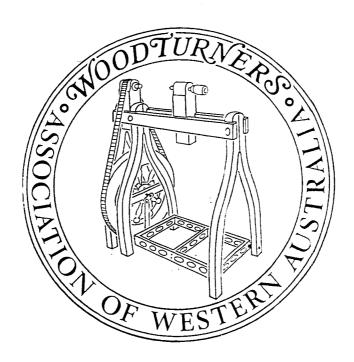
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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKBENCH

Our year of re-organiation of current and forward planning has reached the half way point, with a number of planning meetings held, questionnaires filled in, accompanied in many cases by thoughtful ideas for our consideration. In this newsletter you will find notice of The Special General Meeting to be held 15th April 1989. I do urge all members who are able, to make every effort to attend. We have changed the usual Sunday meeting day to the Saturday to enable more members to attend. The Special General Meeting has been called to bring to your attention the recommendations of the planning committee affecting the future of our organisation.

A number of special programmes are being considered for the future. The first one will be a Seminar on "design" details will be made available as soon as they are finalised.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the April meeting, so do your best and be there too! I would like to see some progress made with our "Homestay" venture such as Country and City members hosting each other for the week-end Association meetings. I know many city members would be willing to welcome country members to stay for one or two nights.

Geoff

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#### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS

MONTH	VENUE	COMPETITIONS
April 15, 16	Leederville	Table Lamp up to 450 mm high Open 1 pair lamps Novice 1 single lamp
May 20, 21	Mandurah	Platter up to 350 mm diameter height - no more than one tenth of diameter Open ) Novice ) Platter
June 17, 18	Wanneroo	See Mandurah programme  Pedestal up to 500 mm high Open ) Novice ) Pedestal

#### COMING EVENTS

Craft Exhibition & Sales at HISTORIC WHITBEY FALLS, South West Highway, MUNDIJONG. On April 23rd. SET UP AT 8-30am. Turners unable to come either bring your items to the LEEDERVILLE MEETING for pick up or leave with John Lillywhite, Bicton. PH 3392359.

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BELMONT SHOPPING CENTRE.

CRAFT WEEK AUG. 13-19th.

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#### WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with clause 34 of the Constitution, the President has convened a Special General Meeting of the Woodturners Association of Western Australia Inc.

The meeting will be held in Community Hall, Loftus Community Centre, Loftus Street, Leederville on Saturday 15 April 1989 commencing at 1.30 pm.

The business of the meeting will be:

- 1. To consider, and if thought fit, resolve upon recommendations from the sub-committee appointed to review the present and future of the Association.
- To consider, and if thought fit, resolve upon notices of motion which were brought forward and deferred at the Annual General Meeting held in September 1988.
- To receive a report from the President concerning the management of the Association.

M J RUNDLE SECRETARY

## <u>Note</u>:

- (i) Copies of the report concerning (1) above and the notices of motion will be available at the venue on Saturday morning.
- (ii) In accordance with general practice, the business to be discussed at this special meeting is restricted to that as outlined in the notice convening the meeting.

### ADMITTANCE FEE WORKSHOP WEEKENDS

In an effort to keep these events self-supporting, in future the entrance fee to week-end workshops for turners will be \$2 for the whole week-end or \$2 for either day. Non turners (spouses) fee will stay as it was, that is \$1. Venues can cost as much as \$150. Turners can in one week-end have as many as 7 cups of tea and cake and biscuits - not bad value these days. Where else can you get such a week-end for \$2. A big thank you to all those who bring cakes and biscuits to most week-ends.

#### OFF THE CRUTCHES

Glad to hear of return to duties of John Lillywhites Turners assistant. Hettie is well on the road to recovery after her fall in which she broke her arm and ankle. Shothing Centre Belmont 14 - 19 August

APRIL 1989 WORKSHOP/MEETING

VENUE: LOFTUS COMMUNITY CENTRE, CNR LOFTUS AND RICHMONDS

STREETS, LEEDERVILLE.

