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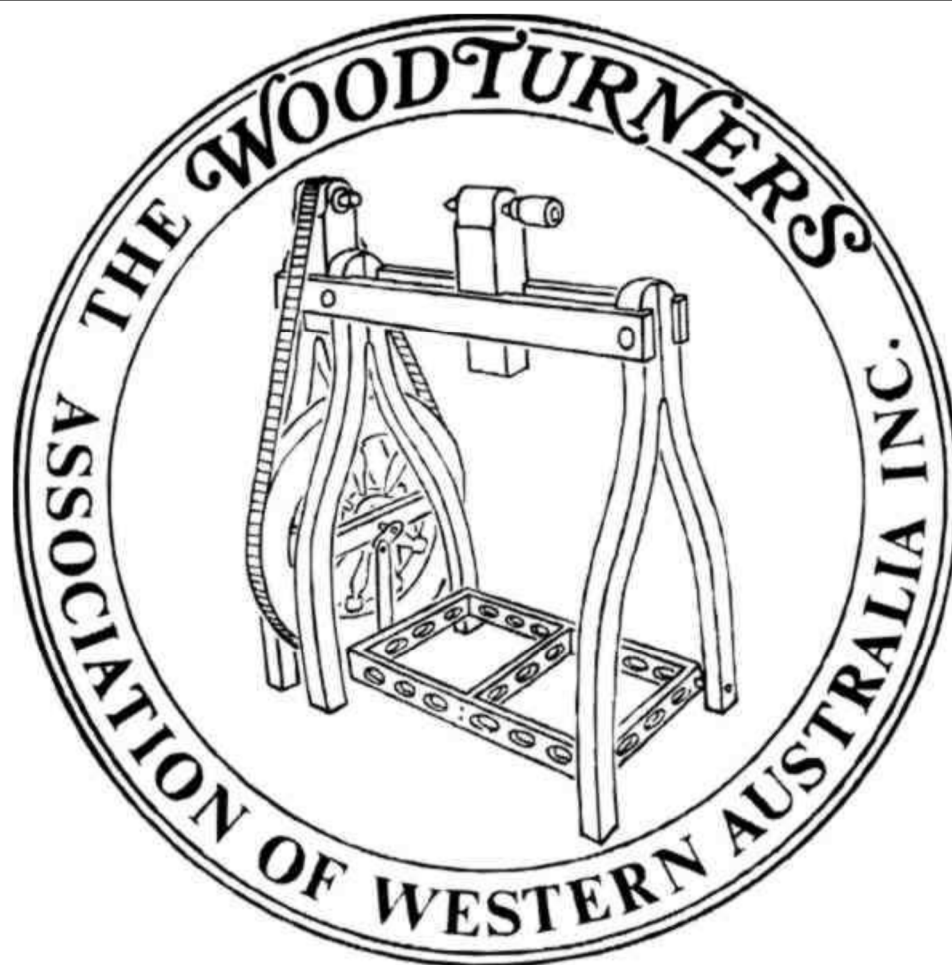


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before the workshop and organised into 27 sizeable heaps, one for each participant to take away when they left for home on Sunday.

And so it went on. Sometimes, the beginnings of a group were left behind. In other cases they weren't but WAWA moved progressively around the state spreading the message that it had arrived and was in business. At the end of the first year, we had 218 members, double that in the second year, and had established a way of doing things that has carried through to the present.

The days of the two day workshop where most participants stayed in caravan parks and spent part of the time collecting wood to share among themselves are gone. They probably don't need to return because both roads and vehicles have improved greatly. And Bruce and Graham and others have reduced the need to go and gather wood. But other things have gone too, such as the notion of workshops being used to open up new territory and to enlist new members. That may be a notion that is worth revisiting!

The second element comes through the newsletters and minutes of early committee meetings that have been so carefully maintained. Through these we can almost hear the early committee thinking out aloud as it worked out what to do to keep the groups viable and maintain the momentum and early success – where should we go next; what is a good competition item; how do we control dust; what's a good way to hold material on the lathe; what about insurance, and so on and so on – the same issues that the current Committee of Management continues to grapple with. There is a commitment, dedication and drive evident in these records that we must preserve in our management of WAWA affairs today.

As things go WAWA is still a very young organisation but its founders have gifted us a wonderful legacy that it is our responsibility to maintain and enhance. I'm looking forward to seeing how we maximise the opportunities to do so offered in the strategic plan we are about to implement. If the past was good, then the future looks very bright. But how bright it is of course depends on you.

Safe and happy turning.

Jim

Postscript: Come the AGM in September, the Committee of Management will be looking for a secretary to replace Peter Cunnington. If you aspire to leave your own legacy within WAWA, now is your big chance. Do nominate!

Registrar's Ramblings

We welcome the following new members to the association ...

