

# The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc.)



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# NEWSLETTER



Members of the Swan group Demonstrating at the Darlington Arts Festival in November

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# Group Meetings

## 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* ..... 9734 3299

## GOSNELLS

Old Gosnells Hospital

8:30am - 12:30pm Wed, 6:30pm - 9:30pm Thurs

*John Gardiner* ..... 9455 4206

## JOONDALUP/WANNEROO

Room 5 Heathridge Leisure Centre, Sail Tce Heathridge  
2nd Wednesday, 7:00pm 2nd & 4th Saturday, 2:00pm.

*Charlie Totten* ..... 9349 2028

## MANDURAH

Baden Powell Hall, Cnr. Elizabeth & Anstruther Streets  
Thursdays: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

*Frank Evans* ..... 9534 2914

## MANJIMUP

The Shed, Timber Park.

Wed. & Thurs. 10.00 - 2.00 & Sunday 11.00 - 3.00

*Graham Quaipe & Irene Worth* ..... 9771 8001

## 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* ..... 2:00pm Wednesday

*Bryan Adams* ..... 9295 4486

## SWAN

Gumnuts Family Centre, Mudalla Way. Koongamia  
2nd Tues, 7:00pm 1st, 3rd & 4th Tues 1:30pm

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## WANDI

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

Greetings, I hope you have all had a restful Christmas and are now looking forward to having a successful year of turning.

The response to the Christmas toys appeal was very moving, there was not only a vast number of toys, but the variety was outstanding. Big toys, small toys, soft toys, cars, trucks, aeroplanes, railway engines, spinning tops, dolls, dolls cots and many others. My thanks to you all, especially to

the many ladies that do their bit to help swell the variety and numbers. If you haven't tried toy making individually or as a group, you are missing out on one of the pleasures of life.

It is frequently mentioned that we should publicise more. Publicity in papers is expensive and not always rewarding. There is more chance for a local group getting themselves into the local news, if you have a gimmick; one group has had a good photo in the local paper, (worth many words), by

displaying the toys they have made, along with the small bowls filled with sweets for the Silver Chain. Having representatives from the local council, Silver Chain and other recipients too, helped to make a story.

In actual fact the total publicity we generate is vast, there isn't a month goes by without one, two or more groups being represented at a local fair, garden show, shopping centre, wood show or fete etc.

This is better publicity than any advert in a newspaper!

That's enough for one issue.

Derek Martin (yes I am the President, not Jim).

*Derek Martin*

## Editor's Epistle

The Technical Desk article is one that should have appeared in the October-November edition 144 last year, and due to an error, I repeated the previous months article. Thanks to Joe Hegney I have placed the article in this months edition to fix the mistake.

As you will notice there are some reports missing from the newsletter, probably due to confusion and delays caused by the Xmas holidays. If any turn up after publishing this edition I will try to fit them into next months.

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*Noel Moyes* Editor

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# Web Master Writings

Richard Barkman has produced a series of drawings of models and gadgets made by Swan Club members over the past several years. I have posted these on the web site, and you can download and print any of them. If you have similar drawings that you would like to donate for the web site, please send them to me, and I will publish them.

Also have a look at John Mason's chat page at <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/woodturnchatw/>. The facility provided by this chat page is very valuable, and can transmit information among club members very effectively.

I have also added a for-sale page, so that members can advertise their items, and get a response a little faster than having to wait for the bi-monthly newsletter.

*Noel Moyes*, Web Page Editor

# Registrar's Ramblings

## New Members

Hi All

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

Jim Yelland 2420 to the Wandie group,  
Valerrie Hughes 2419 to the Collie group and  
Frank Buytels 2421 to Joondalup/Wanneroo  
Paula Pitzen 2422

*Alan Roberts* WAWA Membership Registrar

# Shopping Centre Crew

## Who Are We?

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# Letters to the Editor

## Can you Help?

We have received a query from a lady in Melbourne seeking information about a Xanthorrhoea bowl she had purchased at an Op shop. It has an identifying stamp about the size of a 50cent piece; in the centre is a sketch of a xanthorrhoea, at the top is "Crestafurn" Albany WA at the bottom is

"Hand Turned Black Boy"

She would dearly like any information as to the craftsman and era it was turned.

Any information may be given to the Secretary, Doris, who will pass it on to the lady concerned.

## Bunbury's Elves save Christmas

In the Bunbury Mail, on December the 23rd an article was published about the Bunbury Woodturners, and their prodigious collection of wooden toys for the Uniting Church, and their Christmas toy collection for needy children.

The Uniting church in Melville was damaged the week before by vandals setting it alight, and the fire destroyed a collection of toys and toiletries destined for a women's refuge.

Stan Zeiba was responsible for rallying the Bunbury Woodturners, to make wooden toy grasshoppers as a replacement for the ones burned in the fire.

The efforts of the Bunbury members of the Woodturners Association of Western Australia are to be congratulated, and lets hope the spirit of Xmas lives on in this mighty group.

