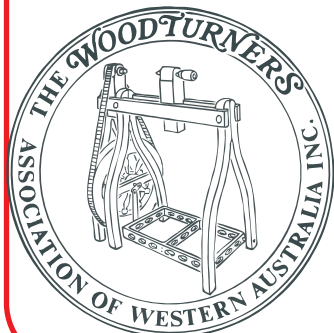
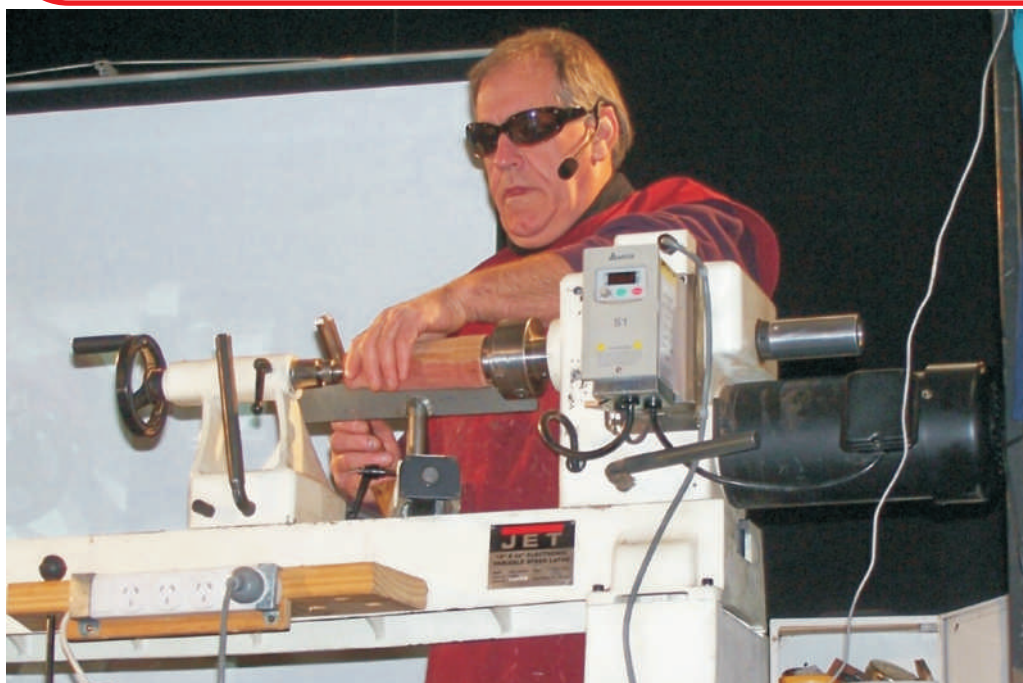


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Heroic Effort

Bob Napthine - Legally Blind gives an enthralling demonstration in front of more than 100 people at the Swan Weekend Workshop in Kalamunda.

Now that is unforgettable, see the full story in Swan Snippets.

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AVON VALLEY

Wool Pavilion Showground Toodyay
7:30pm 4th Mon 9:00am 2nd & 4th Sun

Max Heath 9574 2069

BUNBURY

Cathedral Grammar School, Gelorup
7:00pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Tom Brixey 9731 5261

BUSSELTON

Agricultural WA Building cnr Queen St & Marine Tce, B/ton
7:00pm 2nd & 4th Wed, 10:00am - 4:00pm Sats

Tom Mazey 9754 1818

COLLIE

Various Home Workshops
9:15am - 4:00pm Last Sunday

Ken Hands 97343299

GOSNELLS

Huntingdale Community Hall, Holmes Street H/dale
8:30am - 12:30pm Wed, 6:30pm - 9:30pm Thurs

Chris Smith 9490 1409

JOONDALUP/WANNEROO

Wanneroo H/S, Paltara Way, (Design & Tech Dept.)
7:00pm 2nd Wed

Charlie Totten 9349 2028

MANDURAH

Baden Powell Hall, Cnr. Elizabeth & Anstruther Streets
2nd & 4th Thurs: 6:00pm for Short Club Meeting &
Demonstrations

Every Thurs: 7:00pm - 9:00pm Hands on Instruction.

Beginners & Experienced turners welcome

Frank Evans 9534 2914

MANJIMUP

The Shed, Timber Park
9:30am 2nd & 4th Wed

Noel Gersbach 9777 1626

MELVILLE

Melville Rec Centre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy
9:00am Wednesday (excluding School Holidays)

Geoff Saw 9354 1562

MUNDARING

Old Parkerville Primary School, Dura & Riley Rds,
Parkerville 7:00pm Friday

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Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd, Wandi
7:00pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays
8:00am - 12:00pm Wednesday (Hands On)
12:00pm - 4:00pm Wednesday (Ladies Group)

George Sharpe 9419 5922

Presidential Pronouncement

By the time this report reaches you another A.G.M. will have passed, and it is my privilege to report on the last year.

I have been supported by a strong C.O.M. and look forward to our combined efforts to help our association grow.

It has been very pleasing to me to notice how the members of the C.O.M. have risen above being club representatives, and have worked hard for the good of the association as a whole.

At the hub of this committee has been the incredible duo of Doris and Derek Martin. The time and effort spent on the new handbooks, the printing of our new handout leaflets, and their input into any task asked of them has been outstanding. Getting two for the price of one was the best move I made all year!!!

There are many people to thank for their contribution to the success of the past year and in no particular order but with a big thank you:

The shopping centre group for the work they do in promoting W.A.W.A and the substantial contribution they make to our funds.

John Mason competition Co-Ordinator for his ability to keep every member and who enters a competition happy!!!

There Registrar Kevin Treasure for keeping an membership list so spot on.

Our Magazine Editor Kelvin Robinson for his innovative ideas, and for having such a thick skin when the magazine runs late!!!

The Librarian Phil Berrill for his input over the last four years. The library trailer, and the increase in the content of the library are a direct result of Phil's efforts. I am delighted to announce that Myrtle Sharpe has volunteered to take over from Phil, with the aid of George doing that towing.

Our video librarians Derek and Doris.

Tony Boschman for persevering with a website.

Marie Lathwell for keeping an experienced eye on the weekend workshop kitchens.

The Gosnells group for their efforts at the wood show. They provide a window to the general public. The association always secure some new members from the Woodshow.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the members of the groups who work hard for the betterment of their groups and the Association.

Weekend workshops, all groups are to be commended for the way the workshops have run this year, with a special thank you to Collie for their

effort. The job of workshop coordinator has become very easy!!!

