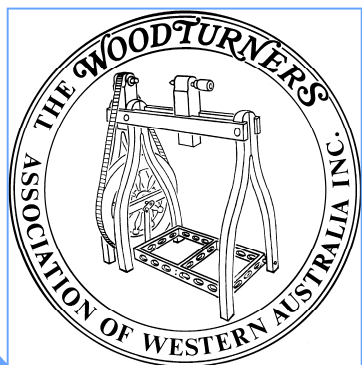
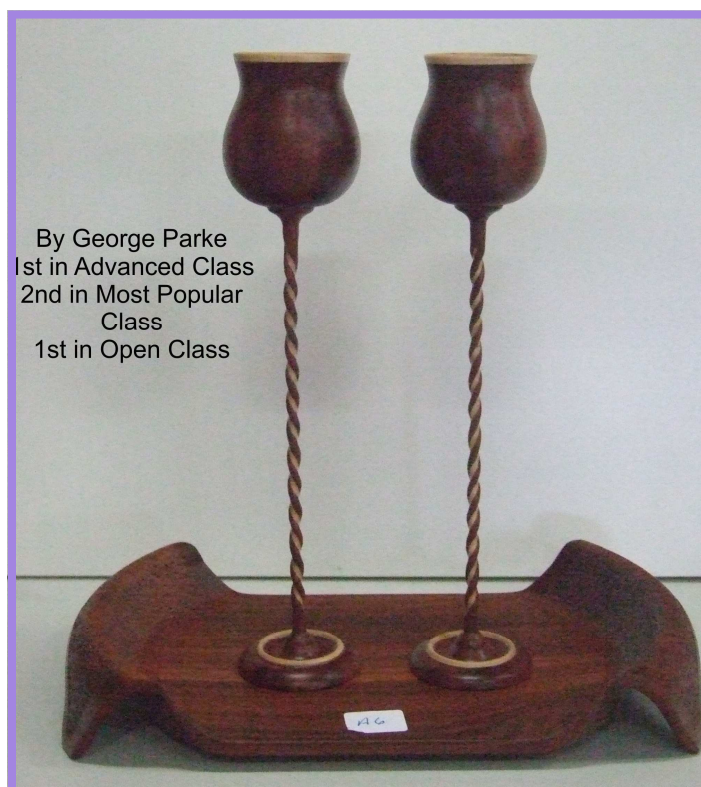


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7:00pm 1st Wednesday of month
9.00am to 2.00pm Thursdays
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BUSSELTON

Agricultural WA Building cnr Queen St & Marine Tce,
(Most) Tuesdays 9.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday 9.00am to 12 noon
7:00pm 2nd & 4th Wed., 10:00am - 4:00pm Sat.
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COLLIE

Clubrooms -cnr Witnoom & Steere
Wed 9:30am - 3:30pm
Month Meeting on the last Sunday
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Wed. & Thurs. 10.00 - 2.00 & Sunday 11.00 - 3.00
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MELVILLE

Melville Rec Centre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy
9:00am Wednesday
Roy Lundy, convenor 9444 8680

MUNDARING

Old Parkerville Primary School, Dura & Riley Rds, Par-
kerville 2:00 to 4.00pm Wednesday
Barry Wright, convenor 9298 9672

SWAN

Swan Senior Citizens Centre, The Avenue, Midland
2nd Tues. 7:30pm 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tues. 1:30pm
Richard Barkman, convenor 9294 2087

WANDI

Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd, Wandi
7:00pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays (Gen. Meeting & Demo)
Tuesday 8:00am - 12 noon & 6:00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday 8:00am - 12 noon & 12 noon - 4:00pm
Jim Cameron, convenor 9455 2437

Presidential Pronouncements

Sadly, I have come to the conclusion that members either don't read my ramblings or they don't really care what decisions the COM makes in managing the business of the association. The proposal of hiring a secretary with a consequence of significantly raising fees drew a bare handful of responses. The issue appears to have generated little discussion and no offers of assistance from the groups. Consequently, I am pleased to advise that COM member Peter Cunnington has agreed to take on the role of secretary, for which I am very grateful, and now make a request for someone to take on Peter's role as books and magazines librarian. The primary requirement for the role of librarian is to be able to attend weekend workshops with the library.

The theme here is that too few members are willing to contribute some of their time to their association in order for it to serve the membership as a whole. WAWA cannot service its objectives if members in general continue to suffer from the "someone else will put their hand up" syndrome. Some people say this is a sign of an organisation that is doing well because members are satisfied with the way things are going. Am I wrong in thinking we can do better?

Enough of the rant. I trust you are all settling into the new year and starting to think about weekend workshops and competition items. Please note that the **Swan Weekend Workshop** originally organised for Saturday 20th February has had to be moved to **Saturday 27th February** due to unforeseen circumstances. Nothing else has changed with regard to venue or program. The result of the WAWA Group Challenge will be announced at the Swan Workshop, along with details of how the challenge will be run this year.

A note on all competition points for this year - competition points will be earned from February to August with the winners being announced at the AGM in September. Points for the following year will run from September 2016 to August 2017 with the winners being announced at the 2017 AGM. It was felt that the AGM is the proper forum at which to make these awards which recognise the excellence in woodturning skills among members. It is pleasing to note that competition entries increased by about 25% over 2014 numbers and have almost doubled from five years ago. However, the breakdown of entry numbers by group was very surprising with some groups having single figure entries for the year.

Something not well known is the number of people who are beneficiaries of the kindness of woodturners each year around Christmas time. Most groups are involved in a Christmas bowl project, providing small bowls filled with sweets for distribution by a local home care organisation. Some groups produce a range of toys. Some groups produce items specified for inclusion in overseas Christmas boxes for seriously under-privileged children. Last year, this amounted to close to 2000 items for distribution. I know from feedback to my group that these gifts bring the true spirit of Christmas to the recipients. Thank you to everyone who contributed and long may it continue.