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

09.00 am Start - fellowship

09.45 am Morning tea

10.00 am First Demonstration - Brian Adams

11.00 am (i) Second Demonstration - Tom Kettle - Cabriole

leg turning
(ii) "Hands On' for beginners

12.00 Lunch

1.30 pm Special General Meeting

3.30 pm Afternoon tea

3.45 pm "Hands On"

5.00 pm Workshop ends for the day

5.00 pm -

6.00 pm Fellowship

6.00 pm Buffet dinner

7.30 pm Lecturer or Guest Speaker

#### Sunday 16th April 1989

08.00 am Meeting Management Committee

09.00 am Start - "Hands On' Demonstration

10.30 am Morning Tea

11.00 am Voting closes for competitions

12.00 pm Lunch

1.00 pm Competition results and "Show & Tell"

3.00 pm Workshop ends. Cleaning up.

This Community Centre is part of a new \$4 Million complex comprising a Library, a Recreation Centre and other facilities.

The Library will be open until 12.00 Noon on Saturday and Ladies or members who wish to visit should bring their own Library card and proof of residence.

#### MAY ASSOCIATION WEEK-END MANDURAH 20 & 21

VENUE: Mandurah High School, Gibla Street

PROGRAMME: Saturday

Chisel Sharpening - John Shinnick
Chucking methods - Gordon Ward
Bowl & spindle work - Lionel Cousins
Lidded Boxes,

Lace bobbins & goblets.

Hands on - 3 Lathes:-

Keith McQueen Gordon Ratcliffe Brian Adams Gordon Ward Tom Kettle John Shinnick

Sunday

Safety - by Mike Kenny Hands on Revision.

#### COMPETITION

OPEN ) Platter - Up to 350 mm in diameter NOVICE ) Height up to one tenth of diameter.

Would members who are coming to this show bring an item they have kept for themselves or "anything", to build up a good number of items for a "Display Only" table as requested by the Craft Master at this school.

Thanks in anticipation.

Some of the above nominated "Demo" members have yet to be asked to do so.

Dick Morley

#### PLATTERS.

When is a plate a platter? Is a platter a tray? Can a platter be small? If none of the preceding, what then?

Despite extensive research into medieval archives held by the University of Lower East Kelmscott, the best I can come up with is a platter is a large flat bottomed plate with raised edges for serving roast meats on!

So for the purpose of competitions, a platter will be:-

A large plate exceeding  $300\,\mathrm{mm}$  diameter, the height of which shall be no more than  $1/10\,\mathrm{th}$  of the diameter. The bottom of the platter to be flat on the internal surface for at least 3/4 of its diameter.

#### FEBRUARY MEETING 18/19

Busselton Turners hosted this meeting which was held in ideal premises at Churchhill Park. Committee member Cyril Jones welcomed 120 members and wives at morning tea, also visitors who were keen to watch the activities.

John Shinnick gave a well received talk on the various aspects of tool sharpening. Thanks, John.

Luncheon was followed by President Geoff Barkla's address. Geoff thanked all for attending especially those who travelled long distances and also organisers of the meeting. He also paid tribute to stalwart Keith Johnson in hospital with health problems and voiced everybodies wish for Keith's speedy recovery.

Afternoon demonstrations were given by Brian Launer on bowl turning with specially shaped gauges as used by Liam O'Neill of Ireland and Gordon Ward opening up goblets in the Dennis White style.

After a barbeque tea the following speakers delivered very interesting talks -

Tom Britton, retired timber worker, on the timber industry in the early days CALM representatives Charlie Broadbent and Grant Cummins spoke on where we are going in the future with the timber industry and how the forests strategy is not to use more timber than we can reproduce.

Sunday session consisted of "Hands On" the lathes and counting votes for competitions.

#### RESULTS

Open:

1. Keith Johnson

Keith Stouth
 Carl Wittber

Novice:

1. Bob Adams

Don Keynes
 Tony Milson

Ladies Choice: Keith Johnson

Thanks Busselton for a thoroughly enjoyable week-end.

### ORGANISING ASSOCIATIONS: WEEK-ENDS

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There is an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually - Nobody asked Anybody.

The only place where SUCCESS comes before WORK is in the dictionary!

