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Committee News



President's Forum

CHRISTMAS WINDUP

The day was a great success, so much so, we've booked the venue again for next December. Our thanks go to all of you who supported the event. As in all programmes a lot of work is done behind the scenes and my thanks go in particular to Phil Berrill for

organizing the trophies. Once again to Derek and Doris whose jobs ranged from printing the tickets to the very last minute printing the voting slips, collecting prizes etc. etc. Many thanks.

AWARDS

During the festivities I had the privilege of presenting an Award of Merit to Joe Hegney and Life Memberships to Derek Pollard and Kevin McCracken. These three gentlemen are outstanding members of our association and thoroughly deserved this recognition. We also had 70 witnesses that Joe can be rendered speechless!!!

WOODWORKING COURSES

These courses will not be taking place in 2008 owing to a number of factors. One, the current instructors will not be available all year. Two, Alan Roberts who has worked tirelessly for the past two years, is actually taking time off to tour Australia from 1st May for eight months, and won't take me!!! Those of our members who have attended these courses all speak highly of the quality of instructors our thanks go to Robert, Jack and Gordon for sharing their expertise with us.

We also gained 14 new members, which alone made the effort worthwhile. Our deep gratitude go to Alan and Kelvin for the huge contribution they have made to the association.

WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

Collie has agreed to host a one day workshop on March 15 this is the first time for a while that Collie has been in a position to help us in I would ask all of you who attend the weekends to support them. The caravan park will have plenty of powered sites but no cabins. Phone 9734-5008.

My thanks go to all the unsung heroes who work so quietly for their groups you are the backbone of the association.

Jim Stitfall

Shopping Centre Display News

We finished our year with a display at Centrepoint, Midland and it has been a good year. I wish to thank all those who have had a part in the displays this year. Our efforts have contributed just over \$4,533.00 to WAWA's bank balance this year. Joan & myself pray that the year ahead will be happy, healthy and peaceful for all of you.

Sen Nicholls.

2008 Perth Royal Show Creative Crafts Exhibits

There has been a decline in the number of exhibits of wood craft over the past few years. Exhibits at the 2007 Perth Royal Show totalled 10 compared to 107 at the 2003 Show!

A number of reasons for the decline have been suggested, in particular there has been a distinct lack of promotional material made readily available to wood turners and other past exhibitors. The organisers thought that all crafts persons would be scanning the internet searching for the information, enabling saving a few dollars in printing costs. It is also suggested that there is a conflict of timing of shows, with many of our members preferring the Wood Show competition.

Why not recycle the exhibits to both shows?

I have made arrangements for copies of the schedules of exhibit classes to be mailed direct from the Perth Royal Show to each of WAWA's groups as soon as they are available. They can be presented at the regular group meetings. I will let the groups know when they are published.

If there are any queries or suggestions please contact me.

Bruce Johnson - Member 279 - Tel: 9527 3079 e-mail: brucetj@westnet.com.au

Bruce Johnson

Million Puppets Project.

Why not get all the family involved?

Puppets of all sorts, sock, hand, rod, finger, junk, glove, shadow, marionettes, etc.

These are from all over the world, and to be displayed at the Perth Concert Hall on 6th. April 2008.

Organised by the "Spare Parts Puppet Theatre", they are hoping for over One Million Puppets, to create a record, and to promote human values of peace and mutual understanding.

For further information go to:www.millionpuppets.com

Post puppets to reach PO Box 832 Fremantle WA. 6959 by 21st. March 2008



<u>f</u>ditor in Chief

I have copped some criticism regarding t h e d e l a y s experienced by members who receive their magazine via the post. Len, in his letter to the Editor

has voiced an opinion probably shared by quite a few members, and I will respond as best I can.

The savings made by WAWA in having the magazine emailed is considerable and everyone knows that electronic communication is instant while waiting for the printer and mailing house takes much longer, there isn't much I can do about it.

The main reason for the delay is unfortunately down to me. Without going into sob stories about work and family commitments which I'm sure all members quite readily understand I do the best I can to get each edition out in time to reach the printer and then be delivered in time so that the Weekend Workshop programmes are relevant. As I have alluded to, I can't give any guarantees that this will be the case with every edition.

Having said all of this, if there is a member who would like to take on the role which I find quite enjoyable they should get in touch with either myself or the COM.

As always, members who would like to receive the magazine via email can send me an email on <u>kelvin.r@bigpond.net.au</u> with your name, membership number and the email address you would like to receive the magazine at.

Regards

Kelvin Robinson



Membership Registrar's Bit **NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome to the Association the following

new members: 2280 Tim Sebbens 2281 Rosalie Sutton 2282 Alana Criddle 2283 Byron Foster 2284 Colin Criddle 2285 Bryant Rose Cheers

Kev Treasure

GOSNELLS WILSON KARRINYUP VIVEASH KARRINJUP

BUSSELTON



the Editor

Thank you.

I would like to thank Toni Wilson of the Bunbury Group and Dennis Haddon of the Busselton Group for their remembrance session for my late husband Brian at the Bunbury Group Weekend Workshop held on November 17th 2007, and a big thank you to all who have comforted me with cards, flowers, visits, love and caring during a very sad time for me.

Hancy Launer (395)

Dear Kelvin,

It was disappointing not to receive my copy of the Newsletter prior to the WAWA Christmas function, but I was no orphan, it seems those with E-mail get preferential treatment. On reading the Newsletter I was further disappointed to read Lachs comments regarding the "soft toys". After seeing what was brought along on the Saturday I think Lach would realise he had misjudged the WAWA ladies.

Very little was said about the toys and I think it was a pity that Lach wasn't given the normal opportunity to say a few words as this is one of WAWA's big efforts for the year.

Len Nicholls (#559)

2007 is over and done with and we are now into a new year of competitions.