COM members met at Wandi on 9th January for a trailer maintenance session. This proved to be an interesting exercise in that existing lists bore little resemblance to what we found in some of the trailers. As one of the reasons for the day was to systematically record the contents of each trailer for the annual audit, we were quite surprised at the anomalies. The end result was updated lists of contents, one trailer needing new wheel bearings, all trailers requiring Tare and Aggregate weights to be painted on, removal of obsolete items and a list of things to buy such as more glass mugs, wheel braces and jacks. It was a hot, windy day and our two southern members could not attend due to the bushfires having closed the major roads. Thank you to all that were able to attend ... a job well done.

Andrea McCandlish, President

"You have succeeded in life when all you want is only what you really need."

Vernon Howard

Registrar's Ramblings

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Association:

Irma Onderstal 2889	Avon	Peter Mole 2898	Busselton
Robert Marshall 2890	Wandi	Jared Byrnes 2899	Wandi
Allan Bartlett 2891	Avon	Richard Ansell 2900	Busselton
Donald Clark 2892	Collie	Marcello Verricchia 2901	Melville
Steve Wilson 2893	Wandi	Eric Sutton 2902	Gosnells
David Weidemann 2894	Gosnells	Raphael Ozsvath 2903	Melville
Shaun Jones 2895	Gosnells	Theo Van Looij 2904	Melville
John Wincott 2896	Swan	Sarah Wong 2905	Melville
Robert Shannon 2897	Melville	Ian Trigwell 2906	Busselton

Barbara Jennings, Registrar

Vale

Amarjeet Singh, 2375, Wandi
John Bell, 2536, Gosnells

Our thoughts and condolences to their families and friends.

Editor's Epistle

A reminder to contributors PLEASE send images separately from your text contribution. Also, I would welcome any technical or how-to-make articles as Joe Hegney claims he's run out ideas for the Technical Desk. I'm sure he hasn't but I would like to thank Joe for his always interesting contributions to the newsletter over many years.

Andrea McCandlish Editor

Situation Vacant

The position of Books and Magazines Librarian needs to be filled now that Peter has taken on secretarial duties.

Please contact Peter for more information on what's involved. Phone 9457 0351

Rowing Reporter

Bunbury, 21st November, 2015

The Bunbury Club Day was as usual held at the Dardanup Community Hall and again some members had travelled long distances to attend. The day was opened in the usual manner with the MC, (me) giving a warm welcome to all present. Before introducing the first demonstrator, Keith advised that Bunbury were making great strides towards the introduction of new faces in the form of demonstrators and with that in mind he advised that two would be relatively new members to the world of wood turning, along with a couple of more experienced members.

Keith then introduced Clem Stewart whose demonstration would be on the creation of a 'Square Edged Bowl with a Difference'. Clem got straight into it by explaining how he used four pieces of timber which were square in shape and how by gluing them together, using a paper gluing technique, he would turn not just one but two square edged bowls out of the four pieces of timber. After mounting his work to the lathe, Clem used a roughing gouge to remove the excess. Clem then passed around a few finished products along with several other pieces in order to further explain the technique he was going to use. Clem then demonstrated how he used a knife to split the four pieces of timber. He had Noel Moyes hold onto the piece that he had finished turning whilst he went about this. Noel did not look too happy with Clem going about his business with the knife. All went well and the work split properly where it was supposed to. Noel walked away with all his fingers intact. Clem then used a face plate to mount the job and demonstrated how he used a template to determine the depth of the bowl. Clem also demonstrated how he used an adjustable jig to hold his work on the lathe bed just like a normal vice would hold onto a piece of work. The bowl was finished and the demonstration completed. All in all, a very good demonstration by Clem.

Next to be introduced was another man of great experience, namely Jim Cunniffe who demonstration was to be on the creation of 'Turtles'. Jim is one of those people who always seems to be looking to create something different, particularly in the field of children's toys. Jim went on to explain why he started creating and turning turtles. He related how he felt a spiritual connection to turtles in a similar way to other cultures who held certain animals to be sacred. For example India holds the cow as sacred. During his travels Jim stated he felt this connection with animals and discovered turtles were just another thing he wanted to actually create using wood turning as opposed to simply carving the animal. Jim used a board, mounted to the lathe bed and he explained how he started his creation by drawing it. In drawing it he developed the shape that he was looking for. He started with the creation of the body itself, followed by the flippers and then onto the actual head of the creature. Lastly Jim went about creating the tail of the creature by firstly drawing it. Jim then demonstrated how he went about creating the animal itself on the lathe. He used a series of jigs to create each piece. Some of the pieces had small tenons left on them and some had a hole drilled into them. This was necessary to allow all parts to come together thereby creating the whole animal. A very interesting demonstration by a very creative man.

After Jim's demonstration Andrea, President of WAWA brought everyone up to speed on the latest issues the organisation was facing. Once again she made a plea to all members to try to resolve the issue of the appointment of a Secretary. Without one it was making things difficult for the organisation to properly function. Lunch was then served and it would appear that the 'Fergie Burgers' were extremely popular and very tasty.

After lunch Keith introduced Jock Macfayden as the next demonstrator. Most of you would be aware that during the year Jock has swept aside all other competition items in the novice class by having one a number of first places and he has also taken out a number of open category first places. Jock has certainly demonstrated a great deal of talent in the entries he has



submitted and naturally there are a number of novice turners, including myself, who look forward to 2016 without him given that he will move into the intermediate class. Jock went on to explain how he was going to create a candlestick holder using a piece of pine. After mounting the timber between centres he brought it to the round. Using a template he demonstrated how he measured the various embellishments of the candlestick. Jock then went about shaping the piece of wood into a fine looking candlestick. A very good first demonstration by a man with a lot of talent.