# Weekend workshops

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## Observations by Peter Pickering Bunbury workshop

Travelling by car down the new Forrest Highway to Bunbury certainly is a fast and efficient method of travel, just set your cruise control on the speed limit and watch all the other traffic pass you like you were standing still.

The workshop was held in the Bunbury Soccer Dome clubrooms and Jim Cunniffe in his role as Master of Ceremonies gave a warm welcome to the members and their guests. Jim introduced the Convenor Kevin Bell then explained the facilities and the order of procedure. As Bunbury is a major sea port with considerable history the theme of the workshop was to be of a nautical flavour. In keeping with the theme the first demonstration was Stan Zieba with a hand caster for a fishing line. Describing himself as a wood turner and poet Stan recited a poem he had written dedicated to our MC. Stan then proceeded to turn the caster, he accompanied his work with a series of jokes and finishing the caster with his trade mark of four captive rings. Stan showed the members how the caster worked and that the captive rings were not only decorative but served a useful purpose when winding in your catch. I saw Stan after the demo and he was kind enough to give me a caster which I took back to show members of our group that could not attend Bunbury. An interesting and entertaining demo.

After morning tea Neil Piper introduced his demonstration of how to make a ships wheel with a talk on the early sailing ships that visited Bunbury. The wheel was 300mm in diameter and could have a clock or other instrument in the centre. Neil explained the need for careful planning and absolute

accuracy as a minute error would be magnified as the segments increased. The wheel was made with eight segments in two parts. The eight spokes were fitted to the centre boss, after leaving the initial glue up 24 hours to set. Neil passed round a completed wheel; the craftsmanship was appreciated and admired by all who saw it. Neil then gave us some more history of the port including the involvement of American whalers, he also told us that there were a 19 identified shipwrecks in the harbour. Possibly some advanced turners may take up the challenge of this very demanding but rewarding project.

President Derek Martin conducted his Forum and invited Norm Graffe to speak on the International Wood Collectors Society. Derek reminded Groups to look after their members as he announced the vale of Richard Leggo and Ross Wilton. He also stated the possibility of a future workshop in Geraldton.

After lunch Tom Bixey took the stage to show us how to turn a fish on a lathe, he first passed around two fish as examples of unique items that can be made using offset turning and hand work with a dremel. He constructed the fish in two parts and after cutting the fins with a coping saw paper glued the pieces together. After turning he split the joints, Tom then turned the potato and cut it into chips, the fish was then filleted to make a Fish & Chip meal. Tom kept the audience guessing what the outcome was going to be right up to when he plated up the meal.

Jim Cunniffe came next with “ Let's play with dolphins” Jim explained that ring turning (doughnut turning) was not new with the first records of this craft dating back to the 1500's ,and possibly earlier, although this date was the time of the spread of information due to books being printed with movable type. In the workshop the ring turner was a tradesman of great importance as he could keep 5 other people employed by turning for only 10 minutes, his other skill was the ability to see things in silhouette. Jim showed how you take a circular piece of wood with a disc on each side (lined up) . Using a specially made chisel used as a scraper he cut one side for the top of the dolphin then reversed the wood and cut the other side for the bottom of the dolphin then shaped the fin. After completion you part off. What do you do with 60 dolphins? Jim was pleased that this question was asked and he

brought out and passed around many samples which included: a Childs mobile, 3 examples of a music box, a merry go round with dolphins pumping up and down, other examples used sea horses, frosty the snow man, kangaroo's elephants etc. This demonstration certainly got members thinking of ways to employ ring turning.

The raffle and competition results came next with John Mason so pleased with the quality and quantity of the entries that he was later seen celebrating with a large box of hot chips at the Myalup roadhouse.

A good day out at Bunbury with some surprises as they followed the nautical theme with interesting and informative talks and demonstrations.

*Peter Pickering* - Roving Reporter **r**

# Competition items 2010

- Feb . . Natural Edged Bowl with a Lid. The lid to be set inside the bowl away from the natural edge. Size unlimited.
- Mar . . Hanging Wall Clock, Using clock mechanisms, no insert (one piece) clock units, and mounted on a display stand. Size Unlimited. Stand will not be judged
- Apr . . Item made from Banksia Nuts and/or parts of Banksia nuts. No additional timbers. Size unlimited.
- May . . Decorated Wall Plaque with some off centre feature Max dia 450mm, colouring optional.
- Jun . . Item featuring Inside-Out Turning. 60% of the item to feature Inside-Out turning and this must be a significant part of the item.
- Jul. . . Bowl with flat rim. Rim only to be embellished (no carving) max dia 320mm, max height 80mm
- Aug . . No Competition.
- Sep . . Made to Measure Stoppered Flask ( Diagram and Details supplied here)
- Oct . . Lidded container with 4 different timbers. Max hieght 100mm.
- Nov . . Pair of Salt and pepper mills- Matching

in Design

Dec . . Best Item Turned in 2010 not previously judged at a WAWA workshop

Feb 2011. Childs Chair to feature spindle turning Details TBA

**Revised 24th Decmeber 2009**

## Definition of Natural edge.

To avoid any misunderstanding, here is a brief outline of what constitutes the February Comp item, "A natural edged bowl with a lid "

First up, a definition of a natural edge. The best so far is " Any edge that has not been touched by a tool " (and that should include saws and axes etc)

The lid is to be positioned so that it is lower than the bowl's top rim, possibly sitting on a small ledge. The size is unlimited.