## \$10. COMPETITION UPDATE - BUSSELTON.

At the Kenwick weekend, no one recognized the wood - 'Mallee Root' The prize jackpotted to \$20 for Busselton.

The Busselton correct answers were:-

1. Wood: 'Peppermint - Agonis Flexusosa'.

2. Finish: Mirrothane 885, approx. 35% gloss.

3. Age: 15 years.
4. When cut: October 1988.
Yes, it was turned green.

No, it was not microwaved.

Yes, it was a limb.

Won by: Equally, Carl A. Wittber and A. R. Morley.

There were 36 entries and 10 had the correct answer for wood - 'Peppermint'.

Thank you members. - John Lathwell.

By the way, if you have a piece of turned wood that you think would stump the others, please let me know. John Lathwell. 291.6280.

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#### WARWICK SHOPPING CENTRE

#### PROMOTION

The "set-up" on Sunday morning went very smoothly. Members' items were displayed by a selected few with plenty of experience of how to maximise the 32' of display space. The U shape display looked very good with two clock boards and two lathes (a Tough and T-Gem) forming the fourth side of the rectangle. The display location was in a prime location en-route to the car park and very close to the banks. Our location in relationship to the banks was certainly beneficial as many shoppers needed to pop to the bank to draw out more money to buy some of the excellent work that was on display!

Sales for the week can only be described as very brisk with the total being what must be an ali-time record. "Woodturners on display" was the newspaper heading in the local papers which helped in our publicity for the centre promotion. The article was run the week of the promotion this time rather than the week before. This, at the advice of the media people, achieves an instantaneous decision to visit a display rather than running an article a week before which can be quickly forgotten.

As a result of our successful Warwick promotion we already have been invited to Mirrabooka Shopping Centre. Details will be circulated if and when it is confirmed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assisted with the organising and running of the Warwick promotion. A very special thanks to Brian and Nancy Launer, Ron and Thora Smith and the Ladies who did an excellent job on the sales side and were there each day with a commitment to the smooth running and professional image of our Association.

Happy turning!

Alistair Toop

#### DEMONSTRATOR'S WORKSHOP.

It has been well nigh impossible to organise a weekend workshop which did not clash with other engagements over the past couple of months.

Caution has now been thrown to the winds! If this weekend set for  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{th}}$   $\mathcal{F}^{\text{th}}$   $\mathcal{F}^{\text{th}}$  Clashes with another engagement then in the words of that great linguistic scholar Sheila, "Tough T--ies", we must get on with it.

The main thrust of the workshop is not to check up whether you can turn or not but rather to teach how to demonstrate, project your voice, use the microphone, hold your audience, etc.

We would like at least two members from each Metro group to attend and, subject to numbers accepting, it could be open to more.

The venue will be just south of the river, as central as possible to all. A nominal charge of \$5 for tea, coffee, etc. will be the only cost to you. Further information will be sent to each group shortly.

#### FINE WOODWORKER

The Chairman of the Fine Woodworker Association, Mr Peter Kovacsy who is also a member of our Woodturners Association living in Pemberton, recently met with Messrs. Barkla, Jones and Rundle. He took this opportunity to tell them he was envious of the way the Woodturners Association operated and the way the members freely exchanged ideas, tips and hints and generally assisted on another.

Mr Kovacsy also referred to the fact that they were having an open day at Pemberton on 24/25 June and he would probably be inviting John Shinnick to attend and demonstrate his skills in tool sharpening. He also indicated other members of the Association would be very welcome to attend and to see their operations in Pemberton.

#### PROMOTIONS CALENDAR

Any invitation to members of the Woodturners Association to participate in exhibitions, craft fairs, shows, shopping centres etc. should be passed on to Brian Launer, Unit 7, Busselton Gardens, Court Street, Busselton, Telephone 097-523998. For approval from the Management Committee and so that a calendar of events can be made up.

# STOP PRESS

#### Design Workshop

The Association has been granted \$300 by the Crafts Council of W.A. to assist in the promotion of design lectures/workshops.

Mr Steven Rubeck, Senior Lecturer, Department of Design, Curtin University has been enjaged and he has attended one of our week-end workshops. He understands the needs of members and a 2 day workshop will embrace much of the work undertaken in a semester at Curtin.

