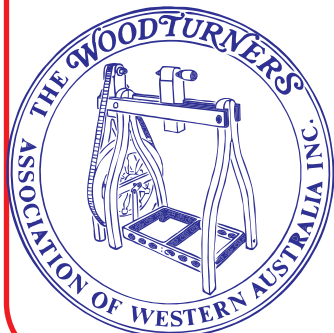


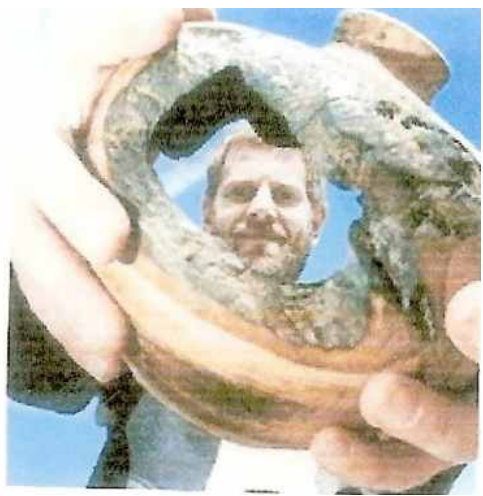
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# NEWSLETTER



### Gosnells WE Workshop Guest - Nick Agar

Woodturning artist Nick Agar's large-scale, multi-textured turned wood sculptures, created at his Dartington studio and gallery in Devon, have earned him a reputation for producing highly individual, beautifully crafted art.

Having a vast understanding of his medium and preferring to buy the whole tree rather than a plank of wood, Nick chooses intriguing wind blown or dead timber for the majority of his work, using burrs and burls - exposing treasures beneath the bark.

Inspired by organic forms, pottery, and his natural surroundings on Dartmoor, he specialises in hollow forms and large diameter work, and is renowned for his wall sculptures in particular.

He often incorporates carving, weaving and metalwork in his pieces; these have won him prizes at major shows, including the NEC, for

design, style and presentation. In addition to exhibiting widely, Nick is in constant demand for commissions from collectors, his wide range of clients including HRH Prince of Wales, Dukes, Duchesses and the Royal jewellers, Aspreys. Nick occasionally appears at large demonstration events held around the UK.

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

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## BUNBURY

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

*Tom Brixey* ..... 9731 5261

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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* ..... 9734 3299

## 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

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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

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

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9:00am Wednesday (excluding School Holidays)

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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

Now that the serious eating and celebrations are over for another year, let me wish you all a happy and safe new year.

Those of us who attended the Christmas function at Bullcreek enjoyed a very pleasant day. The venue, meal and service was first class.

During the day we were entertained firstly by a very enlightening talk by Dennis Kestal on his career as an opera singer, it certainly doesn't just happen! Then, after lunch it was the turn of the Gho sisters, who impressed us all with their talent on the piano and violin. Nat, the violinist, is also a Woodturner. How's that for multi Skilling! In the interim Dennis entertained us with a few songs.

The toy display was again a picture. My thanks to all of you who contributed, in particular the members of the Melville, Swan and Wanneroo groups who agreed to their toys being distributed earlier in the month.

We had planned to make a presentation to Marie Lathwell at our Christmas windup for all her support an effort as kitchen coordinator over the years. Unfortunately Marie was unable to attend due to ill health. I am pleased to report that after a recent visit to her at home, she is now back to her usual sparkling self. On behalf of the association our sincere thanks go to you Marie.

As we all resume our group activities after the holiday break, let's all do what we can to help our association, encourage and mentor our new members, put up your hand if your convenor asks for help, attend our visiting turner weekend and above all Enjoy.

*Jim Stitfall*

## Registrar's Ramblings

Hi All Happy New Year.

Thanks to the members who have renewed their membership. Several members have resigned from WAWA, for various reasons, health, other commitments etc. There are still a vast number of members who have not paid their annual subs, if you are one of these members could you please forward payment to Kev Treasure immediately to avoid having to pay the additional nomination fee, (20 Dundas Court, Waikiki WA 6169).

Members' not paying or rejoining means our

membership numbers are down by a considerable amount. I urge you to mention our club to friends and family etc to try to encourage more new members to our club.

### WAWA Account Details

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### New Members

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

2341 .. Norm Bryne . . . . . Secret Harbour  
2342 .. John Kemp . . . . . Bunbury  
2343 .. Darry Buckett . . . . . Gooseberry Hill  
2344 .. Len Starkie . . . . . Greenfields  
2345 .. Roald Smith . . . . . Harvey  
2346 .. Phyllis Smith . . . . . Harvey  
2347 .. Bill Beswick . . . . . Bakers Hill

*Kev Treasure* WAWA Membership Registrar

## Video & DVD Verbiage

Thanks to all our borrowers who make it worthwhile, especially when they are returned promptly.

Please note that if you are returning by mail there is a change of address, our new address is:

**4/451 Riverton Drive East,  
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Busselton weekend was notable for the number of items borrowed, some 41 DVD's and 6 Videos were loaned out.

This is a record for the 5 years we have been caring for the library.

*Derek & Doris Martin*

## Editor's Epistle

Happy New Year to all and welcome to my fourth and final year as Editor of this magazine. I commenced this journey as editor with edition 123.

I have enjoyed the experience and have learned a great deal both on the computer and about the Association and its members. The regular contributors to this magazine have been fantastic and without their support and efficiency this job



would have been far more difficult.

I have been using CorelDraw to produce the magazine, mainly because it is one of the best programmes around and I have been tinkering with it for over 20 years. Equally it is possible to use the latest version of Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher to name just a couple. There are obviously others that I'm not aware of or proficient in.

