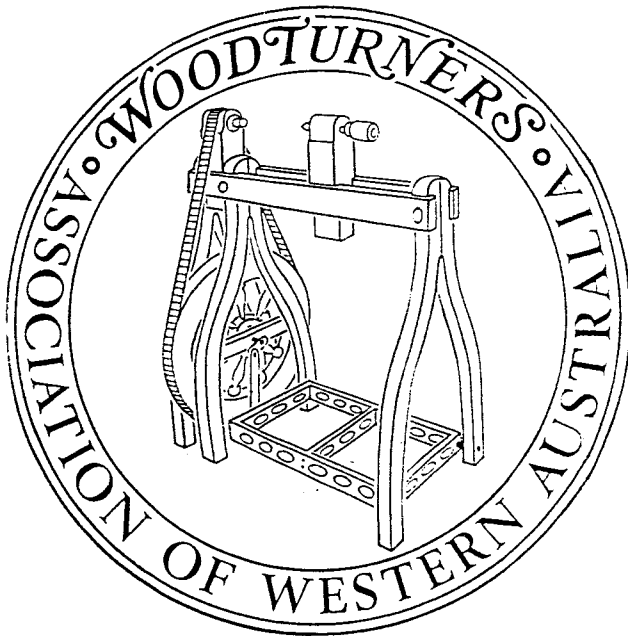


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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKBENCH

As I write this we have only a few short months left before the Annual General Meeting in September. Elsewhere in this issue of The Official Newsletter you will find a list of Executive Positions open for nominations, do please give these positions serious consideration, can you yourself contribute effectively to furthering the future development of your Association or do you know someone who you believe can contribute. Look at it objectively, members of the Executive Committee are just that. They are there for the common good of the Association as a whole. They, of course, have their local group or area interests at heart but they are not a delegate for that group. We do need a cross section of members from country and metropolitan areas. Keep in mind too that people so elected will need to attend Executive Meetings regularly and to carry out their responsibilities in a conscientious manner. They are not just making up numbers.

Our new system of Management Committees has been working very well, excellent attendance at Executive Meetings, each carrying out their responsibilities in a very conscientious manner. They are a group you can be very proud to be associated with, so do consider seriously your part in our Association's future.

Geoff.

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR 1989

DATE	VENUE	COMPETITION
June 17/18	Wanneroo Showground	Pedestal up to 500mm high (open and novice)
July 15/16	Hillstone Stoneville (see map this issue for location)	Any article from a piece of timber 75mm x 75mm x 250mm (Open Novice).
August 19/20	Moora	Any "turned only" bowl up to 300mm and up to 100mm deep. (Open and Novice)
September 16/17	Loftus Community Centre cnr Loftus & Richmond Sts Leederville. (AGM 3pm Saturday)	1 pair goblets - min. 75mm high - max 150mm - no embellishments. (Open and Novice)
October 21/22	York Old Hospital Hostel	a honey pot including a dipper or spoon. No size restrictions. (Open and Novice).
November 18/19	Albany Vancouver Arts Centre	Vase (other than a bud vase). Minimum dimension 250mm maximum dimension 350mm. May be embellished. (Open and Novice).
December 9th only	Metropolitan	"Best article I have turned during the year".

MONTHLY WORKSHOP JUNE 17/18 1989

VENUE: Margaret Cockman Pavilion - Wanneroo Showground.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday

- 9.00am Registration and Fellowship
10.30am Oval Turning - Keith McQueen
1.30pm Bowl turning without tear-outs - Keith Johnson
3.30pm Bandsaw blade joining - Gordon Ward
4.30pm Hot melt glue chucks - Dig Constant
5.30pm Buffet meal - Casserole B Y O
7.00pm Talk on Steam Engine Modelling - Mike Lynn

Sunday

- 9.00am Hands on 3 lathes
9.30am Tool sharpening - Keith McQueen
10.30am Doughnut turning - Viv Paust
3.00pm Close and clean up.

Plenty of opportunity for "hands on" by novice turners.

