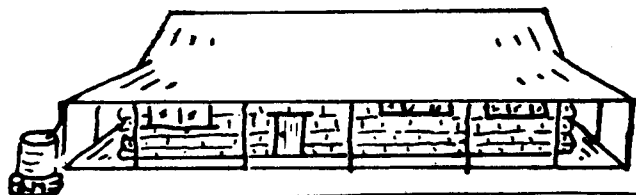


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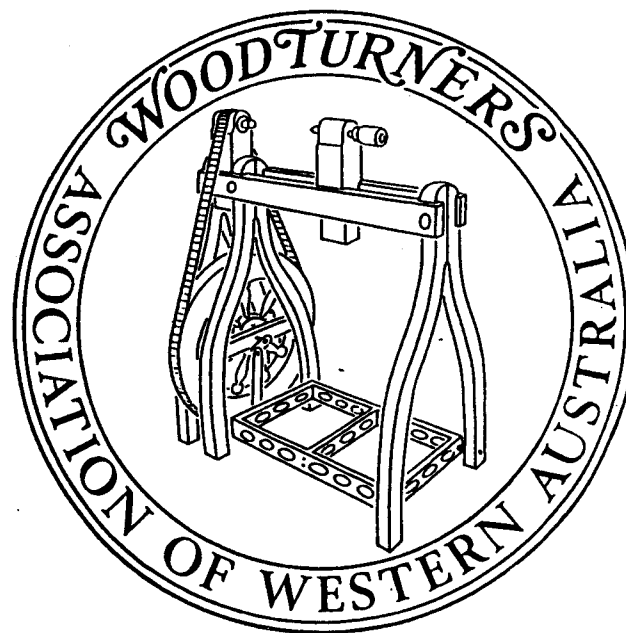
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Editorial

Not much of an Editorial, as I am numb from compiling most of this Newsletter.

Are there any members who would be prepared to write reports on Association Weekends, exhibitions or shopping centre sales events. This would be a short period of work for a few members, but a big relief this end. Last month 298 newsletters went out - 251 to members, 10 to other clubs and 37 to contacts made by members.

Editor.

INTO RETIREMENT

During my time of putting the newsletter together, after days of phoning around and writing, doubting if things would come together on time, one saving grace was the lady who did my typing for me - Claire Jones. Always on time and even delivering typing to Mundaring sometimes.

Thank you Claire. Wishing you and Cyril a happy retirement to Dunsborough.

Ivor.

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

Please note change of address for Membership Secretary - which is now -

Keith Johnson, 3 Barrisdale Rd., Ardross, 6153.

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For all other Woodturners' Correspondence send to Secretary, Woodturners Assoc. of W.A., C/- Post Office, Midland .. 6056.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

APRIL,	4th - 5th	Bunbury - Cross Electric
MAY,	16th - 17th	Lesmurdie - Scout Hall
JUNE,	20th - 21st	Geraldton or Dongara
JULY,	18th - 19th	Melville Recreation Centre
AUGUST,	15th - 16th	Country (to be arranged)
SEPT.	19th - 20th	Stoneville - A.G.M.

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Presidents Report

Another successful 2 months have flown by. Pam & I were disappointed to miss the Stonewille meeting as we had been looking forward to what we felt would be one of the best meetings of the year. We are now looking forward to the Annual General Meeting to be held at Stoneville in September. We also missed the Southlands shopping centre exhibition where I believe in excess of 20 new turners were contacted. Having sold our caravan park & moved to the city we are looking forward to having more time to spend on the Association. I would like to thank members for their patronage of this park where the idea of the Assoc. was born. Lets have another meeting at our "birthplace" in the future.

With 293 members from Derby to Margaret River, Albany Lake Grace and Kalgoorlie, Western Australia can lay claim to being the Craft Woodturning Centre of Australia. It is gratifying to see groups of Assoc. Members meeting at Melville, Bunbury & Collie. Do send regular feedback to other members via the magazine. I feel these groups will play a significant part in the successful function & expansion of the Woodturners Association.

I am frequently asked by prospective members "What is the club about, what does it do?" so I Quote from our constitution Our aims are to further promote and foster the art of woodturning in Western Australia and to meet socially.

18 months ago who would have thought a lathe would be made available for the Association to use. Cross Electrics of Bunbury have a Durden lathe which can be used for Assoc. and Group meeting and for promotions incorporating Cross Electrics. I know you will join me in thanking them for their generous gesture. Incorporation of the Assoc. is well underway. Our thanks to Milton Rundle for drafting the Constitution as approved by the last meeting of the committee. This has now been lodged for incorporation.