In retrospect, 2007 was a very good year for the competitions but my feeling is that it could have supported many more turners. The Association has about 600 members and yet there were only about 60 regular entrants in the whole of the year! Admittedly, there is the more senior section who have done it all before and there are our country cousins who cannot attend due to the distances involved. But this still leaves a lot of members who turn at home and at their groups, many of whom who have no desire to enter the competitions for one reason or another or enter only when the comp item is suitable for them.

It is this latter group who enter once or twice a year that should be looked at in regard to their category placings. At this point it should be noted that no individual is being targeted! Comments from our members would be most welcome on the subject that members who have been in the Association for over a year (or two) should have gained enough skills to have them automatically promoted from Novice to Intermediate and possibly Advanced based on their acquired turning ability.

All members have the option of self advancement. But very few do this, so it is felt that some of these members should be promoted regardless, especially from Novice so as to give the newer members, the real novices, a fair go.

With the start of a new year competition on the horizon, now is the time to set some guidelines for the luture.

John Mason 1625

Competition Items

Competition Stems for 2008

- February . Desk Set comprising of a Base with a turned Pen and two matching removable bowls (for paper clips etc) A pen trumpet is acceptable. it is also acceptable to add extra items if desired. (eg, clock, calculator) but the minimum requirement must be maintained!
- March . . . Nut Cracking Bowl featuring an anvil in the centre of the bowl and a matching mallet. Size unlimited.
- April.... Salt and Pepper Mills Novice, Pepper mill only. Matching Pair for Intermediate and Advanced. All (including Novice) to be exactly 200mm high excluding the mechanism knobs
- May Money Box unlimited design and size. Must have feature to remove the money. (and to put the money IN).
- June.... Chisel Handles A matching set of three handles on a presentation rack. John Mason

They will be 200mm, 250mm, 300mm long and match in timber, shape and design

- July Bowl...with a wide rim featuring Embellishment. Carving is excluded. Maximum dia 300mm Overall maximum height 80mm
- August... At the Working with Wood Show. Clock - Free standing mantle model with insert clock or mechanism.
- September Cup and Saucer Life size
- October . . To hold Pot Pourri. Free standing or hanging. The lid (if used) will be a wooden one of your own design. Purchased lids are not acceptable. Size unlimited.
- November. Bud vase Matched pair. To have an exact height of 180mm.
- December. Best Item turned in 2007 that has not been previously judged at an Association Workshop.
- February . Square Edged Bowl. All four sides to be a perfect square. Minimum 120mm Maximum 180mm measured from the flat edges, not corner to corner.

John Mason,

Competition Co-ordinator



Results Association at Bull Creek. 8th December

2007

BEST 2007

ITEM TURNED IN

The End of Year function and competition is like a Free for All where the members can enter the item of their choice and this is usually their favourite item of turning. This was shown in the variety and quality of the items entered. Space and fairness to all does not allow me to comment on individual entries, suffice to say they all deserve an

honourable mention and any one of them was worthy of a podium place. However, there are only three placings in each category and the Judges, Neil Piper, Len Nicholls and Joe Clark did a sterling job in spite of cursing me for giving them a most difficult job, for which I thank them most sincerely.

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NOVICE:

1st	John Attwater
2nd	Bruce Jackson
3rd	Sam Round
4th	Tom Callaghan

INTERMEDIATE

1st	Steve Mutsaers
2nd	Gerry Quesnell
3rd	Jim Hanney
4th	Norm Gratte

ADVANCED

1st	Chris Smith
2nd	Graham Lewis
3rd	Phil Berrill
4th	John Mason

OPEN - PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

1st	John Attwater
2nd	Chris Smith
3rd	Steve Mutsaers
4th	Bruce Jackson

POPULAR VOTE

1st	John Attwater
2nd	Steve Mutsaers
3rd	Chris Smith
4th	John Mason

John Mason,

Competition Co-ordinator

2007 Accumulated Points Competition

In this comp, there were some positions that were very close and the November comp decided the placegetters. Consistancy in entering was a deciding factor in some of the categories and if some members had entered a few more times, the results could be a lot different. I encourage our members to enter as often as possible in 2008 and beyond.

NOVICE:

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1st	Bruce Jackson
2nd	Michael Whitehead
3rd	Harold Worth
INTERMEDIATE	
1st	Buster Bailey
2nd	Jim Hanney
3rd	Maurie Munro
ADVANCED	
1st	John Mason
2nd	Barry Robins
3rd	Phil Berrill tied with
	Graham Lewis

POPULAR VOTE

1st	Chris Smith
2nd	Barry Robins
3rd	Buster Bailey

OPEN

(KEITH STOUT MEMORIAL TROPHY)

1st	Buster Bailey
2nd	Phil Berrill
3rd	Jim Hanney tied with
	Dennis Haddon tied with
	Barry Robins

John Mason

Competition Co-ordinator

Competition News

FEBRUARY COMPETITION ITEM

The comp item for the February workshop is a "Desk Set, comprising of a base with a turned Pen and two matching removable bowls (for paper clips etc.) A pen Trumpet is acceptable."

Following suggestions and questions from various members, it is acceptable to add extra items if desired. (eg, clock, calculator) but the minimum requirement must be maintained!

And a reminder that the March comp item is a Nut Cracking Bowl featuring an anvil in the centre of the bowl and a matching Mallet. Size unlimited.

All the best to all members for a great comp year in 2008.

John Mason.

Competition Co-ordinator

News from the Groups

Bunbury Bites

Wednesday, 7th of November our show and tell night, MC was Jim Cunniff. Stan (Biggles) Zieba showed beautiful Mulga salt and

pepper grinders. Toni Wilson came with a carved seahorse and and bird from her recent collaboration in Sydney, she also had gorgeous yorkgum burl bowl. Ted Norrie must be as tough as old boots as his latest offering was a black Wandoo bowl which must have needed a diamond Cutter.