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE WEEKEND

Reminder Belmont Shopping Centre Exhibition,
demonstration and sale 13-18 August, 1989.

DESIGN WORKSHOP - CHANGE OF DATE

It has been necessary to change the dates for this workshop which is being promoted by the Association, with assistance from the Crafts Council of Western Australia,

The workshop programme will be:

Saturday, 29 July 9am - 5pm
Sunday, 30 July 9am - 3pm

The venue will be the Rod Evans Centre, 160 Hay Street, East Perth, (near Plain Street).

Members who had registered for the June date AND WHO HAVE NOT heard from the Secretary should telephone him if they are not able to attend, and a refund of fees will be arranged.

If you are interested in attending, but haven't registered your interest, contact the Secretary - there may be some vacancies because of cancellations.

Registration Fee - \$25.00 includes all materials, morning and afternoon tea, NOT lunch.

LADIES

A suggestion from Audrey Bowra! Graham Mayberry of radio fame has called for knitted 20cm squares (8 ply wool). We hope that as many as possible will help and produce quantities of these at the Wanneroo Weekend. If you can't knit maybe you can supply some bits of 8 ply wool. Our social contribution for 1989?

ASSOCIATION WEEKEND JULY 15th-16th 1989

VENUE:

"Westrek" Stoneville Rd, Stoneville

5 kms from Great Eastern H.way.Mundaring.
look for the W.A.W.A. sign.

Can also be approached from Toodyay Rd,.

TIME:

9.am registration.
10 am start.

PROGRAMME:

Will include as many of the following as possible:-

Lathe forum and comparisons.
Grinding for beginners.
Talks on abrasives, finishes.
Turning demonstrations,.
Pattern making.
Continous hands on.

Plus Plus Plus

TOOL SALE

Evening meal Casserole.

Come to Wanneroo for more details.

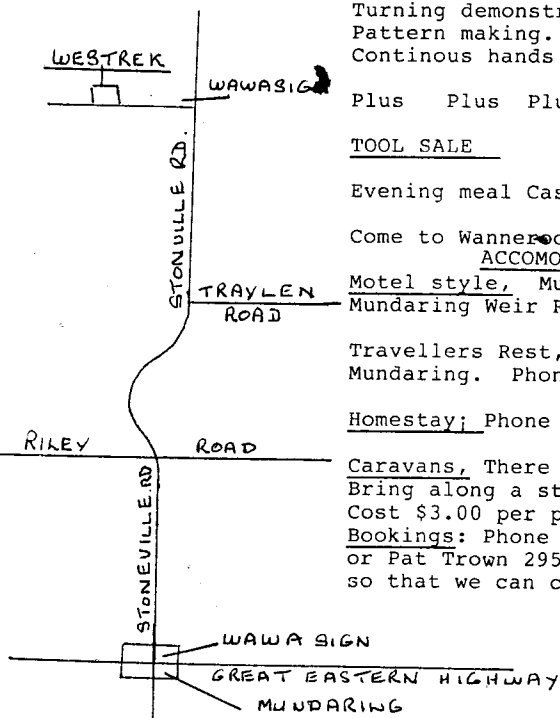
ACCOMODATION:

Motel style, Mundaring Weir Hotel
Mundaring Weir Rd, Mundaring. Phone 295 1106.

Travellers Rest, Great Eastern H.Way
Mundaring. Phone 295 2950

Homestay; Phone Pat Trown 295 2043 for details.

Caravans, There is room for these at "Westrek"
Bring along a standard but long power cord (10 amp)
Cost \$3.00 per person per night, all facilities.
Bookings: Phone either Brian Adams on 295 4486 after 4
or Pat Trown 295 2043. As soon as possible
so that we can confirm number of sites required.



WORKSHOPS - 1989

MARCH 18-19

Meeting hosted by the Melville Group at the Palmyra Recreation Centre, 100 turners and 91 non turners were welcomed to this weekend of "hands on" demonstrating and guest speakers.