Next Jim Cunniffe stepped up to the plate to introduce me as the next demonstrator. My demonstration was in two parts. The first being a demonstration on the various parts of a newly acquired birthday present, that being a Robert Sorby eccentric chuck. I explained how the work itself could be mounted on the lathe using three separate methods and how each of the mounting methods best suited a particular type of either eccentric or off centre turning. The three mounting systems were a screw chuck, a hexagonal ball drive and socket and a face plate. I explained how easy it was to make numerous adjustments to the piece of work without having to remove it from the chuck. The kit came with several projects which were all designed to engage all of the various mounting methods. I demonstrated how simple it was to make adjustments to the centre line of the piece of work. In finishing, I advised that whilst I would love to demonstrate the chuck in action that I was not yet confident in working with it so, rather than give a poor demonstration of how it worked, I would wait until I became more proficient in its use. The second part of my demonstration was the use of a 'Bowl Saver'. I passed around a couple of bowls that I had previously removed the centre of the bowl from using the bowl saver. I demonstrated how the bowl saver was set up and mounted a piece of sheoak that I had already shaped into a bowl. Then using the bowl saver, I went about removing the entire centre of the bowl. The demonstration had a few minor glitches which I can only put down to the fact that the method of mounting the piece of sheoak was not as strong as it could be. This resulted in the piece moving around too much on the lathe. However, after making a few minor adjustments I was able to completely remove the entire centre section of the bowl and explained how this centre piece could be remounted on the lathe and another bowl made from it.

Next came the results of the day's competition. Again the standards were very high with the various goblet and tray combinations showing diversity of style. A total of 21 entries were received on the day with novice attracting eleven, intermediate three and advanced seven. After winners were announced in all categories the raffle was drawn and the day brought to a close.

Keith Davies – Roving Reporter.

News From the Groups

Bunbury Bites

The 2015 year has seen the Bunbury Group enjoy an excellent year, what with a Life Membership Award being given to Mick Johnson and Jock Macfayden having just about swept the board with numerous awards in the novice category. Norm Hoskins also had another good year on the tools having also won several awards in the intermediate class.

On Sunday the 13th December, 2015 the Bunbury Group held its annual Christmas party at my home situated in the hills above Bunbury in the Ferguson Valley. The day was well attended with a vast amount of food being on hand which included a BBQ, lots of salads and a lot of

lovely and very tasty sweets. During the function the club presented its awards for the year. The winners were;

1. John Schinnick Award for best turner for 2015 - Jock Macfayden.
2. Most Improved Beginner - Peter Fairall.
3. Club Person of the Year - Kevan Hunt.
4. Most Competition Points - Jock Macfayden.
5. Most Show & Tell - Ted Norrie.
6. Merit Award - Barry Laidler.
7. Merit Award - Kevan Hunt.

On the 26th January, 2016, Australia Day, the club will again hold its 'Pizza & Ice Cream night'. This will be followed by a short walk from the clubroom to the Bunbury Foreshore to watch the Australia Day Fireworks.

On a sad note I have to report a serious hand injury to one of life members the other day. I refer to Mick Johnson who injured himself whilst working with another club member, Stan Zieba at Mick's home workshop. At first it looked as though Mick might have one of his fingers amputated, however surgeons were able to save it. It was great that Stan was on hand to provide immediate first aid to Mick when the injury occurred. We all wish Mick a speedy recovery.

Keith Davies, Club Secretary

Busselton Mumblings

Hi again. By now you may have recovered from your silly season festivities and be back in your respective workshops again, hopefully with some new toys? I realise that I have missed another editor's deadline so am already behind at the start of the year, by bringing you our 2015 activities in 2016. Hopefully no one is any the wiser? If you are you may need to wait to chastise me as I am off to NZ for a holiday.

We have lately had some most interesting Wednesday evening demonstrations, and the high point for the years end being our club Xmas Dinner windup night at NovaCare Lifestyle Village in Abbey. An Open Day was held in December to encourage members of the public to take an interest in wood turning and in fact the club has received several new members of late. Members were also in evidence with a stall at the Busselton Show, and servicing the many cruise ships that now frequent Geographe Bay. The two new Vicmarc lathes are now set up and operational as is the new bandsaw. Appreciation is given to Lottery West for this generous grant and Barbara for her tireless efforts in the application. Keep buying the lotto tickets as this means more grants!

David Porter's demonstration on carbide tools was a recent highlight. Did you know that tungsten carbide is the 3rd hardest material in the world after diamond and cbn (cubic boron nitride)? It is claimed that an edge will last 150 times longer than in high speed steel and doesn't require sharpening. Since inset tips usually have a number of edges, these are simply rotated on the holder and thrown away when finally blunt (if you haven't already passed away from old age in the meanwhile). The highlight for David was that only three tools are needed (add these to the scores you already have), these to hold a square, round and a diamond inset for most operations. Tips can be quite expensive, but he directed us to Captain Eddie Castellan's website who can supply tips from the USA by mail cheaply. A number of tool holders were demonstrated but David's favourite is an Easywood tool handle with Capt. Eddies 8mm round cutter tip.

A demo night for the new turners was held in November with Barbara, Tom, Dennis and Charles all sequentially demonstrating techniques in spindle, and bowl turning. This covered

beads, coves, a honey dripper, a small bowl, and an egg cup. Our concluding session was to brainstorm a programme for 2016.

Michael

Collie - From the Coalface

Hi again from the coalface, and welcome to 2016.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Toodyay workshop (besides winning the bottle of wine & voucher) had a great time coming home with plenty new ideas. I was impressed with the demonstration by Ian Moss on how to "bling your thing".

Now on with what has been happening on a local note

October competition a natural edge bowl

Novice: 1st Trevor Flynn.

2nd Ken Morgan

Advanced : 1st Dominic Italiano.

2nd Doug Gulvin.

Well, our local show has come and gone for another year and, from the feed back from the show people, our display and demonstrations were well received by the public. Many thanks to all that helped on the day.

On the 28th November we held our Christmas dinner at our local winery an enjoyable night was had by all. The yearly winners were announced winners were advanced : Dominic Italiano, novice went to Ken Morgan. The club awarded Fred Piavannini an Honorary Membership and the late Dave Hunter was recognised posthumously for their outstanding contribution to the club. Small gifts of appreciation were presented to Ken Hands for his contributions to the newsletter over some years and to John Richie as our former, treasurer.

