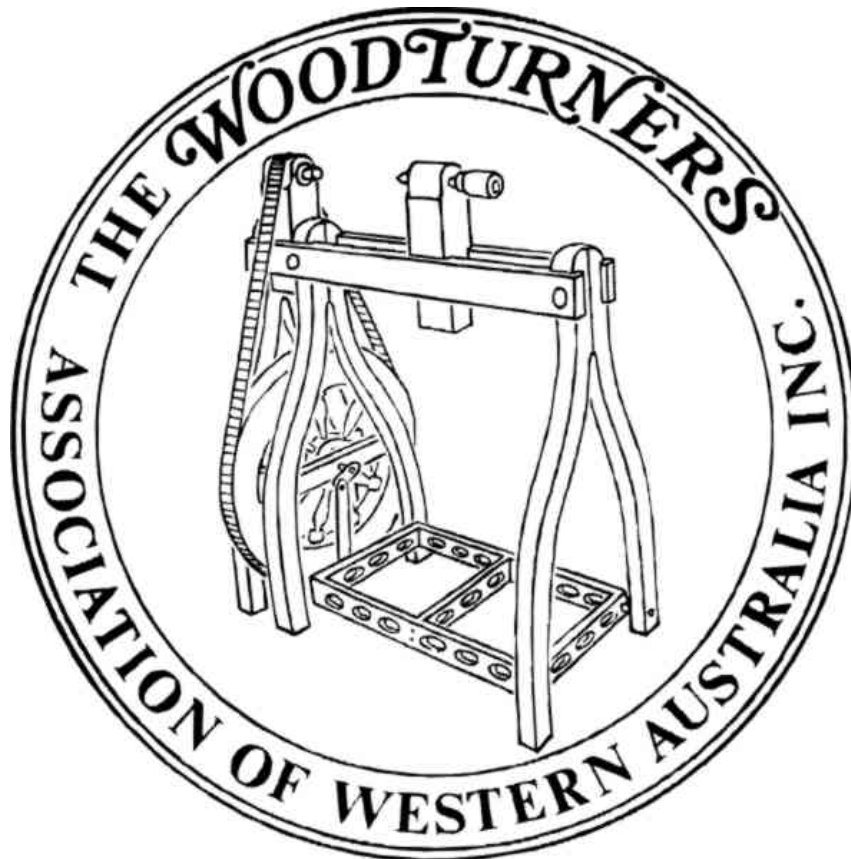


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Immediate Past Presidential Ponderings

Presidential Ponderings is no longer appropriate so I'm thinking of this as 'Notes from a Woodturner'. And they are just that.

I was in the shed yesterday finishing off some bits and pieces from projects that had been lying around for a while, the sort of little jobs that give you plenty time to mull over things, and I started to think about the embellishers meeting from the day before. We had decided at our previous meeting to do something for the next round of WAWA competitions and to use this meeting to review what we had done and see if that could be improved. There weren't many there but we all had something to show. Some items were finished and ready to submit. Others were nearly ready. Mine was at a very early stage of transforming a design idea and very rough sketch into something much more tangible, so I was desperately seeking some ideas. Others, I suspect, were simply seeking endorsement.

You would have to be there to experience what happened, although I suspect you've experienced something similar many times before. All we did was talk, think out aloud, trade ideas, ask questions and provide answers to them, and generally share our experiences, but at the end of three hours we felt very happy with the outcome for we all had learned something new, broadened our own appreciation and understanding of turning, and developed clear plans for what to do next. Although we were not conscious of it, we were involved in what educational psychologists call 'deep learning', a situation that arises when a group of people with similar interests have an opportunity to exchange ideas freely and without judgement. What deep learning demonstrates is that focused discussion like this is never wasted or wasteful.

Having started on a learning theme, I let myself wander back to reflect on our group demonstration night the week before which was devoted exclusively to show and tell. By way of background, my club has two daytime hands-on groups. The Monday group consists mainly of inexperienced turners assisted, very lightly, by more experienced club members. It is a relatively recent group. The Wednesday group, by contrast, has been there for ever and in the main consists of highly experienced and gifted turners who, at least in the eyes of the Monday group, are content to rest on their laurels while consuming large quantities of coffee and biscuits and doing as little turning as possible. The gentle rivalry between the groups sometimes has a bitter edge to it. The Wednesday group was persuaded to push these misunderstandings aside by showcasing some of the work at a normal demonstration night. And they did so with gusto, mainly, I suspect, to set the Monday group to rights.

Each Wednesday group member spoke to a sample of his/her work, some covering a span of years, others for recent times only, drawing attention to failures as well as successes, and emphasising the skills they had to acquire and where and how they learned them. In doing so they traced their own history as woodturners. While individual collections were impressive, the overall array was mind-boggling in its quality and variety. Some items had been successful competition pieces, others could or should have been if they had been submitted. It was clear to the audience that an apparent focus on coffee and biscuits wasn't just therapeutic, but there was some deep learning going on here too.

A number of people came up to me afterwards to say that this was the best demonstration they had been to as members of the club. They hadn't realised the depth of talent within the group and that they learned a great deal from the evening. That's hardly surprising because this instance, like any good show-and-tell, was a clear example of authentic learning, that is, it dealt with a real-life situation that the audience could not only relate to but also apply to their own practice. It is also what adult educators call collaborative or cooperative learning where the experiences of one group are shared within their wider community. Collaborative learning is extremely effective from its focus on resolving problems or issues of shared concern.

You are probably wondering now why I have raised these two examples. You'll be saying to yourself that there is nothing really new here; these sorts of things happen all the time among woodturners. And they

do, too! But their significance is too often overlooked and not applied. The deep learning that comes with sharing your experiences with one another and reflecting upon their significance is more profound than the learning that comes from watching a skilled demonstrator reveal his art to you. A skill that is demonstrated doesn't become yours until it has been practised and talked about until it becomes part of who you are.