I would be happy to provide handover assistance and training should it be needed. Please feel free to get in touch with either myself or a member of the Committee of Management to volunteer your services.

One interesting point for your information and consideration, each edition 150 or so magazines are emailed to members that have elected this option rather than receiving a printed version. This represents a significant saving to the Association both in printing and postage costs.

Regards

*Kelvin Robinson*

## Lach Christie

Lach Christie, member number 1413 the champion of the cause, **"Toys for Kids at Christmas"** died on the 12th. January 2009, a short time after being diagnosed with cancer.

Even knowing his time was short, he was still thinking of those children. He penned the following article for our newsletter.

***It is up to us to ensure we do not let him down.***

Making this and future years bumper times for those children, who would otherwise miss out at Christmas.

## Lach, Rest in Peace.

# Scrounging

At our recent Christmas Lunch (which I thought was a great day with excellent food) I spoke for a while about getting materials cheaper (in other words "scrounging". As a result I promised to write for our magazine an occasional column on how you can at times save your precious dollars - so here it is - the first article from

## The Scrounger

At the meeting I related how on a visit to K Mart I found these biscuit tins - quite large containing four packets of biscuits. The interesting part was that in the lid were three small quartz alarm clocks - gold and 60 mm diameter. The idea of this was to set up an International Time board - say London-New York- Perth. The cost of my first tin was \$16.50. I took one tin home and found the clocks easily removable and suitable for mounting in wood. I went back and bought nine more tins and amazingly K Mart had reduced the price to \$10. Now what was I going to do with 40 packets of biscuits? Fortunately my sister-in-law bought them off me for \$1 a packet for her church group. So out of the \$10 it cost me \$6 for the three clocks - \$2 each which I would normally expect to pay \$7 - \$8. Naturally a few of those present raced out Monday to buy some but by the Monday K Mart put them back up to \$16.50. The word must have got out!

## Bulk Buying.

My endeavour each year is to make 40 toys for the charities. I make 10 block trolleys, 10 wheelbarrows, 10 hobby horses and 10 dolls pushers. They are quite basic but safe and strong. During the year I cut, drill, rebate, etc all the timber (pine). I cut the blanks for the 100 wheels I need and this year Graeme Draper turned the wheels for me. Because of space limitations I pack and tape all the finished panels and label them. There they



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**\$29**

stay until November when I start assembling and delivering to Father Brian's Crisis Centre. All of this to tell you that I use a lot of screws. I checked Bunnings recently. Plasterboard screws (ideal for pine which I drill and countersink) 35 mm cost \$2.96 per 100 or \$27.98 per 1,000 for the Tradesman's box - that is a difference between 29 cents each or 2.8 cents each! If you don't want 1,000 why doesn't your club buy them and divide them up. Likewise from Abrasiflex in Collier Road, Bayswater, for the club I buy 10-15 metres each of 100/180/240/360 grit good quality cloth backed sand paper. This I cut into metre or half metre lengths and sell to club members. For our club I add on about 25% to 30% which goes into club funds. And that is still much cheaper than retail.

### **End Seal.**

End Seal can be bought in bulk from Statewide Oil in Welshpool. It is a petrol by-product produced by Mobil. They call it Logseal Clear. I buy it in 18 kg (approx. 18 litre) containers for \$106.92 + GST which is approx. \$6.50 per litre. Retail is \$13 per one litre or \$10.80 per 4 litre. I collect some 2 litre milk cartons and decant it off. Adding about 30% for club funds, I sell it to member at \$16 per 2 litres.

### **Pine For The Toys.**

For the heavier timber I use structural pine. Watch out for the roof carpenter starting on a new house and ask him to put the larger pieces (or whatever you want) to one side. I always find they do it gladly otherwise it costs them money to send it to the tip. For my panels I have located a firm that makes bunk beds etc. They have spacer boards that are packed between the bales. This pine is about 1m x 140mm x 20mm dressed and free of nail holes. Sel Anderson and I share this supply, which appears to be continuous.

So there you are- the secret of scrounging is to ask the question. The answers can be very rewarding.

*Lach Christie* Alias "THE SCROUNGER"

# **Weekend Workshops**

## **Observations by Peter Pickering**

### **Busselton Weekend Workshop**

Commencing with a pleasant drive down the Old Coast Road and Bussell Highway and fine weather, the stage was set for a great weekend workshop courtesy of the Busselton group, and I am positive

that no one was disappointed.

From the time that Shire President Wes Hartley opened the workshop it was a non stop professionally organized event until its closure on Sunday afternoon.

Master of Ceremonies Dennis Haddon kept the members informed of the order of business and the demonstrations commenced.

- \* Charlie Broadbent gave an informative talk and demo, although aimed at beginners it would have been a good refresher for even the most experienced turner. The hand out chart that illustrated his demo was well received.
- \* After morning tea Ray Batt demonstrated how to make a square edge bowl. I am sure the audience was appreciative of this timely demo which would have provided pointers and incentive for the February competition.
- \* After lunch the President conducted his forum, topics included the ongoing dust control problem and the proposed visit by Nick Agar at the Gosnells Group Workshop March 2009.
- \* Don Clarke did the Barley twist, variations included conventional, long, barley two twists, rope six twists. Don also explained the cable twist and ribbon twist. With the aid of a diagram, maths and skilful tool handling you too can do the barley twist.
- \* A marvellous display of inventions and gadgets kept the audience attention, although some were complicated they had been manufactured with simple farm tools eg welder, hacksaw and grinder, others were simple eg wad punches (the why didn't I think of that factor) . A very thought provoking demo.
- \* Show and tell followed then the competition results. John Mason announced the promotion of a number of Novices to Intermediate to even out the numbers ,this should make 2009 very interesting.
- \* Close for the day and for many an overnight stay in Busselton which has a variety of good comfortable accommodation at reasonable prices.
- \* Back at Churchill Park on Sunday Morning to see Tony Milson turn a lidded box created without sanding during the demo. Tony was well prepared as he had made 13 (thirteen) progress steps one for each stage of the lidded box, this enabled Tony to demo each step up to sanding stage then progress to the next. The objective of no sanding dust was achieved but with a considerable workload on the demonstrator to prepare for their task. There must be a better way.
- \* Charlie Broadbent gave the first demo and he also gave the last, a show and tell on timber, were to get it, season it, store and cut it. All you ever wanted know about timber.