Toni Wilson gave a talk on pyrography for embellishment on turnings, not all turners like embellishment but for those that do it gives reign to your imagination on relatively plain pieces of wood. Discussion took place about the competition item of a natural edged bowl for the Bunbury weekend workshop and it was pointed out that there is a right and wrong time to harvest timber if you want to keep the bark intact, you must take the timber

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when it's at its most dormant period and not actively growing.

November 17 to 18th was Bunbury weekend workshop and we think it a success was guaranteed by the mountain of work done by Toni Wilson and husband Ross, whom I think ought to get an honorary membership. Many thanks to the demonstrators who always make this weekend's worthwhile. I must mention Viv Paust and Ivor Bridges who attended a n d demonstrated after several medical problems. I have to mention our own Jim Cunniff who is the clubs



latter day Julius Sumner Miller (why is it so?) I can imagine Jim as a small boy at school in the biology class prodding at a green tree frog trying to work out how it can jump so high and Pee at the same time. Jim demonstrated his spinning tops and had us enthralled as he produced top after top from his "Dr Who's" phone box (pardon the pun) but each one topping the last. There are lots of people who work to make weekend workshops a success and I was impressed by the amount of time the three judges, Milton Rundle, Viv Paust and Les Small put into judging the prolific natural edged bowl presented to them. I think in the end they were counting flyspecks on them just to get a winner. And I know they were absolutely incorruptible as this writer offered each one of them \$3.00 and a can of diet Coke for a certificate but none of them could be bought.

Those that stayed for the Sunday bus tour were well rewarded with lunch and time spent at the Dardanup Heritage machinery park with its immaculately presented antique machinery and workshop items, and the impressive dairy that milks 1000 cows up to three times a day (and I thought that milk came from cartons) rounded off by time spent at a local winery and cheese factory.

December 5 was our windup Christmas evening with wives and partners invited in is a no woodturning night with members to bring in any hobby or other thing they make, is also our awards night.

Ted Norrie – most show and tell. Haydn Matthews – (John Shinnick Award) best Turner and most improved. Lyn Poli – most improved new Turner. Bob sparrow – most attendance and Toni Wilson best club person. Apparently when Lyn Poli is not woodturning she makes gingerbread houses. I will promise the club that I will bring some fruit in for the members if Lyn brings in some gingerbread. Jim Cunniff brought in some exquisite lace work done in carved cork, collected on his travels. Allan Jones came with samples of his beautiful nature photography.

I wish all Woodturners past, present and future a rewarding and fulfilling 2008

Gee Pee

A fetter From Busselton

The October, November and December period was very exciting for our Group and amongst the highlights were:

BUSSELTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW

There is a Competition/Exhibition in Woodwork associated with this venture and is our major woodturning promotion activity in this Region. In the Competition itself Ray Batt, Tom Mazey and Charles Broadbent each had notable successes. The promotion consisted of two days turning demonstrations and at the same time appraising the public of the activities of WAWA and our Group in particular. We have already had two visitors to our Workshop activity following the Show and we hope they eventually join us.

PROMOTIONS IN OUR WORKSHOP

About thirty members of the Murdoch Probus Club visited our Workshop in early November and saw Charles Broadbent demonstrate turning small objects together with Tom Mazey promoting the activities of WAWA. Charles turned a small Goblet, which the Probus Club will raffle amongst its members to raise funds for their own activities. Their visit was featured in the Busselton Times and we have sent our Newsletter editor a copy of the feature for this publication. Added to this was a presentation given to children from the Capel Primary School...nearly thirty young children their teachers and some parents were in awe of the Charlie Broadbent turning Christmas trees, small Goblets and spinning tops. Charlie was ably assisted by Tom Mazey promoting the activities of WAWA and the Busselton Group in particular'

WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

Our most recent hands-on project has been a little different. The project item was a 'Tumble Down Doll'. This is a small doll approximately 130 mm tall and 75 mm wide at the widest point, when completed the doll is pushed over and it then immediately rights itself. The October session was for each team to turn as many of the dolls as possible while in November the weight was added which would enable the doll to stand up again. At the latter session Jane Armstrong, a folk artist and Michael Whiteheads sister, showed us how to paint them. On Thursday 29 November the dolls were presented to the Shire President, Wes Hartley in his capacity as a Pastor of the Uniting Church. Wes will make arrangements for the dolls to be given to underprivileged children in the Busselton Region.



DEMONSTRATIONS

We now have a 'Chaplain' who, during various our activities, encourages all those present to remain directly in line with the lathe spindle at all times. This just goes to reinforce the wisdom of accepting Gerry's offer in offering his services to intercede on our behalf to a higher authority whenever the occasion arises.

The November demonstration night saw three relatively new demonstrators conduct concurrent

demonstrations. Owen Isbell turned a small box; Michael Whitehead did a small undercut bowl and Ken Littlefair a lace bobbin and a duck call. Each demonstration was well received and we appreciate the thought each of them put into their respective project. Ken's duck call was a classic and should be among the 100-woodturning items that every Woodturner should see before they die.