Jim Stittfall

Registrar's Ramblings

Subscriptions

Hi All

Well its that time again when subscriptions are now due, the COM have again decided to keep the fees the same as past years \$45.00, cheques made out to W.A.W.A. can be forwarded to me (**see inside front cover for address**), or if you are paying via Bankwest direct debit please ensure you supply your membership number and name. In previous years we have had payments from Bill ?? Sue ?? and partners names and some were even left blank. this has caused quite some inconvenience to the Treasurer, myself and to the members themselves after their membership was terminated in error.

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Thanks and please renew as soon as possible, membership subs must be paid before December 31st 2008.

New Members

We would like to welcome to the Association the following new members:

2315 .. Denis Rubery Byford
2316 .. Alby Johnson Armadale
2317 .. Grant Topless Pinjarra
2318 .. Chris Topless Pinjarra
2319 .. Dave Schaller Calista
2320 .. Lindsay Waideman Manjimup
2321 .. Sue Spacey Manjimup
2322 .. Robbie Norton Mandurah
2323 .. Ann Day Bunbury
2324 .. Marie Robins Roleystone
2325 .. Chris Ball Mt Pleasant
2326 .. Dave Harwood Spearwood
2327 .. Chris Whelan Mt Pleasant
2328 .. Mark Enright Westfield
2329 .. Jarrad Brown Byford

Rejoined

2183 .. Mike Spacey Manjimup
Cheers

Kevin Treasure WAWA Membership Registrar

Announcements

AWARDS at recent Scout Function

Julie Boaler a Wandie member and her husband Keith both received an Outstanding Service Award for over twelve years service.

Doris Martin, current secretary for WAWA received a Distinguished Award for over sixteen years service.

At the AGM held prior to the above Derek Martin, current Vice-president for WAWA was awarded Life Membership of the Scout Association W.A. branch, for long and distinguished service to Scouting.

Letters to the Editor



CHRISTMAS TOYS

Once again it is that time of year when I hope members will be able to arrange to make some time to put together toys for our annual donation to the

various charities. Perhaps some convenors will consider the plan we are adopting at Joondalup-Wanneroo. We intend spending our next meeting making toys for the whole evening with members taking home any unfinished work for completion.

Then for our November meeting we are having a "Best Toy" competition with all toys to be donated to the appeal.

I hope some other clubs may adopt a similar program

Lach Christie

Competition Items

Oct . . . 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.

Nov . . . Bud vase - Matched pair. To have an exact height of 180mm.

Dec . . . Best Item turned in 2007 that has not been

previously judged at an Association Workshop.

Here is the proposed competition list for 2009, designed to be within the capabilities of the Novices, yet challenging enough for the Intermediate and Advanced turners and also able to be fairly judged! Your comments and/or suggestions are welcome on any or all of these items. However, there will be no variations or changes after December 31st, 2008!! So, if you have anything to offer, please do so by then as no changes will be made after that date. Any and all comments/suggestions/changes should be made to me, preferably in writing, (but we can talk about it).

My thanks to Jim Hanney for his assistance and valuable input.

Feb . . . Square Edged Bowl. All four sides to be a perfect square. Minimum 120mm Maximum 180mm measured from the flat edges, not corner to corner.

Mar . . . Candlestick as per published design (Page 19) to exact measurements. Reproduced with kind permission from Nick Arnall and Woodturning Magazine (# 169).

Apr . . . Goblets, Matching in all respects. All to be exactly 150mm high. Set of two for Novice, Set of three for Intermediate, Set of four for Advanced. Goblets only, no trays, racks etc.

May . . . Inkwell and Inkwell holder to be all wood, with an old style pen with a nib or a quill pen which is also made of wood.

Jun . . . Fruit in a Bowl, Five different pieces of fruit in a bowl. Fruit to be coloured, all pieces to be realistic and average life size.

Jul . . . Lidded Honey Pot and Honey Dipper. Maximum size of the bowl and lid, 150mm h x 100mm w. Dipper to be proportional.

Aug . . . Double Bowl, To feature two overlocking (interlocking)(figure of 8) bowl recesses. Unlimited size

Sep . . . Needle Cases, Set of three 70mm, 90mm, 110mm, matching in shape and timbers.

Oct . . . Thin Wall Bowl, 150mm to 160mm high x 180mm to 200mm wide. The bowl walls to be as thin as possible. A correspondingly thin base would be desirable, but not mandatory. (Variable measurements are to allow for any movement in the wood).

Nov . . . Hanging Christmas Decorations, Set of Four. Upside down Finial type. Not necessarily matching, no colouring. To be presented on a stand, board or tree.

Dec . . . Best Turned Item made in 2009 that has not been previously judged at an Association Workshop.

Jan . . . No workshop.

Feb . . . Natural Edged Bowl with a Lid. The lid to be set inside the bowl away from the

natural edge.

John Mason, Competition Co-ordinator

Competition Results

Swan Group

July Weekend Workshop.

19th July 2008

Embellished Bowl

A very well supported competition with 18 entries, nine in Novice, two in Intermediate and seven in Advanced.

As is becoming the norm of late, the variety of embellishment was as varied as the assortment of timbers used although Jarrah and She Oak were popular choices with a number of the bowls. Very good to see that the ATD (attention to detail) is being observed. The tool work, finish and polishing was exceptional on most of the entries and this in turn made the judges' job that much harder which is what is wanted. The judges at this workshop were Bill Arbery, Ivor Bridges and Milton Rundle to whom I thank very much.

John Mason, Competition Co-ordinator

Novice:

- 1st . . . Vince Triglia
- 2nd . . Bruce Jackson
- 3rd. . . Peter Povey
- 4th. . . Tom Callaghan

Intermediate:

- 1st . . . Sam Round
- 2nd . . Maurie Munro

Advanced:

- 1st . . . Ray Batt
- 2nd . . Barry Robins
- 3rd. . . Charlie Broadbent
- 4th. . . Chris Smith

Open:

- 1st . . . Vince Triglia
- 2nd . . Ray Batt
- 3rd. . . Barry Robins
- 4th. . . Bruce Jackson

Popular Vote:

- 1st . . . Sam Round
- 2nd . . Ray Batt
- 3rd. . . Barry Robins
- 4th. . . Vince Triglia

Woodshow

8th - 10th August 2008

Free Standing Mantle Clock

This was better than last year with eleven entries, three in Novice, only one in Intermediate and seven in Advanced. Once again, the variety of design was really impressive. Mentioning individual entries is not usual in comp reports but Jim Hill and Jim Hanney's entries are certainly worthy of special mention without detracting from the others which were, overall, excellent.

My congratulations and thanks to these members for participating in this special comp. My thanks also to the judges, Viv Paust, Jim Clark and Chris Smith.

Also, a very special thanks to the Gosnells Group for making space for the comp entries and my appreciation to Alison Smith for her special attention.