Regarding the February competition item " Natural Edged Bowl with Lid ", there are some pictures that show how some have been made, to be used only as a guideline for your entry.

These pictures are on the woodturnchatwa site.

*John Mason, Competition Co-ordinator*

# Competition Results

## END of YEAR FUNCTION,

**BULL CREEK 12/12/2009**

What a glorious day, quite hot and about 100 members attending. The 25 entries were, as is often the case, varied and very well done which shows just what can be done. It would be very hard to mention any individual entry as every person who contributed should be congratulated. There were 5 in novice, 6 in intermediate and 14 in advanced. A wonderful turn-out, the second best for the year which made life difficult for the judges, Charlie Marsh, Bob Nichols and Len Nichols. Many thanks to them for a sterling job.

## Novice:

- 1st . . Andy Hill
- 2nd . . Bryan Hall
- 3rd . . Lyn Poli

## **Intermediate:**

- 1st . . Tom Callaghan
- 2nd . . Owen O'Neill
- 3rd . . John Gardiner

## **Advanced:**

- 1st . . Frank evans
- 2nd . . Don Clarke
- 3rd . . Barry Robins

## **Open:**

- 1st . . Bruce Jackson
- 2nd . . Bill Wallbank
- 3rd . . John Mason
- 4th . . Owen O'Neill

## **Popular Vote:**

- 1st . . Frank Evans
- 2nd . . Barry Robins
- 3rd . . Chris Sioulas

*John Mason,* Competition Co-ordinator

# Annual Competition Results

It has been an interesting year, although the number of entries were less than last year so I am hoping for a massive resurgence in 2010. Naming individual persons or groups is one aspect I try to avoid but these are worthy.

Bruce Jackson and Maurie Munro were the only ones to enter every comp for the year. Consistency pays off. Similarly, the Mandurah group took out most of the awards, this was due to the fact that their entries made up 65% of the total, 85 out of 132. Congratulations all round.

Rudi Goh, Tom Hardy and John Selfe are promoted to Intermediate and Jim Hill, Tom Callaghan and George Parke are promoted to Advanced.

## **Accumulated Points**

## **Novice:**

- 1st . . Rudy Goh (34)
- 2nd.... John Selfe (22)
- 3rd . . Geoff Black(20)

## **Intermediate:**

- 1st.....Bruce Jackson(42)
- 2nd . . Jim Hill(35)
- 3rd..... Joe Clark(28)

## **Advanced:**

Maurie Munro

- 1st . . Joe Clark (46)
- 2nd . . Jim Hanney (22)
- 3rd . . John Mason (18)

## **Open: Kieth Stout Memorial Trophy**

- 1st . . Joe Clark(14)
- 2nd....Jim Hill (11)
- 2nd . . Barry Robins (10)
- Maurie Munro (10) Bruce Jackson (10)

## **Popular Vote:**

- 1st . . Jim Hill (15)
- 2nd . . Frank Evans (13)
- 3rd . . Bruce Jackson (11)

*John Mason,* Competition Co-ordinator

# News from the Groups

## Bunbury Bites

- \* Nov 4th Show & Tell Mick Johnson
- \* Ted Norrie ; Green turned Plum vase from the clubs vast supply of plum wood.
- \* Lou Pacecca; his first show & tell Jarrah bowl, I hope many more to come.
- \* John D Kemp; Turned mushroom in Plum & jewel box in Maple (handsome).
- \* Malcolm Target; Huon Pine & Jarrah lidded bowl ( always special)
- \* Jim Cunniffe; Stock whip handles in Jarrah & exmas finials. Jim always does things outside the square.
- \* Kevin Bell; Beautiful Mulberry handled knives & a lidded Huon Pine bowl.
- \* Stan Siebe; turned chess set & wine stopper ( Stan can do anything).
- \* Tom Brixey; Turned fish for weekend workshop ( Different).
- \* Nov 18th
- \* Members spent this night on final preparations for weekend workshop on Saturday and Sunday the 20th & 21st Nov. The club would like to welcome ex Mandurah members "Buster" and "Sandi" Bailey to the South West, they have moved to the wilds of Donnybrook. Apparently now he is removed from the influence of the Mandurah woodies + John Mason, "Buster " is now living a more genteel and refined style.
- \* Nov 20th
- \* Weekend workshop was well attended by turners from other clubs, & this club would like to extend thanks to all the visitors. It is always an effort to come up with varying and interesting ways to make these weekends a success & Bunbury members were very diligent in their endeavors. The

Xmas competition " Decorations with finials" were dazzling & I would like to congratulate John D Kemp for winning a couple of certificates on his first competition attempt.