I see a number of messages in these two examples apart from their significance for learning, but there are two that I want to highlight. The first is that there is a depth and range of talent in the individual members of our groups that we are not always fully aware of because so many of our members are reluctant to demonstrate or talk about what they do in their own sheds. We need mechanisms to flush these out. I thought I knew how Wednesday group reasonably well but I had grossly underestimated the range of abilities and woodturning interests.

Secondly, the importance of reflection must be recognised. We must stop every so often to take stock and think upon what we do and why we do it. Important as demonstrations are, it is not necessary to make every club night a demonstration night. It could equally be a reflection night like that provided by Wandī's Wednesday group.

Jim

Registrar's Ramblings

We welcome the following new members ...

Don Caccamo 2586	Busselton	Trish Turanga 3225	Collie
Mick Lee 2878	Bunbury	Minky Turton 3226	Wandi
Bob Stevenson 3217	Wandi	Lukas Turton 3227	Wandi
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Lyn Frings 3219	Bunbury	Rick Philips 3229	Mundaring
Matt Lanagan 3220	Bunbury	Tracy Redwood 3230	Swan
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Sue Golden 3222	Wandi	John Hedley 3232	Melville
Venessa Jackson 3223	Collie	Derek Dowding 3233	Swan
Barry Graham 3224	Collie	David Bradley 3234	Melville

A note to group secretaries and all members requiring a new name badge or cloth badge, please contact me for those items.

Also ... **PLEASE** remember to advise of **email changes**.

Barbara Jennings, Registrar

Editor's Epistle

Welcome to the New Year hoping that our calendar of events isn't as unpredictable as last year. Remember that COVID-19 precautions are still in place for all our indoor meetings until further notice. Also, until 14th February, the Metro area and Peel Region have boundaries so no cross boundary visits to groups in other regions (unless you can convince your visit is essential travel).

The newsletter is back to bi-monthly production but I will still be requesting content contributions.

Andrea McCandlish - Editor

News From the Groups

Avon

(the following is a letter sent to the Avon Woodturners)

Email: toodyay.dhs@education.wa.edu.au

Principal: Mr David Ball

Dear Avon Wood Turners

It is with great pride and thanks that I congratulate your organisation for the gifting of the 70 wooden bowls - and lollies, to the staff of Toodyay DHS.

This year has been a complex year due to the world pandemic and the anxieties associated with that. Your gift, as you can see from the photos attached gave a very noticeable boost to school moral as we are all strapped for time at the end of the year.

Please share my thanks with all of your members and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Regards



David Ball
Principal

03/12/2020

The Tattler



Bunbury

On 15th October 2020 Bunbury Group enjoyed a great day's fellowship with the turners from Collie travelling down the hill to visit us. The spread put on for morning tea was worth the trip alone! Peter Briggs (Collie) started the day with a demonstration of inside out turning – showing us a project with card suit symbols that Collie had undertaken as a group. This created a great amount of interest.

Following a great display of show and tell with a wide variety of items, Hayden Matthews put his chefs hat on and cooked a BBQ lunch. Lyn Poli demonstrated a Christmas ornament with inside out turning – a very topical subject and something for members to work on in time for Christmas. It was a very pleasant and successful day enjoyed by both groups.



Bunbury Group's Annual Community Project

For the past 6 years the Bunbury Group has been making small turned bowls for distribution to members of our community who have no other gifts at Christmas time. We fill the bowls with a small selection of chocolates. The bowls are then handed over to the Silver Chain organisation who play



Bunbury Woodturners - 100 bowls for those alone at Christmas

Santa's helper and hand them out for us. We have been extremely fortunate to have the chocolates donated for this project by a local National supermarket.

Group Annual Awards

At the end of a very strange year the Committee decided to deviate from the usual Christmas function – everyone always has so many functions to attend during November and December – and hold our awards function in January to serve as a welcome to the New Year. Our usual BYO barbeque with salad and sweets to share meant a fantastic spread for us all to enjoy. A great deal of discussion was created by a quiz to identify 21 species of wood. With a few tricky ones in the pack no-one managed to score a full house. Just for fun, testing everyone's general knowledge of Australia,

managed to trick us – the winning table achieving 18 correct answers. Our main Group award is the John Shinnick Award for the most improved turner of the year. This award acknowledges John Shinnick and his achievements and has been sponsored since its inception by Mick Johnson and his family. This year the award was presented to Don Wilson who spends many hours in his shed at home perfecting his skills and experimenting with new projects. The Beginners' Award goes to Frank di Mattia who started at the Group at the beginning of 2020 and despite the break in proceedings due to Covid-19 has continued his wood turning enthusiastically.



Singapore Ball turned by Don Wilson - Bunbury Group

Bunbury Scribe

Collie

Approached by members of the group to be the author of, so it is my privilege, to represent Collie Woodturners contribution to the WAWA newsletter. Thank you guys, I'll get you back one by one, when you least expect it.....

The October monthly meeting was held on Sunday 25th October at 0930hrs and was attended by 12 members, sadly many could not attend due to family get together, health issues and Covid restrictions etc. For those who were in attendance witnessed it moving along at a satisfactory pace with plenty of input. At the conclusion of the meeting we were all treated to a good showing of old and current personal projects members had done at home, and might I say, some great items were displayed with explanations of how, when, why they were achieved. All of the projects were given applause by the gallery and many questions in regard to technique, imagination and exuberance. As always, a fine luncheon of slow roasted pork and gravy/apple sauce rolls was enjoyed by all in attendance, followed by apple pie and chocolate hedgehog slice. A big thankyou to Judy McAullay for spending hours in her kitchen producing it for the day.

Wednesday 28th Oct we had a very good turnout of personnel and a couple of new faces eager to see what all the fuss is about. Well done to Ian Whitaker for his efforts in promoting the club to Collie ladies. Dominic Italiano and Colin Valli showing the ladies demonstrations and safety training on Thursdays are starting to get a bit of interest going and we should see a growth of new lady members soon. Talks are going on about some in house improvements to the club with around the wall shelving and drawers for

storage of Chisels, Chucks and other associated tools. The addition of a set of brand new Hamlet Chisels have arrived and added to the inventory.