We have several members & many prospective members in the Merredin region and I will organise a Merredin workshop in the near future & aim to hold an Assoc. meeting there later in the year.

Arthur Federick, president of Woolarama invited the W.A.W.A. to attend the Wagin Woolarama. The stand was ably maned by Ray Quadrio of Mandurah, Tom & Mavis Kettle of Bunbury and Brian Launer of Busselton (who had his own stand) and Pam & I. Between us the lathe never stopped and our success could be judged by the constant crowd around the stand. It was good to see the Fleming family of Lake Grace. I believe the recent gift of a tough lathe from his family means no more presents for Peter for some time. Presents for all the family tho Peter, so get busy turning.

We contacted 22 interested turners from the Wagin area so a workshop and meeting must be planned for Wagin/Narrogin area as soon as possible.

Looking to the future I wonder if we should be planting trees for future woodturners. Perhaps a grove of trees, one planted by each member and a register kept. Some trees could be harvested after 5 or 10 years, others taking 30 years and more. Hope to see you all at Cross Electrics at Bunbury.

Keith.

THE WOODTURNERS LAMENT -

The car engine oil needs changing
and the garden beds unmade.
Forgotten are the wishes
of my family, I'm afraid.
My wood sheds overflow
and my tools are sharp and ready.
(I really should help in the house -
and do a little work.)
But at my lathe I'm busy -
And as happy as a King.
For I am busy turning -
And I Have to do my thing.

Dig Constant.

NEWSLETTERS EXCHANGED:

These are put on display at Association Weekends, and prove to be of great interest. On a number of occasions whole pages of our newsletter have been reproduced in other club's newsletters. This, I suppose, is some sort of compliment. The last example was when The Woodturners of the Goulburn Valley printed the resume of Keith Johnson's finishing article. It so happens that Keith was born and brought up in that area.
(Local boy makes good !!)

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Centra Coast Woodturner Soc.	N.S.W.
Hunter Valley Woodturner Soc.	N.S.W.
Tamworth & Dist. Woodturner Club	N.S.W.
Woodturners of the Goulburn Valley	Victoria
Woodturner Soc. of Queensland	Queensland
Peninsula Woodturners Club	Victoria
South Australia Woodgroup	S.A.
Wood Craft Guild Tasmania	Tasmania

Club Meeting

DATE - 16th - 17th May.
VENUE - Lesmurdie Scout Hall, Falls Rd., Lesmurdie.
(Opposite Stone Road, behind Tennis Courts)
TIME - 8.30 a.m. start Saturday and Sunday.
SUGGESTED MEAL - Saturday evening - casserole
(bring along folding chairs and tables)
THINGS OF INTEREST TO VISIT -

Wagon Wheel Craft Centre
Sturk Cottage
Observatory

Bring along wood for swaping.
Bring along surplus turning tools and perhaps sell to
some turner who is starting from scratch. Put your
price on the tools and put them on display.

Turning Competition

OPEN - The best thing, or things, you can make from
one piece of JARRAH - 3 x 3 x 10 inches.
Winners prize ... Grinding Wheel.

NOVICE SECTION -... as above
Winners prize ... A turning tool

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John Lathwell	...	291 6280
Geof Barkla	...	293 4330
Keith Stout	...	291 7682

MELVILLE SHOPPING PLAZA:

Monday, 13th. to Saturday, 18th. April -
Contact: Ern Margetts - 339.2843

List of items to Ern by --- Friday, 10th. April.

Items for Sale delivered
to Shopping Centre) --- Sunday morning - 12th. April.

Lathe loaned by ... Ivor Bridges.

BRUNSWICK JUNCTION:

Ripper weekend !! most of this "ripping" taking place at
the three trees, that the Brunswick fellows shared with the
rest of the membership.

Thanks to all concerned. It's hard to name all individuals
who make these weekends a success, however, one member who
I am sure most people will be glad to have mentioned is Jim
McMullen. Jim was in on the cutting down, and the cutting
up of the trees and then gave a demonstration on how to
finish what you will have turned. Then on top of this -
a demonstration on his \$5 chain mill.

The gathering of wood was the high-light of Saturday, made
more successful by the fact that, with about 20 chain saws,
plus axes and bush saws being used, there was not one
accident, due I'm sure in some part to the safety talk by
Jim McMullen and Laurie Lynch. Jim was presented with a
book by the Association, as a recognition for all he has
done.

Ron Smith's video, taken at Stoneville, held the attention
of a number of people for sometime. One young fellow from
Balingup, who should have left early, got his mother to buy
their evening meal so he could see all the film. Thank
you, Ron.