The Show and Tell table is becoming a very good session for learning and swapping of ideas on all aspects of turning and finishing.

The competition drew quite a number of entrants and the results were:

Open - 1st. Keith Stout, 2nd. Harry Norman, 3rd. Tom Warburton.

Novice - 1st. Doug Hill, 2nd. Bob Kershaw, 3rd. Mick Dunn.

Ladies vote - Tom Warburton. Door prize - John Partridge.

The very nice meal put on by the ladies was much appreciated, followed by a quiz session conducted by Gordon Ward. Good fun.

A very lovely display of ladies craft created a lot of interest.

APRIL 15-16 - Meeting at the Loftus Community Centre. 89 turners and 38 non turners were welcomed by Milton Rundle. Hands on and demonstrations were provided including an interesting demonstration by Tom Kettle of the technique of turning cabriole legs.

A group of approximately 80 members were welcomed by the President, Geoff Barkla to the Special General Meeting. Members generally were happy with the direction taken by their management Committee and their sub committees. Thanks must go to Milton Rundle for all the work he put into making this meeting such a success.

Competition Results:

Open - 1st. Keith Johnson, 2nd. Keith Stout, 3rd. Bob Adams.

Novice - 1st. Geoff Barkla, 2nd. Glen Nicholls, 3rd, Edgar Lewis.

Ladies choice - Keith Johnson. Door prize - Keith Seaman.

Congratulations go to John Shinnick of Bunbury on gaining second place with his lamp in the lamp category of the Woodturners of Denmark 1989 Award Exhibition at the Denmark Gallery.

I would like to thank through these pages all those people who rang and sent cards at the time of my recent operation. Thank you, Brian Launer.

Whitbey Falls Craft Day - 23 April.

This was very well supported by our turners but, it rained very heavily causing it to close. Thank you to all those people who got very wet.

Apple Festival, Donnybrook. 25/26 March.

This was well supported by our South West groups. There were large crowds at the two lathes and was a very good fun two days. Thanking all those people who helped.

The May Workshop was held at the Mandurah High School where, over the two days, 92 woodturners and 58 non turners enjoyed the use of a venue ideally suited to the needs of both. Because of these facilities demonstrations were able to be presented in two different rooms at the same time thus being able to cater for both learners and advanced turners. Over the weekend all members were able to partake in demonstrations ranging from tool sharpening, bowl turning, eccentric turning, lace bobbins, pepper mills, biro pens, router work, chucking methods etc. ably demonstrated by John Shinnick, Keith Johnson, Ron Smith, Keith McQueen, Ralph Smith, Gordon Ratcliffe, Ken Rex, Gordon Ward and Ivor Bridges. There was also plenty of opportunity for "hands on" and learning basic techniques.

At the same time the ladies were able to partake of their various crafts and many took advantage of the opportunity to join in the meet with new and old friends.

As well as our usual "Show and Tell" there was also a display table and many articles were able to be admired, ranging from tops to clocks.

It was very pleasing to note the large number of entries in the competition; particularly in the Novice section. The results were as follows:

<u>NOVICE</u>	1st	Peter Warren
	2nd	Colin Richards
	3rd	Bill Dicker

<u>OPEN</u>	1st	Keith Seaman
	2nd	Keith Johnson
	3rd	Ken Rex

LADIES CHOICE - Keith Seaman.

DOOR PRIZE - Jim Kellow.

After a sumptuous casserole tea enjoyed by about 50 folk a few craft slides were shown followed by a sing-song led by Norma Rundle on the keyboard. Many thanks Norma for a good evening.

Our thanks also to the Mandurah folk for arranging a great weekend.

DENMARK AWARD EXHIBITION POPULAR

The 1989 Exhibition attracted a record of 67 entries from throughout the State. The judges were faced with a daunting task of selecting winners in 5 categories.

WAWA President Geoff Barkla was one of the judges, the others D Walker from Curtin University and R Facius from TAFE.