Doors opened at 0800hrs on Wednesday 4th November with a turnout of some 20 odd members including 1 new lady member. Who seemed to really enjoy her training on the lathe and is showing signs of being a good turner. I can attest to the training and support one gets from pretty much all of the other members. Wonderful camaraderie here.

November 11th, proved to be another great day and good turnout. At 1100hrs Mike Miller took the responsibility of leading the group into the minute of Silence. The Anzac was recited and members showed their reverence respectfully.

Our Christmas and yearly windup dinner was held on the 15th Dec out at the Camp Restaurant and what a fantastic turnout, food was great and we all enjoyed the social get together. We welcomed the acknowledgement of Rino Tuia's contribution to the club, he has been a member for 30 yrs, now retired as he lives too far "Honey just gunna pop down to the clubhouse." Well done Rino your past presence has been appreciated by all. On the same day Ian Whitaker joined the dizzying heights of Most Improved Turner of the Year. Congratulation Ian, we all loved giving you a hand. Huh hum!!

And here it is 2021, let's hope this year proves to be an improvement on the last one.

Happy New Year all across the WAWA

Bob McAullay

Joondalup-Wanneroo Wanderings

It's been a while since I have submitted an entry so there is bit of catch-up to do.

For me the year began with a death in the family and since then I have been dealing with the estate as executor which is almost completed now. Disposing of the personal effects and the property was a difficult job and I don't envy my wife's position should I go before her. I came across an article by Graham Turner last week, in which he encouraged all of us woodturners to catalogue and price our equipment in an effort to make it easier to dispose of.

The Joondalup/Wanneroo group continued meetings when the Covid19 restriction were eased and managed to get new members. During July/August we ran a training course for five new members and they are doing very well. Thanks go to Jim Parsons and Andy Hill and while Andy was unavailable, I assisted Jim.

During the year, the switch on one of the Woodfast Lathes failed so it was removed for repair or replacement leaving the switch wires readily accessible. An Out Of Service Tag was fitted to the plug to warn that it should not be plugged into power. At the next meeting one of our newer members went to plug the lathe into power as he was not aware of the meaning of the tag. This highlighted to me that, those of us who have worked in mining and construction industries are trained in the use of Danger and Out Of Service Tags, but here are many who are not familiar with them. Part of our training of new members must include a session on such basic safety aspects, and I intend to introduce a "Safety Talk" at our future meetings.

Our Weekend Workshop went extremely well and we were very pleased to have 93 registrations. This is the highest attendance that I can recall at any of our workshops. Many positive comments have been received from those who attended, specifically appreciating that the demonstrations were centred around wood turning and embellishing. We thank the demonstrators and all who attended for their support.

We were pleased that the Merit Award for *Mike Philips* was approved by the COM and it was presented

to him at the weekend workshop. His ongoing efforts to provide the Library at each workshop is much appreciated as well his continued role as caterer to our meetings, as is his wife's supply of cakes for our coffee break.

Our AGM was delayed until the November meeting so as not to interfere with our workshop planning. Charlie Totten resigned from being Convenor and after much campaigning none of the members would put their hands up for the role. With the threat of the group being disbanded unless we had a convenor, I volunteered to caretake the job till the next AGM. Aiton Shepard continued as Secretary. Dario Nardi stood down from Treasurer and Brian Hancock was elected. All other roles were filled by sitting members.

The December meeting was a mixed casual affair with members and partners attending. This gave us the opportunity to acknowledge the work and dedication that two of our members have contributed to the group.

We received advice from the Joondalup Council that they have a plan to re-develop the Heathridge Leisure Centre which is where we meet. The plan was sent to us for comment. We are completely at a loss as to how make any sensible comment, as the plan is to completely demolish all buildings on the site and turn it into an open sports and parkland. They haven't allocated any money to the project yet, but it seems our time here may be limited.

The COM accepted our requests for merit awards for the following:

Aiton Shepard for his continued role as our Secretary since 2014 and now also as secretary for the Segmenters' Group. In this role he has documented the group's activities as well being the liaison with the COM and the Joondalup/Wanneroo councils.

Graeme Skewes for his determination that no child should miss out at Christmas. Graeme has made well in excess of 250 toys for the St. Vincent De Paul Society and Salvation Army appeals. By his example, he encouraged others to make toys as well.

Our next meeting will be our annual BBQ at Andy Hill's residence in January. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy and Healthy New Year, hopefully COVID-19 free so we can meet and travel freely.

Frank Visser

Mandurah

Just a quick update on what's been going on down here in Mandurah.

We attended the Seniors Expo on 6th November and received the following thankyou from the organisers,

We wanted to send a HUGE thank you to you and all your team who came along to the Celebrate Seniors Expo.

If we had a prize for the best "stand" it would've been yours without a doubt. We are very grateful so many of your team were also able to come along.



We have attached a photo of you all.

Thank you again,

Lisa, Charmaine and Janet



We also presented Silver Chain with the Xmas Lolly Bowls we make and fill with donations from Woolworths and Coles.

The Coastal District Times published an article about our effort. see attachment.

Mandurah Woodturners held their Xmas Function and Presentation night at Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club on Dec 1st.

Lyndsay Dunning was the winner of the very prestigious Duncan Grant Shield for best item on the night .

Woodn't it be lovely

Aaron Kirby

THE Mandurah Woodturners Association will put a smile on the face of more than 100 senior residents of the Peel region this Christmas.

During the past nine years they have created lolly bowls, that take on average an hour to craft, that are donated as Christmas gifts.

Association member Frank Evans said this year they were taking them to Silver Chain.

"It gives a bit of joy to the elderly in the community," Mr Evans said.