- \* Dec 2nd
- \* Show & Tell M.C. Jim Cunniffe.
- \* Noel Ness; Bluegum bowls & a clever offcentre turning chuck.
- \* Ted Norrie; Inside out lamp in Jarrah ( His best yet)
- \* Lyn Poli; Cheese knives & server in Marri. A subtle timber.
- \* John G Kemp; Showed his unsuccessful rejects of Xmas finials, it just goes to show if you don't make a mistake you don't make anything.
- \* Jim Cunniffe; Dolphin roundabout music box (always entertaining).
- \* Phillis Smith Her first show & tell of a jewelry stand.
- \* Stan Zieba; With his famous pullalong ant.
- \* Dec 5th
- \* Xmas dinner was again held out in the wilds of Donnybrook, Bunbury members are gluttons for punishment as "Parkey" made them paint his house and pick 50 boxes of fruit before Xmas dinner.
- \* It is also the time for Annual Club Awards
- \* Best attendance; Lyn Poli
- \* Most Show & Tell; Noel Ness
- \* Best Clubman; Stan Zeiba
- \* John Shinnick award for Best Turner; John D Kemp.
- \* This writer wishes all WA Woodies have a safe and healthy 2010.

*George Parke*

## Collie Calling

Our November meeting at our new club rooms concentrated on the efficiency of an air filtration system, we were testing, which was borrowed from WAWA. The group agreed that the very fine particles were the most damaging to health, the chips can be vacuumed off the floor, but the airborne dust not only causes health problems ,



but can also be a fire hazard if it settles in the ceiling and on and around wiring and recesses. The other major discussion was non members using tools and equipment belonging to the club, before they become members. The question was clarified by the president Derek Martin by email. For insurance reasons a prospective member can "not" use WAWA tools and equipment, because we cannot obtain insurance for a non member. However a club member can demonstrate wood turning techniques, and the non member observing is covered by public liability insurance. In this particular case the person concerned understood when the situation was explained and joined on the spot, our first female member for quite some time, and is now able to master the tools and use the equipment, welcome to the club Valerie.

The weekend competition was turners choice, only advanced members participated, eight pieces in all. Doug Gulvin won hands down with his turned art form piece of a sputnik beautifully turned and very delicate, a well deserved win. Don't forget Collie is the Host for the weekend workshop on Saturday 20th March 2010 at the North Collie Community Hall.

*Ken Hands*

*Convenor Collie Group*

# Gosnells Gossip

This period was very busy but rewarding for the Group as we moved to new accommodation in the old Gosnells Hospital.

Nov4 The competition for the Seattle Tower box was won by Derek Beer from a total of seven entries.

Show and Tell

Chris Smith a vase

Owen O'Neill three desk top pen holders

Alan Pickersgill vase with lid and finial

Peter Povey platter with three legs

Derek Beer jar with lid

Allen Smith two bowls (one made on Have a Go Day)

Stuart Heinrich presentation wooden clock and a restored carving set given as a wedding present 47 years ago.

Marius Van Derlecq talked to the Group about his mentor Stuart Heinrich and his final project at University in his studies for a Bachelor of Education to achieve his goal to be a Manual Arts teacher. For his project he had turned a salt and a pepper grinder in the shape of a man and woman using five different timbers for each, turning their hats grind the condiments. Faultlessly turned and finished they were a magnificent example creativity and technical excellence. The Group thanked Marius and wished him well for the future.

The Group project was turning an oval box.

Nov 6&7 The Gosnells Group participated in the Canning Agricultural Show. With two lathes and a table exhibiting samples of their craft John Gardiner, Owen O'Neill, Derek Pollard, Bill Wallbank, Rudy Goh, Allen Smith and Peter Pickering demonstrated to the public and explained the benefits of joining WAWA.

In the Champion Woodwork Exhibit Bill Wallbank excelled with:-

First Industrial Arts Woodwork Bowl

Second Industrial Arts Woodwork Bowl

Third Industrial Arts Woodwork Bowl

First Industrial Arts Woodwork Box

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Second Industrial Arts Woodwork Any Other Item

Nov 11 the group continued with the oval box. Phil Evans and Patrick Link brought in their donation of Christmas toys these included 5 Walking trolleys, 15 Trucks and 5 Racing cars. The group responded with a tribute for their great effort.

Nov 18 Finishing the oval box, this has being a challenging project and a first time for many members to try offset turning.