Kal Ronay 2970	Bunbury	Ian Southern 3089	Gosnells
Kate Caunt 3080	Bunbury	Kevin Pyke 3090	Gosnells
Garry Crotty 3081	Busselton	Dee Watson 3091	Wandi
George Douglas 3082	Wandi	Robin Van Wingerden 3092	Mandurah
Amy Dover 3083	Melville	Rose Newman 3093	Mandurah
Dennis Phillips 3084	Melville	Jayden Greenwood 3094	Bunbury
Bill Fry 3085	Melville	Steve Galea 3095	Mandurah
Keith Joselyn 3086	Melville	David Walker 3096	Mandurah
Liz Joselyn 3087	Melville	Kevin Loudehr 3097	Bunbury
Barry Gibson 3088	Melville		

Replacement name badges and yellow cloth badges can be ordered from the registrar.

Barbara Jennings, Registrar

Roving Reporter

ROVING REPORTER – WAWA at WANDI MARCH 2018

Competition item: single tier cake stand.

A packed hall was bid welcome by President Jim, who was doubling as MC for this WAWA organised weekend workshop. After the usual notices and advice of facilities, Jim introduced Rudi Goh as the first demonstrator. Rudi's item today was the receptacle to fit a hand powered coffee grinder that could also be made to use for ground coffee storage.

Rudi had made a number of plywood templates for checking shapes and sizes as he worked. Showing us the cylinder of wood he was about to transform, Rudi drilled a hole in the centre of the cylinder wall. He then created a sphere with a short handle, the sphere section to fit through the hole made in the cylinder. He spent some time demonstrating the use of a spindle gouge to create the sphere, telling us this would become the scoop part of the spoon. Rudi then placed the cylinder between centres to tidy up and create spigots.

Rudi had made several versions for passing around. Some were simply a receptacle for catching the ground coffee, with interchangeable grinder / lid but the one he was demonstrating was intended for the spoon to catch the ground coffee and be of a size for making one cup of coffee (3 teaspoonsful). For this version, the opening under the grinder needs to be shaped into a funnel to suit the spoon dimensions. Rudi used a bowl gouge to create the funnel in this instance. Next, he created the ring of wood on which to attach the grinding mechanism by marking the depth (required for the screws) on the cylinder then, using forstner bit, drilled the hole to the required depth and finished by using a parting tool to remove the ring. A spigot was cut on the cylinder to the diameter of the ring and Rudi fitted the ring onto the spigot to clean up the ring – note that the ring needs to be a good fit and a light touch used for this process.

The spoon was placed tightly in the hole in the side of the cylinder and carefully turned at slow speed to tidy the handle. Rudi used a custom-made jig to hollow the sphere to a spoon shape. He used a spindle gouge to start the hollowing then a small scraper to finish.

As Rudi explained, you could use the same grinder mechanism on two containers, one with a spoon and one hollowed as a lidded container, as your coffee making requirements demanded.

An excellent demonstration of a practical and useful item. Thank you Rudi.

Kevan Hunt then gave us a brief show-and-tell with a dust extractor helmet he had bought from a company called ToolPost based in the UK. The helmet was lightweight compared to many similar motorised dust masks/helmets and cost less to buy from the UK (including freight) than from an Australian supplier. The helmet is called a PowerCap Active, branded JSP Professional. There was mention of expressions of interest in putting together an order to lessen both the item cost and freight cost.

Graham Turner was the next demonstrator, giving tips on turning odd shaped burls to show them to the best of their grain, colour and shape. He started by passing round a tin of Yorkshire Grit and a bottle of Hampshire Sheen, both of which he recommends for finishing burl items.

Graham mounted a rounded burl blank in his usual meticulous way, using one of his custom-made spike chucks and a hammer. The first cuts were to get it in the round then to get it into a pleasing shape that suited the burl. A couple of examples were passed around. He then reversed the piece and cut a spigot for his large scroll chuck and set the piece in the chuck. Graham suggests that it is simple good sense to use the tailstock for stability when turning odd-shaped or unbalanced pieces of wood. He started working outer edge to centre using a large

bowl gouge and took care to preserve the natural edge. Following this, he used a large rounded scraper at a 45° cutting angle then, removing the tailstock as a support, took out the remaining spigot with a forstner bit then used a scraper, again at 45°, to get a smooth finish. Graham left plenty of thickness in the wall of the bowl due to the burl still being quite green.

Graham then auctioned the piece with the money to go a a charity – brisk bidding stopped at \$50.

Questions were asked about the drying process and period for green burls. Graham recommends roughly turning to shape then weigh, store and weigh again every three months and when it stop losing weight, it's as dry as that burl will get.

Thank you, Graham, for another interesting and informative demo based on your knowledge of burl.

We broke for lunch, with convenors and other group representatives and members of the COM heading off for a convenors meeting. At this meeting, a number of important issues were discussed and requests made for information to be collected by the groups to assist decision making by the COM.

After lunch, Ian Keally from Kalgoorlie presented a very informative talk on native tree species. His special area of interest is arid region timbers but his work has covered other areas of the south west.

Ian had brought with him an amazingly comprehensive display of wood samples from mostly native trees. He talked about wood characteristics supported with visuals in a slide show. Ian explained the features and function of the various parts of a tree, e.g. bark, sapwood, heartwood. He also described the growth stresses in a tree and how they might affect the way the grain develops in both trunk and branches.