Busselton Group is to be congratulated on a very professionally organized and informative weekend workshop.

Although I did not get his name I would like to thank the timber man selling the wood in the next shed. He took the time to explain to interested customers the differences between timbers their suitability for various projects and their degrees of dryness, thanks again.

Well after a great weekend I must return to Perth as I am booked for a hip replacement the next day Monday 17 November.

*Peter Pickering* - Roving Reporter

## Competition Items

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

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

. . . . . **NOTE: The top must have a metal insert or metal base for the candle as per local laws.**

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. Colouring is optional and all pieces to be realistic and average life size.

Jul . . . Lidded Honey Pot and Honey Dipper. Maximum size of the bowl and lid, 150mm high x 100mm wide. 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, colouring is

optional.

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

### Busselton Group

#### November Weekend Workshop.

#### Bud Vases, Matching Pair 180mm

It is always a pleasure to go to Busselton except that this time there was a cold wind direct from Antarctica! I believe that several people suffered from various illnesses and yours truly went down for a month with bronchial pneumonia. But the day was great and the hospitality wonderful as always.

A reasonable turnout of entries with the novices dominating with 11 entries, only one in intermediate and four in advanced. I am working on an idea to improve the balance in 2009, watch this space.

Again I am in awe at the variety of designs and timbers that are used in these competitions and this is no exception, there were some really stunning items.

However, when a comp calls for an "exact" size, that is what is expected. Of the 16 entries, eight were of a wrong size, one in advanced being 5mm out.

Remember A.T.D. Attention To Detail !!

My thanks to the judges, Les Small, Barry Robins and Sam Round.

*John Mason*, Competition Co-ordinator

### Novice:

- 1st . . . **Jim Hill**
- 2nd . . **Tom Brixey**
- 3rd. . . **Bruce Jackson**
- 4th. . . **Brian Hall**

### Intermediate:

- 1st . . . **Maurie Munro**

### Advanced:

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

## Open:

- 1st . . . Ray Batt
- 2nd . . Dennis Haddon
- 3rd. . . Jim Hill
- 4th. . . Tom Mazey

## Popular Vote:

- 1st . . . Ray Batt
- 2nd . . Jim Hill
- 3rd. . . Jim Hanney
- 4th. . . Dennis Haddon

## WAWA Committee

### End of Year Awards and Competition Results

This was a most successful and wonderful day with about 116 members and wives attending and 20 entries, 6 novice, 8 intermediate and 6 advanced.

The variety of the entries was amazing, from a chess set through urns, bowls and vases to fine and delicate work. The judges, George Kieliger, Derek Martin and Frank Evans did a marvellous and thorough job in selecting the placegetters. Many thanks to them. Most of the entries could have won a placing in another situation as all were most worthy. But they cannot all win.

My congratulations to all of the entrants and to the winners and placegetters.

### Novice

- 1st . . . Tom Callaghan
- 2nd . . Brian Hall
- 3rd. . . John Gardiner

### Intermediate

- 1st . . . John Attwater
- 2nd . . Gerry Quesnel
- 3rd. . . Norm Gratte

### Advanced

- 1st . . . Chris Smith
- 2nd . . Chris Sioulas
- 3rd. . . Derek Pollard

### Popular Vote

- 1st . . . John Attwater
- 2nd . . Brian Hall
- 3rd. . . Chris Smith

## Open ( President's Trophy)

- 1st . . . Chris Smith
- 2nd . . Chris Sioulas
- 3rd. . . Tom Callaghan

## Annual Awards

This has been a really interesting year of competition. This is shown in some of the close results (eg Jim Hill and Ray Batt) and this, in turn, shows what consistent entries along with good quality can do. Some would have fared better with a few more entries but illness (in some cases) and other commitments in life cannot be ignored. Perhaps in 2009.

Congratulations to all of the winners and placegetters. Well Done !!

### Novice

### (Accumulated Pts)

- 1st . . . Jim Hill (33)
- 2nd . . Bruce Jackson (27)
- 3rd. . . Barbara Jennings (23)

### Intermediate

### (Accumulated Pts)

- 1st . . . Maurie Munro (48)
- 2nd . . Sam Round (31)
- 3rd. . . Owen O'Neill (17)

### Advanced

### (Accumulated Pts)

- 1st . . . Ray Batt (37)
- 2nd . . Jim Hanney (27)
- 3rd. . . Charles Broadbent (25)

### Popular Vote

### (Accumulated Pts)

- 1st . . . Ray Batt (17)
- 2nd . . Jim Hill (16)
- 3rd. . . Jim Hanney (12)

## Open (Keith Stout Memorial Trophy)

- 1st . . . Jim Hill (20)
- 2nd . . Ray Batt (19)
- 3rd. . . Maurie Munro (8)

*John Mason*, Competition Co-ordinator

# Promotions in 2009

In the past year of competitions, it was distressing to see only a handful of Intermediate members entering the monthly comps.

However, when analysing the 83 members who have competed in 2008, it was noted that there were 40 novices, only 12 intermediate and 31 advanced members on the list.

