

MELVILLE PROGRAMME 2026 V8.1				
WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION of WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Inc)				
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JANUARY				
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	A. Hands-On	Whale Shark	Ian Ludford	Whale Shark BBQ
Wed 28/Jan	1. Collie WeWs Demo	Spherical Lidded Box on a Stand	David Milton	Show & Tell
FEBRUARY				
Wed 04/Feb	Demo	Natural Turning	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				
Wed 04/Mar	Demo	Kilkea Part 2	Russell Nash	Show & Tell Committee
Wed 11/Mar	3. Swan WeWs Demo	Funerary Urn for a Pet	David Milton	Show & Tell
Wed 18/Mar	X. Hands-on	Button & String Spinner	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				
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
11/12 Apr	COLLABORATION			
Wed 15/Apr	X. Hands-on	Money Box	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	Off-Set Box	Denis Tapley	Show & Tell
Wed 29/Apr	5. Melville WeWs Demo	Thin-Walled Vase	Russell Nash	Show & Tell
MAY				
02/03 May	MELVILLE OPEN STUDIOS			
Wed 06/May	Demo	Bowl Multi Axis Square	Peter Gerring	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	Lidded Box for Teenagers	Denis Tapley	Lidded Boxes for Teenagers
Wed 27/May	Demo	TBA	TBA	Show & Tell
JUNE				
Wed 03/June	Demo	Finishing	Roy Lundy	Show & Tell Committee
Wed 10/June	X. Hands-on	Bracelets and Pendants	Kate Baker	Bracelets (Child Size 130 to 150 mm internal circumference) & Pendants - decoration desirable.
13/14 June	COLLABORATION			
Wed 17/June	GREAT MELVILLE TURN-OFF	Top Turner	David Bradley	The ultimate challenge where our skilled turners battle it out for the coveted honour of TOP TURNER with prizes.

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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	5-10 Minutes each	Members	Members have 5-10 minutes to share ideas, techniques, tools & information.
JULY				
Wed 01/Jul	General Meeting	Followed by talk	Rob Ferguson	Show & Tell
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 Wandri 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	Dennis Tannenbaum	Show & Tell
Wed 12/Aug	7. Wandri WeWs Demo	Clam Shell Box	Laurie Pearson	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	Demo	TBA	James Murray	Show & Tell
Wed 26/Aug	X. Hands-on	Rolling Pins	David Bradley	Rolling Pins
SEPTEMBER				
Wed 02/Sep	Demo	Coffee Scoop	Des Pascoe	Show & Tell
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 Wandri 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	Skipping Rope Handle	John Oliver	Skipping Rope Handle
Wed 30/Sep	X. Hands-on	Spinning Tops	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.
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	Wands & Bottles	Janice Meakin	Wizard Wands & Potion Bottles, with decoration
NOVEMBER				
Wed 04/Nov	Demo	Christmas Crackers	Janice Meakin	Show & Tell
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	Carver's Mallet	David Bradley	Carver's Mallet

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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!
Wed 09/Dec	CHRISTMAS GIFT PRESENTATION	For Charities	David Finch	
Fri 11/Dec	Christmas Lunch			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			
NOTES:	Demos for WeWs competition items are prefixed by a number 1 to 9. The WeWs each have a number corresponding to the demo.			
	Demos preceding a Hands-on of the same item are prefixed by a letter A to C. The corresponding Hands-on is prefixed by the same letter.			
	Hands-on preceded by the letter "X" need no prior demo. Brief instruction and/or a picture or drawing will be provided.			