three-Cornered Bowl	
Wed 18/Feb	Demo	Wooden Flute	Mark Landwehr	Show & Tell	
Sat 21/Feb	1. WAWA Collie WeWs		Spherical Lidded Box that sits on a Stand.	May be fixed to the stand or sit freely on it. Minimum sphere diameter is 60mm. A finial or knob is optional. The stand may be turned or constructed without using the lathe, but no other embellishment is permitted. Judges will consider the spherical shape of the box & the consistency of the wall thickness. Plain Turning, General Judging Criteria. Beginners: A lidded box. Plain Turning, General Judging Criteria.	
Wed 25/Feb	Demo	Kilkea Part 1	Russell Nash	Show & Tell	

MARCH

Wed 04/Mar	Demo	Kilkea Part 2	Russell Nash	Show & Tell	Committee
Wed 11/Mar	3. Swan WeWs Demo		WHO?	Funerary Urn for a Pet	
Wed 18/Mar	X. Hands-on		David Bradley	Hands-on: Button & String Spinner, Simple with Decoration or with Merging Pictures	
Sat 21/Mar	2. WAWA Avon WeWs		Three-Cornered Bowl	May be either offset turned or from a cube blank. The finished item should be able to pass through a circle of diameter 180 mm. No embellishment. Corners must be constructed on the lathe. Plain Turning, General Judging Criteria. Beginners: As above, but with no size restriction & no embellishment.	
Wed 25/Mar	Demo	Double (Intersecting) Bowls	Denis Tapley	Show & Tell	

APRIL

Wed 01/Apr	General Meeting	Followed by talk	John Oliver	Show & Tell	Committee
Wed 08/Apr	4. Mandurah WeWs Demo		David Finch	Pedestal Bowl	
Wed 15/Apr	X. Hands-on		Ian Ludford	Money Box (should be a little unusual, i.e. not just a simple box with a coin slot)	
Sat 18/Apr	3. WAWA Swan WeWs		Funerary Urn for a Pet	Single or multiple types of wood may be used & may be segmented. Item to be embellished but must show some plain wood in the body of the urn. A finial or knob is optional. Height (excluding finial): maximum 250mm, minimum 200 mm. Embellished Turning, General Judging Criteria. Beginners: As above with height (excluding finial): max	
Wed 22/Apr	Demo	Bowl Multi Axis Square	Peter Gerring	Show & Tell	
Wed 29/Apr	Demo	Off-Set Box	Denis Tapley	Show & Tell	

MAY

02/03 May	MELVILLE OPEN STUDIOS				
Wed 06/May	5. Melville WeWs Demo		WHO?	Thin-Walled Vase - Bring a basic vase to the meeting and demo how to get the walls consistently thin	Committee
Wed 13/May	Demo	Very Hungry Caterpillar	Noel French	Show & Tell	
Sat 16/May	4. WAWA Mandurah WeWs		Pedestal Bowl see drawing	To be turned accurately to the measurements on the drawing supplied. Plain Turning. Measurement Judging Criteria. Beginners: As above.	
Wed 20/May	X. Hands-on		David Bradley	Carver's Mallet	
Wed 27/May	Demo	Essentials of Segmenting	Syd Harvey	Show & Tell	