Things are well in hand for our WAWA workshop on 19th March and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Well that's about it from the coalface for this edition.

Dave \$

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Gosnells Gossip

New Year greetings to all.

Unfortunately I must begin this report by recording the sudden and unexpected passing of John Bell. John was always ready with a cheerful quip or a cheeky comment. He will be sorely missed. The funeral, at Fremantle, was attended by many of his fellow members of Gosnells Group.

On a lighter note, we held our end-of year barbecue on Saturday 12 December in our spruced-up workshop. With the lathes pushed to the walls, the shavings all cleared away and everything dusted tables were set out along the centre of the workshop and everything presented a very festive air. With good food and good company a good time was had by all.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year from Gosnells Group.

Jim

Mandurah Memo

This has been a busy period for the Mandurah Group.

We are continuing with the fitting out of our new shed, finishing the new benches and lockers for the lathe stations, the dust extraction machinery enclosure, the library and demo lathe area. A team of very helpful and enthusiastic members contributed greatly to making a great layout.

Christmas Function and end of year Party was held at the Mandurah Lawn Bowls and Recreation Centre. A Secret Santa, Reverse raffle and a competition of items not submitted during the year and awarding of trophies and prizes. A very fine evening was had by all. Thanks to Cheryl Butler who organised the whole event and made the table decorations. Thank You Cheryl.

We all went our separate ways over the Christmas Holidays. Some members worked together continuing with the shed fit out.

Jon Braine

Melville Mutterings

21 Sep – Day one of our current “hands on” project demonstrated by Norm G last week in creating a split turned pair of seed pods. Not a difficult task (?) provided extreme care was taken in sizing up your material – 2 pieces – and you faithfully followed the procedure of for marking , splitting & re-aligning the two pieces of timber involved. Good participation by attendees with creditable progress achieved with another session scheduled for next week to allow completion. No S&T today.

28 Sep – Continuation of last week’s project with a good number of members completing their project. Once again no S & T .

4 Nov – Open day for members to bring along & demonstrate/explain the uses for “Jigs & gadgets” they have made or acquired for use in their workshops. A truly amazing array of items came along, some homemade & others purchased. Generated a great deal of interest & comment & no doubt some activity will be occurring at home from ideas gathered. A good selection of S & T items capably handled by Bob Henderson.



Swan Weekend Workshop

Senior Citizens Centre, 1 The Avenue,
Midland

27th February 2016

Convenor: Richard Barkman

MC: Joe Clark

Competition Item: Flying saucer bowl

There will be: trade suppliers, a used tool sale, raffle plus show and tell

Entry: \$5

Ladies Craft: During the day our ladies will be gathering for a craft show & tell. So ladies bring your works of art and join in the sharing of craft ideas.

Programme

7.45 Set Up

8.30 Registration and Fellowship

9.00 Welcome and Announcements

9.15 Presentation by Ian Kealley, Goldfields Regional Manager of DPaW (Department of Parks and Wildlife) His subject will be 'Timbers of the Goldfields region'

10.30 Morning Tea – members please bring a plate

11.00 Demonstration by Vaughn Richmond - block to bowl

12.00 Lunch is available for \$6.50 consisting of a fresh bread roll, ham or cheese with salad, made by the loving hands of our ladies

1pm Vaughn Richmond's demonstration continues

2pm Demonstration by Brian Kirkby - Multi-centred turning: a method

3pm Afternoon tea

3.15 Raffle Draw

3.30 Competition Results plus Show and Tell Items

4.00 Closing comments - *Pack up (many hands make light work)*

11 Nov – A presentation today by Convenor Roy on his approaches to turning a golf ball & then fitting a small clock/watch face in it to create an attractive presentation gift to family/friends but particularly those with an affinity to golf.

18 Nov – Hands on day (AGAIN ??) under the control of Norm G with today's project to create an ornamental ladies necklace disc utilising a chatter tool to create different patterns in the timber finishing in the form basically three circles within the disc each painted in different colours (artists water colours) with fine black circles defining the colour changes & then mounting the disc on a thong to enable wearing around the neck. The usual enthusiastic participation although the fine black circle enhancement proved challenging to a few. No S & T today,

25 Nov – Robin Howarth took the stand today with a demonstration on his method of turning pens. A well prepared demo but Robin experienced some difficulty when the super glue hardened prematurely whilst he was fitting the brass insert which made things very difficult resulting in a general discussion by all in attendance on their experiences/techniques. A small S & T tabling handled by Robin Spence.

2 Dec – James Murray has returned from his “wanderings” in time to undertake his demonstration in the art of creating Christmas light decorations housing small colour changing LED lights in split turned novelty housings (what a mouthful !!). The demonstration was the usual very well prepared & detailed explanation of the process including a number of suggestions from members attending. A good range of S & T items was capably handled by Vikki Gates, our latest lady turner who is very enthusiastic in her attitude & busily acquiring her equipment.

9 Dec – Our final Group meet for 2015. A social day with hand over of the Christmas toys to City of Melville for distribution to children of needy families within the community and small turned wooden bowls filled with confectionary/sweets to elderly persons cared for by the Silver Chain Group in Melville. Despite the usual misgivings members supported both projects extremely well with in excess of 350 toys provided & 100 confectionary bowls. Guests for the day were Mayor Aubrey Russell from the City of Melville supported by his staff member Karen & two people from the Silver Chain all of whom thanks members for the items provided & assured members that all would be gratefully received & appreciated by the recipients. The confectionary for the bowls was jointly provided by the management of IGA Canning Bridge & Myaree. Following the handover a light morning tea was enjoyed by all present. A comprehensive tabling of S & T items by members with a brief description of each was provided by Convenor Roy Lundy.