John Mason, Competition Co-ordinator

Novice:

- 1st . . . Jim Hill
- 2nd . . Tom Callaghan
- 3rd. . . Peter Pickering

Intermediate:

- 1st . . . Sam Round

Advanced:

- 1st . . . Tom Mazey
- 2nd . . Bob Nichols
- 3rd. . . Jim Hanney
- 4th. . . Ray Batt

Open:

- 1st . . . Jim Hill
- 2nd . . Tom Mazey
- 3rd. . . Bob Nichols
- 4th. . . Jim Hanney

Popular Vote:

- 1st . . . Jim Hanney
- 2nd . . Jim Hill
- 3rd. . . Tom Mazey
- 4th. . . Bob Nichols

News From The Groups

Bunbury Sites

2nd of June show and tell Jim Cunniffe MC. Jim's sixth sense is so finely tuned that if our show and tell table has 15 items on it he knows who made which piece, how many times they were bounced on the shed floor. It's been said he can tell what type of chainsaw was used to cut down the tree the turned object came from.

Ted Norrie a Queensland Maple platter, beautiful. Bob Sparrow, lovely clock Cape Lilac, this fellow hides his light under a bushel, he is very good.

Special mention should go to John Kemp for his first show and tell which was a perfectly proportioned vase in Camfor Laurel.

Also to Les Davies for his first show And tell item of a Spoon Tree, by the writers estimate would hold 300 spoons. Les has set the bar so high for himself that I think some time in the future we can expect him to bring in a fully turned full scale model of the Eiffel tower.

George Parke showed a three foot rolling pin made from domestic Pear with jarrah handles, this bloke reckons his wife makes the biggest apple pies in WA.

Tom Brixey showed us how in the old days they used Black boy gum to give wood the mahogany look.

Malcolm Target gave the club a demonstration on his making of Huon pine cups and saucers. Malcolm is a true technician and his finish pieces are a delight to behold. It's also rumoured that he has the largest supply of Huon pine outside of Tasmania. I think your mind burgle his shed one night.

2nd of July, Show and Tell stare Stan Zieber MC. Stan has just come back from a two month holiday to North America he said it was a great experience and breathtakingly beautiful in Canada, but it was good to get back home. He brought back some beautiful hand carved artefacts and some clever rare earth magnets that when you throw them in the air they played a tune.

Haydn Matthews a large "ships wheel" nutcracker bowl in Marri and well done too. Marri is still a very underrated wood.

Malcolm Target, a Huon Pine cup And Saucer which he kindly gave away to the first person who

guessed what finish he used on them.

Ted Norrie, cup and saucer in Jacaranda, very nice. Jim Cunniffe presented a miniature dinner set that was so small but the lidded sugar bowl held only one grain of sugar. I am sure that in a prior life Jim used to pick the fly specks out of pepper for a living. Ann Day with her first show and tell for the club a lovely cork oak bowl fully clothed in cork and an egg made from fossilised wood, unusual.

Tom Brixey is now a master pen maker and gave us a glimpse of his latest creations.

A great return to show and tell of Arthur Taylor a venerated the elder statesman member who showed us his ornate and practical wooden pens that are so useful for the elderly and arthritic affected people to use. As usual after Arthur put on his immaculate finish.

Lastly, new turner Dave Featherstone showed his clever "canting" beer bottle, this was shown next to George Parke's "Wavy" drinks tray. I suspect these two may have done a tipsy collaboration together.

Haydn Matthews gave a blackboard lecture on embellishment for wide rim bowls and platters, followed by general input from members. I wouldn't be surprised if some competition items show up with Bullants, false teeth or even toenails embedded in Envirotech on the 19th of July.

18th of July, hands-on meeting of practice turning one Pine for beginners also the making of Aluminium glue chucks. Can't have too many of these. Also a touch up course on the sharpening of tools. As the writer did not attend this meeting he trusts that they did not tell jokes about him.

Wednesday 6th of August Bunbury Woodys hosted turners from Collie and Manjimup clubs. All in there was about 40 members and partners enjoying the 6PM start with a hot soup and a bun with tea and coffee afterwards. As this writer not attend these meetings due to having three hips and two ankles and his bad breath removed at Bunbury regional hospital I have to rely on my spies regaling me with details of the following events. Convenor Toni Wilson although unwell did her usual great job of running the meeting. There was apparently two tables full of Show And Tell presented but I owing to a full evening of events only for looking at. But my spy did mention George Parke who presented several jewellery boxes made of various timbers, apparently these boxes were so "Agricultural" looking that it is rumoured his wife keeps potatoes in them.

Mick Johnson gave a short talk as he showed and explained the benefits and operation of a router guide mounted on the lathe bed for routing flutes on table and chair legs. It was very well thought out and not complicated to use.

Bob Sparrow came well prepared for his talk and demonstration of his "Spiro Carve" machine. Bob has thought past just wood and shows some pretty and interesting designs on aluminium and perspex. Mr. Peter Briggs from Collie club came and demonstrated his new and improved thread

cutting machine, this is a remarkable piece of ingenuity and I hope that W.A.W.A give him due recognition for this clever design.

The programme finished with a well presented talk and slide show and discussion on bowl design. Toni Wilson covered all aspects of inside and outside the square on design and left members stimulated and thinking of making a drawing before starting a project. Altogether a very successful combined meeting.

3rd of September, and extended A.G.M. to try and fill the Convenor and Treasurer's position. Les Davies is our new Treasurer thanks Les. Tom Brixey has saddled up once again as Convener with promised help from vice convenors. I hope all members give Tom all the help he needs for taking on this job again. Thanks Tom.

For show and tell John Kemp one of our newer members had two beautiful pieces, one a small bowl from a piece of "London Plane Tree" from a street in Sydney the other a laminated dish in Carob and Sheoak, beautifully done.

Our "Mr. Technical" Malcolm Target a beautiful Huon Pine platter inlaid with Jarrah that anybody would be proud of. Ted Norrie showed a table lamp from our solid piece of Wattle. Jim Cunniffe showed two small scoops that had been bored rather than turned out, another way of doing things. Tom Brixey brought along a square hole made with a round bit?

After our cuppa and cake Jim Cunniffe gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on designing and turning bud vases. Jim put a lot of thought and time into his preparation. This was most evident with his presentation. The White Board drawings were interesting and helpful in explaining the difference in good and bad design and function (proper base size for stability). The demonstration on the lathe was excellent with the golden rules being covered in Jim's use of the skew chisel admired by all. Members took it all in and forgot about the clock until demonstrations and questions finished, thank you Jim.

Gee Pee

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Busselton Bulletin

8th July Busselton had the great pleasure having Mr. Ian Kealley as quest speaker who gave a very instructive talk and slide show on the timbers of the gold fields and their uses, these including the manufacture of musical instruments. It proved to be a very instructive evening which was well attended and I feel most of us got a great deal out of it. The talk was well supported by samples of woods and first hand experience of Charlie Broadbent. All in all we had a good night. Many of us came away with a lot of new ideas as to the use of these timbers.