It was discussed with several Committee members and the decision was made to promote a number of Novices to Intermediate commencing in 2009.

The Novice category is the learning section. Once the person's skills are achieved to a higher level there should be a provision for advancement.

Even after one year of competing, most members should have the acquired skills and there has always been the provision for self promotion which very few take advantage of.

Without exception, at every workshop there are the comments about the quality of the Novice's entries.

Therefore, the attached list names the members who are being promoted to Intermediate as of the first workshop in 2009. Naturally, any member who objects to this decision will not be promoted but it is hoped that they will appreciate the reasons for this action.

- \* Tom Callaghan
- \* Barry Cobb

- \* John Gardiner
- \* Brian Hall
- \* Bruce Jackson
- \* Barbara Jennings
- \* Noel Martin
- \* Bruce McCormick
- \* George Parke
- \* Peter Pickering
- \* Peter Povey
- \* Max Rutherford
- \* Vince Triglia
- \* Harold Worth

*John Mason*, Competition Co-ordinator

## News from the Groups

## Bunbury Sites

### Wednesday, 5th of November

Show and tell. John Kemp and Ted Norrie made lovely turned bowls. George Parke, "potpourri"

container.

John's wife Thelma must have been in the battle for the "Somme" as she has only one good arm and one good leg at the moment. I hope John's great turnings haven't been bouncing off the lathe as she's been bringing him cups of tea. Haydn Matthews later gave a demonstration in the making of a square edged bowl.

### Wednesday, 19th of November

Hands on night. Tom Brixey brought along his certificate winning split turned

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bud vases, these have outstanding potential only limited by one's imagination.

Under the guidance of Toni Wilson, Lyn Poli made a Threaded Aluminium Chuck. Four new members were given hands-on training by Jim Cunniffe and Ted Norrie.

### **Wednesday, 3rd of December**

Show and tell. MC George Parke. John Kemp, beautiful bowls in a Apricot and Wandoo and bud vases in Cyprus Pine.

Jim Cunniffe, nutcracker in the form of long John Silver the Pirate, an interesting exercise.

George Parke, turning trays in Jarrah and a pair of decoratively pegged bud vases. After a cup of tea, several members were given 5 minutes to make it turned item.

Stan (Biggles) "Zieba" turned two captive rings and with time to spare turned one of his signature Echidnas. Stan is a very innovative Turner.

Tom Brixey turned three fishing blobs and with time to spare went down to the back beach and caught a herring.

Les Davies made a Jarrah letter opening knife that I think a Roman soldier would have been proud to carry about. Jim Cunniffe with his usual flourish made a Christmas tree in pine and a flower head that was so blooming realistic a bee came and sat on it.

George Parke, a natural right hander demonstrated his left handed "Erosion" turning technique using 40 grit and 80 grit chisels, members are still not sure what they were witnessing.

### **7th of December**

The Bunbury club had their Christmas dinner out in the wilds of Donnybrook and Lorraine and George Parke's property. Apparently they had to get a "Snake Whisperer" out to move the 20 or so Dugites that live around there so they wouldn't be trampled on by rampaging Woodies. It seems Bunbury members are so masochistic and like roughing it at Christmas because all they had was steak and sausages, salad, snow peas, asparagus followed by a chocolate Christmas cake, gingerbread, alcoholic trifle, Christmas pudding and brandy sauce accompanied by copious quantities of alcoholic and soft drink beverages. This is also the occasion that the club gives out its annual awards:

Club's Attendance Award-Jim Cunniffe  
Most Show and Tell-Mr. Consistent-Ted Norrie  
Most Improved New Turner-John Kemp. John has a greater appreciation of form and proportion so will continue to make many beautiful turnings.

John Shinnick Award-Most Improved Turner-George Parke, this bloke is tickled pink that the members have given him this award as the late John Shinnick was one of the original "Doyens" of

W.A. Woodturning and Parkey would one day like to have a small percentage of his skill.

Mick membership number 302 has received an Award of Merit from the Woodturners Association of Western Australia.

*Gee Pee*

### **Award of Merit-Mick Johnson**

It is fitting that the Woodturners Association of Western Australia confers an Award of Merit on Mick Johnson.

Mick's membership number is 302 and is one of the early members of the Bunbury Woodturning Group, having joined the Association, 14th of April 1997.

Mick has always been a hard and willing working member and has always been a Committee Member of the Bunbury Group. He is always keen to promote Woodturning and the Association.

Mick was one of the people instrumental in the obtaining of the Bunbury Woodturners trailer. He has continued to be the main carer and now does all the towing and maintenance of the van.

Mick's work is exceptional and is of a very high standard in Design, Accuracy, Finish and Presentation. He is known for his superior finishes and is always teaching us how to achieve it.

Congratulations Mick on your achievements and for the recognition of the Woodturners Association.

***Mick Johnson- Always there -  
Always willing - Always helping  
THE QUIET ACHIEVER***



**Toni Wilson presenting Mick Johnson with his WAWA Award of Merit**

# Gosnells Gossip

Do you know what a Driedel is? Well Chris Smith does and what's more he knows how to turn one. On the 26th November Chris explained the history and usage of a Driedel. A Driedel is a spinning top used by children to play a game during the Jewish holiday of Hanukah. The eight days Hanukah, are celebrated every year on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev.

Then combining turning skill and entertaining commentary Chris proceeded to make a Driedel. Thank you Chris for expanding our general knowledge, and providing a great demonstration.

On the 10th December the Gosnells members and their wives celebrated Christmas with a BBQ lunch held in the grounds of Amaroo Village . Father Christmas found time from his busy schedule to visit and to give a present to all of the ladies. A good time with plenty to eat and drink was had by all.