10 Dec – CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME with 95 members, partners & guest, including our WAWA President Andrea, gathering at the East Fremantle Yacht Club for a very social & successful luncheon to celebrate yet another memorable year. Thanks to Syd Harvey for organising the venue & a group of other members for assisted with arranging a seemingly never ending number of raffle activities. A marvellous day to see 2015 out.

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Swan Snippets

A fun Christmas bbq finished off our year, with a big group of members gathered together to partake of good food and company. Entertainment and merry laughter as we battled the quiz questions and Christmas songs memory test, represented in picture. Good night had by all.

A number of demonstrations have been presented in the last couple of months. A hands on demonstration was organised by Graeme Skewes, showing the process of making a racing car with an off-set front - using a square blank with the axle & cockpit holes pre drilled. Nice Christmas toy idea.

A representative from Kings Park botanical gardens gave our group a very interesting talk on the logistics of the removal, transportation, care and recovery of the large boab tree which now stands proud in Kings Park.

Robert Atkins ran a video night on the Western Woodlands – a wood turner's paradise. Photos

were shown from previous Goongarrie woodturners week, where wood from the Western Woodlands is sampled, cut, turned and carved.

Noel Moyes ran an interesting DVD on a number of tool sharpening systems available and how to code your tools to get a repeated consistent quality edge each time you sharpen your tools.

Christmas is just around the corner, so Ian Moss demonstrated a number of interesting turned Christmas Trees, some with balls, angels or a cross on the top of each tree. Offset cuts with a skew chisel and paint enhanced the design.

Noel Moyes again held our attention with his turning of a tulip. Interesting marking process for the five petals and a sanding stick for sanding the internal of the tulip to keep the fingers safe. Nice little project.

The turning of a high tea drinking cup and saucer was demonstrated by Bruce Sheppard. Fine work complete with a handle. Even a small crack did not result in a wee storm in the cup.

Our last meeting was a show your gadgets or your home-made ingenious mechanical device or tool. Some great helpful ideas were presented.

The Swan Club has been involved in a few local events. A shady spot under the mighty pine trees found members of the Swan Club turning give away items at the Darlington Arts Festival. A couple of people showed an interest in joining, a number of spectators including children watched the turning, and a number of items were sold.

Midland Centrepoint shopping centre Community Day was well attended by our members.

Turned items were on display and some sold. One man showed interest in learning to turn. Some leads from the management for further demo days was given.

Another fun night with our turners demonstrating was held at the Midland Bunnings Winter Wonderland Christmas Family night. Well represented by our club with five lathes turning impressive items and wood shavings all around.

Many varied items have been brought in for show and tell. Bowls, witches, miniature horse wagon, boob nut stand, hand carved items, goblets and trays, burl bowl, angels, bowl with carved flower pattern on the edge, bowls, pepper mills, framed wooden pictures, tractors, toys, Christmas trees, tulips, cup and saucer and the list goes on.

A relatively cheap dust mask was presented and has been tried and the results have been impressive. Our club members have also been given a discounted purchase price.

Our Weekend Workshop is coming up in February. We look forward to members joining us for an interesting day. The programme is elsewhere in the newsletter.

Mary Byers

Toodyay Tattles

Well, hello from the Avon Woodturners.

Things have been going along fairly well in the Avon Valley - grain harvesting finished early due to the early onset of warm dry weather but yields were generally better than expected.

Our new premises are still in the pipeline after some hold-ups in the tender process but are now in sight. Most of the tenders were exorbitant and the shire staff had to do some hard negotiating to get some downward adjustments. The site works have been completed and with a bit of luck we should be able to start the internal fit-out sometime in March. We'll have a lot of work to do with setting up the shelving and dust extraction unit we have already purchased as well as well as organising the powerpoints and lighting to make best use of the extra space we'll have. We're looking forward to having the space for more equipment enabling us to tackle more complex projects.

At our last meeting, we decided to start meeting on Wednesday evenings with a view to attracting more members from people who are working and those who are busy with other commitments of

a weekend. Also, during the summer, this will hopefully be a bit cooler and more comfortable for woodturning.

We didn't have a Christmas wind-up as the calendar gets a bit crowded at the end of the year. Instead, we plan to have a breakfast in January the week before starting up for the new year.

The group again got involved in a Christmas Bowl project and produced 29 bowls for Silver Chain to dish out (pardon the pun) to people from Toodyay and Bindoon who are on their care list. The bowls were filled with chocolates and wrapped for the occasion. It's worry that some of the oldies receiving these gifts are younger than some of our members!

In reviewing the year, it's pleasing that some of our members have been making an effort entering items for the WAWA workshop competitions and doing well. The group has also attended more events to demonstrate woodturning than in previous years, making new connections in towns in the central Wheatbelt.

We have been allocated June for the 2016 workshop calendar and are looking forward to hosting fellow woodturners once again. It is hard work for a small group to run a weekend workshop and, unless we get an influx of new members swarming into our new workshop, we look forward to assistance from members of other groups especially when clearing up. We would like to acknowledge the support of the Swan Woodturners who have helped us out with demonstrators and in the kitchen at past workshops.

Well ... that's all from the Avon Valley for this edition. As the Roadwise message says "*DON'T DRIVE TIRED*"

The Tattler

Wandi Waffles

Firstly Wandi welcomes our new Convenor in Jim Cameron. Jim has served on the committee for a while and taken the step up for the club. Our thanks to retiring Convenor Bill Younger, who has been very active in the top seat for a couple of years and is now taking a little travel time, but remaining a committee member.

Our start dates for 2016 club sessions are Wednesday Mornings 6th January, Tuesday evenings 19th January and Monday Mornings 1st February.

Thursday evening demonstrations commence on the 21st January 2016.

The big news of the year is of course our move into the new Pavilion. Members who attended our weekend workshop would have had an opportunity to take a guided tour. We have moved into the building, and are in the process of refining our storage and equipment placement to best suit our needs. We have already sourced and installed new shelving for timber storage area, and storeroom space as well as upgrading some equipment stands for improved use as well as additional cupboards. Many thanks to all members who have provided input into these jobs, it really is a team effort with planning, sourcing, discussion, delivery and installation.