Heartwood colour is a result of the extractive functions of the cells, the actual colour being dependent on the minerals being extracted from the ground where the tree is growing.

His talk also covered moisture in wood with regard to seasoning and shrinkage but noted that the air-dried density of wood is the usual standard by which the density of a species is measured. Throughout the presentation, Ian was taking and answering questions and proved to be an amazing source of information.

Thank you Ian, your passion for native timbers really shines through.

President Jim had a few words to say and a few reminders to pass on. While thanking members for both the excellent attendance numbers and the 51 single tier cake stands entered for the workshop competition (half of which were Novice!!!), Jim noted that it is not the role of the COM to be organising weekend workshops. As there are two gaps in the program this year (this workshop and another in June) another group is needed to take on the responsibility of the June workshop or there will be a gap between Mandurah in May and Gosnells in July.

Bruce Jackson was next with the competition results. He spoke of the quality of the entries and congratulated the novice section in particular on the number of entries and quality of their work. He thanked the judges who really had their work cut out. (Competition results are listed towards the end of the newsletter.)

Jim then closed the day with thanks to everyone who had contributed and helped to make the workshop happen. Overall, a very good day.

ROVING REPORTER—SWAN WOODTURNERS - 21 April 2018

Competition item: lidded box with finial, to specified measurements

This was once again a WAWA success, thanks in part to the Swan Group's organisational skills. Well over 115 members, associates and visitors attended. The competition too was a winner with 49 entrants. Neil Turner, one of WA's most accomplished wood turners kept the audience entranced - he started with a session on bowl turning basics, using jacaranda from the Goldfields. He stressed the need for a well-shaped dovetailed spigot, with a flat edge against which the chuck jaws rest. Design options were covered and attention was drawn to the need to use the bowl gouge in varying presentations from bevel cutting mode to shear scraping. Also covered was the ease of which a right-angle drill may be used to power sand.

The next session covered aspects of turning a platter and his experimentation with ground rock of different colours and natural pigments such as ochre, to colour the platter's edge. A comment from the audience suggested the use of ground marri gum as an additional pigment to be used, mixed with resin or epoxy glue.

Then followed a discussion of design elements using a series of objects turned by several of the world's top wood turners as examples. Included were 2 items turned from spalted maple, a vase turned from green oak that dried to an oval shape, an example of Jack de Vos's seed pod incorporating a section of a branch, Bin Pho's pierced work and items incorporating colouring, pyrography and embellishment. He showed a form he turned from worm wood which was immersed in liquid beeswax prior to turning. The wax was then removed with a heated hair drier! The thrust of the discussion was the need for members to push their boundaries, whilst being their own worst critics.

The final session covered another of Neil's works in progress, using aluminium rods of varying, small diameters drilled into a vase shaped blank, using coloured epoxy glue. He discussed various options for deep hollowing - a good tool being one similar those made by Jim Clarke, with a cutter projecting a mm or two and with a flexible rod from the outrigger bar to allow for an even wall thickness. Also of importance was the need to drill a central hole to allow access for the cutter.

Truly this was a day to remember and on which to reflect!

Ted Stewart-Wynne
Swan Group 961

MANDURAH WORKSHOP, 19TH MAY 2018

FALCON Reserve, 30 Lynda Street Falcon

Convenor	Bruce Jackson
M.C	Frank Evans
Safety Officer	Colin Rutherford
Hosts ALL	Mandurah Members
Trade Suppliers.	JIM, MAYAMA GEMS, JACKSON Timber Supplies ALLAN WILLIAMS Adhesives, GRAEME TURNER Burls GILLY STEPHENSON Waxes & Polishes.
Competition	TURNED BOWL, maximum diameter 300mm Diameter, with 5 PIECES of FRUIT NOT PAINTED
Lunch	SOUP with SAUSAGE sizzle
Alternative programs Wood for Sale, Raffle etc.	

Saturday Program

7.00	Set Up
8.00	Registration and fellowship
9.00.- 10.10	COLIN RUTHERFORD, BALLERINA BOWL
10.10.	Morning tea
10.40 -11.50	TIM HARRISON, SEGMENTED COFFEE MUG
11.50.	Presidents forum
12.00.	Lunch , Choice of SOUPS plus Sausage sizzle. \$6.00
1.00	COMPETITION VOTING CLOSSES
1.00.- 3.05	PAT JOHNSON , we have secured the services of Pat from Grafton NSW , who has demonstrated several times at TURNFEST QLD .
3.05	Afternoon tea
3.35	Raffle, Show and Tell,
COMPETITION RESULTS with BRUCE JACKSON	

Clean Up; Pack up ETC, All HANDS Assist please.

Have a safe trip home, thanks for your attendance.

News From The Groups

BUNBURY BITES

Activity within the group has gathered pace this year with attendances at the regular workshop sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings reaching full capacity.