The Programme is restricted to 40 members, the workshops are participative and will involve hands on with modelling clay. The objective is to bring creativity into basic design and Steven will make it entertaining and light.

The venue has not yet been selected, but it is expected to be central metropolitan area.

The programme will be - Saturday 24th June 9 am - 5 pm Sunday 25th June 9 am - 3 pm

Registration will be \$25 which includes all materials, and morning and afternoon teas.

If you are interested, please send your cheque now to me together with the tear off section. Please respond quickly, if more than 40 want to attend, the Committee can consider this in April.

Final details will be advised as soon as the necessary arrangements have been made.

MILTON	RUNDLE
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M. Rundle 26 Norbury Crescent CITY BEACH 6015

Please register me to attend the lecture workshop proposed to be held in June 1989.  $\,$ 

Name	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• •
Address		

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#### **CELERY TOP PINE**

(Phyllocladus asplenifolius)

Celery Top Pine is extremely valuable for decorative and special uses, particularly fine furniture, cabinet-making, boat-building and articles of wood craft.

A white or plale straw coloured wood, its quiet presence makes it popular as internal panelling and it is being used increasingly as a weather board that does not require painting. Celery Top Pine usually has a distinctive grain, but it is sometimes confused with the more famous Huon Pine.

For a softwood, Celery Top Pine is strong, hard and has low shrinkage. These qualities, combined with its durability and resistance to water, make it ideal for functional items and particularly useful for table and kitchenware. It takes its name from the formation of its cladodes (which look like its leaves) which are actually flattened branchlets having the superficial appearance of celery leaves. The true leaves are reduced to tiny scales on the branches.

Sequel to "The Craftsman" page 9 of the Woodturners No. 20, February edition:-

But there's always some dumb rooky who thinks a gauge is just another axe. He might as well be sitting in the "nookie". For all the skills of turning he does lack.

He looks upon the wood as only firewood and proceeds to knock it out of shape. What he does to chisels is not good. His efforts never will be put on tape.

But when he joins with the Association he has begun to live for better days. His efforts bring from others commiseration for he's trying, getting better in his ways.

Edgar Lewis

#### BLACKBOYS

Of course the blackboys grow well from seed, but progress is slow: about an inch a year is a good speed for the average plant and with increasing age, even this tapers off. Sometimes several heads will appear, usually due to some injury to the plant.

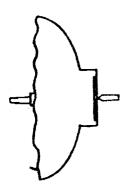
However, given patience and a front-end loader, a tree can be lifted out of the ground complete with enough soil around its roots to make transplanting possible. The experts recommend spring, but to my mind it is at the end of the summer, when ground water is at its lowest, that the native plants are at their most somnolent and can be shifted with most safety. That at least has been my technique, and it has proved its worth in a dozen species. Fortunately my own building block was so covered with blackboys that counting heads made me a rich man. It takes thirty dollars at least for a plant to be established in a home garden, and I had some forty already growing.

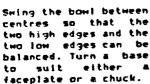
Though the blackboy may be slow, the kingia, its cousin, a lover of swampy places and adorned with a regular battery of drumsticks instead of the single flowering spike of the other, makes a snail's progress. Botanist Jim Willis wrote to me of measurements made by forester Charles Lane Poole, who measured the growth over a long period of time and found it advanced at the rate of an eight of an inch a year. A foot per century; ten feet in a thousand years. I have seen kingias twenty-five feet high, trees which had started their slow upward progress before Christ was born.

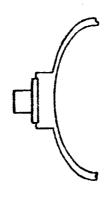
#### PROMOTIONS MEDIA RELEASES

No member of the Woodturners Association shall release any written matter such as catalogues, posters etc. without authority from the sub-committee for promotions, exhibitions, demo's and sales of members craft work.

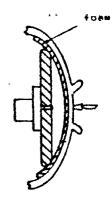
METHOD 2 You will need to use this method when turning the foot on waney (bark) edge bowls.





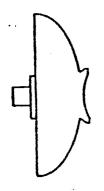


Hold the base with a chuck or a faceplate, the hollow out the inside of the bowl. Power sand the in and outside surfaces.

