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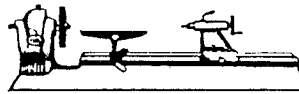
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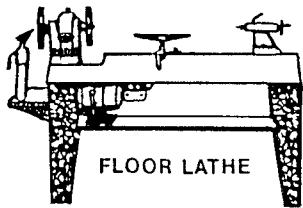


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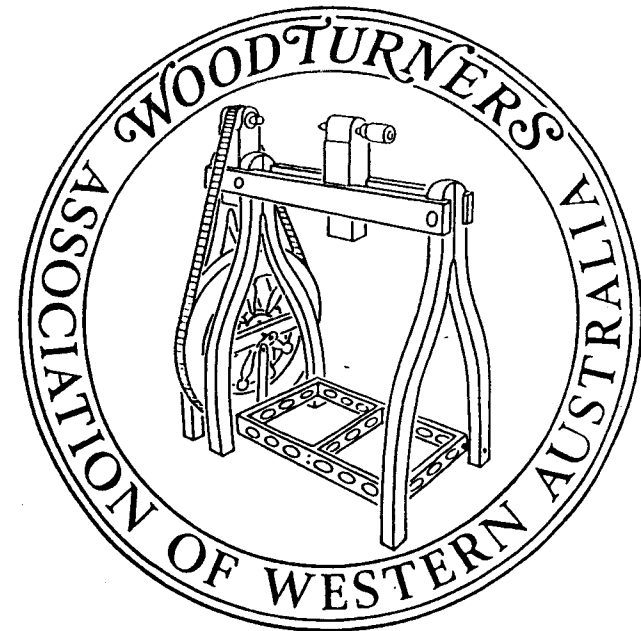
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## Editorial BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION

The 1988 celebration will be seen by different people in different ways, but it does give our Association an opportunity to do something big when the nation will be in the world spotlight. It will give us a chance to demonstrate our maturity in the field we choose as our interest. We have a year to organise this exhibition, it might seem like a long time, but there is a lot to do.

Some ideas:

To promote the craft of woodturning  
The Association  
West Australian woods

It is not proposed that this be a commercial event, so turners who might have some highly prized pieces taking pride of place at home, can consider loaning them for this exhibition. It will be needed to have a pool of items from which pieces can be picked. A panel of selectors will have to be chosen, who could be advised by some outside expert with knowledge in design and the putting on of a balanced display.

It might be that only 25 pieces or so will go on display so a lot of members will be left out so this will require that we approach the exhibition in the right spirit.

Ivor Bridges

### DATES TO REMEMBER

June 20/21	Geraldton
July 18/19	Melville Recreation Centre
Aug. 15/16	Country (to be arranged)
Sept 19/20	Stoneville A.G.M.
Oct. 17/18	Eneabba
Nov. 21/22	Metro (to be arranged)
Dec. 5 / 6	Toughs Belmont
Jan. 16/17	Dwellingup
Feb. 20/21	Brunswick

## Presidents Report

Plans are underway to hold a Bi Centennial Exhibition of wood turning by the Association in July/August '88, hopefully in the new R & I Towers. We plan this to be an exhibition of excellence rather than quantity so please start planning and turning now as this will be a chance to show our best work. A meeting to form a hills group will be held at the Mundaring Community Arts & Crafts Centre, Great Eastern Highway Mahogany Creek on 19th May. Keith & Ivor will be at the centy from 4p.m. Phone Ivor for further information. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the competition at Cross Electrics, Bunbury but going by the various & conflicting reports I've heard it seems to me it would be easy to make a lot of friends telling you what you want to hear & not what you need to hear. If the criticism is taken in the spirit it was possibly intended I'm sure we will all gain a lot especially with regard to design.

My thanks to John Shinnick & Mike Kenny for their constructive criticism of the competition pieces at the Lesmurdy meeting (especially the winning piece).

The next meeting is at Geraldton & I hope we will have a good roll up of members from other Regions as well as the Geraldton area. Competition is a pedestal so lets see lots of them.