This year the lollies were donated by Woolworths Miami Plaza and Meadow Springs Coles.

"Everyone gets involved," Mr Evans said.

"You see their faces light up and it's just a very good thing.

"We will definitely continue to do it for many years."

The initiative has worked so well that woodturning groups around Australia have followed suit.

Despite having created more than 100 bowls the group, which is open Thursday nights and Tuesday mornings, is looking for



Terry Nicholls, Mick Bishop, Frank Evans and Kerri Nicholls from Mandurah Woodturners Association.
Picture: Aaron Kirby

more members to join up. It will even be running

novice courses starting in February next year.

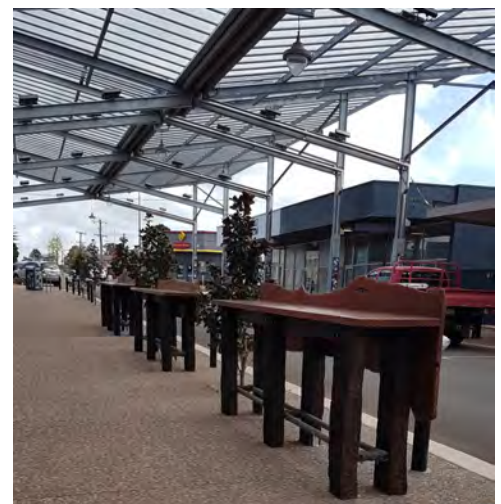
Manjimup Matters

With the occurrence of Covid19 we, like most groups were closed for April, May and June but made the decision to begin turning again in July with the obvious Covid restrictions but we kept the shed closed to the public until August.

We continue to have a number of turners functioning on Tuesday and Wednesday but it seems that the ladies are the only ones available on a Sunday. Yvonne, Helen and Dot are working and socialising in the shed in varying combinations most Sundays. Sunday 27th September was a shire sponsored open day in the park and as it was a beautiful morning weather wise there were a lot of visitors enjoying this time. Ron joined us for the day as well and we all turned tops for the Cherry Harmony Festival where they will be given away in the 'show bags' that the committee distribute to kids free of charge.

Yes, the Cherry Festival scheduled to go ahead. The food precinct that is usually established in the centre of the action in Brockman Street had have plenty of cover from the elements with the roof over the street completed and lighting and permanently fixed tables on the footpath installed. The four tables created from large slabs of timber are each a different timber. We have obviously identified the Jarrah and Marri and I believe the other two could be Karri and Yarri.

In late July the shire offered us the use of the old Top Notch Café but as it required several major renovations to make it suitable for our purpose we declined. Instead the shire will improve signage around the park to direct people to us and we have had great



cooperation from the staff in the new visitor information centre who are directing visitors to us on the days we are working.



On Wednesday 9th December Manjimup Wood Turners had our last meeting for the year and then hung around for Christmas lunch. 26 of us were present at the self-catered long table lunch in the shed. We were pleased to have two widows of recently deceased members and our great friends and major sponsors Manjimup Monograms able to join us. Our last turning day for 2020 was Thursday 17th December.

We had a busy weekend between these two dates as the Manjimup Cherry Harmony Festival was the first festival allowed to go ahead since the state government locked the state down in March. Covid restrictions were in force with sign-in points at several places throughout town and less market stalls present due to the requirement for socially distancing them. We were inside the Town Hall with sales only but had the prime position as with the one way traffic enforced by Covid marshalls we were the first group to be encountered on entering the hall. Sales were

mostly small items but were spread across several members.

When we return to the shed in the new year we will get into planning for the weekend workshop in March. The Town Hall is already booked along with the Rose Centre for the non-turners. We also have some new and interesting shops in town if the ladies would like to do some shopping on that day. Hope to see you all then.

We trust that you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year period

Dot Jacobs

Melville Mutterings

30th Sept – Dennis Tapley reminded everyone that our meeting next week is the “spinning top competition” so everyone needs to spin(er turn)their entries, then bring them to the meeting.

Our members at this week’s meeting viewed a video on David Springett’s ‘An Introduction to Elliptical Turning’, available from the club’s video library. David described his constructed/designed special intriguing chuck to turn elliptical piece, which was a photo frame.

7th Oct – This week’s program was a general meeting, followed by our exciting spinning top competition. Last general meeting minutes was passed.

General business items:-

- First-aid course was discussed and considered pending on numbers and suppliers.
- Dennis presented Melville council’s commitment regarding the building extensions. Dennis informed the members of a follow up email regarding proposed buildings.
- Members were asked to give thoughts to consider ideas to increase our membership.
- Suggestions were requested for older children toys.

Spinning top competition results:-

Hand spin places:- 1st- David Milton, 2nd Kevan Harwood, 3rd Ray Woodcock

Mechanical places:- 1st Don Hicks, 2nd Norm Gratte, 3rd Peter Gerring

14th Oct - At our meeting today a recommendation by Frank was to have lathes available after our meetings for members that don't have a lathe or tools and to be under supervision by an experienced turner.

Our esteem member David Finch gave our demo today on using epoxy resin for turning. David suggested the best chisel to is a carbon tungsten chisel. David continued using a carbon tungsten chisels to turn a piece emphasising a positive negative rack and also using a variety cutters.

David changed from wood turning to using a piece of epoxy imbedded in a plastic pipe to finally to turn a box. As the resin piece David was using it unfortunately hadn't quite harden properly he then changed to using a acrylic piece.

21st Oct - Milton Rundle began his demonstration for the club today of turning an Earring and Jewellery Tree which can be used for the storage of jewellery. Milton proceeded turning the base, then the top which takes the earnings. Whilst the top was in the chuck he drilled 24 holes using the index facility of the lathe. Finally he turned the stem using a skew and a bandan to his design. A very informative intriguing demonstration by our 90 yer old member.