To cater for the demand, the group is now trialing opening of the workshop on Wednesday mornings and conducting training sessions on Saturday mornings.

Membership is also gradually increasing with new members joining at a rate of about 1 every two months.

On 12 March, Glenys H organized a one day deep hollowing masterclass workshop conducted by local woodturning identity Neil Turner.

The attendees came to grips with the peculiarities of gooseneck chisels, friction chucks and the role of the Fibonacci sequence in shape development.

By all accounts, the attendees (Glenys H, Jock M, Convener Kevan, Barry L, Lyn P, Trevor F) enjoyed the event and each went home with a hollowed out vessel of respectable quality, plus enthusiasm to acquire the equipment to do it again.

Glenys H also arranged a couple of wood collection exercises.

In March a group of members retrieved wood from a fallen Paperback tree in Clifton Park and, and in early April another group sawed up a cape lilac and a peppermint tree in Boyanup. The wood was subsequently distributed to interested group members with the remainder added to the group's wood shed.

Groups members achieved some podium results at the recent WAWA competitions. In March George P took out 2nd place in the advanced division, 2nd most popular and 1st in the open class for his huge embellished cake stand.

Stewart P achieved 2nd place in the novice division.

In April, Jock M gained 2nd position in the intermediate division for his accurately dimensioned lidded box.

The first market stall event for the year was the Bunbury Show, held on 14 April. The group was all geared up for the event after much discussion at the committee over how to lift sales performance. New market stall guidelines were adopted by the committee (copies of which are available to other groups on request). The Guidelines included the use of black table coverings, plinths and new stall sales "staff" arrangements. It was a great day with good weather and a number of items were sold.

The next sales event was at the Boyanup Rail Heritage Centre on 21 April. Wet weather kept public attendances down which probably affected sales but nevertheless, members who attended the event enjoyed the experience and remain hopeful.

"Show and tell" nights were held on the first Wednesday evenings in March and April with all manner of interesting old tools, failed woodturning projects and recently finished items coming out of the woodwork. Norm H provided a presentation on the marketing of woodturned items.

Happy Turning

Stewart P

COLLIE—FROM THE COALFACE

It was a pleasure to have a visit from WAWA president Jim on the 7th March, (his 2nd this year) to discuss the strategic plan for the association. Our club feel that this is a step in the right direction and will bring the association out of the doldrums. He left with a smile on his face when our raffle winner Peter donated him the raffle prize of a piece sheoak and block of jarrah.

After his visit he was off to Manjimup to meet with their group. We feel it great that our president can take time to get to know the people who help make WAWA what it is. This year so far we have had good numbers of members attending and entering the weekend workshops. It is our intention to have strong representation throughout the year.

Seven of our members had a good day out at the Wandi workshop - all enjoyed the demonstrations. We had nine entries in the competition and Colin Valli picked up two third places in the novice with Trevor Flynn taking out first in the intermediate. Well done.

On Wednesday 21st March nine members visited club member John Imrie's farm in Wilga. He demonstrated how to cut logs with his Lewis Saw. We were all amazed at the amount of wood John had on the property, next time I think we need to take a couple of trucks but had to be happy with a ute load of English oak. Thanks John.

As always our kitchen king, Trevor, kept us well fed. He was ably assisted by the kitchen prince, Ken Morgan. The lamb chops came off the farm.

We were fortunate enough to have Neil Turner call in on us and give us a demonstration on correct use of tools, plus he gave us some hands on tuition.

Competition winner for March was Colin Valli.

Things are well in hand for our weekend workshop in August. We in the process of obtaining a mini lathe for our raffle. Competition piece will be a standing clock no restrictions.

Our raffle master, Robert Ingram, and his wife are currently caravanning around Australia - we wish them safe travelling as they enjoy the sights that are on offer.

Unfortunately only four members were able to travel up for the Swan workshop but, pleased to say, did well in the competition with Trevor Flynn coming third in the intermediate section as well as third in the popular vote. Ken Morgan came third in the novice.

Well that's it for this edition ... and remember 6 of the seven dwarfs aren't Happy.

Dave S

GOSNELLS GOSSIP

Wednesday 28 Feb being a demo day featured Chris Sioulas at the lathe. Chris started with a 3 -corner bowl up to the sanding stage continued with a jewellery box also up to sanding stage and finished with a demonstration of inside-out turning. A masterful performance! Now I want to know why it takes me most of a day to produce any one of these articles while Chris did the lot in under 3 hours.

Show and tell on this occasion was dominated by the fullsize replica of a British phone booth, like the Tardis but painted red and less roomy inside. The replica was constructed by Kevin Cheetham, Rob Woodward and Colin Truscett to serve as a library for the local Community Garden Project adjacent to the College. Perhaps closer to our hearts Ivan Moro presented a bowl in liquidambar beautifully finished as usual.

Peter Manchee offered a bowl with a wave-form edge on 7th March nicely finished in she-oak

and Chris Smith showed a nicely decorated bowl. Trevor Shaw showed his cake stand which sparked off a discussion of design proportions. Ivan Moro showed a simple offset chuck together with some examples of work performed in the chuck.