Nov 25 The monthly demonstration saw Chris Smith and Chris Sioulas combining their skills to present a demonstration on sharpening. Two grinders were set up at the front of the group and they worked in tandem, first spindle gouges with Chris Sioulas using a jig he had made based on the Heli-grind system and Chris Smith using a rotating jig similar to the Tru-grind but held in a V shaped extending base. Both obtained excellent results and explained their method. Bowl gouges next with similar methods. For roughing gouge, skew chisel and parting tools were ground by Chris Sioulas using a plate rest with the angle set by a template whilst Chris Smith used the V shaped extension jig. Chris Sioulas ground the scraper in a similar manner whilst Chris Smith used an angled plate rest. Their methodology and jigs may differ but these two master craftsmen obtained excellent results. They invited questions throughout the demonstration and gave continuous explanation. This was a first class demo and has provided members with all the information they need to produce standardised and consistent sharpening.

27 Nov. Saw many volunteers helping to move our equipment to our new home into what was the Gosnells Family Hospital. This property is owned by the Amaroo Village Aged Care organisation and they have kindly allowed us to occupy the site until they require it for redevelopment. We use one wing comprising two large operating theatres for our lathes, store rooms, tool rooms for band saw, drill, grinder etc plus meeting rooms, kitchen and toilet facilities.

2 Dec Settling into our new home and making a natural edged bowl.

5 Dec Annual Christmas break up BBQ at the Amaroo Village centre. A good time was had by all, although our Life Member Derek Pollard could not be seen when Father Christmas appeared with presents for the ladies and good wishes for all. Thank you Derek.

9 Dec Committee meeting to solve problems of air filtration and dust extraction and other factors to make the Hospital a comfortable and work efficient environment for our members.

16 Dec Last day meeting for the year. Derek Beer and helpers constructing shelving around the walls of the operating theatres to place tools on for the lathes. Outside Derek Pollard and Chris Smith and others worked to cleanup an enclosed outdoor area suitable for BBQ etc. Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year from Gosnells.

*Peter Pickering*

# Mandurah hemo

Congratulations to all the Mandurah members who won the competitions at the WAWA Xmas do. On the day competition Frank Evans won three divisions, Tom Callaghan one and we had three places. The annual competition saw three winners Bruce Jackson, Maurie Munro and Jim Hill and ten places with a clean sweep of the popular vote. Congratulations to you all.

A lot of the clubs were interested in our club competition list and may implement one similar to boost participation.

Mandurah has made an application to Mandurah City Council to build a shed at the Falcon Oval, this is in its initial stage and we will let you know how we progress.

We had our Xmas dinner at the Clansman on 8 December and had a very good attendance including the chief and his good wife Doris. Again the competition was fierce

*Tom*

# Manjimup patterns

- \* Activities have been resumed after the Christmas break, which was needed due to the hectic time leading up to the end of the year.
- \* The Cherry Harmony Festival was held in ideal conditions in December. For once the weather spared the crop from any disaster, and it was estimated that attendance was up on last year. The Manjimup Woodturning group had a comprehensive display in the Town Hall and there was a lot of interest shown in the work.
- \* Down in the Timber Park, a busy bee was held to dismantle the old wooden ramp entry into the kitchen, and replace it with brick paving. Members did a great job, giving us a safer more pleasing entry point.
- \* Prior to Christmas we received a visit from Keith and Pam McQueen, who stayed in Manjimup for several days. Also visiting Manjimup were Jim and Naomi McDonnell.
- \* Both Keith and Jim gave members impromptu demonstrations – a gesture which was very much appreciated by us all. Graham Lewis also popped in briefly on his way through the town.
- \* Due to the departure of Mike and Sue Spacey for the Eastern States, we held an election to replace Mike as Convenor. This resulted in the election of 2 convenors – Graeme Quaife, who will be the group contact, and Irene Worth who is a welcome addition to the committee. A farewell luncheon was held to say goodbye to the Spaceys, who were presented with a gift from members as thanks for the work they have put into the group.
- \* The annual Christmas wind-up was held in mid December and took the form of a barbecue, with a good turn out of members and partners.
- \* The Manjimup Group wish all WAWA members a safe and healthy 2010.

*Yvonne Pegrum*

# Melville Utterings

# Swan Snippits

Many thanks to Les Small for standing in for me as "Mr Anonymous" in my absence on a trip to Scotland .I am told that I should cut down on the waffle and keep contributions as brief as possible as space costs money I' ll do my best!

The demo program for Nov. to Dec. was :-

4th Nov - George Walker showed how to use "anniversary clock mechanisms" in a bud vase to obtain a novel effect.

11th Nov - Ron Oliver showed how he makes table lamps.

18th Nov- Hands on day

25th Nov- Bill Power showed slides of his trip to the USA which included a woodturning display.

2nd Dec- Brian Fowlie demonstrated needle cases and pens.

9th -Dec- No demo but members brought in the toys made for charity at Christmas a great display.

We are still having discussions with Melville City Council about a permanent home and hopefully we can report good news in the new year.

*Don Gunn.*

What happened to 2009? It really went by on high speed and we are now having a short break before turning into 2010.