Denis Tapley, with the assistance of our Chain Saw Team (Mike Head, Russell Nash (electric sharpener and Iain Barclay) demonstrated the technique of sharpening a chain saw using different methods. The group also went through some of the safety aspects of chain saw use.

In the American woodturners magazine section titled 2020 AAW Members Exhibition featured our convener Dennis Tapley's piece of a fast curve ball meets overly aggressive bat.



28th Oct – A very different program today was implemented and introduced by Chris Ellis regarding intricate scroll sawing. Chris began by describing the versatility of the scroll saw, then demonstrated cutting different shapes. He continued by cutting a small sleigh. Choice of blade and type of wood is paramount as well as blade saw speed.

Our convenor Dennis Tapley mentioned that the next workshop item is beads and coves using pine radiata only. No sanding is allowed.

4th Nov – At our meeting today we viewed a video of "Turning Bowls" with Richard Raffan, who explained the use of a variety of chisels he uses such as roughing, bowl and scraper chisels. Richard went through all the basic cuts required to turn a variety of different bowls.

Dennis explained our next item (beads & coves) for the following weekend workshop emphasising measurements and methods.

As mentioned previously, our Group was invited to exhibit at the Man Cave Mini Expo that will be held at the Blue Gum Community Centre on Tuesday 10th November from 10am to 1pm. Members were requested to attend.

Dennis reported that the City of Melville informed us that their representatives and architects will attend our meetings next Wednesday to discuss the proposed new building.

11th Nov - This week demo was by David Rechter who presented "Turning a box with symmetry" that is the top is matched to the bottom. David proceeded with his demo using a skew and scraper to prepare the face of his lid in the chuck. Next he drilled a hole in his sample enabling him to then hollowed out the lid and also put a small recess that will take the the other piece. David then changed his chuck to a long neck chuck to enabling him expand to hold the lid, then proceeded to shape the back the lid face. David then proceeded to turn the second piece lip that will fit in the other piece ensuring in a tight fit and then hollowed out the piece. He then transposed this piece enabling him to trim the spigot.

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Securing each piece in the chuck enabled him to shape the bowl to the symmetrical shape desired. Also by again changing his chuck to fit the inside of each piece David then turned the beads he desired using a beading tool, followed by cleaning up the centre.

David's demonstrations were full of great ideas and methods of work from the conceptualisation, through the planning and the execution of high-quality outcomes and was seen by all our members.

In addition to the demonstration the City of Melville representatives and architects attend our meeting to inspect our facilities, equipment, etc. and also to discuss the proposed new building with our convenor Dennis Tapley and secretary David Milton .

18th Nov - This week was a demonstration by David Milton on "riving" which is the turning of repetitive pieces that have symmetry that can be produced on axial timber (read end grain).

David suggested the best chisels to use when riving is a spindle gouge, a skew and a parting tool. David used a pre-prepared jam chuck to remove the faceplate then reverse it to attach it to the jam chuck allowing him to cut the back (neck) of the knight, plus profiling the head and the face of the horse.

David demonstrated a chess man "knight" head from a Staunton style chess set using templates. The technique is popular in Europe making animal forms for Christmas markets. An intriguing demonstration.

David then demonstrated the beading technique popularised by Richard Raffan and recently Glen Lucas. Also he presented how to apply super glue to a pen then dried sand with 600 grit abrasive to get a perfect finish.

24th Nov - Today's demonstration was by Frank Dymond with his usual well-prepared, detailed approach & explanation in creating a variation of a Christmas Tree.

Stage 1 - Turn the material to a conventional shape ie foot, trunk, foliage BUT leave the coned foliage section intact NOT SEPARATED.

Stage 2 - Mark a small ring on the underside of the foot, divide into three divisions and mark intersections – 1,2,3.

Stage 3 - Mark say three points on the tool rest to indicate where the decoration is required on the foliage section.

Stage 4 – Off set the procedure, leave the top of tree in the tail stock but readjust the head stock to line up with one of the reference points on the underside or the door. This will achieve partial cuts on the model.

Stage 5 – Run the lathe with the selected tool to achieve partial cuts – check frequently and when satisfied repeat on the other marked lines.

Stage 6 – Remove chips, sand to get satisfactory presentation.

Stage 7 – Select paint colour, suggest a dark shade for effect, and paint entire foliage section making sure it penetrates to the bottom of the cuts. Allow to dry and then cleanup to reveal coloured sections.

Stage 8 – Project completed unless further imagination prevails.

2nd Dec – Our second last meeting today started with a productive activity of the packing and wrapping of lolly bowls (and sleighs) in readiness for our final meeting when the bowls and toys are handed over to the appropriate charities.

Our convenor presented an appreciation certificate to Rod Ulph and announced that Frank Dymond is to be awarded a club merit award.

Our demonstration today was conducted by John Quartermaine and assisted by David Finch of the "Christmas Challenge". John presented his demo by describing how he chose tree leaves to cut on a scroll saw and turn as a bowl.



- John started by using a jam chuck then placed his leaf piece to turn the bowl base.
- Turned a spigot and then shaped the base.
- Then reverse the leaf bowl to hollow out the bowl top, using a bowl gouge and a normal chuck.

To true up the bowl base John used a wood jam chuck that screwed on the head stock.

9th Dec – Our meeting today was “special” as it was our Annual Toy/Lolly Bowl Handover, where a representative from the council attended and also the charity recipients (Mercy Care, Wanslea, Parkville) collected the toys and lolly bowls. Tea, coffee with scones cream and jam was provided.



10th Dec – Melville Group’s Christmas lunch was held at the Fremantle Sailing Club premises which was attended by 70 consisting of members plus partners. Everyone commented how they thoroughly enjoyed the premises and especially the delicious and wonderful cuisine. Merit Awards were presented to Rob Snowden and James Murray. Merit Awards presentation to Rob Snowden and James Murray.