March 21st show and tell brought out a selection of the Group's entries in the cake stand competition with Ian Hamilton's first place Novice entry in cape lilac with faux copper inlay. Well done Ian. Our other Novice entries were Trevor's in camphor laurel and John Atkinson's in sheoak. My own entry in blackbutt and sheoak for Intermediate completed the Gosnell's team.

Additionally, Bill Cooper showed a bowl of well shaped and painted fruit, well done Bill.

Show and tell on 4th April had only one entry, Chris Sioulas with a pair of sheoak spiral inside/out turned candle holders, a challenge for the rest of us.

The rest of April is unfortunately unrecorded due to my inadvertent absence from meetings.

However, I was present for Ivan Moro's demonstration of lacquer spraying. This was particularly relevant as several of us have expressed an interest and purchased spray guns in preparation.

Jim

JOONDALUP-WANNEROO WANDERINGS

March Meeting:

The Half Speed grinder has been purchased and Charlie Totten has mounted it on the mobile stand. The grinding jig has also been fitted and is ready for use. Graham Turner has offered to arrange for the group to purchase a carton of spray lacquer cans for individuals to purchase from the group. The Joondalup Council has been contacted to ask permission to fit a TV Bracket on the wall so that the video system can be set up.

Graham Turner demonstrated the lidded box with finial for the next competition. Graham stated that he rarely works to dimensions so his demonstration was focused on method rather than accuracy. Andy Hill said he was investigating the availability of a pottery hall in the Duncraig Recreation Centre, which has been unused for a long time, as an alternate venue for our group.

April Meeting:

Andy Hill advised he had not received a reply to his enquiry of the availability of the Duncraig Hall. Mike Philips showed how he makes turned fruit items from laminated blanks, including various woods and acrylics. He also showed the Smoking Woodsman he had made. Jeff Gittos demonstrated making whistles and the importance of getting the 'Thipple' in the correct position. He produced three whistles with various tones to the delight of the audience.

March Competition Winners

The competition item was for a Cake Stand:

Novice: 1st Dario Nardi, 2nd John Holsgrove.

Intermediate: 1st Mike Phillip, 2nd Barry Whittaker, 3rd Aiton Sheppard.

Advanced: 1st Geoff Quesnel, 2nd was a tie between Charlie Totten and Tony Collins, 3rd Graham Turner.

April Competition Winners

Competition item was for the Lidded Box with Finial to specified dimensions:

Novice: 1st Dario Nardi, 2nd John Holsgrove

Intermediate: 1st Mike Wickings, 2nd Barry Whittaker, 3rd Aiton Sheppard

Experienced: 1st Andy Hill, 2nd Tony Collins

Well done to the winners and all who entered into the competitions. It's great to see our new members entering the competition and the quality of their work.

Happy Turning from the Joondalup/Wanneroo Group

Frank Visser

MANDURAH MEMO

This has been a relatively quiet period for the last two months.

Lynsey Dunning and his team have nearly finished phase two of the vacuum extraction system.

We have improved our audio-visual system with improved cameras that allow us to make better presentation records and vision.

Our Monday night sessions have continued to be used by our newest lady turners who have been working hard and have enjoyed their work and are improving very well, very good to see.

We are continuing to be looking into starting specialist sessions of segmented turnings, pyrography, piercing and colouring, we hope to invite other groups at special week end sessions. All in the planning stages now.

We had a successful sausage sizzle at the Halls Head Bunnings Warehouse. A hearty thank-you to those who put their time and effort to make it a success. We also put on a turning demo inside opposite the Tool Shop and had many enquiries, Thanks Frank and Mick.

Tuesday mornings are well attended by helpers who put time and effort into turnings and continuing the shed upgrade and then a good break and a chat.

Jon Braine

MANJIMUP MATTERS

Things have been ticking over very quietly in Manjimup so far in 2018. We did have an increase in visitors to our workshop during the recent school holidays, but prior to that it has been very quiet in the Park.

The group celebrated the 18th anniversary of the first official meeting held on 18th April 2000. Prior to that there were unofficial meetings at members own workshops which paved the way for the formation of the group. Our celebration took the form of a very nice morning tea in the club rooms with special cakes on the menu. Unfortunately, none of the inaugural members remain in the club for one reason or another. However, we look forward to an even more special celebration in 2020.

As indicated in our newsletter prior to Christmas, such a lot has been happening in the town. Last week, the Sandra Donovan Sound Shell was officially opened in the Park. This will be the venue for concerts and functions in an idyllic setting.

In addition, the Wellness Centre across the road, has now been completed. The HACC administrative staff have moved in, and it only remains for the 8 respite rooms to be furnished and it will be completed and ready for use. Later on, a commercial kitchen will be installed, and this will be used to prepare meals for Meals on Wheels. Until then, the Hospital kitchen staff will continue to prepare the meals.