It would seem as though Yvonne Ratcliffe has a few converts
to lace making. Some husbands did the right thing and made
pillows and bobbins for their ladies. About 20 ladies
went around to Lyndels Craft Shop, where 5 were instructed
by Yvonne in the fine art. These ladies then practised
lace making back at John's place.

The evening centred around the b-b-que where the days events
were discussed.

Cross Electrics were in attendance for the two days,
with a wide range of turning equipment and books. One
tool that impressed a few of the turners was a radius
sided skew chisel, newly imported from England. The
radiused, instead of flat, sided skew allowed for a lot
more manoeuvreability. Probably a good tool once you
are familiar with it.

One of the Bunbury members who contributed also to the
weekend was Bryn Moran. He stayed behind on the Satur-
day and worked on the lathes most of the day, helping
late comers with turning tips and problem solving.

Bryn shared the right spirit - Thank you, Bryn.
John and Kath opened up their house again, no mean task
to allow probably a hundred people to come and go for
two days. From all who came to Brunswick. THANKS.

Ivor Bridges.

A.A.M. SOCIAL CENTRE, BELMONT:

This hurriedly rearranged March Meeting proved to be quite successful. After a very slow start things picked up. Sales and printing of tee shirts and badges took us up to morning tea.

At 11 a.m. everybody (except Pam and Sherry who caught up with some of their paper work) walked up to the Tough factory where they looked through the foundry where the TOUGH CAST IRON LATHE is made. (Take note Australian Woodworker). There Kurt Jones gave a talk and answered questions. Then we moved on to another part where Kurt showed pouring of molten aluminium into moulds. In the machine shop Steve Rawling ran some machines, one producing brass jets, another slotting and drilling and a third inspecting and grading. Members saw where the lathes were machined and assembled.

After lunch we were given a fine example of turning by Ben Schildknecht, a local furniture maker. Ben's positive and confident movements turned out four identical bedside cabinet legs in a time of 10 minutes each. Beeds and coves appeared as though they had been there all the time waiting to be uncovered. Thanks Ben and wife Agnes.

Keith Johnson gave some insight into how he turns goblets. For Keiths next demonstration on my lathe we will take two planks out of the base to suit his height.

A pleasant evening was improved by George Green who played Old Time Dance Music on his electric organ. This gives an idea of what could be done in the future. Sunday got off to a bad start because of the Committee Meeting, being started at 8 a.m. and going on until about 10.15 a.m. At 11 a.m. Bob Bell who works at A.A.M. conducted us around the factory. The first stop being at the computer controlled welder, operated by Jens Soltwich. He and Steve both gave up part of their weekend to do this for us. Thanks fellas. Then further through the works where those with farming experience would have known of some of the machinery being made there. About 56 members turned up with many wives. Two of the visitors were Allan and Marie Henley who belong to the Gold Coast Woodturners of Queensland.

Ron Limb won the door prize, a Diamond Water Slip Stone, donated by Gary Palmer of Bowman Industrial Suppliers. Gary also gave the Association \$30 out of the sales he had during the weekend.

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MELVILLE MEETINGS

A group of Association members living in the Melville and surrounding districts areas have been meeting regularly for some months now on the 4th Thursday of every month, in a room of the Palmyra Community Recreation Centre, opposite the Melville Plaza in Canning Highway.

These informal meetings, chaired by Ern Margetts, are sufficiently popular to attract up to 30 members and potential members of the Association.

After a short announcement session members have benefitted from a tool sharpening demo, talks of woodfinishing and videos on woodturning techniques.

Initial contact has been established with Mr. Phil Shedley, Inspector of Timber Utilization with the Conservation and Land Management Department and it is hoped that further contacts will lead to co-operation of mutual benefit.

Attendance at these meetings is a must on the calendar for many members and even a couple of North-of-the-river members have been present. A small charge of 50cents is levied to cover hire of the room and cost of a cuppa and bikkie afterwards.

JOE SAAT

NORTH OF THE RIVER GROUP:

It has been suggested that a Group of Woodturners be started north of the river. A possible venue being Dianella Recreation Centre, Light St., Dianella. These meetings could take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. Other Groups like this have been found to benefit members who maybe cannot travel or cannot get away on week-ends. If interested contact ...

Gordon Ratcliffe, 28 Glover St., Dianella -276 8781

COMMITTEE MEETING - BRUNSWICK.

At this meeting the subject of Junior Members was discussed. A Junior Member is someone up to the age of 18 yrs. The fee's will be - half nomination fee and half the annual fee of a full member.