NOTE The committee has decided that competition pieces are to encourage woodturning & thus must be turned on a woodlathe( No hand carving. No router work. Hear about the woodturner whose mate asked "Did you sleep with your wife before you were married?"

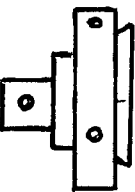
"No did you"

"I don't know. What was her maiden name."

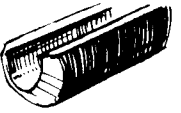
STOP PRESS. Good news. We now have the cup chuck you all admire and want available from Ralphs machining & metal fabrication. See the add in this issue.

Get turning on those pedestals. See you at Geraldton.

KEITH.



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## JUNE MEETING - GERALDTON 20/21

Why not go north for a weekend or extend your stay for a week. On 20/21 June the Association will meet at the Geraldton Senior High School which is in Shenton Street opposite the Regional Hospital. Members will have the use of the woodwork room in which there are three lathe's. Meals can be heated and eaten in the domestic science room. There are fridges and stoves and plenty of tables and chairs, this room can also be used in the evening. It is hoped that a talk will be given on arts and crafts by Beverly and Stephen Cox of the Geraldton Arts and Crafts Gallery.

### COMPETITION

The competition for this weekend is for a pedestal hand turned, for both Open and Notice Sections. Prizes to be decided.

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### Notice of Meeting.

A new Group of the W.A. Woodturners Association, based at Lesmurdie, will be meeting on the 1st. Friday of each month at the Sanderson Road Primary School. The first meeting will take place on Friday, 3rd July at 7.30 pm.

For further information ring - Geof. Barkla 2934330  
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## JULY MEETING 18/19 JULY, 1987

The July weekend Association meeting will be held at the Melville Recreation Centre Hall situated on the corner of Murray Road and Canning Highway in Melville.

The programme will consist of a demonstration of Jacobean Twist work by Ron Goodson on Saturday afternoon. Keith Johnson will demonstrate the procedure for making standard lamps. The programme for the wives has yet to be finalised but we are working on something different. Saturday night our friendly organist George Green will be playing for entertainment and dancing. We also hope to have our normal sale of electrical fittings, end sealer, silk screening of logos and wood exchange.

We are also planning a trade table of wood turning equipment. The competition will be for a candle lamp compete with glass. This piece will be the same in both open and novice section. The prize for the open section is 4 ltrs Watty I Isogarde. The prize for the Novice section is a Finishing product.

### NORTH OF THE RIVER GROUP HAS STARTED

In the April edition of our Newsletter, it was suggested that a group of woodturners start a north of the river meeting.

After much talking about it, we are pleased to say our first meeting was held in April.

Future meetings are planned for the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month, starting time 7.30pm.

All are welcome to further fellowship, thoughts and ideas that may benefit all, particularly anyone who is unable to attend weekend Association meetings.

Anyone interested is welcome.

For further information contact Gordon Ratcliffe on 276.8781 or Alistair Toop on 447.5285.

The Venue is the Dianella Recreation Centre, Light Street, Dianella.

G. Ratcliffe.

### MELVILLE SHOPPING PLAZA DEMONSTRATION, EXHIBITION AND SALES

This was the third such show that has been conducted by the Association but produced the best results so far. Quite a few factors contributed to the success at Melville, one being the quality and variety of goods supplied by members, by far the best display we have ever had. The number of members who made the effort to help setting up on the Sunday morning resulted in the stand opening up with a real professional look, which pleased the centre management, shopkeepers in the mall and many of the public complimented us on the show. I would like to pass on my personal thanks to a few people, firstly Ivor Bridges for the use of his lathe, Keith Johnson, Keith McQueen and Brian Launer for their demonstrations, and of course Jan Johnson, Pam McQueen, Nancy Launer and of course my wife June for the marvellous job they did handling the money and the book work. Without the efforts of these people and many others the show would not have been possible.