On 12 December, we again tried something knew. Graham Lewis an emerging demonstrator on Weekend Workshop circuit and featured in two DVD's from the Association visited us to present how he turns a

GROUP COMPETITION

November's item of a Natural Edged Bowl saw a great deal more support. There were six entries and we were fortunate to have Tom Callaghan from Mandurah assess each of them. Tom's valuation was well received from all present. The results saw Tom Mazey gain the most votes followed by Michael Whitehead and Charles Broadbent third. Six members of the Busselton Group submitted entries at the Bunbury Weekend Workshop with every one of them receiving at least one place over all categories. Our Group generally follows the WAWA format. The exception being that on competition night, members select their first, second and third choice on a 'Popular Vote' basis. All members are categorised into Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners, depending upon their perceived level of skill. The Beginners Category is restricted to people who have been a member of WAWA for three years or less. At the end of the year awards are given in these various categories. Winners for 2007 were Popular Vote, Tom Mazey, Advanced also Tom Mazey, Intermediate, Michael Whitehead and Beginners, Barbara Jennings. Also we congratulate Dennis Haddon and Michael Whitehead who gained prizes at the Annual Awards on 8 December. Like the Association competition, our Group just can't seem to get enough support for the Competition notwithstanding that those who do make an effort are rewarded for their efforts.

END OF YEAR FUNCTION

Paul and Jill Mundy hosted the 2007 end of year barbecue and award presentation. This was a huge success with twenty nine members and partners enjoying the night. The Group thanks Paul and Jill for opening up their home for this function.





Collie Chatter

After many years of not having a weekend workshop conducted in Collie, it has been agreed to have a one Day show in COLLIE on the 15th March.

The venue will be at the North Collie

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hall, which is situated at the Northern end of Princep Street.

Princep Street is the first street on the left hand side as you enter Collie from the South West Highway.

The usual sausage sizzle will be available for lunch for those wishing to buy same.

Hoping to see a good roll up for this day

Max Rutherford

Collie Accommodation Guide

BED & BREAKFAST

Coalandria House B&B, 53 Steere Street, Collie.

4 dble rooms delightfully furnished with antiques. Upstairs balcony have lovely views over Soldiers Park and nearby Collie River. Self contained unit downstairs with kitchen and ensuite bathroom. Ph: 0897 241063 Don 0439600670

Whispering Pines B&B, Rowe Street, Collie. 10% Seniors Discount. Whispering Pines with rambling gardens is situated on a few acres of bushland bordering the Collie River. Private jetty & canoe available for guests use.

Ph: 0897 343883 Mobile: 0439 989345

Blue Wren B&B, Booth Street Collie. 10% Seniors Discount. Quiet rural location on the northern edge of town.

Phone 97347939

FARMSTAY/HOLIDAY HOME

Collie View Holiday Home, 12 View Street Collie

A comfortable three bedroom house, with plenty of space for couples or a family. Full cooking facilities, patio & laundry. 2 double bedrooms and one room with a single bed & set of bunks

Ph 97345598 Mobile 0429 398 207. Jen 0417182538

Glen Mervyn Farmstay, Off the Collie Preston Road, near Glen Mervyn Dam, 18km south of Collie Four bedroom, two bathroom house suitable for families or small groups. Lovely location near Glen Mervyn dam and Bibbulmun Track

Ph 0428 395 328

CARAVAN PARKS

Collie River Valley Tourist Park, Porter St Collie

Powered Sites, Cabins with ensuites, linen supplied (sleeps 4) Cabins without ensuites, linen supplied, Budget On Site Vans, linen supplied (sleeps 6)

Ph: 0897 345088 Mobile 0412 095 234

MOTELS

Banksia Motel, Wittenoom St, Collie. Swimming Pool/BBQ area. Ph: 0897 345655

Collie Ridge Motel, Throssell Street, Collie.

(Self-contained with kitchen & spa) Ph: 0897 346666

Club Hotel/Motel, Forrest St, Collie. Ph: 0897 341722

Collie Motel, Throssell Street Collie. Motel units, Restaurant. Ph (08) 9734 1166

BUDGET ACCOMMODATION

Banksia Lodge, Throssell St, Collie Ph: 0897 345655

Collie River Valley B&B, Throssell St, Collie Breakfast included in tariffs Ph: 0897 341676 Mobile 0409885180

HOTELS

Premier Hotel, Forrest St, Collie.

All ensuites/aircond/tea/coffee. The Tirano Bar Restaurant also has alfresco dining. Ph: 0897 341899

Victoria Hotel, * Throssell St, Collie

Accommodation upstairs, nicely restored hotel rooms, no ensuites. Ph: 0897 341138

Crown Hotel, * Throssell Street, Collie Budget accommodation, no ensuites. Ph: 0897 342021

Federal Hotel, Throssell Street, Collie Budget accommodation. No ensuites Ph: 97342010

* It should be noted that these hotels have a late licence on Friday & Saturday evenings and noise could be experienced.



Gosnells Gossip

Happy New Year. To all at W.A.W.A. From Gosnells.

We finished the old year, always a hectic time for everyone, we had an enjoyable demonstration with Jack deVos who

showed us his hollow forms, always a joy to watch, but when it comes to trying it is a different story.

We have a new sound system but we did have a few teething problems, we would like to apologise to Jack and thank him for putting up with it, we now have the problem sorted out.

Our convener went all out this year and organised a Christmas party to equal all others, we would like to thank his wife Mary for her support in this, she even helped dress Santa's fairy, she was a sight I can tell you, ask our convener he knows!(it was him I think).

At the club we are doing well as can be seen from the competition results, we are in the throes of encouraging more of the junior members to

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Novice comp on the night.....

1st, Jim Hill. 2nd, Brian Hall. 3rd, John Lewis

Convenor's Trophy (judged by wives and partners of members)

1st, John Mason . 2nd, Tom Callaghan. 3rd, Jeff Tills

Novice Accumulated Points

1st, John Lewis. 2nd, Jim Hill. 3rd, Dick Reddell

Open Accumulated Points

1st, Maurie Munro. 2nd, Buster Bailey & John Mason. 3rd, Bruce Jackson

Popular Vote Accumulated

1st, Buster Bailey, 2nd, John Mason. 3rd Maurie Munro

The Bob James Most Improved Award, Buster Bailey

The Idwal Mace Encouragement Award, Terry Pickersgill

All the very best wishes to all of the Association members and their families for good fortune and good health in 2008 from the members of the Mandurah Group.