Thank you to Derek Pollard for organising the venue and to Chris Smith and all those who helped to provide a very successful function.

Co-ordinator Derek Beer announced the club competition results for August – December.

and expressed his approval of the large number of entries received.

That's all for 2008. A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year from all at the Gosnells Group.

*Peter Pickering*

## Nick Asaz

As you may know Nick is coming to visit us at our weekend workshop in March 2009 on the 21/22/23/24/

The Saturday workshop will be run as normal. Sunday will be a little more hands on drinks will be provided though your own lunch will need to be brought

Monday and Tuesday will run as small classes of 8 turners and a cost of \$80-00 will be charged per turner lucky class members will be drawn by ballot if necessary and each turner will require timber of 300x300x50mm and maybe some blocks of assorted sizes . All coloured stains will be provided.

Entry to weekend workshop will be \$10.00 per head this workshop will be a chance to show off some of Western Australian's turning ability to the rest of the world.

Turners will require their own tools and power

tools.

# Mandurah Memo

December/January has been a reasonably quiet period as we finished 2008 on the 20th December & are not due to start until the 22nd of January.

Mandurah held their Christmas Dinner on 13th December at the Clansman which was enjoyed by those who attended.

## Certificate of Appreciation

Buster Bailey

## Certificate of Appreciation

Maurie Munro

The other activity was where club members attended the 15th Jamboree of the scouts at Fairbridge Farm for two days, where approximately 800 scouts from all over the world attended. Their next Jamboree is to be in Tasmania. Interest started off slowly due to the heat of the day & the late night the Scouts had on Friday.

## Thought For The Month:

Better to light a candle than to curse the dark .

See You

*Sandy B.*

# Manjimup Matters

Once again, the month of December was quite busy, with the Cherry Festival, steady tourist flow in the timber park, and the group Christmas wind up.

The Cherry Festival was held on a hot, sultry day, but this did not deter the public, with all events very well patronised. The woodturning group were again invited to set up display tables in the Town Hall amongst the fine furniture displays. Public interest was better than last year, and members supported the display by "meeting and greeting" visitors to the venue. As in the past, it remains to be seen if their efforts result in increased membership!

The group held a Christmas wind up function at the home of Sue & Mike Spacey on 17th December. This year our get together took the form of an evening BBQ, and just over 20 people were able to

attend, despite very busy social activities at that time of year. It was a very pleasant evening and our thanks go to Sue & Mike for making their home available to members.

The group will have a short break over Christmas/New Year before resuming with a busy bee on Wednesday 14th January. All members are invited to help. At that point, it will be less than 6 weeks to our Weekend Workshop on February 21/22nd and there is a fair bit to do to prepare for it.

Our very best wishes go to all WAWA members and Associates for a safe, healthy 2009.

*Yvonne Pegrum*

# Melville Utterings

Looking back over previous newsletters I notice that in issue number 134 I made a statement that our search for a new home was finally bearing fruit unfortunately my optimism was misplaced however we are still in contact with the Melville City Council mainly through the good offices of our member Bill Power and remain hopeful that something may eventuate in the new year.

Our program for November abbreviated as requested was as follows :-

Nov 5th - a thin walled bowl turned by John Parker.

Nov 12th- George Walker gave us his version Stephen Hogben's patterns created by turning grooves in strips of wood held together and then rearranged to suit. (for further info refer to issue No. 77 of Woodturning magazine.

Nov 19th -A hands on day of turning a duck

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(offset turning) or for the more experienced turning on the bias. Again thanks to Norm Gratte & his assistants'.

Nov 26th - Our monthly business meeting which was followed by most interesting talk given by Ethel Lucas a qualified Master Gardener from Kings Park.

Dec 3rd - Les Small turned a group of Mother Father & Child courtesy of plans given to him by Truus Botman widow of Bill.

Dec 10th - Gordon Ward paid a visit and entertained us with a succession of very bad puns in between turning an old style bath shaped bowl with a natural edge. It sounds complex but Gordon made it look very easy however I am not expecting to see too many duplicates on the next show and tell table.

Our year ended with our usual lunch at the RAAF Association premises in Bull Creek and the excellent lunch was followed by an entertaining and informative talk by Peter Stickland on his experience at the Australian Antarctic base.

The first meeting of 2009 is at Piney Lakes on 14th January.

Best wishes for the New Year to all.

*Don Gunn*



# Swan Snippets

One predominantly outstanding feature about



woodturner meetings is how members unselfishly share their knowledge. It is, of course, how beginners learn and even those with many years of experience pick up useful tips. Swan's secretary Ted Stewart-Wynn and convenor Chris Allen extended this by sharing their expertise with the residents of the

City of Bayswater Aged Person's Hostel. On November 13 the pair spent a pleasant afternoon demonstrating and talking to about 15 men and women, who showed great interest in their work.



November 4: Don Clarke demonstrated various types of twist from barley twist to ribbon twist, which is a hollowed version of barley twist and rope twist, the most complex, which required five starts. All were repetitive and needed concentration but the end result was extremely effective and appealing.

November 11: Evening meeting: In the absence of

the rostered demonstrator Chris Allen stepped into the breach and gave everyone ideas for Christmas with delightfully made pincushions. Competition winners for two matching bud vases: Open: 1st Jim Hanney, 2nd Ian Moss, 3rd Bill Marhsall; Intermediate: 1st Graham Bell, 2nd Bob Napthane; 3rd: Brian Kirkby.

November 18: A spinning top competition is planned for our New Year's party on January 17, where members will be asked to show their spinning as well as woodturning skills, so Graham Bell made a spinning top as a demonstration.