9th July we had the expertise of Vince Triglia giving us the benefit of his experience in the art of inside out turning as well as demonstrating how to make a mantle clock of witch he has made a good few. The demo was well put together and it was well received by all and sundry. Vince does not do many demos but when he does it is always a pleasure to see him work.

23rd July the group was organised into 3 teams and set about making skipping ropes for the Christmas toy appeal for the children a lot of fun was had by one and all through not many ropes got completed and Ray Bat was left to finish the rest at home, which he duly did and we finished up with about 10 or 12 ropes to which some other toys have

been added we should wind with a fair number of toys this year for a change. We also had the pleasure of a guest from one of the city groups a Mr. Grahame Lewers who seemed to enjoy the experience.

14th Aug. Ray Batt gave us the benefit of his great experience with a demo on turning a cup & saucer which he performed with attention to detail. The result was a great success and we look forward to seeing the result of his efforts in our local group's competition.

Due to electrical work being done on our usual meeting night we had to put our A.G.M. forward to the following week the 3rd Sept. The meeting was well attended. Tom Mazey was re elected the conveners spot, Gerry Doyle took on the treasury again with Michael Whitehead taking on the secretary's job this is the first time Michael has taken on any office in the group (God help me).

Don't forget to turn up for our weekend workshop in November.

All the best *Busso Scribe.*

Gosnell's Gossip

The branch has been very successful in attracting new members which has returned the branch to solid numbers attending both Wednesday morning and Thursday night sessions.

Instructors are kept busy explaining and demonstrating safety procedures and the practical

skills necessary to turn, to satisfy both beginners and those that have gained some skills.

Noticed Life Member and elder statesman Derek Pollard wielding a bandsaw blade which gathered a small crowd, Derek quite willingly turned the task into an impromptu demonstration followed by a safety talk. Good one Derek. A perfect example of the way the experienced members help newcomers to the club.

Wood show 2008 saw the Gosnells Branch manning their stall for the three days of the show. The team was lead by Chris Smith ably assisted by his wife Alison with Allen Smith, Derek Pollard and Chris Sioulas all worked for the three days. They were assisted by over fourteen other members who participated at various times.

Fine examples of the wood turners craft prepared by Chris Smith, Chris Sioulas, Derek Beer, Sam Round, Derek Pollard and Allen Smith provided a great talking point to engage members of the crowd in conversation and explain the benefits of joining the Association.

Great interest was shown by people from all areas including, the hills, northern suburbs, Melville, Gosnells, Wandi area and even Bunbury. They left with the information pamphlet showing their nearest club all fired up and enthusiastic. Hope they remain that way.

Adding to the attraction of the stand was John Mason exhibiting the Association's August Competition items of a "Clock-Free Standing Mantel model with Insert Clock or Mechanism". The combined displays of skills complimented each other in attracting many inquires from the public and revitalising the interest of those who had a lathe in the shed but had not used it for a while.

A special mention must go to Gosnell's member Chris Sioulas who spent Saturday demonstrating on behalf of the Shopping Centre Group making a number of boxes, the skills and accuracy that he exhibited with his turning prowess amazed his attentive audience. Well done Chris.

Saturday night saw the Honourable Kim Chance in his role as Minister for Forestry presenting awards for the Out of the Woods competition and once again Gosnell's members were at the prize winning

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Chris Smith awarded two trophies

First Prize- Woodturning Plain

First Prize- Novice

Second Prize- Small Treasure

Third Prize- Box

Allen Smith awarded a Certificate

Second Prize- Novice Small Treasure

Congratulation Chris and Allen.

The club competition of a nut bowl closed on the 3rd September.

Novice First Prize Alan Pickersgill

Second Prize Rudy Goh

Third Prize Allen Smith

Intermediate First Prize Derek Beer

Congratulations to the prize winners.

Peter Pickering

Mandurah Memo

Our change to evening meetings and hands on has proved a bonanza for new members. We have gained quiet a few new members including some very young ones. Our experienced members who are teaching the younger ones are getting a real buzz from it. WAWA have promised us a new Vicmarc 175 and this will be a real bonus as we can now instruct on a quality lathe.

We welcomed Frank Evans as our new convener and wish him luck for the New Year.

We have booked into a couple of local show for October and November. The first will be the Garden Show at the Senior Citizens Centre and the second will be the Seniors Expo at the same venue. We are hoping that we get some more members from the exposure at these shows.

Members have spent several days sorting

out club wood at John Mason's property. Some wood deteriorated in the outdoor heaps, these were sorted and good wood kept and other was sold as firewood.

Old saw table and Durden lathe that was donated to the club are to be sold as club members don't require them.

With the increase of hands on tuition the club has bought some new chisels and the novices were commissioned to turn handles for these. They did a good job.

Note: Meeting times for Mandurah. Meet every Thursday 2nd and 4th Thursday. Short Club meeting, Demos and then hands on. All other Thursday 6 - 9 hands on... Frank Evans 95342914.

Manjimup Matters

Activity over the past few weeks has been excellent and we have recently welcomed 3 new members to our group. Mike Spacey has rejoined after a brief absence, and Lindsay Waidemar and Sue Spacey are new members.

Early in August, a group of members travelled to Bunbury. During the afternoon they were guests at Toni Wilson's workshop discussing finishing techniques and products. This was followed by a very social afternoon tea.

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In the evening, we were invited to attend a meeting of the Bunbury group held at Cathedral Grammar. Several members from the Collie group also attended. The Bunbury members treated the visitors to soup and buns before displaying an excellent "Show and Tell". The display included a wide variety of items, and many different types of wood – and probably an equal number of explanations from the owners.

Peter Briggs from the Collie group demonstrated his thread making machine, and Bob Sparrow of Bunbury gave a demonstration with his Spirograph. This was followed by a discussion on bowl design by Toni Wilson. The evening concluded with a very nice supper, before the visitors had to make their way home.

Our annual General Meeting was held in mid August. The election of officers resulted in the following:

Convenor – Noel Gersbach

Secretary – Yvonne Pegrum

Treasurer – Bert Piggott

Equipment Officer – Ron Greenhow

Safety Officer – Joe Spaeth

The local Probus group enjoyed a visit to our workshop on September 2nd. This is a recently formed group in Manjimup, already numbering about 80 members. Only about half that number came on the day, and fortunately not all at once! The group seemed very interested in our activities, and potentially we may attract some of them to woodturning.

Upcoming events include a visit to Collie at the end of October, demonstration at the Framer's Market in mid October, not forgetting the Cherry Festival in December. All members are welcome to participate.