Regards to all

Points

John Mason



Manjimup Matters

The Manjimup group is enjoying a recess over the festive season, but will resume normal activities on 23rd January. Prior to the

break, we held our traditional wind up BBQ – this year we actually held two. This allowed us to invite people who have been a great help to us during the preceding 12 months.

The Cherry Festival held in Manjimup in early December was a great success. For us there was a change in routine. In the past we have held day long demonstrations outside the Tourist Information Centre. This year we were unable to do this. Instead, we re placed in the Town Hall amongst the Fine Furniture display. This proved to be a big draw card to the many townspeople and visitors who came to the Festival. Our members enjoyed the interaction with the public, and we were pleased with the interest shown. Once again

compete.

As for juniors we now have two young lads who are coming on very well, hope they soon can enter the comp, thanks to their parents for there support.

Well this is a short news letter this time, we are back all fired up and ready for the new challenges to come, very busy now organising the February workshop which is looking like a good one again, hope you can all come and we will see you all there.

The club now has a lathe surplus to our needs it is as follows:

Durden gap bed (removable piece to increase swing). Out rigger, Chuck, Long bed, On stand with wheels \$1000. to club members.

Can deliver in metro area if required.

Alan Andrews

A Memo From Mandurah



Another year over ! The past 6 months has been quite busy with the move to our new premises and a couple of outside demos.

Our year culminated in the End of Year function on December 6th. We had the pleasure of the company of our President, Jim Stitfall and his wife Merle as our guests.

Throughout the year we ran comps in Novice, Open and Popular Vote and had cumulative points for these categories.

Our function was held at The Clansman Restaurant in South Yunderup where we had the top floor all to ourselves, along with an open bar !! The food was great as was the service. Many thanks to Frank, Jan and the staff.

It was also our awards night and here are the results.

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a couple of potential members made themselves known to us – hopefully they will follow through with their interest.

2008 is the centenary year for Manjimup, and over the year many special functions will be held to celebrate this. We have been invited to demonstrate at the Manjimup Agricultural Show in March, and the Quinninup Markets in October, both of which

are offical centenary functions.

Also in March we are set to host a visit by the Collie group. Toni Wilson has kindly offered to be the demonstrator on the day, and our members are looking forward to the event.

Yvonne Sengrum



Melville Mutterings

It looks as if our search for a new home is finally bearing fruit! Melville City Council have sent us lease documents

for a possible tenancy at the former Melville Primary School and subject to our proposal for the use we shall make of the premises being accepted we could be in occupation sometime in the new year.

Our November/December program was as follows:-

7th Nov –Norm Gratte should us how he turns a bowl with the inside hollowing turned with an offset of 10mm. He mounted a blank with a flat planed face on a screw chuck and turned the outside shape completely to a very high standard. Norm then proposed to mount the bowl in a fairly large cage with one side flat to receive the base of the bowl and the other with a hole large enough to enable him to hollow out the bowl when it was set in the offset position. Norm assured us that the bowl could be held securely in the cage by means of the four long bolts which clamped the bowl in the cage which was attached to the lathe by means of a chuck centred on the flat end of the cage.

Unfortunately Norm was unable to finish his demo as the cage proved to be too large in diameter for the lathe he was using and in trying to force it onto the thread of the headstock he stripped the thread of the wooden chuck he was using however he explained the process and we all got the idea.

14th Nov- Alan Smith gave a most interesting talk on iron and the various types of steel and how you should deal with them and in particular how to sharpen high speed steel tools. We all learned a lot and most importantly Alan said that if we were sharpening our chisels properly we should not quench them as it could make the steel brittle.

21st Nov – This was hands on day and Joe Hegney started it off by showing how you should make the item of the day- a bud vase as per a plan. Wooden blanks were provided by Norm Gratte and Ron Oliver and the members of the group did the rest. This format is both popular and useful in particular to new members.

28th Nov – We had a visit from Suzanne representing the RAC who gave an excellent presentation on the road rules and got us all to show our ignorance of them. She also gave useful advice for those of us coming up to the road test age of 85 on the test and what it was designed to do.

5th Dec – Roger Metherell gave us a very timely demo on how to make Xmas trees, snowmen and snowwomen. Roger's snowmen were complete even to hat and balloon on a stick.

12 th Dec – Ron Oliver demonstrated how to turn a very elegant oval shaped table lamp by using a wedged shaped split turning. Ron's very full explanation of this technique was most informative.

The group closed their year with a lunch at the RAAF Association dining hall where we had an excellent meal followed by a most interesting talk and slideshow given by Berkley Allen on a trek he led in 1988 on foot from the mouth of the Prince Regent river up river for 14 days through country which was previously explored by Lt. George Gray in 1888.It had been the objective of Gray to trek to Perth but this was



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abandoned and his expedition ended at Broome. Berkeley's party's trip was undertaken to commemorate the centenary of the Gray Expedition and ended at Panojam Station after having covered 150miles in very rugged but beautiful country. The party was then airlifted to Broome.

At the conclusion of the talk Joe Hegney was presented with a Certificate of Merit for his service to the Group and to the Association as a demonstrator and teacher. The presentation was notable as it was the first time any of us had found Joe lost for words. The award was well deserved as Joe is invariably available to demonstrate and to help any of us who ask him for assistance.

The presentation to Joe was followed by the award to Kevin McCracken of Life Membership of the Association for his long service to the Association as organizer of the Shopping Centre Sales Group.Kevin continued to lead the Shopping Centre Group until just recently long after his health had deteriorated to the extent that a lesser man would have thrown in the towel.The award is richly deserved.