JUNE

Wed 03/Jun	Demo	Finishing	Roy Lundy	Show & Tell	Committee
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Wed 10/Jun	X. Hands-on		Kate Baker	Bracelets & Bangles (Child Size 130 to 150 mm internal circumference) decoration desirable.	
Wed 17/Jun	GREAT MELVILLE TURN-OFF	The ultimate challenge where our skilled turners battle it out for the coveted honour of TOP TURNER with prizes.			
Sat 20/Jun	5. WAWA Melville WeWs		Thin-Walled Vase	Vase wall thickness should be consistent over the top 3/4 of the height & be no thicker than 4mm. The base may be thicker for strength & stability. Max height 300 mm. Embellishment is required, but only by piercing or carving. Embellished Turning, Artistic Judging Criteria. Beginners: A Vase. Embellished Turning, Artistic Judging Criteria.	
Wed 24/Jun	Tips / Variety Day		Members	Members have 5-10 minutes to share ideas, techniques, tools & information.	
JULY					
Wed 01/Jul	General Meeting	Followed by talk	WHO?	Show & Tell	Committee
Wed 08/Jul	6. Bunbury WeWs Demo		Denis Tapley	Functional Bedside or Table Lamp	
Wed 15/Jul	Demo	Unconventional / Unusual Techniques	Frank Dymond	Show & Tell	
Sat 18/Jul	WAWA - Open Competition - Deadline 18/07/2026	Entries must be submitted to Wandi or Melville on or before Saturday, 18 Jul 2026 for judging. There are two categories - Plain Turning & Embellished Turning. Each category is further split into three divisions - Novice, Intermediate & Advanced. Beginners who wish to enter must self-promote to Novice. Members are encouraged to submit entries in both categories, with no restrictions on size or design. First prize in each division of each category is \$200, second prize is \$100, & third prize is \$50, for a total prize pool of \$2,100. All submissions will be entered into the Open & Popular competitions, with trophies being awarded for the "Best Turned Item" & the "Most Popular Item". All entries will be retained for display at the Craft Alive Fair to be held at the Claremont Showgrounds in early August & will be returned to the owners after the Fair.			
Wed 22/Jul	Demo	Vertically Spiralled Fluted Box	Geoff Stapylton	Show & Tell	
Wed 29/Jul	X. Hands-on	TIM TAM COMPETITION	David Bradley	Lolly Bowls - Prizes will be awarded.	
AUGUST					
30/07 to 02/08	CRAFT ALIVE FAIR, Robinson Pavillion, Claremont Showground				
Wed 05/Aug	Annual General Meeting	Followed by talk	WHO?	Show & Tell	Committee
Wed 12/Aug	7. Wandi WeWs Demo		WHO?	Clam Shell Box	
Sat 15/Aug	6. WAWA Bunbury WeWs		Functional Bedside or Table Lamp	The total height to be a maximum 500mm. The lamp is to be displayed with shade & globe ready to be illuminated for judging. All 240V wiring must be completed by a licensed electrician. Alternatively, a low-voltage LED system with integrated 240V plug can be used. The shade must not be a purchased item. Members are encouraged to explore modern lighting systems for inspiration when designing the shade. The lathe does not need to be employed for all components. Embellishment is required. Embellished Turning, Artistic Judging Criteria. Beginners: As above, but no shade.	
Wed 19/Aug	B. Demo	Rolling Pins	James Murray	Show & Tell	
Wed 26/Aug	B. Hands-on		James Murray	Rolling Pins	
SEPTEMBER					
Wed 02/Sep	Demo	Coffee Scoop	Des Pascoe	Show & Tell	Committee
Wed 09/Sep	8. Northern Suburbs WeWs Demo		Denis Tapley	Platter with offset turning	
Wed 16/Sep	C. Demo	Skipping Rope Handle	John Oliver	Show & Tell	
Sat 19/Sep	7. WAWA Wandi WeWs		Clam Shell Box	Finial optional. Maximum diameter 200mm. Maximum height (not including finial) 100mm. No embellishment. Plain Turning, General Judging Criteria. Beginners: As above.	
Wed 23/Sep	C. Hands-on		John Oliver	Skipping Rope Handle	
Wed 30/Sep	X. Hands-on		David Bradley	Spinning Tops - hand/palm spun, string pull, tippee top	
OCTOBER					
26/09-03/10	PERTH ROYAL SHOW				
Wed 07/Oct	General Meeting	GREAT MELVILLE SPIN-OFF	David Bradley	Spinning Top Competition - with Prizes.	Committee
Wed 14/Oct	9. Busselton WeWs demo		Rob Snowden	Lidded Box in the shape of a piece of fruit, vegetable, or seed pod.	
Sat 17/Oct	8. WAWA Northern Suburbs WeWs		Platter with offset turning	Height no greater than 10% of the diameter, but no other size restrictions & no embellishment. Plain Turning, General Judging Criteria. Beginners: A Platter Plain Turning, General Judging Criteria.	
Wed 21/Oct	Demo	Keep Your Pecker Up	David Bradley	Show & Tell	
Wed 28/Oct	X. Hands-on		Janice Meakin	Wizard Wands & Potion Bottles,with decoration	
NOVEMBER					
Wed 04/Nov	Demo	Christmas Crackers	Janice Meakin	Show & Tell	Committee
06/07 Nov	CANNING SHOW				
Wed 11/Nov	Demo	Sharpening	David Finch	Show & Tell - NOTE: Two 2 minute silence to be held at 11 am	

Wed 18/Nov	X. Hands-on		Denis Tapley	Lidded Boxes for Teenagers	
Sat 21/Nov	9. WAWA Busselton WeWs		Lidded Box in the shape of a piece of fruit, vegetable, or seed pod.	Minimum size is life-sized but there is no set maximum. Embellishment in the form of painting, carving etc is permitted but not required. Embellished Turning, General Judging Criteria. Beginners: As above.	
Wed 25/Nov	Demo	Christmas Challenge	Denis Tapley	Show & Tell	
DECEMBER					
Wed 02/Dec	Demo	Novelty, Secret Ring Holders	Frank Dymond	Show & Tell - NOTE: Lolly Bowl Wrapping Between 8 & 9 so come early!	Committee
Wed 09/Dec	CHRISTMAS GIFT PRESENTATION		David Finch		
Fri 11/Dec	Christmas Lunch	Date subject to change		Organiser Bernard Boycott . Payment to Mark Landwehr - Raffle Tickets	
Wed 16/Dec	No meeting	} Christmas Challenge			
Wed 23/Dec	No meeting				
Wed 30/Dec	No meeting				