Yvonne Pegrum

Melville Utterings

The Group's activities for July started with a hands on day of toymaking organized by Norm Gratte mainly I think to get some of the less active members motivated to produce toys for Xmas for charity. It was a reasonably productive day and was enjoyed by all.

9th July saw us move to Piney Lakes for the time of the school holidays and the first presenter was Russell Nash who gave an interesting talk on proportion and design which resulted in a lively discussion from the members.

16th July – John Parker was our demonstrator and did his usual excellent job of showing how to turn a square edged lidded container the lid having long stem just to make it more difficult. John came clean at the end and said that the design was not his but was taken from Woodturning Magazine No. 55. I am sure John did it his way and not precisely as shown in the magazine and the end result was very elegant.

23rd July – saw one of our newer members Dennis Platts show how he turned a lamp using a method he had devised for split turning using Jubilee clips to hold the two halves of the turning. I think Dennis might have made his task easier if he had used the old fashioned paper joint to connect his two halves but his idea was interesting and I am sure Dennis gained in doing the demo from the comments made by the group.

30 July 2008

A lively business meeting followed by a presentation by ??? from the Freedom of Information (FOI) office was well received by the



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Group.

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Australia introduced the legislation in 1982, America in 1966 and Sweden in 1776. We sure aren't front runners!

The business meeting resumed after the guest speaker with members expressing concern about the future possibility of premises for group activities.

6 August 2008

Nominations for office bearers closed on July 31 with all positions other than Deputy Convenor filled. The declaration of election will be at the AGM on August 27.

The Group watched another interesting and proficient demo from Joe Hegney. Inside out turning was the subject and Joe made a number of items for display. He demystified the method of drawing shapes as seen from the outside and transferring those shapes to the inside. Les Small did show and tell with some very interesting items. Showing a toy ball and cup Les managed to catch the ball first try. He couldn't be persuaded to do it again.

13 August

Secretary David Rechter reported City of Melville plans for the old Melville School site are now on its website. It seems plans developed to date are to be totally reviewed and a decision may be expected in September. Committee will consider a strategy next week.

Cheerios to members in hospital or indisposed. Jack Adams. Don Gunn. Keith Johnson and Ken Rex.

Len Nicholls announced the dates for shopping centre group displays and commented on how effective the group had been in recruiting members and financial support for WAWA. Len is interested to hear from members who would like to join the group.

George Franz was our demonstrator and he did a very good job making a toy ball and cup. The group hands on meeting is next week and this and other toys will be made. George demonstrated use of the toy and caught the ball first time. He wouldn't repeat.

The notes from 30th July to 13th August were prepared by Richard Leggo and he looks a good candidate to take the job over from yours truly. My thanks Richard for standing in whilst I was in drydock for more running repairs.

20th August This was hands on day more toys were made with I understand some concentration on tops.

27th August Our A.G.M. New office bearers were elected where appropriate and the Treasurer's report was tendered and passed. The committee were asked to report on the possibility of evening meetings and proceedings concluded with a video which I missed as my transport had a prior engagement.

Don Gunn



Despite being dogged by cold weather for events where we welcomed visitors, there was a warm welcome at both the annual Weekend Workshop at Kalamunda Hall on Saturday July 19 and our latest social venture a Hotpot Night at our Gunnuts meeting hall on Saturday August 30.

First to our weekend workshop where members and visitors kept warm with copious cups of tea and frequent trips outside to catch some of the occasional sun on the bitterly cold day of Swan's weekend workshop at Kalamunda Hall on July 19. Despite the inclement weather there was a good turn out, though it was noted that at Tuesday afternoon's subsequent meeting here were ample snuffles from those who caught cold at the workshop.

An interesting day with intriguing demonstrations more than made up for the weather. Once again we were treated to Bob Naphine's inimitable style of turning by feel. With the tongue in cheek title of Seeing is Believing, Bob, who is sight impaired, deftly turned a bud vase. In a running and often amusing commentary Bob explained why his designs are often made on the run even more than his fellow wood turners and why he is particularly wary of sharp edges. He told of once almost unwittingly severing his finger. Until his wife came into the workshop and inquired where all the blood had come from, he was totally unaware of his injury.

(At this point I must digress to say that I am all too aware of how vulnerable fingers can be. A week after hearing Bob's story and prior to going on holiday I managed to crush the top of my left hand middle finger while guiding a piece of jarrah through a circular saw. I subsequently had to have the end joint amputated. This was my first injury after working with power tools for more than 50 years and demonstrates how one can never be too careful).



once again stressed why wood turners should wear masks.

July 10 Mike Howard showed us how to make pot stands with a difference. This consisted of four round pieces held together with a large keying. The pieces were turned and later released from the ring to be spread out. There was also a great deal of interest in Barrie Leivers' demonstration of his Mark II fluting tool.

August 5 Convenor Chris Allen made a ring stand from bottlebrush, which made many members think of pruning their bottlebrush trees in the garden because the grain was surprisingly good. Mike Howard showed the group a distinctive

But back to the weekend workshop and its intriguing themes. Eric Walker was listed To Perform an Unnatural Act, which drew a few comments from his fellows. However this turned out to be a demonstration of how a burl could be made to appear to have a natural edge by selectively snapping pieces off. Derek Beer of Gosnells made a segmented vase and Don Clarke fashioned an excellent and unusual mug tree from a large segmented block.

Swan is a well patronised group with its major monthly meeting held on the second Tuesday each month, but with three Tuesday afternoon meetings as well.

On Tuesday July 3 Noel Moyes claimed he did not know what a mantle clock was, yet he despite this he produced an extremely satisfactory timepiece. At this meeting Don Clarke spoke on his research on cacogenic timbers, with apparently the only non-cacogenic timber being native she oak. This

banksia pot, which had a jarrah insert, a big improvement on the ubiquitous turned banksia nuts, so popular with international visitors. One of our newest members Owen McGrath came in for a bit of ribbing when he produced a rather strange shaped egg. He confessed even his granddaughter questioned the shape and certainly it was not something that a chook would be proud of. As we all know we learn from our mistakes and sharing information at the meetings invariably leads to improvements.