The new hospital is nearing completion. The plan is to move in sometime in June. The construction people have pretty much finished the outside of the building, and are currently

working on the interior. Both the Wellness Centre and the new Hospital have been completed ahead of schedule – not a bad effort these days.

For the younger people (and the not so young) a new skate board park has been constructed down in Manjin Park. This is being well used by the youngsters. As expected, there has already been a casualty requiring hospital treatment – it probably will not be the last.

This year, we did not attend the Balingup Small Farm Field Day. For once we did the right thing, as it was a shocker of an afternoon – thunder, lightning and heaps of rain. That is one thing the organisers have no control over.

With winter coming up (hopefully), we can expect activity in the Park to slow down even more. Despite that, our members will take advantage of a very efficient wood fire to keep us warm.

Yvonne

MELVILLE MUTTERINGS

21 Feb – Monthly “hands on day under the guidance OF Frank Dymond in creating a small model racing car incorporating At least one of the devices he discussed two weeks ago. Members present enthusiastically attacked the challenge with generally creditable results achieved although those who didn’t complete the project took them home for completion & later presentation on the S & T Table. S & T was presented by ???

28 Feb – Milton Rundle took the lathe to demonstrate his approach to create a single tier Cake stand which is the competition item for the next week-end workshop. The result was an attractive design, created by Milton & gave members thoughts for their own individual creations. S & T was undertaken by David Rechter in the form of a critique on members cheese platters entered in the Group’s W/E workshop held at Wandi earlier in the month highlighting design modifications which, IN HIS OPINION, would improve the overall functionality of the items. This item also included a number of cars/animals from Frank Dymond’s session & incorporating basically cams to achieve some movements i.e. heads nodding, bodies bouncing & in the case of animal tails wagging etc. overall a good example of Frank’s ideas being expanded very creatively.

7 Mar – Ian Ludham today gave members a comprehensive introduction to the router in respect to the scope of jobs that this versatile tool can be utilised in respect to woodturning & other general woodworking projects emphasising tool versatility & also the need for safety procedures during use since they operate in extremely high RPM ranges. The range of accessories available for various applications was also explained. Overall a very informative presentation Ian. S & T was undertaken by Philip Vinden.

14 Mar – Today’s programme kicked off with a very interesting & detailed address by member Anne Morro, a who is a highly qualified hospital theatre nurse & qualified on the purpose of our defibrillator or AED (Automatic Emergency Defibrillator) followed by a step by step procedure for its operation on a patient & also a short video repeating/demonstrating the process on a simulated patient. To summarise, a very well explained & generally easily understood life saving device which also monitors the operators techniques & verbally gets the operator back to the correct procedure. Extremely well presented & understood by all present from our VERY WITTY Ann but hopefully there WILL NOT be occasion for use of the device. This was followed by a detailed presentation from David Rechter on our newly acquired band saw with emphasis on the safety features incorporated in the newer machines BUT the need for careful use in its operation to ensure members do not put fingers etc at risk. S & T was undertaken by Geoff Saw

21 Feb – Monthly “Hands On activity with the chosen item being skipping ropes c/w handles. The usual enthusiastic approach although not everybody completed their item which were to be brought in on the following Wednesday. As usual no S & T on these days.

28 Mar – Norm Gratte took the lathe today to demonstrate his secret in creating a small lidded box with a finial fitted in the lid together with a mysterious “POPPING SOUND” heard when the lid was lifted. This requires very close attention in the finishing stages with frequent & careful testing to achieve the sought result/sound. It will be interesting to monitor future S & T entries to note which sounds/notes/keys were sought/achieved by our musically inclined members. S & T was capably presented by Robin Spence.

4 Apr – Quarterly “housekeeping” day to discuss issues raised by the WAWA Committee of Management & within Group domestic matters. Generally a lengthy discussion but overall each matter discussed & resolved. This was followed by a presentation by Graham Padgett presenting his life story from an early age in the UK to teenage years with his first “adventure” with a friend to Germany to experience Oktoberfest & later “spread his wings” visiting neighbouring European countries. In later years he undertook a motoring trip through European/Asian countries finally arriving in WA in 1972. Later he returned to the UK but the call of the West persisted with he & his wife returning in 1979. Quite a varied life but appears to have now taken root in WA. S & T was ably presented by Bill Pow by the wearer.

11 Apr – James Murray took the dais today to explain & demonstrate his approach to creating jewellery on the lathe, today targeting ladies bracelets/bangles. As a start, he emphasised necessity to determine the size of the wearers wrist to ensure comfort. This was followed by an explanation of various designs/styles he used – segmented, contrasting bands, inlays etc together a number of home made jigs for mounting in the chuck to enable creation of the chosen design. He emphasised that care with measurements etc was necessary to enable a pleasing effect & circulated a number of the finished items for inspection. Overall a very well prepared & presented address. S & T was undertaken by Chris Hughes.

18 Apr – Monthly “ Hands On “ day with the chosen item for the day being confectionary bowls for our annual project/donation to aged care homes residents & always gratefully acknowledged . The usual enthusiastic participation & organiser Norm G reports that numbers donated are steadily increasing but “more are always required so keep up the good work”.

