

SEGMENTED MOB MEETING NOTES MELVILLE CLUBROOMS

Thursday 12 January, 2023

Present – Syd Harvey, Noel Moyes, Aiton Sheppard, Jon Braine, Ian Hamilton, Tania Emmerson Ross Flint (from 1110), Stan Nolan and Roger Smith.

Apologies – Ray York, Mike Phillips and John Townsend.

WELCOME

Syd welcomed everyone to the first 2023 meeting. He was disappointed that not much segmenting was done last year. The 'Embellishers' have been much more active at Wandi, so we need ideas about what we must do to be relevant to our mob. Many ideas were put forward when Syd asked "what are we doing wrong". These are recorded in "Around the Table' below.

Construction of Melville's new clubroom will not be completed until after February. It has suffered from supply issues and vandalism.

Syd also has some 'Corian' artificial stone off-cuts from his son. This provides a very flat surface that is good for assembling rings. Anyone want some?

ANNUAL WIND-UP

The lunch at 'The Boat', Mindarie Marina was enjoyed by 14 – refer to the notes that were circulated on 9 December, 2023.

AROUND THE TABLE

STAN – advised that Dale is seriously ill in hospital with an infection. Her prognosis is uncertain and he is having to adjust to doing things on his own after over 50 years of marriage. On behalf of all Seggies we extend our hopes for Dale to make a good recovery. Stan brought in boxes of the American Woodturner magazine which he wanted to hand over and has some large diameter logs of Banksia if anyone wants some. Stan wishes to cut staves to make a staved plate and vase similar to his one overleaf. Also overleaf is a photo of his first attempt at embellishing.



AITON – was given a box of 30 coloured powder sachets for tinting resin. He will never use all the pigments and is happy to share with anyone wanting a particular tint. Aiton made up four segmented Jarrah ginger storage jars from the timber he and Noel cut up at the 10 November meeting. He showed one at the December wind-up lunch and the photo below is of the last one he made.



In response to Syd's request for ideas, Aiton suggested that we should do things with the specialised equipment that Seggies has and that members do not have themselves. Cutting/milling larger timbers is difficult for his small machinery, so the staves for the feature ring in the photo above were cut by Noel in his workshop. Aiton is keen to cut staves from interesting timber to make other items with natural grain feature rings.

It is difficult at our meetings to coherently record proceedings. Meetings become talk-fests with everyone interrupting and talking over one another instead of patiently listening to what others have to say. We need to keep meetings controlled and short, and when the formal part is closed everyone can chat amongst themselves. There is much pleasure in simply chatting and enjoying the company so this should be facilitated.

Below is a photo of the small Jarrah bowl Aiton made from his old BBQ trolley.



TANIA – said she wishes to do something different to challenge artistic design with segmenting. Arthritis in her hands is becoming an issue for her. She is interested in the many ideas she may find in the American Woodturner magazines brought in by Stan, and hopes that we will all attempt to make up some of the more challenging items at our meetings.

The urn that was made up in great haste for our Busselton WEW demo has been completed, apart from the base which Aiton promised to do and forgot! Syd will take this on. There was some criticism of the design of the top, segmented part of the urn. The profile could be improved in future examples. Carving the staves has turned out well but it was difficult to hold, particularly with sore hands. She recommends that in future the staves be carved before they are assembled into the feature ring of the project. Photo overleaf.

NOEL – wants to cut staves to construct a bowl that can be shaped. This needs more thought. He presented Tania with a jig to help her to hold a chuck with an item attached for carving. Tania was chuffed.





IAN – mentioned the closure of Fiore Machinery in Cannington. They have been the sole distributors of Vicmarc lathes in WA. He thinks that Beyond Tools, Joondalup, may take on the dealership for Vicmarc.

ROSS – mentioned the food safe sanding sealer and thinners that Neil Piper imports. Anyone wanting some to let Ross know so a bulk order can be put in. At home Ross has been finishing a set of lampstands that have been 8 years in the making! Noel mentioned that Osmo Oil is a one coat wipe on finish that is very easy to use and buffs up well.

JON – explained the cutters with diameters from 6-30mm he has to make up spheres. Jon also has a specialised finishing style machine that sands the spheres accurately over a short time to the finished diameter. It is similar to the machinery used to tumble and polish gem stones. He made up a number of small Jarrah balls shown in the photo overleaf. Aiton got a secret idea how to use them and grabbed them from Jon who will be able to make up more as required.

ROGER – made up a couple of laminated/segmented lidded urns shown in the photos that follow below. He made an for funeral ashes but this was not photographed at the time and has been sold.



WEBSITE

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZXKXiCAKthAjxLWn1NCrY9UHL1xim9Cz>

Ian Ludford also has our page set up on the WAWA web page the link to which is <https://www.woodturnerswa.org.au/segmenters/>

SALES FOR CLUB FUNDS

Nil.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS

1. More hands on demonstrations. Noel and Syd to demo stave jigs and stave cutting. Aiton to explain how he uses graph paper to draw up designs and make the calculations using John Di Stefano's program.
2. Learning to make feature rings. (Basic through to advanced.)
3. Training video suggestions on website or YouTube.
4. Jig designs and specifications to use when preparing, cutting, assembling or turning your project.

Do a team project from start to finish at meetings with all members being involved. This will then be sold for Seggie fund raising. Tania's artistic challenge may result in a suitable item for this.

MAILING LIST REVIEW

Aiton will circulate the mailing list. Many of the names are of folk we seem to have lost. He will ask those who wish to remain on the list to let him know. If there are no responses it will be a very short list for 2023!

2023 MEETING DATES

JANUARY – Sunday 22 (cutting staves)

FEBRUARY – Thursday 2, Sunday 12 and Thursday 23

MARCH – Sunday 5, Thursday 16 and Sunday 26