Robin H

SIG Notes—Segmenters

Syd Harvey welcomed everyone back to the first meeting of 2021 and introduced Jim Forster who is a new WAWA member who is interested in segmenting. Syd had much to say about things we plan to do during the year.

1. **TIMBECON OPEN DAY.** Following an email from Colin Trucett and discussions with John Madden, the Mob is being invited to participate in an Open Day at Timbecon. We are asked to do demonstrations during the day and provide a door prize. It was agreed that the ‘Club Urn #5’ will be donated as the door prize. It was agreed that we all participate. An area approximately 3X6 metres will be required with power for a lathe and saw. We will make up items to demonstrate the various stages involved in segmenting and have members for this from 0900-1430. A table for display and sale of members items will also be available. Further details and ideas to be discussed.

2. **WAWA 2021 COMPETITIONS.** Whilst there are no specific segmented items in the list for

competitions in 2021, we are free to submit them where appropriate. Some competitions will not lend themselves for segmenting. The segmenting as a means of decorating or embellishing may be possible in some cases. Refer to the list sent with these notes.

3. EXHIBITION. Syd asked for consideration of holding an art exhibition over three days in November to promote and sell or work. An opening sundowner could be held on the Friday evening and the exhibition extending through the weekend. A venue in Spearwood was suggested. This requires further detailed discussion before agreement to go ahead.

4. FEATURE RINGS. Syd proposed that the design and construction of feature rings be the subject of our meeting on Sunday 24 January. This will be hands-on. He said that the number of segments in feature rings don't have to be the same as in the rest of the item.

NEXT MEETINGS

Our regular meetings will be from 1000 to 2.00pm, alternating between Thursdays and Sundays with 10 days in between each. Syd will open the Melville clubrooms at 0900 for those who are able to get there earlier. Bring your own lunch to munch. A BBQ is there for anyone to cook on if the wish. Also bring any timber you want cut and any segments/rings you want to assemble.

2021 MEETING DATES

JANUARY – **Sunday 24. This will be hands-on for making feature rings.**

FEBRUARY – Sunday 14 and Thursday 25.

MARCH – Sunday 7, Thursday 18 and Sunday 28.

APRIL – Thursday 8, Sunday 18 and Thursday 29

MAY – Sunday 9, Thursday 20 and Sunday 30.

JUNE – Thursday 10 and Sunday 20.

JULY – Thursday 1, Sunday 11 and Thursday 22.

AUGUST – Sunday 1, Thursday 12 and Sunday 22.

SEPTEMBER – Thursday 2, Sunday 12 and Thursday 23.

OCTOBER – Sunday 3, Thursday 14 and Sunday 24.

NOVEMBER – Thursday 4, Sunday 14 and Thursday 25.

DECEMBER – No meetings

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Swan Snippets

29th September 2020 – With it being the second round of the Timtam Challenge, the four teams turned up with their piece duly turned around and reglued, ready to shape the outside of the ornament. Tense times as the piece grew finer and unfortunately one team got a catch and theirs flew across the workshop, thankfully missing all bystanders! So it's down to 3 teams. All remaining pieces are looking very good and now have to be taken home to be finished off, with finial attached etc. Exciting to see who will be the winners of this month's Timtam Challenge. Neil showed us a very attractive wandoo platter and Robert brought along a leg for a bar stool he's been producing for his daughter. He explained how it was tricky getting the angle right for the crossbar.

6th October 2020 – Brian Kirkby reminded us all to have a look at the Swan website which has been set up by Mary and himself. It has all the latest updates from the meetings and what's going on in the Club. Well worth a look.

Some very intricate turning was on display today as Brian Kirkby demonstrated his Star of David, which comprised three pieces, a finial top and bottom and the star in the middle. The star was turned along the same principles as a three-cornered bowl, using a 3/8" spindle gouge, working towards the centre. Next a spigot was turned to hold the piece for hollowing one side then sanded and finished before turning around, by securing it on a jam chuck with hot melt glue and tape. Brian demonstrated some very precise turning skills, taking care not to go too thin. A 6mm hole was drilled through the centre of the star to hold the two very delicate finials. The bottom finial had a 6mm spigot which fit through the hole of the star and into a hole drilled in the top

finial. This would certainly make a very fine-looking ornament for Christmas and hopefully a few members will give it a try.

Brian complimented all the teams for their efforts at producing a finished item for the Inside Out Timtam Challenge. Of the four teams Team-1 came away with the much-coveted prize of TimTams. Well done to Bernard, Brian and Lindsay, and thanks to Brian Kirkby for preparing another exciting challenge for us all.

13th October 2020 - Brian extended the Club's best wishes to Pam Shephard. He also welcomed Ivor Bridges, Swan No 4, to the meeting.

A stalwart of Swan, Ted Stewart-Wynne, today demonstrated the next competition item of spindle turning, to specific design and measurements, without using sandpaper to finish. This was a very tricky bit of turning as there is not much tool space between the beads and coves. Working from the tailstock to the headstock Ted used minimal tools, namely his favourite skew, for peeling cuts, facing cuts and the long point, along with a standard spindle gouge. It was mesmerising to watch him at work. Even if our attempts may not be competition worthy Ted encouraged us all to have a go and enjoy being on the lathe and get some practise at some of the basics.

The competition results for the turned and reassembled piece were as follows:

Advanced – 1st – Ian Moss, 2nd – Elison Corstorphan, 3rd – Bruce Shephard

Intermediate – 1st – Michael Stronach

Well done to all who entered. It was just a shame everyone couldn't get a certificate.

20th October 2020 - Neil George performed his first ever demo at the club today and admitted the shoe was on the other foot after being a teacher for 40 years and feeling he knew more than his students to standing behind a lathe in front of some very experienced turners. He did a great job of turning a kitchen roll holder with a twist, ie a lid to protect the rest of the paper from getting messy. Neil demonstrated his skew skills while cleaning up the central spindle and made good use of his threaded live tailstock, one of his favourite purchases. His finished piece looked very well. Good job Neil.