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SWAN SNIPPETS

Back to basics with hands on days is our continued theme. Different methods of sphere turning have been demonstrated and practised. It is good to see the newer members receiving tuition from the more skilled.

We were privileged on March 13th to have Robbo Robertson visit our club. Robbo is an extremely experienced production turner and is also the owner of Cobb & Co Woodturning, based in Victoria. Robb gave us a half hour tuition on how to remove tear outs and then his process on the application of U-Beaut Shellawax products.

Ian Moss demonstrated the next competition item. A Lidded Box with finial as per the drawings supplied by WAWA. Ian had already done a truly lovely practice piece at home and as normal Ian’s demonstration was smooth and inspiring, resulting in 12 Lidded Boxes in our club competition in April. The measurements and drawings for this box have resulted in much discussion and second attempts of turning.

The bowl of fruit competition for May was broken up into a couple of weeks demonstrations by a few of our skilled turners. Great to see our members being really involved. A fruit bowl and turned banana followed by a pear, apple, cherry and lemon were demonstrated so expect some lovely bowls containing fruit for the next competition.

Our show and tell table always creates good conversation with many helpful suggestions given and received. Swan now has sixty members so we should be able to fill a table with show and tell.

Easter Family Night at Bunnings Midland was a good night for turning for a few of the Swan group. A couple of tables of finished items were displayed on our new group table cloths and many turned give-a-ways were enjoyed by children and adults. A couple of people showed an interest in coming along to our club to observe and maybe join. Good outreach.

Swan Group Competition Winners:

Cake Stand: Advanced 1st Don Clarke, 2nd Bruce Shephard, 3rd Brian Kirkby
Intermediate 1st Mary Byers
Novice 1st Peter Sucksmith, 2nd Brian Mather, 3rd Tony Crowder

Lidded Box:

Popular Vote

Novice: 1st Eckard Setzinger 2nd Michael Stronach 3rd Brian Mather
Intermediate: 1st Elison Corstorphan 2nd Lindsay Ford 3rd Mary Byers
Advanced: 1st Brian Kirkby 2nd Bruce Shephard 3rd Joe Clark

Winners by Measurement

Novice: 1st Eckard Setzinger 2nd Brian Mather 3rd Michael Stronach
Intermediate: 1st Elison Corstorphan 2nd Mary Byers 3rd Lindsay Ford
Advanced: 1st Joe Clark 2nd Bruce Shephard 3rd Brian Kirkby

Well done to all the winners. Grow your skills with repetition

Mary Byers

Special Interest Groups

EMBELLISHERS

The inaugural meeting of this group at The Woodturners facilities at Wandi on 7th April commencing at 10am was attended by 8 members with apologies from several others with other commitments on the day.

The meeting started with a show and tell with an amazing collection of embellished wooden items showing skills of turning, carving, piercing, pyrography and Dremel embellishment. As well' the group was shown items that highlighted different means of embellishment on wood work. This cover painting, airbrushing, textures of carving, sand blasting, wire brushing and piercing etc.

The next meeting will be a hands-on with members using modelling paste and paints as a form of embellishment on turned wood. The members decided their next meeting would be held at

Wandi starting at 9am and finishing at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the Wandi meeting of the 'Embellishers' where the group will decided on the next exercise and time and place for the next meeting.

Bob Filby: Group Leader (rwfilb@bigpond.com) 08 9419 6086

Robin Campbell: Group Scribe (sievol1@bigpond.com) 0410 024 475

RESINATORS

More than 20 members of WAWA met at Melville's new clubrooms at 1pm on Easter Saturday for the inaugural meeting of Resin Users Group (aka "Resinators"). After a very successful show and tell through which 8 members discussed various aspects of their use of resin – including difficulties and highlights of their encounters with it – the group decided to meet again at Mandurah on Saturday 28th April at 9am for a full day finishing at 3pm.

This will be a hands-on meeting and each participant is asked to bring along a piece that they would like to use resin on for decoration or repair and whatever resin they have or have used. The group will then discuss what could be done with each piece before going ahead and doing it.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Mandurah meeting when the next set of activities for the group will be discussed.

Ian Ludford: Group Leader (ian.ludford@gmail.com)

Robin Campbell: Group Scribe (sievol1@bigpond.com) 0410 024 475

SEGMENTED MOB

The Segmented Turning Interest Group is up and running. It is the brainchild of Syd Harvey (Melville) and the idea was first announced, together with two other interest groups (Embellishing and Resin Use) by President Jim Cameron at the Wandu Workshop in February. To date 13 members have joined up and it is understood that others are interested.

At short notice five members gathered at Syd's industrial unit in O'Connor on the morning of Sunday 25 March. To kick things off there was discussion, in very general terms, about what members want to do. Another similar gathering is intended quite soon, after members have been back to their Groups to prepare themselves and start making up segments to bring along with them.

