

MELVILLE PROGRAMME 2026 V7

WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION of WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Inc)

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JANUARY

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| Wed 07/Jan | General Meeting | Safety Briefing | John Oliver | Peer-judging of Christmas Challenge entries with Prizes | Committee |
| Wed 14/Jan | A. Demo | Whale Shark | Ian Ludford | Show & Tell | |
| Wed 21/Jan | X. Hands-on | | Ian Ludford | Whale Shark | |
| Wed 28/Jan | 1. Collie WeWs Demo | Spherical Lidded Box | David Milton | Show & Tell | |

FEBRUARY

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| Wed 04/Feb | Demo | Small Treasure | James Murray | Show & Tell | Committee |
| Wed 11/Feb | 2. Avon WeWs Demo | Three-Cornered Bowl | David Milton | Show & Tell | |
| 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

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| Wed 04/Mar | Demo | Kilkea Part 2 | Russell Nash | Show & Tell | Committee |
| Wed 11/Mar | 3. Swan WeWs Demo | Funerary Urn for a Pet | WHO | Show & Tell | |
| Wed 18/Mar | X. Hands-on | | David Bradley | Hands-on: Button & String Spinner, Simple with Decoration or with Merging Pictures (Thaumatrope) | |
| 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

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| Wed 01/Apr | General Meeting | Followed by talk | John Oliver | Show & Tell | Committee |
| Wed 08/Apr | 4. Mandurah WeWs Demo | Pedestal Bowl | David Finch | Show & Tell | |
| 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 200mm, min 150 mm. | |
| Wed 22/Apr | Demo | Bowl Multi Axis Square | Peter Gerring | Show & Tell | |
| Wed 29/Apr | Demo | Off-Set Box | Denis Tapley | Show & Tell | |

MAY

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| 02/03 May | | | | MELVILLE OPEN STUDIOS | |
| Wed 06/May | 5. Melville WeWs Demo | Thin-Walled Vase | WHO | Show & Tell | 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

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| Wed 03/Jun | Demo | Finishing | Roy Lundy | Show & Tell | Committee |
| 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

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| Wed 01/Jul | General Meeting | Followed by talk | WHO | Show & Tell | Committee |
| Wed 08/Jul | 6. Bunbury WeWs Demo | Functional Bedside or Table Lamp | Denis Tapley | Show & Tell | |
| 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 | Clam Shell Box | WHO | Show & Tell | |
| Sat 15/Aug | 6. WAWA Bunbury WeWs | Functional Bedside or Table Lamp | Total height maximum 500mm. To be displayed with shade & globe ready to be illuminated for judging. All 240V wiring must be completed by a licensed electrician, or a low-voltage LED system with integrated 240V plug can be used. 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 | Platter with offset turning | Denis Tapley | Show & Tell | |
| 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 | Lidded Box (fruit etc shape) | Rob Snowden | Show & Tell | |
| 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 | Eagle Ray | David Milton | 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 (Fruit etc Shape) | 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 | | | Organiser Bernard Boycott . Payment to Mark Landwehr - Raffle Tickets | |

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| Wed 30/Dec | No meeting | | | | | |