"BOUTIQUE" FOR TURNERS

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'KNOW YOUR WOOD' \$10 COMPETITION

Melville weekend answers were:

1. Wood - Desert Oak
2. Finish - Mirrothane
3. Age - 40 years
4. When Cut - 1986

Our thanks to Mr H Norman for providing the turned item.

There was no winner for this competition so the \$10 prize was jackpotted to \$20 for the Leederville weekend.

More W.A. Native turned items are needed for the \$10 competition. Contact John Lathwell 291 6280.

Leederville weekend with a jackpotted prize of \$20, was tied between Bob Adams and Keith Johnson sharing the prize. The correct answers were:

1. Wood - Woody Pear (Xylomelum Pyriforme)
Australian native tree found mainly on sandy plain country.
2. Finish - Vegetable Oil (Peanut).
3. Age - 42years
4. When Cut - May 1987

Jon Croft provided the Goblet also a sanded roundel of the tree showing annual rings. Jon gave us a verbal run down on the species. Thankyou Jon we all appreciated the talk.

W.A.W.A. LOGO SCREEN PRINTING . As the screen is blocking out, there will be no more printing of aprons or shirts until the A.G.M. in September.

MEMO: TO ALL ORGANIZERS OF W.A.W.A. EVENTS , Both monthly and demonstrations and/or sale events. - Please Forward a printed copy of articals or advertisements , posters etc. to Promotion Officer John Lathwell for reference filing .

Thank you John Lathwell.

\$10 COMPETITION

Mandurah Weekend.

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| 1. | Wood | Cypress Pine |
| 2. | Finish | Danish Oil |
| 3. | Age | 60 years + |
| 4. | When cut | Approximately 1985 |

WINNER: "Digger Constant"

Thanks to Jon Croft for again providing an unusual piece of wood.

RECYCLE YOUR TIMBER

At our Association weekends we hear of the characteristics of different timbers and how, under certain conditions, they will warp, crack and shrink.

This reminds me of my uncle's farm of long ago when a small tree growing by a creek fell into the water during a flood and was totally submerged for many weeks.

When it was eventually retrieved it had greatly swollen and my uncle decided to have it sawn into plants with which be built a new dunny.

After it served its purpose for many years a violent thunderstorm occurred during which a bolt of lightning struck that dunny with the result that it now serves only as a letterbox.

E.H.M.L.

DISCOVERING THE ROUTER

After displaying some of my work which used the router for some of its construction at the Busselton meeting in February, and then discussing and demonstrating its use at the Melville meeting in March, I have been encouraged by the considerable interest from members in this versatile tool. The router with its remarkable array of cutting bits must be the most versatile hand tool ever devised and its use, particularly in conjunction with the lathe, provides woodcraftsmen with virtually unlimited scope.

Since I stopped working a couple of years ago and entered the much busier life of retirement, pottering in my workshop whenever the opportunity provides, I have enjoyed myself "playing around" not only with a wood lathe but also with a router. With the former I have been privileged to belong to WAWA where members have always been remarkably giving of their time, knowledge and skill so that one can progressively get to grips and feel comfortable with this remarkable and versatile tool. Such is not the same however with the router, the scope of which is only limited by the imagination and creativity of the user and where at the present time there is no convenient vehicle for free interchange of experience in a field where just about every new application requires a new and innovative appraisal.

It seems to me that the collective wisdom and experience of our members could be collected in a similar and parallel way to our present activities on the lathe. Certainly not all members need this diversification any more than they do any specialised application of the craft, but for those who are now exploiting the router and those who would aspire to, such sharing would be highly advantageous. Nobody would want to form a new Association or even a specialised group within WAWA but what we could do is recognise a positive and sustained interest in the use of the router and to incorporate a proportion of our programme into its application. Part of the Association weekends could include some lessons in router usage and maybe a weekend later in the year could be largely devoted to its use.

I float these ideas through your columns in the hope that they may stimulate further thinking amongst members and some firm action from a committee to give rise to ever wider sharing of woodcrafting experience which is of course what we are all about.