The year ended with some interesting demonstrations and discussions.

Our evening meeting on November 10 saw spirited discussion on various finishing methods, with consensus that no matter what polishes or how many different grades of sanding were used we all prefer to see the finished product look like polished wood and not so shiny that it looks like plastic. Winners of the competition for four hanging Christmas decorations were: Open: 1st Brian Kirkby, 2nd Bruce Shephard, 3rd Joe Clark; Intermediate: 1st Bob Jones, 2nd Bob Napthine, 3rd Matt Koch.

November 17 - afternoon meeting saw John Attwater make some old-style hand screw clamps. He used a cabinet maker's tool otherwise known as wood thread box and tap or tap and die. Members, used to buying metal clamps, showed considerable interest. Discussion followed on the growing number of Men's Sheds, which offer a wide range of interests to male retirees.

November 23: Barrie Leivers made salt and

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pepper shakers from sheoak with press-in tops – a useful Christmas gift.

December 1: Bob Nicholls demonstrated turning wood on a bias. A 115cms cube was mounted on the lathe - corner to corner. For this the tool rest must be close to the job and extra care taken to keep fingers behind the rest for safety. A spigot was cut on the tailstock then the wood reversed to have the spigot put into the headstock. After this it became a normal bowl exercise. Turners were warned to beware of the ghost image as the four corners whirl around at approximately 700 rpm.

December 8- our last evening meeting for 2009. Convenor Joe Clark demonstrated a natural edged bowl turned from jacaranda. Jacaranda is particularly adaptable for this because it retains its bark longer than most woods and can be treated in the normal way with a grain sealant. The competition winners for best turned item for the year were once again Open: 1st Brian Kirkby; 2nd Bruce Shephard; 3rd Joe Clark; Intermediate: 1st Bob Jones, 2nd Bob Napthine; 3rd Matt Koch. Again there were no novices so perhaps we have all graduated.

Swan members are reminded to get their spinning tops ready for our annual party on January 16 – about time someone knocked Ian Moss off as champion.

In the meantime Happy Turning to all members for 2010.

*Tom Wainwright*

# Wanneroo - Joondalu p Journal

New Venue. Things moved quickly when at short notice, a sizable group of our members assembled at the Wanneroo Senior High School on 7 November, loaded our equipment and wood and moved to our new venue at the Heathridge Leisure Centre. Our first meeting was held there on 9 November.

Please note the Wanneroo-Joondalup Group now meets at 7:00pm, the 2nd Monday each month in Room 5 at the Heathridge Leisure Centre, on the corner of Sail Terrace and Siren Road, Heathridge. Hands on sessions will be held at 2:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the same venue.

November meeting. Unfortunately, a few members did not get news of our new meeting time and venue in time for the meeting, but 19 members still rolled up.

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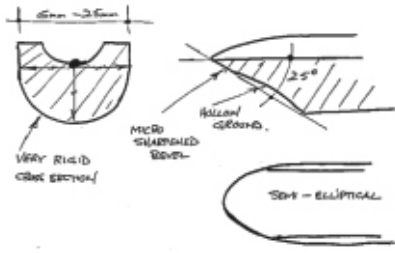
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There was some discussion on times for hands on sessions, and the acquisition of a bandsaw and dust extractor for the group. Previously we had access to the school's bandsaws, but only on meeting nights.

# The Technical Desk

## The Detail Gouge



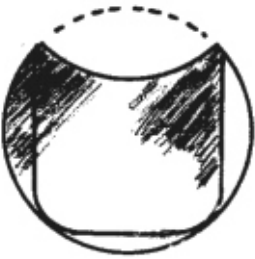
Viv Paust coordinated a demonstration of the Detail Gouge, which is also known as the Spindle or Lady Finger Nose. The Detail Gouge has a shallow flute and a longer bevel.



competition. Show and tell compared to the Bowl Gouge. preparation for the Christmas donations,

The Detail gouge is used mainly on spindle work to cut beads, coves, ogees and other detail. As with the Bowl Gouge, the bevel must 'rub' hence a cutting or slicing action. The comp was a cheeseboard & knife.

Beginners section was won by Ron Swarbrick. Historical, there were two types of small gouges, the light type and the long & strong. The light type produced mainly for the hobbyist, were thin in section and about 150 mm long. The long & strong made from a square section, 300 mm long, with a shallow flute on top and the bottom corners rounded.



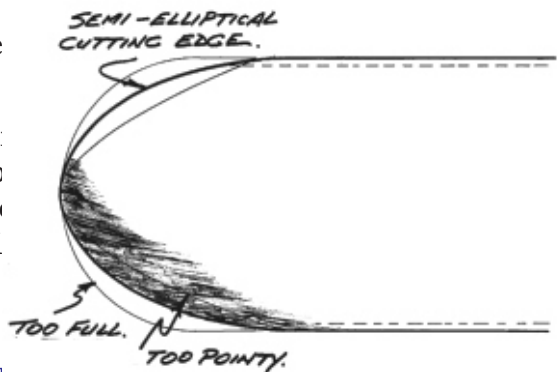
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Over time manufactures made changes/improvements in design, in this case the introduction of the round section. A gouge made from a round section is the same as a gouge made from square section with the same flute size, only stronger. Hence most gouges available today are round in section. If both the square & round section, have the same shape & width flute, and both ground to a lady finger nose shape the cutting edge on the bottom of the flute- will be the same.