Don Clarke brought in his very attractive 457-piece segmented vase, made from 4 timbers, just to show Joe.

27th October 2020 – Brian welcomed us all to the meeting and informed us about the busy bee to tidy up the shed and outdoor area on the 3rd of November. The Xmas BBQ is to be held on Tuesday 8th when there will be the usual spinning top competition and show and tell table.

Today Ted Stewart-Wynne demonstrated a very cute acorn box, turned from olive using a modified spade bit to hollow the nut and cup and the skew to shape the outsides. The acorn followed the same principles as any lidded box, measure twice and cut once. Using a diamond burr Ted textured the cup to make it more authentic looking. Using paper towel, as there's no risk of it grabbing, Ted finished the piece with beeswax. What a simple but very engaging little box. I'm sure Ted has inspired many of us to turn our own acorns.

Second up today was Shelley who showed us some different techniques she uses to embellish her work using pyrography. With various shaped tips, pressures etc. Shelley produced some very creative shapes and images. She'd brought along several lovely examples for us to see and to show how using pyrography you could turn what might be a fairly plain piece of wood into a very interesting finished piece. Great demo and very interesting to see something a bit different.

3rd November 2020 – With Christmas fast approaching our demos today, by two of our lady members, were of Christmas decorations. Shelley started by showing us some beautifully delicate hanging ornaments made using sea urchins with fine finials attached top and bottom. Initially the sea urchins have to be prepared by sanding off the sharp points and also rounding the centres top and bottom to hold the finials. Also recommended was to paint a thin layer of glue on the inside to help maintain the integrity of the sea urchin. Shelley demonstrated her very competent tool skills using a spindle gouge to turn a very delicate spindle. The finished items passed around were beautiful.

Bonnie turned a lovely Christmas angel from a piece of olive, showing her skills with various tools including the skew and spindle gouge. Well done to both Shelley and Bonnie for getting up there and demonstrating and giving us some great ideas for Christmas.

10th November 2020 – First up today was Ted Garden demonstrating his Christmas tree. Ted used his scraper and skew to create a very pleasing shape of good proportions. A lovely addition to any Christmas setting.

Next Peter Sucksmith showed us how he made his Christmas bells. Using a piece of olive wood he drilled out the centre to the required depth then hollowed further using a spindle gouge. Next

the inside was sanded before shaping the outside. Peter decorated his bells by burning two rings with cheese wire or guitar string wire, then painting the band between the rings with red food colouring. What good fun can be had on the lathe this time of year and no doubt there will be many happy recipients of an original wooden turned decoration.

The Christmas theme continued with some angels, small tree hanging ornaments, also, a water splash bowl, a tea light and a jarrah bowl. Ted Stewart-Wynne brought along a beautifully laminated scraper handle, made by the teachers he'd been instructing on woodturning at Balcatta Senior High School. What a special piece of woodworking it was.

The results for the spindle turning competition were as follows:

Advanced – 1st – Mary Byers

Intermediate – 1st - Michael Stronach

Novice – 1st - Mario Baldacchino

17th November 2020 – Brian welcomed Vaughan Richards to the meeting today. Lindsay Ford this week chose to demonstrate a spinning top, in preparation for the hotly contested annual competition at the Christmas BBQ. His design was a bit different from the usual but has proved to be a very worthy winner in years gone by. Using a screw chuck to hold the blank initially, Lindsay cut a tenon and shaped the inside so it could be held more securely in the jaws. He then drilled a 13mm hole to hold the spindle/shaft. Lindsay has found having the shaft protrude about 10mm works best. Instead of an escutcheon pin he uses a 1 1/2" diamond head nail for the tip. Holding the shaft in the pin jaws Lindsay hollowed out the underside using a bowl gouge. Another tip is to try to keep the weight of the top to the outside. The shaft was then taken back to 10mm to fit in the handle, being held between the cold jaws and a live centre. A hole was then drilled in the shaft to run the string through. Thanks very much Lindsay for passing on some trade secrets. I'm sure there will be a variety of tops and lots of fun at the BBQ.

24th November 2020 – By all accounts the Busselton Weekend Workshop was very good with some very impressive demonstrations. Brian thanked Ian Moss and Bruce Shephard for putting their hands up to go to Beyond Tools to demo there.

The demonstrator today was Richard Barkman, one of our more experienced turners. He showed us a method, as done originally by Chris Allen, for turning bowls, in particular the process for turning the foot, which should be approximately one third of the bowl's diameter. After cutting a chucking spigot with a parting tool the blank was turned around and faced-off using a bowl gouge, then the outside of the bowl turned. Using a live tailstock but holding it still, Richard burned a ring into the base, which would be used later to hold the bowl in place to finish off the foot, thereby avoiding leaving a hole from a pointed tailstock centre. A recess of about 4mm was made for the foot, leaving a bit extra to trim off the chucking marks, as well as a recess beside the burned ring. After turning out the inside, the bowl was held using a "mushroom" and the foot finished off. An interesting alternative method to turn a bowl with a pleasing looking foot. Thanks for a great demo Richard, I'm sure we'll be seeing a few bowls at next week's show and tell. The drawing for Richards method can be found on the Swan Website.

1st December 2020 – Brian reminded us the first day back after the summer break with now be the 2nd of February 2021. Neil George has completed his First Aid course and WAWA fees are now due.

Our first demonstration today was of some cute snowmen by Michael Stronach. They can be made any desired shape or size, and decorated anyway you like, using your imagination. Michael used a spindle gouge but a skew would also be an ideal chisel for this project. The finished snowman had a ring screwed in the top of his hat so it could be hung from a Christmas tree. A perfect little gift for family and friends.

Our second demonstration was by Keith Bleach. Keith entertained us all while producing a lovely little tea light lantern. Again, the dimensions and design are up to you. Keith stressed the importance, however, of starting with a perfectly square blank, ensuring your finished project is true. Starting with 2 x 20mm holes cut opposite each other, Keith then turned out the recess/depression with a bowl gouge. The blank was turned around and held in the chuck to drill out the bottom, where the tea light would fit, then, turned around again and the top finished. Thanks to Keith for a very fun and entertaining demo.