Don Keynes No 162
RSM 426 Busselton
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Top quality router bits can be procured factory direct from Carba-Tec, 406 London Road, Belmont, Qld 4153. They provide a direct mail service on receipt of cheque or credit card reference.

This note is inserted following discussion at my router demonstration at the Melville meeting in March.

Don Keynes.

DEMONSTRATORS COURSE.

On 6th & 7th May 1989, a Demonstrators Course was held at St. Norberts College Queens Park, with 20 potential and experienced turners attending. A tremendous amount of input was put into this weekend from Gordon Ward and John Shinnick, who ran the Course with the help of six competent instructors

Results were varied as some potential demonstrators needed first hand help to acquire the Basic Skills of Woodturning before they could approach the teaching stages, however, after a Constructive Criticism Session, some definite plans were established to get this course on the road.

Our plans are:

1. To place Demonstrators names on an approved list of Demonstrators for Insurance requirements.
2. To teach Demonstrators to teach Basic Woodturning Skills on spindle work and faceplate turning at Group level.
3. To teach Demonstrators how to demonstrate at Weekend Association Meetings and how to assist at Hands-On Sessions.
4. To instruct Demonstrators on the art of entertaining the public at Shopping Centres and Outside Venues.
5. To obtain more professional help as these plans unfold.
6. That Demonstrators Panel choose people by invitation to participate at these courses instead of asking for Volunteers.

A lot of good work has been done and plans made, if you are asked to participate, please give of your time freely as some 600 turners out there need our guidance and help

Many thanks to all the Volunteers who attended the weekend.

Gordon Ward, John Shinnick.

DEMONSTRATORS PANEL.

HOMESTAY

The Association is keen to promote Homestay for members and their wives. To assist everyone in this matter, we are setting up a Register of Members who are prepared to offer one or more night's accommodation to members attending Association Functions, in, or near their locality.

One of the bi-products of Association Membership, and attending Weekend Workshops, has been the development of a number of friendships. Homestay helps to strengthen those friendships.

It is proposed that the various groups within the Association will have a contact person who will maintain a list of people in that Group's area who are prepared to offer Homestay to fellow members. Members wishing to obtain Homestay to attend an Association function in or near that locality should get in touch with the particular contact person who will direct them to a member prepared to offer Homestay. In some instances people have already indicated that they are able to provide space for one or two camper vans/caravans so that those who have a van can bring their own accommodation with them.

Any members who are prepared to offer Homestay and who have not yet given their names to the Association can do so by contacting Cyril Jones, 6 Burt Court, Dunsborough, 6281, Tel: (097) 553606.

The list of contact persons will be published in the Association's Newsletter as soon as possible. To date we have some 30 names on the register, both country and metropolitan.

THE PRAYER TREE

While on a recent visit to Tasmania I came across a very old tree which had the following sign on it:

The Prayer Tree

Ye who pass by and would raise your hand against me,
Harken ere you harm me.
I am the heat of your hearth on the cold winter nights.
The friendly shade screening you from the summer sun.
And my fruits are refreshing draughts quenching your
thirst as you journey on.
I am the beam that holds your house, the board of your
table.
I am the handle of your hoe, the door of your homestead.
The wood of your cradle, the shell of your coffin.
I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty.
Ye who pass by, listen to My Prayer, harm me not.

Underneath was a sign which said: "BEWARE OF FALLING LIMBS". Could this be the tree's revenge?

Gordon Weatherill.

Dear Ivor

You made a request for stories of interest for inclusion in the newsletter. I wonder if the following is suitable:

An engineer of many talents, John Jacob Holtzapffel migrated from Germany to England in 1780 and started making lathes for ornamental and complex turning using a varied number of head and tail stocks, vertical/horizontal mechanical tool rests. The Holtzapffel lathe sold for 1,500 pounds sterling in 1838, enough to purchase half a street of houses. Therefore, with skilled mechanical labour at less than 8 cents per hour at that time, these lathes on today's market would be worth \$200,000. These lathes were designed to carry out polygard surface patterns, single and double eccentrics, elliptical, epicycloid and spirals etc.

