

SEGMENTED MOB MEETING NOTES
MELVILLE CLUBROOMS
Thursday 16 January, 2025

Present – Syd Harvey, Aiton Sheppard (to 1130), Ian Hamilton, Jon Braine, Stan Nolan (from 1100), Don Clarke, Kerry Nilan, Ivan Lucic (from 1055).

Apologies – Tania Emmerson and John Townsend.

WELCOME

After popping out to buy some milk, Syd welcomed everyone to the new year. A particular welcome to Kerry who is attending for the first time. This meeting will concentrate on planning the year ahead, and make arrangements for the beginners course to begin in February.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS

1. Commence a membership drive and training course for beginners in February 2025.
2. Syd asked for suggestions we can all make at hands on sessions,

BEGINNERS TRAINING COURSE

This will commence on Sunday 9 February from 1000 – 2.00pm at Melville club rooms. Expressions of interest have been received from David Milton, Terry Steep, Kerry Nilan, Geoff Stapylton, Geoff Winton, and Colin D----.

Don is keen to make the course interesting. Participants will start making a simple segmented bowl, like the Jarrah bowl in the picture overleaf. They can then progress to a more complex one by incorporating a feature ring like the one in the photo. Don will make up several sets of kits for participants to assemble themselves as a first step. Later he will deal with design, either by computer programs or hand drawing on graph paper, and how segments are cut and cramped into rings.

At the first training meeting Don will explain the kits he has made up and will demonstrate how to assemble one of them.



THURSDAY MEETINGS

Melville will have a group of its members meeting from 1200 noon on Thursdays. This is unlikely to conflict with our meetings, that have been held 10 days apart on Thursdays and Sundays since Seggies began. Our talking meetings will finish before noon on Thursdays, after which we will adjourn to the shed for hands on stuff. A similar pattern can be followed on Sundays.

AROUND THE TABLE

MIKE – brought in the laminated table lamp (photo overleaf) that he made a few years ago. This might make a good project for us to do at hands-on. He asked Syd what had become of the artillery shells that we made last year. Syd explained that he had them and he and Ross were in the process of painting them up. The Rotto folk were unable to get anyone to paint them. Mike expressed his concern that Syd was taking on too much himself and leaving other members with no participation. Syd accepted this and will ensure we all become involved



AITON – brought in the small Nut Bowls he made from West Pine off-cuts from the artillery shell project. They are quite pretty and may be suitable projects for the beginners to continue with after they have finished the training course. Aiton draws his designs on graph paper and uses John DiStefano's online 'Segmented Helper to calculate the dimensions for the segments. A link to John DiSteffano (Australia's) online program is www.johndistefano.com.au and Aiton's drawing is included at the end of these notes. Photos of the bowl blanks and finished articles are illustrated in the photos overleaf.

SYD – mentioned at the last meeting that he and Ross had collected some Huon Pine from Laurie Green's Estate. Quality is varied and he has the timber at his home.



STAN – brought in two staved blanks that Noel Moyes made up for him. Stan wishes to make up some useful trophys from them in memory of Noel who was such an inspiration.



2025 MEETING DATES

FEBRUARY – **Sunday 9** (Training Course begins) and Thursday 20.

MARCH – Sunday 2, Thursday 13 and Sunday 23.

APRIL – Thursday 3, Sunday 13 and Thursday 24.

MAY – Sunday 4 and Thursday 15 and Sunday 25.

JUNE – Thursday 5, Sunday 15 and Thursday 26.