WOODFINISHING ON THE LATHE

B. Semi gloss lacquer:

Prepare surfaces as before and finish off with Spraylac pressure pack (Wilbeforce) No buffing or other treatment required.

C. Waxed finishes:

Preparation of polish

50/50 Beeswax and Carnauba wax

Use equal quantities by weight. Gently melt beeswax using the "2 pot method" i.e. put beeswax in tin which is placed in a slightly larger tin or pot containing water. Gently heat water, then add Carnauba wax stirring to an even consistency. Add equal part by volume of pure turpentine (Spirits of turpentine). Do this away from naked flame to avoid fire. Stir mixture well and place in screw top jar. The mixture should have the consistency of a stiff paste.

Pure 100% Carnauba wax

Gently heat and melt using "2 pot method" Add equal part by volume of pure turpentine. Allow to cool, the mix should feel soft and gritty. If not, reheat, add more turps. If too soft leave top off jar for a while.

Application

Fine sand and apply Shellac sealer. Allow to dry, lightly sand with 3/0 steel wool. Place small quantity (walnut kernel size) of 50/50 wax in clean cloth, old ladies cotton knickers are ideal. (remove lady, elastic, seams and hems). Fashion a "mouse" i.e. rubber to suit contours of object. Press rubber against revolving object (1000-2000 R.P.M.) so that friction

induced heat melts the wax. Apply full even coating, but avoid ridges. Polish with "knicker" cloth. On dark coloured timber add suitably coloured ochres or acrylic tinters to the wax to finish up with a wax which is slightly darker than the timber.

Prepare similar mouse filled with 100% Carnauba wax, apply in similar fashion, aim for a thin even coating. Lightly buff surface with clean polishing cloth (panty hose is ideal). Do not handle object for 5-10 minutes to allow wax to cool and harden.

Note: wax finishes are not waterproof.

Small imperfections of the surface, i.e. small pinholes, small cracks etc. can be filled with coloured Miro-wax (Wilberforce). Apply Miro-wax with any flexible thin steel, such as a hacksaw blade with teeth removed and ground to shape. Larger holes in Jarrah burls can be filled with Wattyl Wood Stop (nitro cellulose based) or fine wood dust collected from sanding operations mixed with sanding sealer. (nitro cellulose based)

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THE PURPOSE OF THE OBJECT, by Stephen Hogbin.

METAL-WORK:

Small, metal-work turning projects, such as face plates, chucks, etc., can be undertaken by J.F. MacMillan, 14 Quinn Ave., Bentley - 458.2649 . Also Doug. Cane, Maddington - 459.5911.

EASTERN STATES REQUEST:

Mr. A.J. Poble, P.O. Box 33, Timboon - 3268 - Victoria, would like any information on the following books - "Turning West. Aust. Timbers" or "Working with W.A. Timbers". Lets show some brotherhood by helping this Eastern States turner. Recently we were able to give the address of the "Woodcraft Guild of Tasmania", to the "Woodturner Soc. of Queensland" as they had requested.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATIONS:

A large proportion of members attracted to the association do so to come in contact with turners and turning. The committee felt that the lathes at the meetings should be manned as much as possible; to give demonstrations, or, to act as problem solving clinics for members. Keith McQueen will give practical demonstrations at all future meeting and this will still leave two or three machines free for others, who think they have something to offer new members.

SALES & SERVICES AT MEETINGS:

At our meeting, some members give time organising things like printing of tee-shirts, or sales of electrical fittings or making name badges. If in future these services and sales are allotted a time on the time-table, please make an effort to comply with this, as this then allows those active members to enjoy the weekend also.

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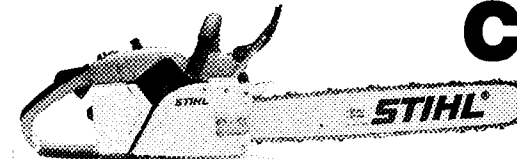
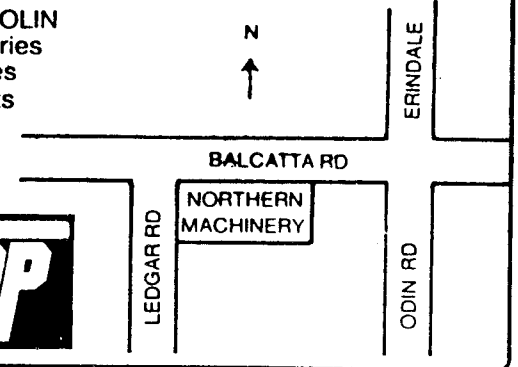
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