An interesting feature is that only IVORY - ONYX - ANDOR - very hard wood was used and turned into items of only very complex designs.

In his book number five - his son printed in 1884 that the family research followed lathes back a further 2,000 years. The family company manufactured 2,554 NUMBERED lathes up to 1914, almost exactly 20 per year.

Further reference to this very interesting period where only England gentlemen Earls, Lords, Kings, Princes etc. used this lathe can be made by going to any good library and obtain a copy of"

"THE PRINCIPLES & PRACTICE OF ORNAMENTAL OR COMPLEX TURNING" by John Jacob Holtzapffel. First Edition 1884. The Dover Edition unabridged republication 1973.

Dick Morley.

THANKS FLEUR

At Woodbridge this year the association conducted a cool drink stall which brought in a handy sum of money. The stall was largely staffed by members (a few assisted by their wives) working shifts under very efficient management.

The selling of the drinks was relatively easy for the "woodies". The more responsible job was managing the stall and this was most ably carried out by FLEUR ADAMS. As one grey-haired "woody" reported: "We just carried out Fleur's orders and very little went wrong". Thanks a lot, Fleur!

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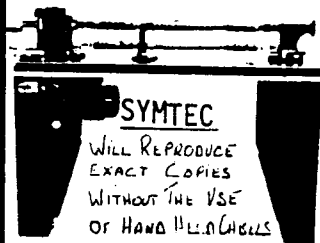
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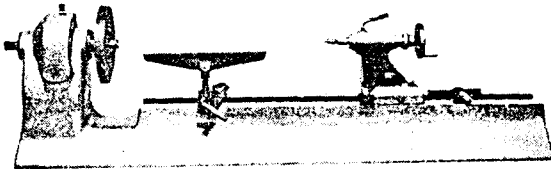
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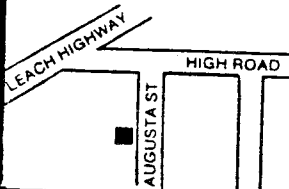
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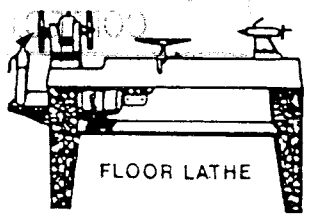


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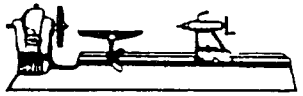


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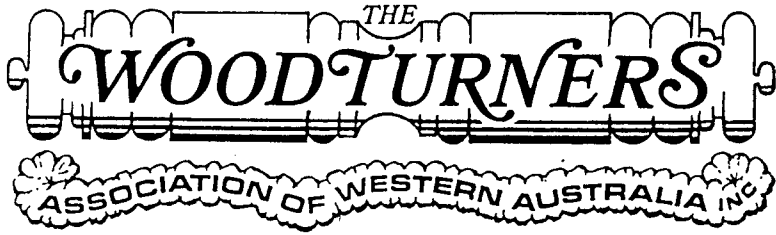
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ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 1989/90

Notice is hereby given that if necessary, the election for office bearers of the Association will be held at the Annual General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Association's September, 1989 Workshop. There is no postal, absentee or other form of voting.

The term of office for the following members will expire at that Annual General Meeting:

- President
Committee members: I Bridges
J Shinnick
B Launer
G Ward
C Jones

The term of office for President is one year while the term of office of Committee Members is two years.

Any person wishing to nominate should complete the Nomination Form shown below and post it or deliver it to the Returning Officer, Mr R Leggo, 21 Williamson Way, Trigg, 6020 not later than 5pm on Thursday, 31 July, 1989.

WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WA

NOMINATION

I.....

of.....

wish to nominate myself for the position of *President, *Committee Member, to become vacant at the Annual General Meeting to be held in September, 1989.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

* Cross out whichever does not apply.

Nominations close with Returning Officer, 31 July, 1989. Mr R Leggo, 21 Williamson Way, Trigg, 6020.