Syd is convening the group and Aiton Sheppard (Joondalup/Wanneroo) will act as scribe. There are some skilled segmented turners amongst the various Groups of WAWA – Syd Harvey (Melville), Jeff Gittos and Swarajpal Jabbal (Joondalup/Wanneroo), and there may be others.

Anyone interested in joining the "Segmented Mob" should contact Aiton <shepap@bigpond.com> and he will add your details (Name, Group, Phone and Email) to the contact list.

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ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR 2018 -2019

Notice is hereby given that, at the A.G.M. of WAWA on Saturday 15th September 2018, an election will be held to appoint a new Committee of Management.

Nominations for the vacant positions must be lodged with the returning officer by 5.00pm. on the 31st July 2018.

The following officers retire as at the A.G.M.

President:

James Cameron

Committee:

Barbara Jennings

Laurie Sutton

Peter Cunnington

Alex McLachlan

These four retiring committee members are eligible for re-election.

Continuing committee members for 1 year:

Norman Hoskin till AGM 2019

Bruce Jackson till AGM 2019

Joe Clark till AGM 2019

Syd Harvey till AGM 2019

Alan Andrews till AGM 2019

Rod Cocks

Returning Officer

*THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF
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**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2018 - 2019
NOMINATION FORM**

I Membership No.....
(Nominating Members Name)

Wish to nominate

..... Membership No.....
(Name of proposed office bearer)

To be elected to the office of **PRESIDENT*** **COMMITTEE MEMBER***

*Cross out whichever does not apply

At the election to be held on Saturday 15th September 2018

I second the Nomination

Name of seconder..... Membership No.....

..... (Signature of Seconder)

I, the undersigned, hereby declare I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not have a criminal conviction for an offence involving fraud or dishonesty as described in section 39 (1) of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

I accept the nomination and agree to serve if elected.

.....
(Signature of proposed Office-Bearer)

Date.....

NOMINATIONS CLOSE WITH THE RETURNING OFFICER at 5.00 pm on 31st July 2018

NOTE: I will accept Nominations Forms by Email provided they have been validly executed.

Returning Officer: Rod Cocks 25 Valle Court, Wandi WA 6167

Email:- craftimports@iinet.net.au

Competition Results

WAWA at Wandu March 2018

Competition Item: single tier cake stand

NOVICE

1. Ian Hamilton
2. Stewart Parkinson
3. Colin Valli
4. John Atkinson

INTERMEDIATE

1. Trevor Flynn
2. Geoff Quesnel
3. Lynsay Dunning
4. Mick Bishop

ADVANCED

1. George Parke
2. Frank Evans
3. Charlie Broadbent
4. Colin Smith

OPEN

1. George Parke
2. Frank Evans
3. Charlie Broadbent
4. Colin Smith

MOST POPULAR

1. Frank Evans
2. George Parke
3. Colin Valli
4. Geoff Quesnel

Swan April 2018

Competition Item: lidded box with finial, to measurements

NOVICE

1. Lex McLachlan
2. John Quartermaine
3. Ken Morgan
4. Bernard Boycott

INTERMEDIATE

1. Jim Ronald
2. Jock Macfadyen
3. Trevor Flynn
4. Domenic Italiano

ADVANCED

1. Frank Evans
2. Charlie Broadbent
3. Norm Gratte
4. = Rob Snowden, David Rechter, Barbara Jennings

OPEN

1. Frank Evans
2. Charlie Broadbent
3. Norm Gratte
4. = Barbara Jennings, Rob Snowden, David Rechter

MOST POPULAR

1. Frank Evans
2. David Rechter
3. = Trevor Flynn, Colin Truscett
4. = Rob Woodward, Peter Briggs

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS
AND PLACEGETTERS**

Diary Dates

Workshop dates and Competition Items

For 2018

May 19th - Mandurah

Turned fruit bowl with 5 pieces of fruit, fruit must fit in bowl & cannot be painted.

June 16th—Avon (Toodyay)

Hand held mirror, Diameter of mirror greater than 150mm.

July 14th—Gosnells

Matching pair of goblets, min height 150mm, max height 200mm.

August 18th—Collie

Clock, not a wall clock

September 15th—Wandi

Pedestal: maximum height 800mm

October 20th— Joondalup/Wanneroo

Bowl with feet: max height (incl feet) 80mm, max diam 330mm. Feet may be carved or manufactured.

November 17th— Busselton

Pair of travelling candlesticks and container as per photos distributed (and on the web site)

WAWA

Shopping Centre Displays 2018

21st to 26th May: Bull Creek Shopping Centre

18th to 23rd June: Kardinya Shopping Centre

3rd to 5th August: Wood & Craft Fair, Claremont Showgrounds

27th Aug to 1st September: Forrestfield Shopping Centre

13th to 18th October: Southlands Shopping Centre

22nd to 27th October: The Park Centre, Victoria Park

5th to 10th November: Waterford Plaza

26th Nov to 1st December: Phoenix Park Shopping Centre, Spearwood.

The following may be contacted for information or if you would like to join the team.

Brian Fowlie 9310 3161

Neil Piper 9399 3723

Geoff Saw 9354 1562