November 25: Noel Moyes made a lidded box with on December 2 Joe Clarke made his version of a lidded box/bowl in jacaranda, to show how diverse these can be using a cup chuck. It is our policy to do minimum sanding at the workshops because of health risks.

December 9: Evening meeting. Bob Nicholls demonstrated a square-edged bowl in jarrah and brought in completed bowls of various designs – describing the turned down ones as sad and the turned up ones as happy bowls. Competition for the best-turned item over the year 2008 produced a plethora of entries. Open: 1st: Barry Leivers and Eric Walker (joint) both inlaid vases; 3rd: Ian Moss artistic bowl; Intermediate: 1st Brian Kirkby; 2nd: Matt Koch; 3rd: Jim Picking; Novice: 1st Jason De Grussa; 2nd: Owen McGrath.

December 16: For the final afternoon meeting of the year Eric Walker made a goblet from US pond pine, which is extremely light timber. With health concerns uppermost, the committee also bought a dust extractor. Some carob wood from Men of the Trees was distributed for members to try something a little different.

*Tom Wainwright*

## Toodyay Attles

Hi from Toodyay

Well summer is definitely with us. As I write this it is in the late thirty's and we have had a lot of 40 Plus degree days.

Luckily we had a fire free Christmas and new year which is great as we are usually down on numbers over that period.

Our Main Street is now taking shape and all the old power poles have disappeared and new light standards are up. New paving going down, so you will have to look twice to see if you are in the right town next time you visit Toodyay.

Unfortunately this weather does not lend itself to standing in a hot shed, in front of a wood lathe

when the cricket is on the television in a cool house, [Bless those of you who get a sea breeze or have a cool shed].

We finished up our year with a breakfast at the Cola Café in Toodyay, where we had just about a full roll up and was enjoyed by all those there.

We have still had good roll up's at our Sunday mornings and at our last meeting we had Ray Russell demo some of his favourite gear to us which was again a successful night with much discussion going on.

We started meeting again in January and look forward to two new members joining us and strengthening our club.

Anyway people that is about it from Toodyay and the Tattler.

May best wishes go to one and all for 2009 from the Avon Woodturners.

*The Tattler*

Wandi  
Waffles

### November Club Nights

John Scarfe provided an informative evening on the use of the new Robert Sorby Indexing Chuck which supersedes most indexing chucks, as this has 144 indexing notches, as against most which only provide 24. Since Christmas was nigh, he also provided a nippy demonstration on the making of a very effective delicate 'fluffy' Christmas tree, providing inspiration to make something different.

The 'jigs and things' night was almost a 'schmozzle!!!', with only two members bringing in their wares. David Mundy kindly brought in his very effective jig which provides a vice-like grip to an egg (of the wooden variety), thereby allowing an easy means of sanding its bottom. A quick demonstration of its usefulness followed. Our divine teacher Gordon Ward came forth afterwards and provided a box of 'goodies' to feast our eyes on, which led to a little banter and lots of discussion.

### December Club Nights

Other commitments, namely a relaxing house sitting holiday in Bornholm prevented me from attending the Christmas windup which was attended by many; all of whom enjoyed the superfluity of knowledge and joviality provided by Gordon Ward before gorging on the platters of food provided.

### Wednesday Group

We welcomed Sheila and Alan back after their

mammoth trip around Australia while entertaining ourselves during our wind-up lunch-time feast. Our thanks go to all the wonderful demonstrators, to the generous giving of their time, their knowledge and their superb talent. We

would also like to express our gratitude to Jack for organizing the demonstrations during the year. Our knowledge and skills have developed enormously because of the demonstrations and also because of those who offered their support and guidance during the year, namely Jack Pallas, Marie Gallon, Graham Lewis and Dan Killgallon. Again, very many thanks to all.

*Daphne*

Wanneeroo -  
Joondalup  
Journal

Our last two meetings for the year were great. November Charlie Totten promised to turn a cube. I was intrigued because I can only make round objects on my lathe. What he meant was he would start with a cube mounted diagonally between centres. From there he produced a bowl with three sharp corners. Other applications for this inverted as a tripod base, for example --were pointed out.

December's was a forum on finishing. Everything from french polishing to oils and waxes were promoted by various members. I know it was appreciated because a few days later Andy McFadyen emailed me a photo of a beautiful bowl he had finished in one of the techniques described.

As mentioned in previous newsletters our competitions are well supported. The final one for the year changed the rankings in both sections. In the new turners Terry Ahern edged past Ron Swarbrick. Trevor Cockcroft was unlucky to finish

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# Wanneroo/Joondalup Group's Final Meeting 2008



third due to his inability to attend the last two meetings. Tony Collins was the run-away winner of the experienced turners(again),but Kevin Bryant overtook Randall Harding for second. A search party is being organised for Graeme Draper missing from this year's comp. A successful return will bolster the ranks.

Socially, our dinner at the Hillarys yacht club arranged by Bruce Barnett was a huge success. The downside was that Keith Higgins wasn't told the change of date so he and Jill turned up a day late. Communication is vital!

Our January meeting will be a barbecue at the Collins house-----giving Tony a month's notice to clean up his studio.

*Corkscrew.*

## Bereavements

### Lach Christie and The Wanneroo/Joondalup Group

As one of Lach's sons said at his funeral Lach always put in more than he expected to take out of any organisation he belonged to. The Wanneroo/Joondalup Group of WAWA was no exception. He was always a willing demonstrator, and generally in the midst of any activity. His happy nature was infectious and his ability to ferret out and distribute "Freebies" is legend. We all benefited from his thoughtfulness and generosity. At yesterday's meeting we pledged to make this year's toy-making a memorable one out of our love and respect for Lach.

*Viv Paust*---on behalf of the group.