Comp was best item turned but not shown during 2009. Frank Visser, the Detail gouge is with the shape of the cutting edge- section with a quote George Hadrod: The experienced division winner was Viv Paust with a semi-elliptical shape for the cutting edge or as some people say, lady's finger. The semi-elliptical shape is critical when you are turning a concave shape, such as a hollow- or what you may call a cove. If the cutting edge is too full you will find it difficult to make a cut exactly on a prescribed line when cutting the edge of a hollow.

The Wanneroo-Joondalup Groups turners of the year for 2009 were: Ron Swarbrick, Frank Visser (Congratulations to Ron and Frank who will be joining the experienced group in the new year).

Experience Our Janua at Convenc 10. Comp bowl with li



Andy Hill

## LATHE FOR SALE

Teknatool Nova 3000

# Bereavements

## **Vale Gordon Wilkins**

It is with regret that I report the death of a former member Gordon Wilkins who will be remembered by older members for the wonderful large bowls he turned from native timbers in a closed form through a very small central hole. Condolences to his family.

*Don Gunn.*

## **Vale - GEOFF BARKLA**

Our Association has benefited immensely as a result of the membership of Geoff Barkla, Who passed away suddenly on 6th January 2010.

Geoff joined our Association in May 1986 [Member No 116] and immediately accepted a role on the Committee of Management, and served as our second President during 1988-1990. During that time, Geoff also became the telephone contact for the Association through the Yellow pages, a role he filled selflessly for the next 16 years,

Following serving a President, during 1990/1993, Geoff undertook the role of our Newsletter Editor, and was ably Assisted by his wife, Gay, who passed away 4 years ago.

Geoff was always willing to assist in the management and promotion of the Association, and Chaired the organizing committee of the Exhibition of Excellence in 1992 In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Association, Geoff was rewarded with the conferring of Life Membership in 1992.

Well done Geoff'

*Milton Rundle*

# Gosnell's Group

## Weekend Workshop

Saturday 20th February 2010  
Wandi

***Wandi Community Hall  
DeHaer Rd Wandi***

Convenor: John Gardiner  
Master of ceremonies: Peter Pickering  
Hosts: Gosnell's Club Members  
Safety Officer: Derek Beer  
Trade Supplier: TBA

### **Competition Item**

Natural Edged Bowl with a Lid. The lid to be set inside the bowl away from the natural edge. Size unlimited.

### **Saturday Programme**

8.00 am Set up, all hands please  
8.30 am- Registration and Fellowship  
9.00 am- Startinf announcements & Welcome  
9.10 am- Demo 1 Chris Sioulis Square edged Bowl - with wings  
10.00 am- Morning Tea (Members bring a plate of goodies please)

### **Competition Voting Commences**

10.30 am - Demo 1 continues  
11.50 am - Presidents Forum  
12.00pm- Lunch Hamburger, Salad & Cool drink \$6.00  
1.00pm- - Demo 2- John Mason  
2.00pm- - Demo 3 TBA  
3.00pm- Afternoon Tea  
3.30pm- Show and Tell  
Competition Results  
Raffle and Door Prize  
4.00pm- Close (All Hands Please)



# Collie Group

## Weekend Workshop

Saturday 20th March 2010  
North Collie Community Hall  
Crnr Princip & Ewing Sts

Convenor: Ken Hands  
Master of ceremonies: Les Beauglehole  
Safety Officer: Max Rutherford  
Trade Supplier: TBA

### **Competition Item**

Hanging Wall Clock, Using clock mechanisms, no insert (one piece) clock units, and mounted on a display stand. Size Unlimited. Stand will not be judged

### **Saturday Programme**

8.00 am Set up, all hands please  
9.00 am- Registration and Fellowship  
9.30 am- Ken Rutherford turned article to be threaded later by Peter Briggs  
10.30 am- Morning Tea (Members bring a plate of goodies please)  
Competition Voting Commences  
11.00 am Rob Jones \_ TBA  
12.00pm- Lunch  
1.00pm- Gordon Ward - TBA  
2.00pm-Frank Evans -TBA  
3.00pm- Presidents Forum  
3.30pm- Show and Tell  
Competition Results  
4.30pm- Close (All Hands Please)

**Timber for Sale-** John Imrie will have timber blanks for sale- so get in quick (good Timber)

**Directions;** Turn off the Bunbury highway between Rowlands and Burekup, onto Coalfields road. When you get to Collie, turn left onto Princip St, and drive just over 2 kilometers to the corner of Ewing St, where you will find the hall.

