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Melville members organising the tables of toys they produced for distribution to a number of charitable organisations for Christmas 2017. A special function was organised for the handover of this abundance of good will.



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MANJIMUP

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Presidential Ponderings

The New Year is upon us and, with it, all those dreaded New Year resolutions we are supposed to put in place. I've given up on those that promise improvement to wealth, wisdom or waistline – gave them up years ago because they never lasted and never did any good anyway. So, this year, I thought I would give some attention to improving my wood turning. Nothing ventured nothing gained, I thought, and there are at least three things that I've been wanting to learn for years and kept putting off for one reason or another.

I managed to get out to the shed before Christmas and made a start on learning how to cut a thread on a small lidded box. I been making boxes with a friction fit lid for years, and have become quite proficient, but cutting a thread instead seemed just too difficult. However, now and many attempts later, I'm reasonably happy with the result although I'm still learning and the learning curve is still pretty steep. I reckon I'm just about ready for a show-and-tell but nowhere near ready for a demo. That's a little bit away yet.

But I've made a good start and it's now time to get stuck into learning how to use the rose engine I made several years ago and which has been sitting in the shed gathering dust while it waits for me to try it out. Here lies a nice challenge to work on for the rest of the year. And, after that there is . . . – well, I might wait and see before letting you know what that's going to be, because I think this rose engine is going to be a bit of a challenge and I'm not sure that I will succeed. But there's enough there to give me plenty to do.

Anyway, I'm happy that my focus this year is on my turning because wood turning is an area where there is always something new to learn, and where there is more than enough scope to develop and refine new skills. All of that gives you a sense of personal achievement and is very satisfying. And, at the end of the process, wood turning is also an area where it is possible to share what you've learned with fellow woodturners.

Learning and sharing is really what WAWA and woodturning is all about. When I was a very inexperienced turner just starting out, I kept being told that if I really wanted to become proficient I should join a wood turning group. Now, a decade later with rich experiences at both group and association levels, I can see why. I could have worked away in my own shed, all by myself, but I wouldn't have gone very far and would have missed the fellowship of a wonderful and interesting group of people as well.

The Committee of Management will put in place a number of initiatives intended to strengthen learning and sharing this year, including the introduction of special-interest groups and the sharply improved set of monthly competition conditions, but whether learning and sharing takes place is really up to you. So whatever other New Year resolutions you have, can I ask you to add two more: (1) improve some aspects of your own wood turning that you thought you should work on and establish clear targets to aim for, and (2) put in place what you can to strengthen your group's promotion of wood turning as a pleasurable learning and sharing pursuit.

Happy and prosperous New Year to you all. Keep turning and keep sharing what you have done.

Jim

Registrar's Ramblings

New Members

We welcome the following members to the Association:

Geoff Brown 3065	Bunbury
Bob Burgess 3066	Bunbury
Shelley Piang-Nee 3067	Swan
Murray Hight 3068	Gosnells
Steve Heath 3069	Busselton
Martin Plaziuk 3070	Wandi
Phil Perkins 3071	Avon

A note to group secretaries and all members requiring a new name badge or cloth badge, please contact me for those items.

Also ... PLEASE remember to advise of **email changes** as many people are now connecting to the NBN.

Barbara Jennings, Registrar

VALE

Clem Stewart, Bunbury, 1083

**Valued and respected member. Sadly missed by the Bunbury Woodturners.
Our thoughts and sympathy to his family.**

Roving Reporter

DOUG BELL PYROGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

Doug was lured across the Nullabor to the biennial Collaboration workshop in Bunbury in October last year. Rob Jones, president of Collaboration, kindly made arrangements for Doug to deliver a number of workshops for other groups. WAWA was fortunate to engage Doug for workshops at Bunbury and Melville.

Like many crafts and art activities, a keen person can teach themselves pyrography (or hot poker work if you prefer) from books and videos ... but you learn a lot more a darn sight more quickly from tuition with someone as skilled as Doug.