Our 2015 end of year club Christmas Function was held in the multipurpose hall area of the new Pavilion. A very pleasant evening of fellowship with a buffet supper was enjoyed by members attending. This year(2016) we will be having our club function mid year to coincide with club elections, as the end of year is a very busy time for all of us.

We had two busy bees this year one to cut and prep wood for the store and one to move our sizeable amount of equipment to the new building. Thank you to everyone who assisted in these tasks. Special thanks to the wood busy bee participants as it was one of the very hot days and wood was cut, prepared and stored in record time. The only temporary casualty was the wax pan, that overheated and shut itself off for a little while!

Demonstrations for the latter part of the year at the club were Mark Enright - Square Bowls, Willy Nelson- Burl Carving, Bill Younger- Emerging Bowl, and a Convenor-led discussion and information sharing session on club future plans.

A demonstration was held at Cockburn Bunnings in December by Willy Nelson and John Scarfe, to share turning with the community which was well received by local shoppers.

Our Show and Tell sessions continue to showcase the varied skills and talents of members, with a collaborative piece textured by Bob Filby and turned by Roly Munro of a seed pod produced from Padauk wood, Jim Cameron- jarrah platter, Bill Younger - hollow lidded vessel with a difference, an emerging bowl, and 'dog bowl' from Gulio Marcalongo, David Mundy - jarrah bowl and large marri bowl both from local area sourced timber.

Finally best wishes to all members for a safe, healthy and happy 2016.

The Waffler

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WHAT IS IT?



Ivor Davies sent this photo of an item he'd been asked to replicate, for the last issue. The item is a kite reel of a style used throughout the Middle East and India for kite-fighting competitions.

The reel can hold up to 3000m of the special twine used for this sport. The first section of twine, attached to the kite, is waxed and has ground glass embedded. When the duelling kites come together, the reel is pulled from side to side in sawing motion with the intention of the glassed section sawing the other's twine.

The competitor who saws through and releases the other kite is the winner.

Editor's Note: I was not aware it is the practice to publish the citation for Life Membership awards in the newsletter. The following are the citations for Mick Johnson of Bunbury (2014) and Noel Moyes of Swan (2015).

Citation for Clifford Raymond (Mick) Johnson for Life Membership

In accordance with section 6(1) of the Woodturners Association of Western Australia, I propose that the following member be honoured with life membership of the Association.

CR Johnson - member number 302

Mick was a founding member of the Bunbury Group at its inception on 14th April 1987.

Mick has served the group in the following capacities:

- Convenor 1994 to 1995*
- Vice-convenor 2008 to 2009*
- Committee member from commencement to the present*

He was instrumental in obtaining the Bunbury Woodturners trailer and, since its arrival, has been the principal caretaker of the trailer in ensuring that it has been maintained in a roadworthy condition and fit for use by the group. Mick is also the principal tower and housekeeper for the group's trailer.

Mick is a staunch supporter of the group and the ethos of the woodturning fraternity. He is always available and on hand to assist at workshops, functions, busy bees, sales days and demonstrations.

Mick has an extensive knowledge of timber, turning techniques and finishes that he freely passes on to other members. He will go out of his way to source timber for and provide assistance with projects. Amongst many endeavours, Mick, with others, was responsible for the design and creation of the lectern presented to the City of Bunbury Mayoral Office. It has significant historical value to Bunbury as it was made from timber salvaged from the old Bunbury Jetty.

In recognition of his dedication to Bunbury and WAWA, Mick is the recipient of a Merit Award.

Mick stands tall among his peers in his dedication to woodturning, his generosity, his selflessness and his humour. He is eminently deserving of this award.

Citation for Life Membership for Noel Moyes

In accordance with section 6(1) of the Woodturners Association of Western Australia, I propose that the following member be honoured with life membership of the Association.

Noel Moyes - member number 138

Noel has been a member of the Woodturners Association of WA since 1987. During his 27 years he has been an extremely active member of the organisation and continues to be so, both in terms of leadership and commitment to the Association.

Noel has been a COM member since 2009, at which time he also edited the WAWA Newsletter. He was instrumental in getting the initial WAWA web site up and running in May 2009. He was recently the WAWA Membership Registrar and is one of the team setting up the audio-visual equipment at weekend workshops. He has regularly taken the photos of weekend workshop competition items for display on the website.

Noel has been a regular demonstrator both at weekend workshops and for the Swan Group; he is a role model for many aspiring woodturners. Noel was convenor of Swan Group in 1990 and again in 2005 & 2006. He has conducted beginners' woodturning courses in recent years, attracting new members to the Association. He has run the Swan Group monthly competition assessment & organised the competition trophy boards and certificates for winners in the various competition categories for 3 - 4 years.

He is always willing to be of assistance, often transporting one of the WAWA trailer's from one venue to another; he uses his skills for the maintenance of the trailers and in general is invariably there to "lend a hand" for those needing advice or items for their lathes.



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The Woodturners Association of Western Australia
Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Held at Wandi Hall DeHaer Road Wandi at 9.20 am 19th September 2015.

Welcome:

1. Present: Andrea McCandlish (President), David Rechter (Vice President), Kevin Cheetham (Secretary/Registrar), David Doye, Noel Moyes, Andrew Phillips, Bruce Jackson, Peter Cunnington, Chris Paplinski, Barbara Jennings, and 97 members.

2. Apologies: Laurie Sutton (Treasurer), Rosalie Sutton, Joe Hegney, Yvonne Pegrum, Nancy Launer, Neil Piper, Ron Olson, Keith McQueen, Pam McQueen, Chris Davis, David Nelson, Graham Meadowcroft, Nat Goh.

3. Confirmation of 2014 AGM Minutes: Proposed: Brian Fowlie Seconded: Joe Clark that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the proceedings. Carried.