# Calendar of Events

## Weekend Workshops Calendar for 2010

- 20th February... Gosnells  
Natural Edged Bowl with a Lid.
- 20th March... Collie  
Hanging Wall Clock
- 17th April... Melville  
Item made from Banksia Nuts
- 22nd May... Mandurah  
Decorated Wall Plaque
- 19th June... Joondalup/Wanneroo  
Item featuring Inside-Out Turning.
- 17th July... Swan  
Bowl with flat rim
- tba August... Working with Wood  
Show
- 18th September... Wandi  
Made to Measure Stoppered Flask
- 16th October... Avon  
Lidded Container with 4 different  
timbers
- 20th November... Busselton  
Pair of Salt and Pepper Mills
- 11th December... TBA  
Best Item Turned in 2010

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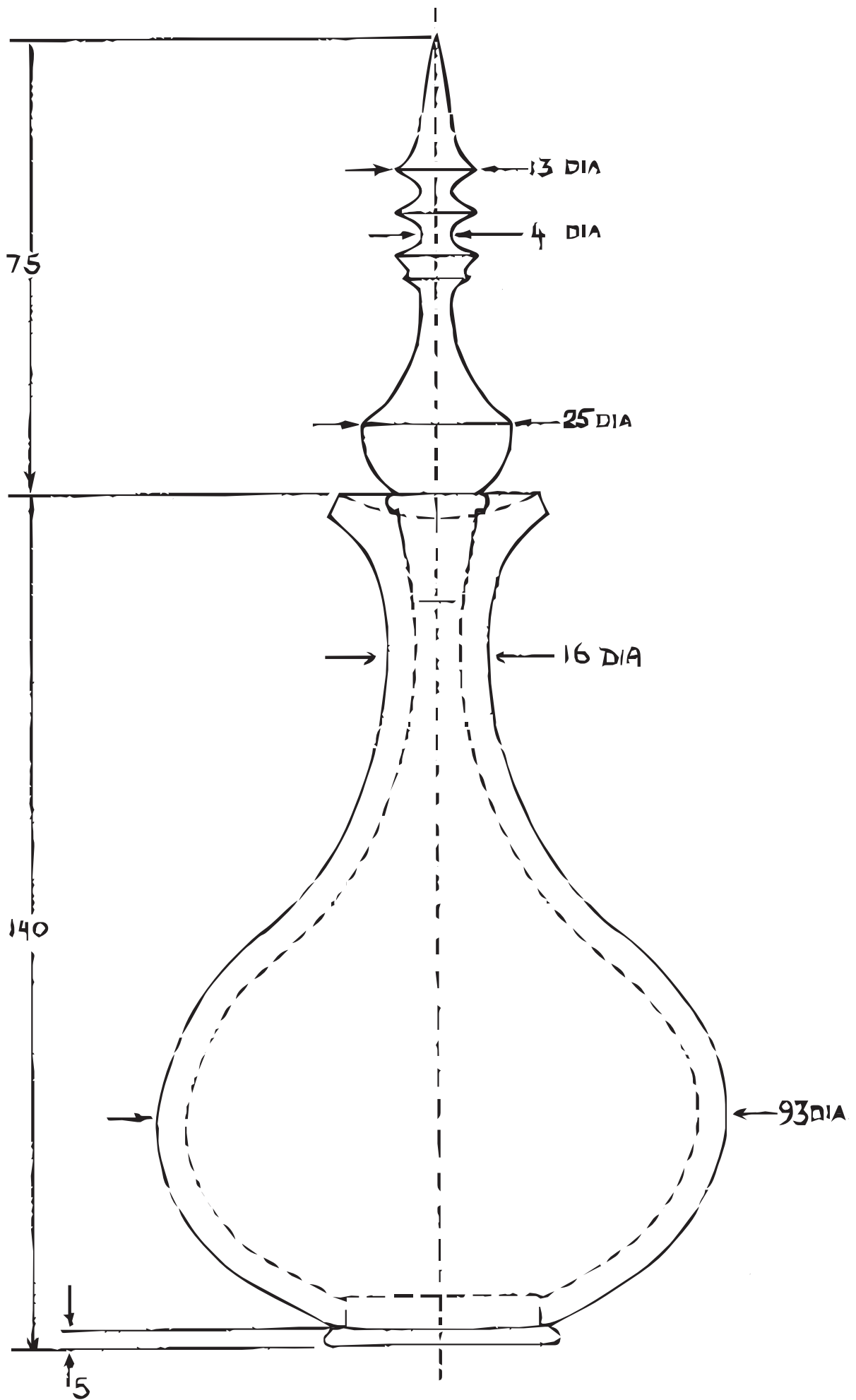
Kingsway City---3 to 8 May

Craft Fair Claremont---30 July to 1 August

WA Wood Show---6 to 8August2010

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Stoppered Flask Detail

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