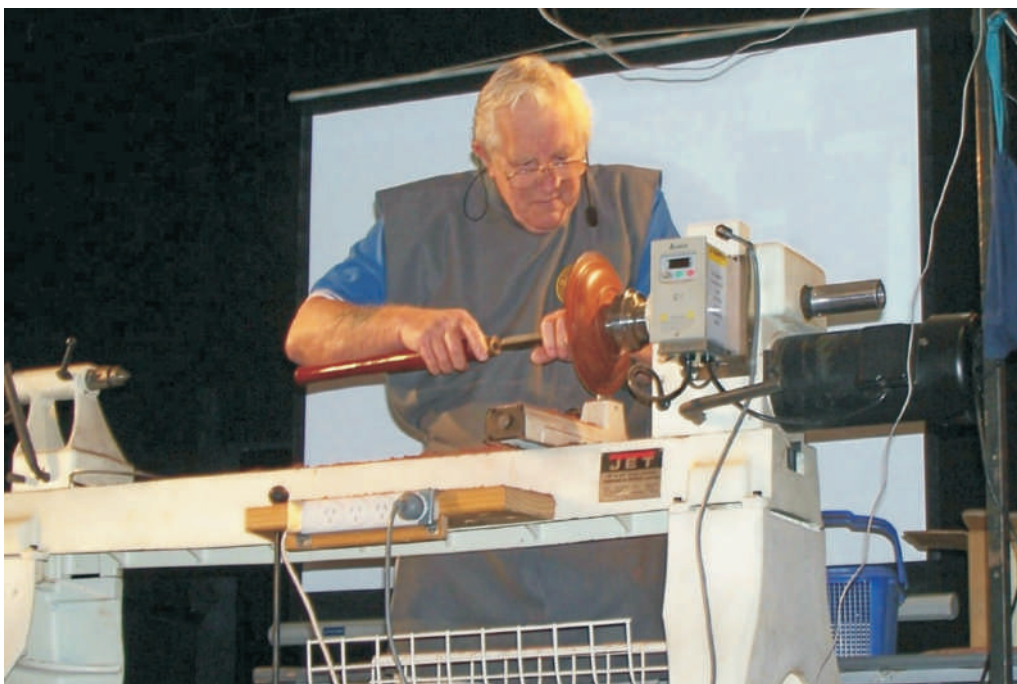
August 12 Eric Walker demonstrated a fine tazza (cake stand) to give members an idea of what was expected at September's competition.

August 19 Jim Hanney made a doughnut- no not for afternoon tea, but as a prelude to turning out toy animals. This was done by making the traditional doughnut shape, a circle with a centre hole then turning pieces of this into the shape of

animals. The doughnut shape can also be used as a base for making chessmen.

August 26 Barrie Leivers again showed members what could be done with his fluting machine to enhance vases and such like with diagonal twists and grooves.

As previously mentioned the month ended with a social evening on August 30 when about 30 members and their partners met for a Hotpot night at the Gumnut Centre. All enjoyed the good food and company while away from the lathe everyone chatted and got to know each other a little better.



Tom Wainwright

Toodyay Tattles

By me because I'm the only silly bugger who will do it.

Well time has gone by again and great news, rain has fallen in Toodyay and it was a great Avon descent with the river right up making for record times.

The hills are green and the stock are happy and the lambs are gambolling all over the paddocks.

As Sunday mornings are attracting good support with good numbers in attendance. We even survived without our hon. Convenor while he and his lovely wife went to Tasmania for a while to see his lovely daughter. He brought home some great photos of woodwork that the saw over there. Some pretty amazing stuff. If you ask him he will tell you all about it and will do so even if you don't ask.

We have been having a lot of trouble with our variable speed control on our lathe at present and this has caused a lot of headaches as it is still under warranty that getting the unit to Perth all the time is a problem. We have sent it away three times and it is still no better. Anyway Mr. Eyres now has things under control and another unit is on the way. After the last meeting we had Allen Richelieu addressed us as to how he did his cutting and gluing to make his large items. This was received with great interest.

We're all very pleased to hear about our Wally Trawinski's good news after his recent trip to hospital. All the best to you Wally.

And so people, once again, that's about all from the top town of Toodyay, we look forward to seeing as

many as possible at Toodyay in October.

Regards

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July Club Nights

A Good Serving

Kevin Luff imparted his knowledge on the art of creating a 'lazy Susan', an attractive accessory for your dining room table.

Stating he uses epoxy and dowelling to fix his 200mm wide Jarrah boards for better grip (biscuit joints and white glue have a tendency to move!!); Kevin demonstrated his Aussie jig to show how simple the procedure can be. He then proceeded with the base and bearing mechanism. Placing the piece of wood between cup centres, he used a scraper, spindle gouge and skew to fashion the base, creating a round board with a recess.

The bearing was then fixed to the top first. Ensuring it was centrally placed on the board, and using self tapping screws and a magnetic screwdriver, the process was easily accomplished.

His preferred finishing materials include Becker's diluted lacquer which is sanded back a couple of times, followed by a few coats of Danish Oil and a gentle rub with steel wool in between coats.

Just Fungi's!!!!

With time ticking rapidly, all eyes were on deck, as John Scarfe performed an impromptu demonstration on creating a mushroom, the competition piece for the night.

Then, with tools brandished eagerly, eyes affixed upon the lathes and wood to be attacked, the moment began for competitors to have some fun. A variety of caps and stalks were created in the allotted time of five minutes. The chatter and commentary added to the atmosphere.

And the winner for the best Pinus Radiatus Fungus, Chris Grey, who walked away with Wandi's best Chateaux plonk!!

August Club Nights

KISS Design

Rod Cocks discussed the basic principles of good design. Planning your projects in advance can be most beneficial, especially when taking the following factors into account:

1. Situation - the reason/need for the creation - whether a gift/for display or whether a practical item
2. Brief - who is the item for/what do you want to make?
3. Analysis- assess the ergonomics - how big/small,

what shape/style; design may be determined by the size of the wood

4. Research - what dimensions, what type of timber- assess the orientation of the grain; what type of embellishing/ finish - oil/lacquer

5. Concepts - actively playing with lines and shapes, either drawing by hand or using computer screen; perhaps using such aids as a chain or mirror may also be beneficial

6. Chosen idea

7. Testing - make a prototype, experimentation costs nothing but time and allows you to iron out any problems encountered before the perfect goods are made.

8. Producing - complete the item

9. Evaluation - remember to take stock of events, record results and outcomes. They may be useful later on.

Rod also discussed the 'Golden Rectangle' or 'Golden Mean', an ancient Greek mathematical formula which can be used for determining proportions, thereby making the item more pleasing to the eye.

In conclusion, there is no right or wrong way to create a design; you have to do what pleases you. However the 'Keep It Simple Stupid' approach may be very useful. Nothing can surpass the simple designs that bring out the natural beauty and character of the wood. Thanks again, Rod.

The Usual Suspects and then some more.....

The AGM produced a few lovely surprises. George Sharpe remains the convenor. The current treasurer, Kelvin, who had intended to retire, thankfully re-nominated for the position, I'm sure this is due to the wonderful help he has been getting from Myrtle Sharpe. The committee members are as follows: Rod Cocks, Tim Harrison, Daphne Kershaw, Ryan Meadowcroft, David Mundy, Willy Nelson, John Scarfe, Ray York and Bill Younger. Myrtle remains the secretary/tea maker.....supplier of home made cookies and cakes for Thursday nights. Jack Pallas remains the safety officer and Chris Gray the equipment officer. Do not hesitate to speak to any of the committee about any ideas you may have about club nights.