### My Friend Lach Christie

My dear friend and mate Lach Christie passed away last week. We have been mates for nearly 50 years and I can write a book about our friendship. On his marriage to Rhonda I was privileged to be his best man and our lives crossed

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in so many ways over the years. We spent the 60s and 70s on weekends skindiving and waterskiing and together we built our second boat. Our families spent holidays together during these early days and our respective children grew up together, my eldest daughter even babysitting their younger children.

I met Lach through his brother Don when they were in the printing business. Lach was a great help to me when I was setting up Youngs WA in Victoria with regard to my printing requirements. When he and Don later sold the printing business and Lach successfully moved into selling real estate he again gave me the opportunity to do what I always wanted to do — design and construct buildings — Lach gave us our first tenant to get the ball rolling. Thanks to Lach I enjoyed the next 30 years during what I enjoyed.

Lach was a 100% dedicated man no matter what he did. He was involved over the years in the YMCA, Masonic Lodge, Rotary, Rostrum, Karrinyup Golf Club and woodturning, not just as a member but an active contributor to those bodies.

Having traveled with Lach many times there was never a dull moment and although its hard to believe we never in all those years had a cross word.

I will really miss him as many others will and he will always be remembered in woodturning circles as the Toy Man and I hope his legend carries on for the benefit of our members and the underprivileged children that we all help through Lach's example.

*Joe Clark* No 1692



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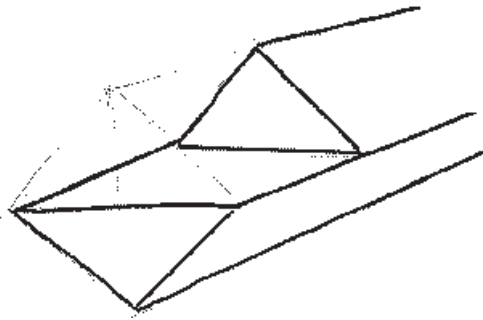
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## Modified Scraping Tool

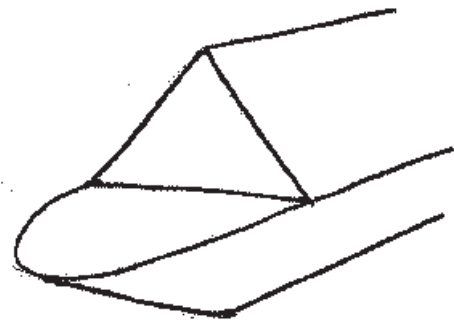


*This modification of a round nose scraper came from Ivor Bridges.*

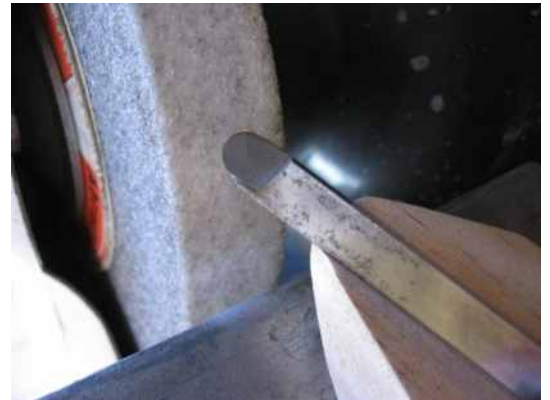
*Ivor quite often is found outside the Weekend Workshop main hall, sharpening tools etc, and for new members is well worth a visit, you may just learn something, as I have on many occasions.*



With a piece of square tool steel, say 10 mm sq. grind/shape one end as shown in the sketch, the easy part!



To grind the half round and bevel, is a little more difficult – this is where Ivor's contacts are made use of. A wooden cradle, to hold the tool in correct position on the tool rest of the grinder.



The advantage of the tool is the geometry of the cutting/scraping/slicing action when hollowing egg cups and the like, the tool rest on a flat side of the square, with the cutting edge at 45 degrees, and the point of contact is always supported vertically above the tool rest.

This photograph shows a large wooden model of the tool resting on the lathe tool rest with the cutting edge at 45 degrees.



# MANJIMUP GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 21ST - SUNDAY 22ND  
FEBRUARY 2009

**MANJIMUP TOWN HALL  
ROSE STREET MANJIMUP**

Convenor: . . . . . Noel Gersbach  
Master of Ceremonies: . . . . . David Nockolds  
Host(s): . . . . . All Members  
Safety Officer . . . . . Joe Spaeth

## Theme: Wine Industry

### Competition Item:

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

### Saturday Programme

8:00am . . Set-up - All Hands Please  
8:30am . . Registration & Fellowship  
9:00am . . Welcome & Announcements  
9:15am . . Charles Broadbent – Goblets  
10:00am . . Morning Tea (Members as usual  
please bring a plate of goodies.)  
Competition Voting Commences  
10:30am . . John Mason – Deep Hollowed Bottle  
11:30am . . President's Forum  
12:00pm . . Lunch - Meat & Salad Roll, Fruit  
\$4.00 per head  
1:00pm . . Joe Hegney – Cheese Board & Knife  
2:00pm . . Stan Zieba – Bottle Stopper with  
captive rings  
Competition Voting Closes  
3:00pm . . Afternoon Tea  
3:30pm . . Roy Lundy – Grapes & Coaster  
4:15pm . . Competition Results  
Show & Tell  
. . . . . Clean Up - Pack Up - Load Wagons  
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

### Saturday Evening

6:30pm . . Evening Meal, Roast Dinner and  
dessert \$28.00 per head  
The Shack Restaurant  
Southern Forest Hotel/Motel  
South West Highway