Don Gunn

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Swan Snippets

The Swan Group's 20th Anniversary Exhibition at the Bank Gallery in Midland was certainly the highlight of the . The City of Swan Mayor,

Cha rlie Gregorini, officially opened the exhibition on Thursday evening November 8th in front of 84 members, guests and visitors. Everyone commented on the layout of the exhibition and the quality of the exhibits. In all, 152 items, entered by over 30 Swan members, were on show. Over the 4 weeks, a record number of people visited the gallery, which was manned each half-day by 2 or 3 members. Swan members should be proud of themselves for their efforts. It was well worth all the hard work.

Meanwhile, the Group continued to hold its weekly meetings with a variety of demonstrations and meeting formats.

EVENING MEETINGS:

On Tuesday 13th November we had a Gizmo and Gadget night. John Attwater showed the jig he used to make the large wheel of this Spinning Wheel (a 19th Century replica). Other gadgets included Jim Clarke's inside measuring tool and Richard Barkman's measuring device for his Woodcut Truegrind sharpening system. These evenings are quite informative and they do pass information down the line.

The "Turnfest" on 11th December was also a break from the usual evening format. Four lathes were on the go, with teams making a goblet to a drawing. Members were a bit hesitant at first, but once we began turning and got used to using other people's tools and a strange lathe, everyone started



to enjoy the exercise. Good results were achieved with 3 goblets completed (but not to specifications). The fourth ended up a miniature. David Devereux even used what was left of the timber to almost finish a lidded box. It was great to have Gavin Wenham from Sydney visit again. All in all it was a very good night to finish the year.



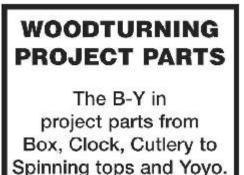
AFTERNOON MEETINGS:

6th November: Eric Walker gave us a double barrelled demonstration - a whistle attached to a rattle. He worked on the rattle first, cutting off the blank that he had shaped earlier with a spigot to hold it into the chuck to make the bottom. He then reversed the blank that was left and used the spindle gouge method to hollow out the rest of the rattle, making sure that the pieces fitted well. Eric took one he had already glued with popcorn in to give the rattle, then fitted that rattle back into the chuck to make the whistle on the handle end. He bored a 10mm hole then roughed it down to mouth size, cutting a "v" shape in the whistle end and parted off. He made a fipple out of a spare piece of timber, cutting it at a slight angle to give it the whistle sound . It worked! It always does with Eric's demos. (Very hard to explain though.)

The 20th November meeting was a "hands on", the first we had for the whole year. I was late arriving,

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but Eric Walker and Jim Clarke got the members organized and we had a good meeting – A session like this reminds us how tools should be used properly. The next Tuesday afternoon it was my turn to face the crowd.

I demonstrated a darning mushroom (a useless article in the 21st century, but people still want to buy them). I had timed the demonstration to one hour but went on for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. I can't help it if I'm talk too much, but I have broad shoulders and can take the abuse and they can wait for their tea and biscuits.

The final meeting of the year was a success, thanks again to Eric Walker, who filled in for a late cancellation. I rang him to ask him to bring some tools for a last minute hands on, but he came up with a "What am I Doing Wrong?" demonstration. This developed into the great debate about the Skew versus the Spindle Gouge, easily filling the hour. Eric is one of those people who can be counted on and always comes up with something informative and useful. Thankyou Eric.

That's it for the year. Swan Group starts off the new year with its Trophy Presentation Night on January 19th 2008, then our first afternoon meeting on Tuesday 22nd.

Chrisand Judith Allen



Wandi Waffles

We did it !!!!!!

To quote Reece Witherspoon in her role as Elle Woods in Legally Blond, "We did it!!!". Thanks to all who helped in the mammoth task of building

shelving; erecting walls; fixing secure gates; making new benches; transferring all the equipment, large and small; donating materials; feeding the hordes with delectable cakes and scones, as well as sorting out the equipment.

There are simply too many names to mention. So, once again a very BIG THANK YOU. May I also take this opportunity to thank all who kindly donated money to assist in the cost of the move. There is still a lot to do, and while labour is free, materials are not. So if you are able to make a donation to the 'building fund', it would be very much appreciated.

NOVEMBER CLUB NIGHTS

A festive atmosphere clung in the night as the 'inaugural' meeting took place. A sack full of members, standing room only, were beautifully entertained by Marie Gallon and Alan Roberts who took centre stage and whittled away to create effective Christmas decorations. Marie's "tree" was adorned with a variety of attractive banksia baubles; each trinket displaying her playful, animated, vivacious, colourful, glistening personality. Emphasis was placed on having fun and more importantly wearing protective gear, especially using an effective mask to prevent inhalation of fine banksia fibres. Correct rubbing of the bevel, ensured a shimmering finish. Alan's Father Xmas also took shape rapidly which then allowed us all to feast ourselves on the splendid array of items brought in for 'show and tell'.

November also saw us being entertained by Gordon. Adorned in his 'gay Gordon gear', a gorgeous bright purple pinafore, (I want one!!) his 'one-liners' amused us all as he showed us how to prepare and repair a damaged chair. This involved patching the area with a 'heavy duty plastibond' material, followed by a lengthy drying process and then careful, precise mixing of a variety of powdered colours to replicate the original surrounding natural timber. Special thanks, especially as Gordon had been feeling queasy and was bed ridden for most of the day.