Elison

Technical Desk

For those who wonder about the toxicity of various timber species, have a look at this link as it includes Australian species.

<http://www.ubeaut.com.au/badwood.htm>

Also from Col Smith these photos of a jig for safely hollowing spheres.



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Dowelling Machine \$100

The table is adjustable in all 3 directions, making it easy to adjust height and position.

It stands 1.1M high call Denis 0404091357



Competition Results—Busselton Workshop

Competition Item: *spindle sampler as per description; pine; no sanding*

Novice

- N 1 First Gary Crotty Busselton Pine
- N 3 Second David Finch Melville Pine
- N 6 Third Henk Geerling Busselton Pine
- N 5 Fourth Irene Tienhoven Mandurah Pine

Intermediate

- I 5 First Dario Nardi Joondalup Pine
- I 2 Second Ian Ludford Melville Pine
- I 3 Third Norm Byrne Busselton Pine
- I 10 Fourth Lex McLachlan Melville Pine

Advanced

- A 5 First Frank Evans Mandurah Pine
- A 6 Second Russell Nash Melville Pine
- A 2 Third Chas Broadbent Busselton Pine
- A 4 Fourth Steve Horley Mandurah Pine

Open

- A 5 First Frank Evans Mandurah Pine
- A 6 Second Russell Nash Melville Pine
- I 5 Third Dario Nardi Joondalup Pine
- A 2 Fourth Chas Broadbent Busselton Pine

Popular

- A 5 First Frank Evans Mandurah Pine
- I 11 Second Peter Cunnington Melville Pine
- A 3 Third David Milton Melville Pine
- I 5 Fourth Dario Nardi Joondalup Pine

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters

Melville at Wandī Weekend Workshop
Saturday 20th February 2021

**Wandi Community Centre
DeHaer Road Wandī**

Used Tool Sale commences at 8.00am, closes at 12.45pm

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

9.05am

MC Bernard Boycott
Safety Officer David Milton
Covid 19 Health Officer Robin Spence
Trade Supplies PSquare Agencies, Bruce Jackson Timber
Allan Williams, Ray Woodcock

Program

8.00am Registration and fellowship

9.00am Welcome and announcements

9:05 to 9:15 **WAWA Special General Meeting**

9.15am **George Kieliger "Turning the perfect present for an expectant couple."**

10.15am Morning tea. Members, please bring a plate of goodies

Competition voting commences.

10.45am **Denis Tapley "Beads and Coves on a Face"**

**Alternative Program by Frank Dymond for the associates
and anyone interested is; "Do animals understand science?"**

Certainly some exploit the laws of science. Find out how bees understand (and remember) the basic laws of heat, cassowaries keep a cool head, mosquitoes use the principle of the Coolgardie safe to save their young and many, many more. All about the 'Light You Cannot See'.

11:55 am **President's forum**

12noon Lunch: Ham and salad or chicken and salad or cheese and salad roll.
Plus, a piece of fruit \$6.00

12.45pm Competition voting closes.

12.45pm to 2.00pm **Ian Ludford "Embellishing using resin cast components."**

2.00pm to 2:20pm Afternoon Tea

2.20 pm to 3:30 **David Milton "Riving for multiple copies"**

3.30pm **Barbara Jennings.** Competition results

4:00pm Close and clean up. Many hands make light work.

Travel Safely home

Manjimup Weekend Workshop

Saturday & Sunday 20th/21st March

MANJIMUP TOWN HALL Cnr Rose & Brockman St., Manjimup

Convenor – Adrian Bolton
Safety Officer – Joe Spaeth
Trade Supplier – PSquare Agencies
MC – Adrian Bolton

SATURDAY PROGRAMME

- 8.30 a.m. Registration
9.00 a.m. Welcome & Announcements

9.15 a.m. CHAS BROADBENT

10.30 a.m. Morning Tea

11.00 a.m. BARBARA JENNINGS

12.15 p.m. Lunch - Salad Roll \$6

1.15 p.m. RUDY GOH

2.30 p.m. President's Forum

3.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea

3.30 p.m. Competition Results
4.00 p.m. Clean up – many hands would be appreciated.

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

WOODTURNERS WORKSHOP, HERITAGE PARK

This will be an informal session starting around 9.a.m.

The lathes are available for anyone to demo.

Morning Tea will be available

***THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MEAL ON SATURDAY NIGHT.
MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS.***

Diary Dates

Competition Hosts 2021

FEB 20—Melville at Wandi

Money Box in form of animal, must incorporate a spherical component

MARCH 20 - Manjimup

A usable walking stick, handle & shaft made from timber

APRIL 17- Swan

A Quaich (Scottish drinking vessel), inside bowl 90 to 100mm D

MAY 15— Mandurah

Vase, 200mm min H, 400mm max H

JUNE 19—Collie

Platter 200 to 400mm diameter, max H 10% of diameter

JULY 17- Gosnells

Precision drilled vase, see attached description

AUG 13 to 15— Wood Show

Open, artistic competition

AUG 21- Bunbury

Hollow vessel, max H 300mm, see attached details

SEPT 18- Wandi

Turned flask, H (including stopper) set 200mm, side inserts, see attached details

OCT 16- Joondalup-Wanneroo

Matched pair of candlesticks

NOV 20- Busselton

Oval picture frame, max 300mm for largest dimension

WAWA Shopping Centre Displays 2021

Dependent on current health restrictions

Phoenix Park Shopping Centre—
22-27th November 2021

Brian Fowle 9310 3161

Geoff Saw 9354 1562

Neil Piper 9399 3723

REMINDER!

The points accumulation for competition commencing at the AGM in September 2020 and running till August 2021.