For one thing, you start with the basics – tools, materials, safety, sources of supply, advice on getting started. We had been issued a list of items and materials to bring with us, which included turned bowls with wide rims for maximum decoration space and two upright pieces, one with straight sides and one with convex sides, all in light coloured wood. Before we even thought about putting a mark on any of these, Doug took us through a series of practise exercises so we could learn how to adjust the burning ability of our equipment. We were shown how different tips need different techniques of application. We were shown how to make our own tips from nichrome wire. We discussed the importance of visualising what you want to achieve then applying design techniques appropriate the piece of wood (or other material) that you have to work on. Obviously, we were working with wood but pyrography can be applied to other materials such as leather. The ability to draw is an advantage but not essential as Doug pointed out the possibilities using carbon or graphite paper to trace a pattern or shape or even a full scene onto a surface.

After a morning of concentrating on instruction and practicing on pieces of plywood, we started working on our turned pieces. A feature of the practice sessions and the work on the bowls was silence. Everyone was so absorbed in what they were doing, you'd have thought we were

sitting an exam. Doug walked about checking how each person was going about their decorating and offering advice or showing how something could be done. It was interesting to come up for breath and have a look at the different ways everyone there had applied what they had learned.

Doug had brought along a large number of examples of items he had produced using different techniques. These ranged from burned only to coloured and burned, from small ornaments to quite large works of art. These were not only educational but inspiring too. Among the handouts was a pattern for making your own Golden Section Gauge. You can download it and template for a Golden Section Ruler from <https://www.quantumbalancing.com/goldenmeantemplate.htm>



There were a lot of happy faces by the end of the workshop and much discussion about what each of us was taking away from the day. I'm fairly sure everyone who attended would advocate getting instruction to both speed up the learning process and to gain confidence. Many thanks to Doug for an absorbing day of instruction and to the host groups for organising the workshops.

News From the Groups

Gosnells

At our meeting on 8th November it was decided to hold our annual Christmas lunch on December 2nd and the call went out to all members to provide Bud Vases, Lolly Bowls and Tea Light Holders to decorate the tables. At Show and Tell we were treated to the results of our members entries in the competition at the Canning Show.

Geoff Britton received first place and Championship with a finely turned embellished vase in Bottle Brush and second place with a fine platter in She-Oak. Owen O'Neill was awarded second place with a well finished Natural Edge Bowl in Red Morrel Burl. Rob Woodward offered for Show and Tell a full size Coke bottle replica complete with labels.

On 15th November Bill Wallbank offered up a variety of Bud Vases of various designs and timbers and Ian Cooper showed a trivet in Jarrah with a tile inlay.

On 2nd December our annual Christmas Lunch was held in our dusted and polished workshop. The meal was plentiful and excellent and all the tables liberally furnished with full lolly bowls, illuminated tea lights and bud vases complete with rose buds, very swish! To round off, at the end of the meal Santa presented each lady with a floral bouquet.

Our smoko meeting on 13th December saw Chris Smith present an embellished box in she-oak, John Atkinson showed his pepper mill and sought advice in the correction of an error which resulted in a visible gap between the top and the body. Suggestions were plentiful. A candle holder by Peter Manchee completed Show and Tell. Peter had combined she-oak with Banksia nut using the Banksia nut for its decorative effect, very attractive.

Probably sparked off by the Christmas clean-up we entered into a discussion on dust and its collection. We will look at suitable means of collecting the dust as it is produced

Gosnells Group closed for Christmas break on 14th December and will resume on 9th January 2018.

A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Gosnells to all WAWA Groups.

Jim R

Joondalup-Wanneroo Wanderings

Andy Hill has been conducting training classes at the Heathridge Venue on a separate night and Tony Collins has also been conducting classes at his home. The group gained a few more members and there are two members of the Melville group that have indicated they will transfer their membership to our group.

November Meeting:

Jim Cameron was welcomed by the group when he attended the meeting to familiarise himself with our venue and the restrictions we are experiencing. Following on from his very detailed and informative demonstration on pen turning in August, Barry Cobb demonstrated in detail how he sands and finishes the pens in cyanoacrylate.