SHOW AND TELL

From curvaceous, almost skeletally thin miniature bowls to monstrous phallic objects from the navy boys (complements of Tim), each item befitting a first prize in any competition, we gorged ourselves on the fine craftsmanship of each item on display at our 'new abode'. Ron Yates, thinking Christmas had come early, oozed enthusiasm as he introduced and praised all items. From new comers George and Myrtle with their She-oak lamp and lidded bowl, to Elaine's delightful secret ring box, and Ted's first display item, a striking piece of Goldfields' burl, I believe from a Griffiths Grey Gum; to Willie's jarrah cheese bowl, the list is endless. For me, 'la piece de resistance' was Gerald Young's irresistible mounted sphere masterfully garnished with a plethora of astounding pyography (I'm sorry the artists name escapes me). It was absolutely spectacularly unbelievable. Thank you to all who brought in their items.

DECEMBER CLUB NIGHTS

Following a wonderful slide show and talk presented by Jacquie Sprogoe on the art of making enamelled jewellery, club members and their partners relaxed and enjoyed a festive atmosphere and a bevy of food thanks to the superb 'behind the scene' organization of Jill and Brenda and all those who brought 'a plate'.All in all, the club has had a very productive, fulfilling and sometimes

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challenging year. I'm sure each member enjoys the kinship, the sharing of ideas and knowledge, the cups of coffee and chatter and great atmosphere that exists.

May you all have a truly wonderful, rewarding 2008. See you at the next club night on January 17th.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP

Mushrooms were sprouting energetically following the guest appearance and demonstration from Elaine. The various colours emanating from the apricot wood kindly donated from Kelvin were amazing. Some ladies busied themselves with creating Christmas gifts – chiefly pens, snowmen and Christmas trees, and others enjoyed the guidance and encouragement from Marie and Alan, our resident cheer squad, as they made a variety of bowls, lidded containers, egg shapes and more mushrooms.

Daphne

Wanneroo/Joondalup Journal



Whilst we only meet once a month and follow the general format of other groups -demo, comp, and show-and-tell --the nights are full of good humour and very informative. Our demonstrations are only

plan ned a month ahead and there is no shortage of volunteers.

Participation in the monthly competitions is up this year with in the novice section and twelve in the experienced. Ron Swarbrick took the honours from Terry Ahern in the novice division. Others to poll well were Keith Higgins, Trevor Cockcroft and Charlie Totten. It was good to see the standard steadily improve throughout the year. The experienced section was keenly contested with our first ever dead heat. On a count back Tony Collins edged out Kevin Bryant [even though Kevin is our competition organiser]. Lach Christie was well in the mix - but kept taking holidays.

On a sad note, we lost a member who has been mentor to many of us. Dick Morley lost his struggle with cancer in October. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a tribute to him.

The sadness goes on. Suddenly, on December 8, Les Taylor passed away. Les started the Wanneroo/Joondalup group and was the driving force for many years. He organised many a wood gathering day, was first to volunteer when there was work to be done and was a prolific and competent woodturner. He will be missed not only as a very active member but also as a true gentleman and a friend.

Corkscrew

Bereavements

In Memory of Dick Morley

On October 2 2007 Dick Morley lost his long and determined fight against cancer, and WAWA lost a wood turner of the highest calibre.

Dick was one of the very early members of the Association [number 59] and initiated formation of the Mandurah group. Four years as their convenor and two years on WAWA management committee was only a start to his many years of devoted service to our Association. He was creative and thorough, a fountain of knowledge which he had a talent and willingness to share. He did many demonstrations and a lot of teaching over his twenty-something years with us.

He moved to Sorrento in the late 1990s. He then joined the North of the River group, and later Wanneroo/Joondalup and attended his last meeting 3 weeks before he died.

Dick will be remembered and missed by all who knew him for his willingness to assist anyone who required his help. His workshop was always open to everyone, and he personally invited every new member of the group to come to his home and receive individual guidance in the art of woodturning. Future new members will be the poorer for being unable to benefit from his experience.

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PINE PLANKS

Almost 1 metre wide 75mm thick quite long. In the Bassendean area. Any offer, perhaps a contra deal of a product turned from the timber.

Contact Kevin on 9378-4656 or 0404-060-729



Message to All Members

Ross Wilton, our esteemed treasurer hasn't enjoyed the best of health lately but is making steady progress towards health and fitness.

Despite several notices in this magazine and representations by the President and the Committee of Management a successor hasn't stepped forward.

Ross has recently advised the Committee of Management that he maybe able to complete this current year and would be able to train a successor (should the training be necessary) for the remainder of this year, taking over the full duties as at the Annual General Meeting.

Please give the position of Treasurer some thought and contact either Ross, Jim Stitfall or any of the Committee of Management with their nomination it would be appreciated. It's time to give Ross a well earned break.

The Technical Desk



JOSEPH P. HEGNEY

VARIABLE COUNTER BALANCE

Over the years I have tried many devices to counter balance off centre work. Although many did work,



they felt uncomfortable to work with. These were usually over or under weights, screwed or bolted to sticks or discs with many leaving an air space revolving close to the work

I then developed what I consider the ultimate variable device which can be made in a size to suit your own requirements.

I used the following:

- 1. Two thin metal discs about 200mm in diameter and about 1.5mm thick.
- 2. One thicker steel disc the same diameter but 5mm or more thick.
- 3. About 12 metal thread screws about 6 mm.

Method

- 1. Drill a hole in the centre of the two thin discs large enough to slip over the headstock screw of your lathe.
- 2. Drill a hole in the centre of the thicker disc large enough to clear the back of your scroll chuck. (I cut mine about 75mm diameter)
- 3. Cut the thick disc in half.
- 4. Firmly attach one half to each of the thin discs with your metal screws.

To use

- 1. Place one disc on the lathe with the weight against the lathe side.
- 2. Place the second disc with the weight facing your scroll chuck.
- 3. With the scroll chuck just loose, rotate the discs until they counter balance your work. Tighten the scroll chuck. These weights can be re-adjusted as required. This enables you to turn unbalanced work at a faster speed You can balance the work piece to an acceptable balance with just a little practice.