4. Presidents Report: Andrea McCandlish presented her President's report which was received with acclamation.

5. Treasurers Report/Auditors Report: David Rechter presented the Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report. Proposed: Les Small Seconded: Barry Laidler that the Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report be accepted. Carried.

6. Appointment of auditor.

Proposed Barbara Jennings Seconded: Peter Manchee that Chris Ring be appointed Auditor for 2015/16 financial year.

7. Election of Office Bearers:

Andrea McCandlish, Norm Hoskins elected unopposed. Andrea McCandlish called for nominations for 2 vacant positions from the floor. Colin Rutherford Nominated himself and was Seconded by Bruce Jackson. Carried.

8. General Business: Les Small proposed a vote of thanks to the COM and outgoing COM members for their contribution to the management of the Association which was received with acclamation.

9. Presentation of Certificates and Awards:

Andrea McCandlish presented Certificate of Life Membership to Noel Moyes.

Wood Show Prizes: Bruce Jackson announced the winners and placegetters for the Wood Show competition held in August. Certificates and prize money were distributed to those present.

In celebration of WAWA 30th anniversary Milton Rundle & Ivor Bridges were asked to cut the 30th anniversary cake.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Meeting Closed 10.25am

Annual General Meeting 2015

President's Report for 2014/15

The Association has experienced another full and interesting year with much to report on. The Committee of Management, with six new members, has worked hard throughout the year managing the business and operations of the Association with enthusiasm and diligence. I commend their contribution and thank all the COM members for their untiring efforts throughout the year.

I wish to assure members that no decision relating to operational matters has been made without thorough discussion. Some of the decisions have not been popular, some decisions have been made reluctantly but always made in the interests of benefit for the Association as a whole.

Our membership numbers can be described as stable, with an annual loss of approximately 80 and an annual intake of around the same number. The current membership as of August is 515. The COM has been working on a strategy for recruiting new members that has specific targets rather than using expensive broadcast advertising.

I am pleased to report the Association has a healthy set of books, financially, and that we have an unqualified audit report, as already presented. As seems to happen every year, some groups need to tighten up on their reporting in their annual returns. Accountability is something we have to live with and I thank the group secretaries and treasurers for their efforts in meeting these requirements.

A number of trials and innovations have been commenced during the past year. Some of these include:

- The Group challenge – an initiative introduced by Bruce Jackson with the aim of improving numbers of competition entries and attendance at weekend workshops. There is a cash prize for the groups with the highest and second highest points gained by members throughout the year.
- Payment of judges – this initiative was undertaken due to groups having difficulty in sourcing experienced judges for weekend workshops. By booking people well in advance for specific workshops, the problem has been alleviated and the standard of judging maintained at a high level.
- Introduction of judging slips for entries – this was introduced because many members have wanted to know what the judges thought of their efforts. The slip shows the average of the marks awarded for each phase of the judging. Feedback on this initiative has been very positive.
- International Turners – there was a degree of disappointment at the beginning of this year when a planned workshop had to be cancelled due to a misunderstanding of contractual arrangements. However, we were advised by the Collaboration group that Guilio Marcalongo would be visiting WA in October and was available to WAWA for workshops. Consequently, Melville and Manjimup have both booked Guilio for workshops in October.
- The Joondalup-Wanneroo Group's Workshop – it was very pleasing to have this group involved again in the weekend workshop program. The innovative program they presented was well received. I congratulate the group for their efforts and look forward to what they might come up with next year.
- Cancellation of the Christmas function – this decision was a hard one to make but the very low numbers of members attending did not justify the cost and effort of holding this function.
- The newsletter going digital – while this initiative has achieved substantial savings for the Association, it has been one of the most hotly debated. By and large, the switch has been successful but, as with anything to do with modern communications technology, there have been some distribution issues from time to time. We are not alone in making this particular

change and few organisations of any size now have printed and posted newsletters as the norm.

- Remote attendance of COM meetings – this initiative has allowed a COM member to attend half of the meetings from home in Busselton by the use of computers and the internet. The cost is negligible and has only required the purchase of a suitable microphone. The use of remote attendance is not restricted to country members and could be used for any member unable to attend a meeting physically for whatever reason.
- Support for Shopping Centre Group – this group requested financial support due to many shopping centres now demanding commercial fees for the group's appearances. To enable the group to book space at some of the larger, more lucrative shopping centres, the COM agreed to provide access of up to \$2000 to pay space fees. This trial will be reviewed in May 2016.
- WAWA Web Site – the web site underwent a complete re-vamp late last year. The new web site can be managed without special software. Feedback on the new-look site has been good and groups have reported increased contact and enquiries through the web site.

Other events and achievements of note during the year include:

- In June, a Convenors Meeting was held at Melville. This was a good, productive meeting with representation of most groups in the agenda. There was an excellent level of exchange of information and ideas. These meetings should be considered by members as the forum at which major gripes can and should be aired.
- 2014 Royal Show – a great collective effort by the groups to demonstrate woodturning skills to the public. Many thanks to Norm Gratte for liaising with the Royal Show committee to enable this appearance.
- 2014 Wood Show – another impressive display of work supplied by the groups and a fascinating video that was the result of Rudi Goh's dedication and efforts. An appreciative thank you to Rudi and also to Bruce Jackson for organising the competition at the show. Also in the mix, the Shopping Centre Group presenting a huge array of items for sale.
- Bunbury Group's building program has increased the size of their workshop and allowed renovation of other parts of the premises they occupy. This was made possible by a Lotterywest grant. Congratulations to the group on the improvements to their clubhouse.
- Gosnells Group moved into new premises on the same site in April. An outstanding example of a group well-integrated in their local community. A lot of effort by group members went into the finished workshop. Well done, all of you.

In concluding this report, I would like to thank those of you who have given me support when I needed it and advice when I asked for it during the past year. I feel privileged to have been working with a committee of hard-working, dedicated and enthusiastic people and thank them all for their contribution to the running of the Association. I particularly want to thank outgoing members David Rechter, Kevin Cheetham and Noel Moyes, all of whom have served on the COM for many years.