### Sunday Programme

Sunday at the TIMBER PARK, EDWARD ST.  
9:00am . . Kelvin Robinson – Tormek Sharpening  
System  
No other formal demonstrations are  
programmed, but lathes will be  
available for those who wish to  
provide impromptu demonstrations.  
10:00am . . Morning Tea  
11:30am . . onwards..Sausage Sizzle \$2.00 per  
Head





# GOSNELLS GROUP

# WEEKEND WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 21ST - SUNDAY 22ND  
MARCH 2009

WANDI COMMUNITY CENTRE  
DEHAER RD, WANDI

Convenor: . . . . . Chris Smith  
Master of Ceremonies: . . . . . Chris Smith  
Host(s): . . . . . Gosnells Members  
Safety Officer . . . . . Derek Beer  
Trade Supplier . . . . . Timbecon

### Competition Item:

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

**NOTE: The top must have a metal insert or metal base for the candle as per local laws.t**

### Saturday Programme

8:00am . . Set-up - All Hands Please  
8:30am . . Registration & Fellowship  
9:00am . . Welcome & Announcements  
9:15am . . Nick Agar - Turning & Colouring Timber.  
10:00am . . Morning Tea (Members as usual please bring a plate of goodies.)  
Competition Voting Commences  
10:30am . . Nick Agar - Turning & Colouring Timber.  
12:00pm . . Lunch - Hamburger with Salad \$5.00.  
1:00pm . . Nick Agar - Turning & Colouring Timber.  
2:00pm . . President's Forum  
Competition Voting Closes  
2:30pm . . Nick Agar - Turning & Colouring Timber.  
3:00pm . . Afternoon Tea  
3:30pm . . Show & Tell  
Competition Results  
4:15pm . . Close

### Sunday Programme

9:00am . . Nick Agar - Turning & Colouring Timber.  
10:00am . . Morning Tea  
10:30am . . Nick Agar - Turning & Colouring Timber.  
12:00pm . . For those who want it there will be a Sausage Sizzle \$3.50. Tea and coffee will be available all morning.  
1:00pm . . Nick Agar - Q&A Time  
2:00pm . . PACK UP - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

## Nick Agar Style



# MELVILLE GROUP

# WEEKEND WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2009**

**WANDI COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**DEHAER RD, WANDI**

Convenor: . . . . . Goeff Saw  
Master of Ceremonies: . . . . . Brian Fowlie  
Host(s): . . . . . Melville Members  
Safety Officer: . . . . . TBA

### **Competition Item:**

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

### **Saturday Programme**

8:00am . . Set-up - All Hands Please  
8:45am . . Registration & Fellowship  
9:00am . . Welcome & Announcements  
9:15am . . George Walker—Cutting and reassembling face plate turnings  
10:00am . Morning Tea (Members as usual please bring a plate of goodies.)  
Competition Voting Commences  
10:30am . Alan Smith---Green turning and microwave drying.

### **Alternate Programme**

. . . . . MALCOLM HYDE—A lighthearted look at the English language.  
11:30am . President's Forum  
12:00pm . Lunch - Hamburger & Salad - \$5.00 - Supplied by the Atwell Scout Group.  
1:00pm . . Joe Hegney - Spindle turned handles.  
Competition Voting Closes  
2:20pm . . Norm Gratte - Router embellishing on the lathe  
3:10pm . . Afternoon Tea  
3:40pm . . Neil Piper—My turning in retrospect.  
Show & Tell  
Competition Results  
. . . . . PACK UP - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

**Health permitting John Imrie will have a load dry timber for sale.**

# Calendar of Events

## Weekend Workshops

### Manjimup Group Weekend Workshop

When: . . . 21st & 22nd February 2009  
Where: . . Manjimup

### Gosnells Group Weekend Workshop

When: . . . 21st & 22nd March 2009  
Where: . . Wandi Community Centre, DeHaer Rd, Wandi

### Melville Group Weekend Workshop

When: . . . 18th April 2009  
Where: . . Wandi Community Centre, DeHaer Rd, Wandi

### Mandurah Group Weekend Workshop

When: . . . 16th May 2009  
Where: . . Mandurah

### Wanneroo/Joondalup Weekend Workshop

When: . . . 20th June 2009  
Where: . . Wanneroo

### Swan Group Weekend Workshop

When: . . . 18th July 2009  
Where: . . Kalamunda

### Working With Wood Show

When: . . . August 2009  
Where: . . Claremont Showgrounds

### Wandi Group Weekend Workshop & Annual General Meeting

When: . . . 19th September 2009  
Where: . . Wandi Community Centre, DeHaer Rd, Wandi

### Avon Group Weekend Workshop

When: . . . 17th October 2009  
Where: . . Toodyay

### Bunbury Group Weekend Workshop

When: . . . 21st November 2009  
Where: . . Bunbury

### WAWA Christmas Breakup

When: . . . 19th December 2009  
Where: . . Airforce Memorial Estate, Bullcreek Drive, Bullcreek

## WAWA Shopping Centre Displays

### Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre

Starts: . . Monday 2nd February 2009  
Finish . . . Saturday 7th February 2009  
Where: . . Gateways Shopping Centre, Beeliar Drive, Success

### Kwinana Hub Shopping Centre

Starts: . . Monday 9th March 2009  
Finish . . . Saturday 14th March 2009  
Where: . . Kwinana Hub Shopping Centre, Gilmore Avenue, Kwinana Town Centre

### North Beach Shopping Centre

Starts: . . Monday 30th March 2009  
Finish . . . Saturday 4th April 2009  
Where: . . North Beach Shopping Centre, North Beach.

### Kingsway City Shopping Centre

Starts: . . Monday 4th May 2009  
Finish . . . Saturday 9th May 2009  
Where: . . Kingsway City Shopping Centre, Cnr Wanneroo Rd & Hepburn Ave, Madeley.

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