By using different size discs and thicker or thinner weights, one can vary the counter balance to suit your own particular need. My discs weigh about 2 kg over all.



Malcolm Munro

Dec 2007

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Convenor:	. Charles Marsh (ex- fairy)
Master of Ceremonies:	Derek Beer
Host(s):	Gosnells Group
Safety Officer	

Competition Item: Desk Set comprising of a Base with a turned Pen and two matching removable bowls (for paper clips etc) A pen trumpet is acceptable. it is also acceptable to add extra items if desired. (eg, clock, calculator) but the minimum r e q u i r e m e n t m u s t b e maintained!

PROGRAMME

- 8:30am . . Registration & Fellowship
- 9:00am . . Welcome & Announcements
- 9:10am . . Demonstration Jack de Vos and Gordon Ward.
- 10:00am . Morning Tea (Members please bring a plate.)
- 10:30am . Demonstration continues.
- 12:00pm . Lunch Hamburger with salad and sauces \$5.00.
- 1:00pm . . Demonstration with John Mason.
- 3:30pm . . Afternoon Tea
- 4:00pm . . President's Forum
- 4:15pm . . Show & Tell please bring items of interest
- 4:30pm . . Competition Results we must thank John Mason for all the work he does for us!
- 5:00pm . . Pack up, Clean up, Load the Wagons, Plenty of Assistance, Please. Can as many of you stay behind to help clean up.

Once again we would like to we come you all to this workshop and hope you all enjoy the day.

There will be 2 demonstrations we are having The Jack DeVos and Gordon Ward show, this should be a lively mornings entertainment for all.

A short break for lunch with the delicious hamburgers and salad.

We then have John Mason who is playing it close to his chest and not letting on just exactly what he will be doing!

This year the raffle is (run by Alison Smith), so bring your pocket money as this year it is a big one thanks to her efforts, the tickets on sale by the door are: 1 for 5 or 3 for 10.

The major prizes have been donated by Timbecon who have supported us yet again, so please return the good will and support them when you can, if you could also let them know you are from W.A.W.A. Something I always forget to do!

A big thanks goes to all the people behind the scenes who make this a most enjoyable day,

Rod Cox who puts in a lot of time for us, The video and sound people and the cooks on the barbecue and the tea room.

Competition News

FEBRUARY COMPETITION ITEM

The comp item for the February workshop is a "Desk Set, comprising of a base with a turned Pen and two matching removable bowls (for paper clips etc.) A pen Trumpet is acceptable."

Following suggestions and questions from various members, it is acceptable to add extra items if desired. (eg, clock, calculator) but the minimum requirement must be maintained!

And a reminder that the March comp item is a Nut Cracking Bowl featuring an anvil in the centre of the bowl and a matching Mallet. Size unlimited.

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Master of Ceremonies:	
Host(s): Gosnells Group	
Safety Officer	
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	RMATH



Arbortech

There will be a display of Arbortech equipment in the workshop area for woodies to view, discuss and try. This will be available throughout the day.

Workshop Theme:

Off centre/Multi centre turning

PROGRAMME

- 8:00am . . Set-up
- 8:45am . . Registration & Fellowship
- 9:00am . . Welcome & Announcements
- Introduction of Arbortech Rep 9:15am . . Roy Lundy: Off centre turning
- 10:00am . Morning Tea (Members please bring a plate.)
 - Competition Voting Commences
- 10:30am . Alan Smith: Multi centre turning.
- 11:30am . President's Forum Ron Goodson: My turning in retrospect.
- 12:00pm . Lunch Hamburger & Salad \$5.00. Supplied by the Atwell Scout Group.
- 1:00pm . . Competition Voting Closes Joe Hegney: An off centre hip flask.
- 2:00pm . . Ken Rex: Spider turning
- 3:00pm . . Afternoon Tea
- $3{:}30pm$. . Norm Gratte: Off set platter
- 4:15pm . . Show & Tell

Competition Results 5:00pm . . PACK UP - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK Ladies Programme ---TBA.



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WEEKEND WORKSHOPS **GOSNELLS GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP**

When: 16th February 2008 Where: Wandi Community Centre De Haer Rd, Wandi

COLLIE GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

When: 15th March 2008 Where: Collie Hall, Northern end of Princep Street Collie

MELVILLE GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

When: 19th April 2008 Where: Wandi Community Centre De Haer Rd, Wandi

MANDURAH GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

When: 17th May 2008 Where: TBA

WANNEROO/JOONDALUP GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

When: 21st June 2008 Where: TBA

SWAN GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

When: 19th July Where: Kalamunda

AGM & WANDI GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

When: 20th September 2008 Where: Wandi Community Centre De Haer Rd, Wandi

AVON GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

When: 18th October 2008 Where: Toodyay

BUSSELTON GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

When: 15th November 2008 Where: Busselton

WAWA CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

When: 13th December 2008 Where: TBA

WAWA SHOPPING **CENTRE DISPLAYS**

COCKBURN GATEWAYS SHOPPING CENTRE

When: Monday 4th - Saturday 9th February

Where: Beeliar Drive & Northlake Road, Success

THE KWINANA HUB SHOPPING CENTRE

When: Monday 3rd - Saturday 8th March Where: Gilmour & Chisholm Ave, Kwinana Town Centre

NORTH BEACH SHOPPING CENTRE

(To Be Confirmed)

When: Monday 7th - Saturday 12th April Where:

KINGSWAY SHOPPING CENTRE

When: Monday 5th - Saturday 10th May Where: Wanneroo Road & Hepburn Ave, Madeley

The following people may be contacted regarding Shopping Centre Displays:

Len Nicholls - 9339-6490 Neil Piper - 9496-3722 Jim McDonnell - 9294-3511 (Rosters)

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