There are many worthwhile facets of these shopping centre shows apart from just selling a bit of wood turning. First I believe is the fellowship between members and members wives working on the show, second it gives members an opportunity to compare their work with that of other members and discuss it with them, third members can establish the type of things the public are looking for, fourth we have gained quite a few new members from interested people, and fifth of course there was a great public recognition of the Association. Sixth, after selling a quantity of their work, members gained the incentive to go home, get on the lathe and do some more turning, and surely that is what we are all about, and finally many members are still quite busy making and completing orders they received from customers. A great show, and many thanks to all the many members and members wives who assisted us in any way at all.

E. Margetts

BUNBURY GROUP RUN SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND.

4th, 5th April 1987.

The opening of Cross Electrics' Showrooms coupled with the attendance of noted Woodturner, Mike Darlow and a successful Exhibition of Woodturnings and Turning and Carvings provided the Association with its first major event.

Although Entries were low, the overall standard was good.

Some excellent demo's were given by Mike Darlow on Lathe and these were ably backed up by drawings on the blackboard (a new concept in learning for us). Although Mike Darlow's harsh criticism on finishes and profile upset some, he ably overcame this by his expert knowledge and wit.

We spent most of Saturday afternoon in a constructive criticism session which proved to be valuable knowledge for us all.

Some 100 woodturners attended this session on Saturday and Sunday and possibly another 100 people and would be turners enjoyed the demonstrations at the Thursday and Friday sessions. (7 new members joined.

Praise must be given to the South West Group who organised the weekend with Brian Cross and Jeff Colton and John Shinnick.

Special mention of Pat O'Connor and Lionel Cousens, John Wallace, Brian Launer, Rob Anderson, Mike Kenny, Rod Williams and Tom Kettle who carried out their duties expertly.

Winners were presented with their prizes by Bunbury Mayor, Mr. Dick McKenzie, on the Saturday.

They were:

Single Item Turned in Wood.

- 1st. F. Kinkella
- 2nd. G. Wilkinson
- 3rd. J. Wallace

Pair or Set Turned in Wood.

- 1st. K. Stout
- 2nd. B. Launer
- 3rd. M. Kenny

Single Item Turned and Carved.

- 1st. R. Goodson
- 2nd. D. Smith
- 3rd. M. Martin

Single Item Turned in Blackboy.

- 1st. J. Shinnick
- 2nd. S. Morley
- 3rd. P. O'Connor

Novelty Section.

- 1st. N. Scharf
- 2nd. L. Cousens
- 3rd. J. Golding

Special Judges Award. J.B. Mason.

2 Wattle Awards. D. Davidson, M. Lynn.

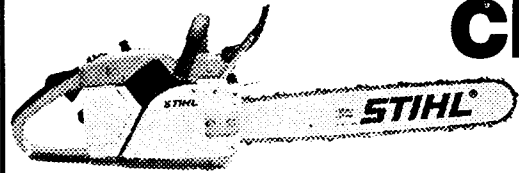
On the Sunday at Bunbury Catholic College, an excellent day of demonstrations was held. The highlights being, turning Lace Bobbins by Mike Darlow, and ably backed up by turning bowls on the out-rigger of Rob Anderson's Lathe.

John McMullen gave us a talk on Adeze wood finish, and demonstrated its application on a green bowl. John Shinnick gave a demo on turning Blackboys using wire brush to knurl the flute of an ornamental vase. He promptly sold this vase before it was finished. All in all a great weekend. Many thanks to Ivor and Sherry for their unending help at this weekend, ably backed up by a great group of women associates who kept the kettle boiling - special mention of Kate Cousens and Patty Cross who made this part possible.

Our congratulations to Brian Cross and we wish him every success in his business ventures of the future. He now provides us "The Woodturners" with an excellent range of Tools and Finishes unequal in the State.

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John Shinnick.



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For this weekend the weather was kind, allowing us to be inside the Scout Hall or to stand outside in the sun and talk about the weekend activities. The organised part of the meeting started with Bob Malacari's demonstration of ways of setting up pieces for turning, by glueing them to plywood blanks with bondcrete and a sandwich of newspaper. Bob was very thorough in his demonstration yet kept the tone light. The benefit of Bob's idea was that just about anything could be turned with this system, requiring the most basic equipment.