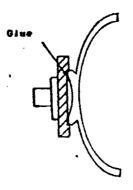


Put a disc of 19mm ply on a screw centre and make a mandrel with a radius on the rim. Place the bowl DVET the mandret using & o f carpet piece foa# underlay Of Inbetween to protect the bowl surface. Place the tallstock centre in the centre of the base, then turn and sand the foot. The small spigot where the tailstock centre was can be cut and sanded by hand after removal from the lathe.

METHOD 3. For smaller bowls only.



Turn and sand the outside of the bowl and finish the foot.

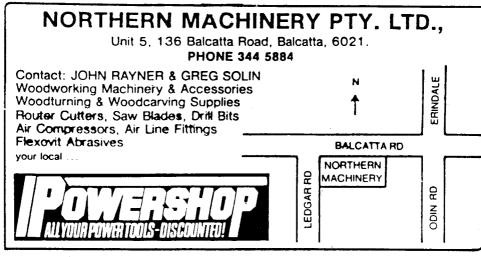


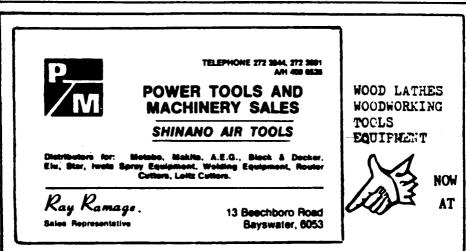
Use a waste piece on a facplate, then turn a recess in which the foot fits. Give in with three small spots (5mm) of hot melt que. Turn and sand the inside of the



Either turn off or lever off the bowl from the backing plate, then peel off the leftover glue.

Thinners will act as a solvent for hot melt glue.





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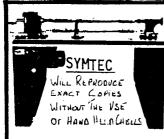
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# BOWL TURNING.

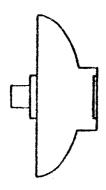
#### SOME ALTERNATIVE CHUCKING METHODS.

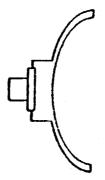
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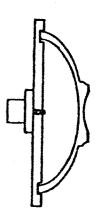
I am one who believes that  $scr \sim holes$  in the base of a finished bowl is a definite no  $\sim$  no and should not be tolerated, especially on pieces that are to be exhibited.

If you are fortunate enough to have special chucks to use, i.e. a three jaw chuck, a spigot chuck or even a precision combination chuck, then you will certainly find bowl turning much iquicker and easier. Many turners seem to run into trouble with base designs on bowls simply by using a faceplate of too large a diameter. An 85mm (3.5°) diameter faceplate is adequate to turn bowls up to 300mm (12°) diameter. Self tapping screws with a pozzi (phillips) drive, power driven with a cordiess drill seem to be the best to use, as it not necessary to pre-drill holes. The screws only need to penetrate into the wood (2mm (.5°)). If the bowl jumps off the lathe then maybe you need to examine how you were trying to turn.

#### METHOD 1







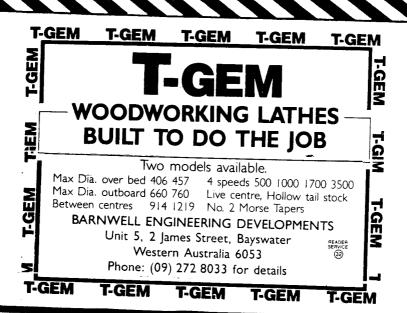
Hold the blank on a faceplate, screw centre or pin chuck. If using a faceplate, then turn a recess the diameter of the faceplate so that it will be on centre when you turn it around.

Screw on the faceplate in the recess then turn out the inside of the bowl. Now power sand the in and outside surfaces. Use a mandrel on a screw centre and turn a recess into which the rim of the bowl will press fit. Turn the screw holes out. then shape and sand the foot. Tailstock (Bearing centre) support can be used if needed.



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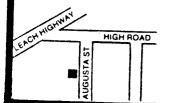
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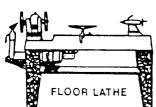








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