Wednesday Group

Teardrop Design

Neil Gratte was our first guest for July. With a variety of items on display, of special note a somewhat splendid vase created out of Quandong – which is to become an heirloom; his discussion on how to create an effective profile was met with great interest. Each of his vases met the criteria perfectly. His catch phrase for the day was “persistence and patience” are the principal factors required to construct that special piece. Thank you for a most absorbing morning.

Baubles, Bangles and Jigs

Bob Malacari sadly could not give his demonstration due to a recent operation on his injured shoulder. Hope all is going well with your recovery. To our rescue came Jack Pallas who created jewelry and brought in an ingenious jig, this has poignantly led to my rendition of 'Baubles, bangles, and bright shiny jigs', (start cringing now!!!).

'Baubles, bangles, see how they're made, ding, dinga-linga,

Baubles, bangles, and bright shiny jigs, jiga-linga

Some day when you get a lathe, laya-linga

I've heard that's where it leads to

Makin' baubles, bangles and jigs

Embellishing with sparkles, and glistening things thinga-linga

You're gonna make someone so happy

When they're wearing those baubles and sparkly bangles

Oh how your heart will sing, singa-linga

Creatin' fancy baubles and bangles

And other special things, thinga-linga

Created upon your lathe, laya-linga

'Baubles, bangles, see how they're made, ding, dinga-linga,

Baubles, bangles, and bright shiny jigs, jiga-linga

Picture Perfect

Marie Gallon's demonstration on picture framing was very timely as John Woodhouse has just started to make a picture frame for his wife. In no time at all a frame was crafted. This allowed Marie enough time to create a gum nut, which she adorns on many of her splendid objet d'art, and just re-confirmed our admiration and thanks for her time she gives generously to the Wednesday group

Numbers have been a low in the women's group, perhaps due to the cold weather. But this has not deterred the creativity of the items being made.

A special mention needs to be made of Dawn's very picturesque Black Heart Sassafras bowl, with its dramatic and effective markings depicting an intriguing story when viewing it at different angles. Hanna is busy making jewellery and Margaret She-Oak platter is stunning.

Show and Tell

Yours truly presented the first show and tell for July – a bouquet of tulips pleasantly presented by Ron Yates, which was to be a birthday gift for his sister. Two budding florists – John Scarfe and Willy Nelson, having had generous tuition from Ron showed off their blossoms (Willy's looking more like a four leaf clover). David Mundy's ear ring holder made from one piece of wood was also a feature of the night.

Daphne

Vale Keith Johnson No. 98. 1921--- 2008.

In July 1967 I arrived in W.A. from Victoria and at the Mt.Pleasant Methodist Church I met a vocal Bombers supporter Keith Johnson and although a Tiger man my self began a friendship that lasted over 40 years. He was a master craftsman in cabinet making and the furniture industry. Later in life he took up occupational therapy at R.P.H where he could help people to get back on their feet. Very typical of Keith and that is where he met Jan. He became a member of W.A.W.A. in 1981 and became very passionate about turning. As a very active member of the Melville group, he and Ern Margetts decided that the Association should be brought to the public's attention and they held the first Shopping Centre Display at the Melville Plaza on the 1st to 6th September 1986. These displays are still current today and still serve the purpose of attracting new members to W.A.W.A. and raising funds for the Association.

Keith had a great talent in demonstrating and simultaneously describing, in detail, what he was doing and why and often threw in an interesting anecdote. He could also be relied upon to stir us up and take the 'mickey' out of an unsuspecting member.

He served on the Committee in various roles and at a time of rapid growth took on the Membership Secretary work. He also travelled to Esperance to help the members there to learn more about the art of wood turning. Always more than willing to show other members how he achieved his excellent results particularly in spraying and polishing his work .In 1996 W.A.W.A. honoured Keith with Life Membership in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Association .

A truly Christian gentleman who will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him and benefiting from his help.

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6. . One piece of greaseproof paper to wrap around the steel bar.
7. . Best glue: eg, Araldite.



Method

1. . About 35-40mm in from one end drill a hole with a spade bit just deep enough to hold the T-nut below the surface.
2. . Then drill right through this hole with a smaller drill so that the T-nut can be embedded into the wooden bar below the surface.
3. . Wrap some greaseproof paper around the steel bar so the steel bar won't get stuck in the handle during gluing.
4. . Glue the two smaller pieces to the piece above with the steel bar between them.
5. . Glue the last piece on top and clamp. Leave overnight to dry.
6. . Remove the HSS bar, plug the ends and turn the handle to your desired shape.
7. . The working end next to the T-nut is cut almost to hold the 20mm ferrule.
8. . Heat the ferrule in a gas flame and with pliers slide it over the end and quench in cold water immediately.
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Malcolm Munro

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AVON GROUP

WEEKEND WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 18TH - SUNDAY 19TH
OCTOBER 2008

MEMORIAL HALL
TOODYAY

Convenor: Max Heath
Master of Ceremonies: TBA
Host(s): Toodyay Members
Safety Officer. TBA

Competition Item:

Pomander or Potpourri - free-standing or hanging.
No commercial lids. No restriction on height

Saturday Programme

8:00am . . Set-up - All Hands Please
8:30am . . Registration & Fellowship
9:00am . . Welcome & Announcements
9:15am . . Viv Paust - Natural Edged Bowl Using
Aluminium and Hotmelt Glue
10:00am . Morning Tea (Members as usual
please bring a plate of goodies.)
Competition Voting Commences
10:30am . Demonstration - TBA
11:30am . Graham Lewis - TBA
12:15pm . Lunch - Hamburger or Soup with a
Bun.
1:00pm . . Bob Nichols - Symposium Showcase.
2:00pm . . President's Forum
Competition Voting Closes
2:30pm . . Allan Richeleau - Segmented And
Laminated Urn.
3:15pm . . Afternoon Tea
3:45pm . . Show & Tell
Competition Results
4:15pm . . PACK UP - MANY HANDS MAKE
LIGHT WORK

Sunday Programme

At Avon Group's Workshop at Toodyay Show
Grounds

9:00am . . Please Bring Your Tools, Special Jigs
Or Attachments To Show Us How To
Create Something New or of Interest.
There Will Be 5-6 Lathes Ready To Go.

LUNCH: . . For those who want it there will be a
sausage sizzle. Tea and coffee will be
available all morning.