After lunch we were given a demonstration of offset turning by Gordon Wilkins. We also saw a display of Gordon's work from bowls as large as 36 inches across to some very beautiful oval bowls and vases. Gordon explained his methods well, so everyone should be able to try out what they have learned. We might have a competition sometime involving offset turning.

Also on Saturday afternoon members had a very informative talk on abrasives by Gary Palmer the manager of Bowman Industries. Now we all know what those numbers mean printed on our grindstones. Gary donated a grindstone for the competition prize.

After the evening meal which was scrumptious, we saw a video film of Mike Darlow at Bunbury. The film was made by Murray Martin, quite good for a first effort. Thanks go to Geoff Barkla for the loaning of his T.V. video.

Sunday morning saw the judging of the competitions. The novice section was won by Keith Johnson with a very slender goblet. The prizewas a turning tool donated by Power Tools of Bayswater. The open section was won by Keith McQueen also with a goblet, but this time with a very slender stem. The prize was a grindstone. Keith had, that morning, been presented one by the Association to compensate for the one he always brings along to our weekends. Greg and Colin of Northern Machinery brought along a wide range of tools, accessories and power tools. It was commented that some of the prices were very competitive. Trading seemed quite brisk. The turning activities for Sunday were informal, the two lathes being used continuously, tools being tried out and methods of turning shown.

The ladies were delighted with an exhibition and demonstration of Rose Malling by Peta Howland. This is a historical form of Scandinavian painting of wood.

Thanks go out to Marie, Peg and Vi for the loan of their microwave ovens, to John, Keith, Geoff and Tom for their arranging of the hall. Nobody would have had trouble finding the hall with John Lathewell's new easy see signs.

Ivor Bridges

TRUE STORY - Heard at the north of the river meeting.

A woodturner was having dust problems while sanding. A friend suggested he use a dust mask, which the woodturner gladly accepted. A little later the friend asked, how he was going? "Still having trouble," exclaimed the woodturner. "What have you done" asked the friend. "Oh I had to cut a hole in it so I could breathe" says the turner!

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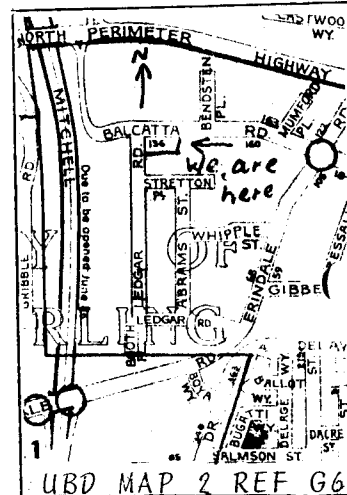
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## TASMANIA

I have just spent 2 months in Tasmania and being a woodturner I contacted some of the turners there who made me very welcome, were interested in what we were doing in the West and were generall very helpfull. Don't be afraid to contact other turners while travelling as they are worth meeting and always willing to exchange ideas.

Regarding timbers, well I had to start from scratch, and with help from the Forresty Dept. I was soon able to identify the local timbers such as black heart sassafrass, dogwood, celery top pine, native cherry, native laurel, horizontal, native olive, and not forgetting huon pine which is hard to come by, as to get it with any features worthy of turning, you need a 4 wheel drive, a guide who knows the district, and a week to spare to get into the wilderness country and the west coast. But I found the best way was that I took some sandalwood blanks with me, and exchanged these with other turners. The easy way to get wood.

It was interesting to see the many and varied methods of turning used by others, and of course pick up a few hints. One I found very helpful was when turning bowls, and having trouble cutting end grain, but by rubbing a little finishing oil on the troublesome area, it made things a lot easier.

While in Colac, Victoria I attended a couple of the meetings, and was able to see a demonstration of cutting a bowl in two and then regluing, a method used by Dale Nish, and the results were predictable, as by making a drawing first, and with the use of a couple of mirrors the end result could be seen before starting, another argument for good design.

It's good to be back, and am looking forward to seeing you at the next meetings.

Gordon Weatherill

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Thurs 16 July	10-1	"	beginner	
			adults.	
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Sat 11 July	9-5	Woodturning w/end	Open-	
Sun 12 July	9-5	"	Adult	
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