A lot of work has been done over the past 30 years by dedicated people with a vision of preserving and promoting the art and science of woodturning in an increasingly "instant gratification" environment. We all need to continue the work required to keep that vision alive for all those future woodturners we have yet to meet.

Andrea McCandlish

September 2015

Competition Results

Bunbury, November 2015

Competition Item: two or more goblets on tray

NOVICE

1. Jock MacFayden
2. Col Rutherford
3. Jim Ronald
4. Rob woodward

INTERMEDIATE

1. Kevan Hunt
2. Mike Phillips
3. Norm Hoskin

ADVANCED

1. George Parke
2. Barbara Jennings
3. Charles Broadbent
4. Don Carke

MOST POPULAR

1. Rob Woodward
2. George Parke
3. Don Clarke
4. Col Rutherford

OPEN

1. George Parke
2. Barbara Jennings
3. Charles Broadbent
4. Jock MacFayden

Accumulated Points 2015

NOVICE

1. Jock MacFayden
2. Col Rutherford
3. Jim Ronald

INTERMEDIATE

1. Norm Hoskin
2. Syd Harvey
3. Ray Robinson

ADVANCED

1. David Rechter
2. Maurie Munro
3. George Parke

MOST POPULAR

1. David Rechter
2. George Parke
3. Maurie Munro

OPEN

1. Norm Hoskin
2. Jock MacFayden
3. David Rechter

KEITH STOUT MEMORIAL TROPHY
Norm Hoskin

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters

From the new Weekend Workshop Coordinator

Would all those interested in demonstrating at weekend workshops in the new year (2016) please send your name and contact details to me davidoye48@gmail.com so I can compile a register for 2016 to assist groups wishing to contact potential demonstrators.

Thank you

David Doye

TECHNICAL DESK

DAGGERS

We all know that on a lathe tools will only cut wood round as in a circle or part of a circle as in flat or tapered surfaces, coves or hollow shapes where wood is removed and beads or bumps where the wood is not removed. Where and how one makes these various cuts is the art of a woodturner. Without describing the various mistakes, false leads or disasters, here is how I made my dagger. You may not wish to make this dagger but the methods used may help in other projects.

Blade: Fix a circular piece of timber, about 300mm diameter, to a face plate. True the circumference and reduce the outer 50mm or so to about 8-10mm thick. On the circumference, back about 16mm, make a half cove leaving nothing at its outer edge. We now require a tapered face plate. Place a small piece of wood between one of the screws of a waste wood carrier and the face plate to top it slightly sideways. Turn it true and flat. Remove this wedge and fix the carrier to your face plate. Mount your work piece with two or three screws in the waste section. You can now turn the rim to a tapered 50mm band – from 5 or 8mm to nothing. One may need to add a bead of hot melt glue to the outer edge for safety. Unscrew the work piece and relocate along the thick – thin portion line (axis) half the distance for the width of your blade towards the thicker section. One may now cut the back edge of the dagger blade. Remove, cut through at its thickest part and glue together. Leave to set.

Hilt: From a round branch about 75mm diameter, cut a piece 30-40mm long. On one end form a spigot to go fully into a scroll chuck. Insert and turn to your required diameter. One now needs to insert one or two half pieces of plastic pipe into one side of the scroll chuck and turn the outer 20mm or so round. It will be off centre. Remove the piece from the chuck and place the spacer on the other side of the scroll chuck or merely rotate your work piece 180 degrees. Now, carefully, remove wood from the inside section. Part off. Cut in half. Rotate one piece only and glue together as in an S formation.

Handle: Multi centred spindle turning. Take a piece of suitable wood 150 mm long by 50 mm wide. Burn a ring on both ends with a dead centre. Mark a cross on each end for future turning.

1. Using true centres make a large bead at each end and a long low bead across the middle to fit your hand – approx 90 mm long.
2. From the top two marks where the dead centre crosses, you cross turn one side of the middle section (offset turning one).
3. From the other side of the cross, turn the other side leaving an oval of sorts (offset turning two).
4. From the centres between these points on the original burnt ring, turn four grooves for your fingers (offset turning three).

Go back to the original true centre points and complete the beads (knobs) at each end. You now only have to remove unwanted wood. Drill, dowel and glue the three parts together and complete with your favourite finish.

Malcolm Munro
(This appeared in edition 127 in 2006)



Diary Dates

Competition Items for 2016

*****February 27th—Swan*****

Flying saucer bowl

March 19th—Collie

Natural edged bowl

April 23rd—Melville

Turned form with legs

May 21st—Mandurah:

Pedestal, minimum height 600mm

June 18th—Avon

Decorative wall-hanging

July 16th—Gosnells

Platter

August - Wood Show TBA

August 20th— Bunbury

Wine table

September 17th—Wandi (AGM)

Money box

**October 15th—Joondalup-
Wanneroo**

Burl item, no restrictions

November 19th—Busselton

Table lamp

1 for novice & intermediate

Matching pair for advanced

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WAWA Shopping Centre Displays 2016

Bullcreek Shopping Centre - 4th to 9th
April

Kardinya Shopping Centre - 20th to 25th
June

Wood Show - 5th to 7th August

Park Centre, Victoria Park - 29th Aug to
3rd September

Melville Plaza - 3rd to 8th October

Southlands Shopping Centre - 17th to
22nd October

Armadale City - 31st Oct to 5th
November

Waterford Plaza - 7th to 12th November

Phoenix Shopping Centre - 28th Nov to
3rd December

The following may be contacted for
information or if you would like to join the
display/sales team.

Brian Fowle 9310 3161

Neil Piper 9399 3723

Geoff Saw 9354 1562

Note to members

If you wish to join the Shopping Centre
Display team to sell your work contact
Brian Fowle. Sales are on a commission
basis which goes to WAWA to cover the
costs and maintenance of the equipment
required to mount the displays.

Anyone can be part of this team. Apart
from the sales of turned items, the func-
tion of the displays is to promote WAWA
and woodturning.