BUSSELTON GROUP

WEEKEND WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 15TH - SUNDAY 16TH
NOVEMBER 2008

CHURCHILL PARK
BUSSELTON

Convenor: Tom Mazey
Master of Ceremonies: Paul Mundy
Host(s): Busselton Members
Safety Officer Dennis Hadden

Competition Item:

Bud Vase - Matching Pair - to have a an exact height of 180mm.

Trade Supplier - ToolMart

Saturday Programme

8:00am . . Set-up - many hands please
8:45am . . Registration & Fellowship
9:00am . . Welcome & Announcements
9:15am . . For Beginners plus Chas Broadbent
Turning Processes
10:00am . . Morning Tea (Members please bring a
plate.)
Competition Voting Commences
10:30am . . Ray Batt : square edge bowl
12:00pm . . Lunch meat & salad rolls \$ 4-00
1:00pm . . President's Forum
1:30pm . . Competition Voting Closes
Don Clarke : Barley twist
3:00pm . . Afternoon Tea
3:30pm . . Inventions gadgets
4:15pm . . Show & Tell
Competition Results
5:00pm . . Close

Any member with any inventions gadgets or jigs and would like to show them off please bring them along and maybe pass on your knowledge we are having a time slot for them

6:30pm . . A two course meal at the Esplanade
Hotel menu: Roast meat & vegetables
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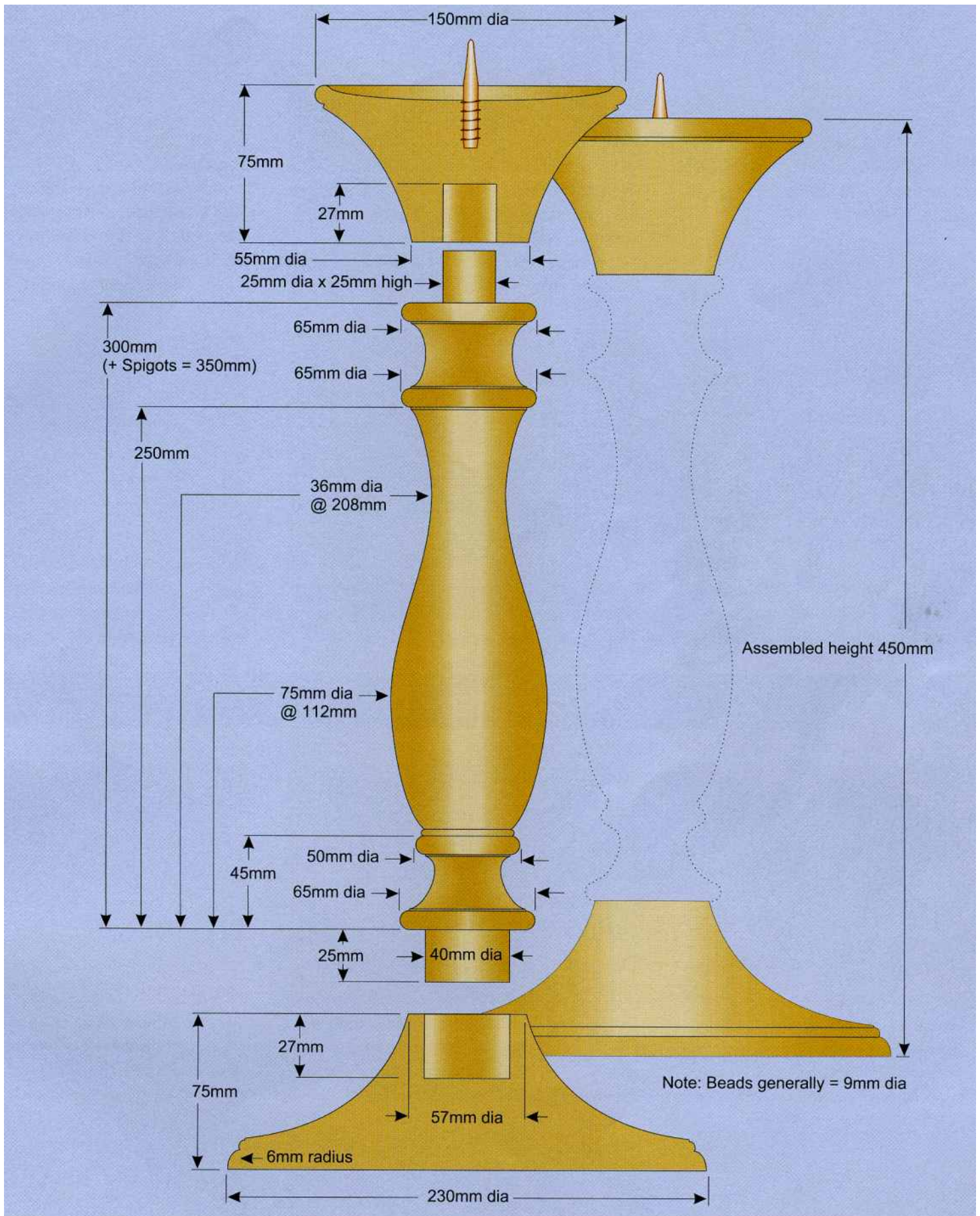
Sunday Programme

9:00am . . Tony Milson demonstration on lidded
boxes
10:00am . . Morning tea
10:30am . . Charlie Broadbent talks on timber
and how & which way to saw it.
12:00pm . . Lunch meat & salad rolls
1:00pm . . Close and clean up

Timber Sale

*There will be timber for
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money (Sheoak & Jarrah)*

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Calendar of Events

Weekend Workshops

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

Manjimup Group Weekend Workshop

When: 21st February 2009
Where: Manjimup

Gosnells Group Weekend Workshop

When: 20th March 2009
Where: Gosnells

Please note that Gosnells & Manjimup groups have swapped months due to possible International guest demonstrating for Gosnells in March.

Melville Group Weekend Workshop

When: 17th April 2009
Where: TBA

Mandurah Group Weekend Workshop

When: 15th May 2009
Where: Mandurah

Wanneroo/Joondalup Weekend Workshop

When: 19th June 2009
Where: Wanneroo

Swan Group Weekend Workshop

When: 17th July 2009
Where: Kalamunda

Working With Wood Show

When: August 2009
Where: Claremont Showgrounds

Wandi Group Weekend Workshop & Annual General Meeting

When: 18th September 2009
Where: Wandii

Avon Group Weekend Workshop

When: 16th October 2009
Where: Toodyay

Bunbury Group Weekend Workshop

When: 20th November 2009
Where: Bunbury

WAWA Christmas Breakup

When: 11th December 2009
Where: TBA

WAWA Shopping Centre Displays

Southlands Shopping Centre

Starts: Monday 27th October
Finish Friday 1st November

CentrePoint Midland Shopping Centre

Starts: Monday 24th November
Finish Friday 29th November

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