November Comp Item Winners

The competition item for November was a platter. After some disqualifications due to the required height to diameter ratio, the winners were

- **Novice:** John Van Den Bogert was the only entry
- **Intermediate :** 1st Jeff Gittos, 2nd Mike Phillips, 3rd, Mike Wickings.
- **Advanced:** 1st Graham Turner, 2nd Andy Hill, 3rd Geoff Quesnel.

December Meeting:

This being the final meeting of the year there was no demonstration scheduled, however Andy Hill described how he was tackling a commission to make wedding rings out of Cook Island Ironwood. He used a Forstner bit to cut the hole to slightly undersize and a Hole saw to cut the outer diameter slightly oversize. The resultant ring was then parted off and mounted on a mandrel to shape the outside. Andy then made some Collet Chucks to fit into his Shark Jaws and sized them to grip the outside of the ring to enable the inside to be shaped. An exercise in problem solving. Graeme Skewes reported that 84 Christmas toys had been donated by the group this year, a worthy effort.

The meeting then broke up and some Christmas Cheer was had by all.

Merry Christmas and Happy Turning from the Joondalup/Wanneroo Group

Frank Visser

Mandurah Memo

This has been another interesting period for the club. We were invited to represent at a Mandurah **My Park Grooves** event at Templetonia Park, Greenfields. Bruce Jackson and Steve Horley represented the Mandurah Woodturners Group, they distributed some tops for the kids and described our activities for the community.

We have just received a grant from the Mandurah Council to upgrade our machinery dust extraction system that needs to be completed by next month.

On the 9th of November Bruce Jackson demonstrated how to make an egg cup and an egg. He started the demo by explaining that the demonstrator must keep up a running commentary (not necessarily to do with the piece at the time), instead he described the circumstances of how he met the love of his life, Sam, when they were both very young.

The narrative continued with his travels up and down the state and into Darwin. He was a sheep shearer and deck hand on



Melville Woodturners
Weekend Workshop
Wandi Community Centre
302 DeHaer Road, Wandí
17th February 2018

Convenor **Bernard Boycott**

MC **Brian Fowlie**

Hosts **Melville Woodturners**

Trade Supplies P-Square Agencies

Timber Supplies : Bruce Jackson

Graham Turner, Goldfields Burls

Competition Item: Cheese platter, diam.min 200mm, max 350mm,
centre decorated/ inlay unrestricted.

Programme

8.00am Registration and fellowship

9.00am Welcome and announcements

9.05am **David Rechter** Tooth pick holder .

10.00am Morning tea Members please bring a plate of goodies
Competition voting commences.

10.30am **Dennis Tapley** Box design.

Alternative programme: **Frank Dymond.** Light up your life

12noon **Lunch**-Ham and salad or cheese and salad roll plus a piece of fruit---\$6.00

1.00pm Competition voting closes.

Jim Cameron Presidents forum

1.10pm **Kevin Luff** Jarrah burl bowl with feet.

2.10pm **Syd Harvey** Segmented turning.

3.10 pm Afternoon tea.

3.35pm **Bruce Jackson.** Competition results

Clean up many hands make light work.

Travel Safely home

prawn trawlers, tyre fitter in Darwin (surviving cyclone Tracy while living in a caravan). Sam and his young children accompanied him all along and Sam even cooking for some of the shearing teams. It was truly a fascinating story. At the conclusion, Sam was invited up and they announced that that day was their 60th wedding anniversary, and said that it was ironic that on this day he was turning a pair of egg cups. They were greeted by rapturous cheers and clapping. Good on you both.

Our next Demo was done by Frank Evans on the 23rd of November and was a repeat of his WAWA demo of a cheese platter. There should be no excuse now for not exhibiting a Cheese platter at our next competition in February 2018.

On the 28th of November we held our Christmas dinner at the Sunseekers Restaurant. Jim Cameron and his wife Nina, were special guests. Cheryl Butler made up some place setting gift boxed as is her craft and was much appreciated, Thank you Cheryl. A secret Santa was also held. There was a competition of items that had not been shown before. Colin Rutherford won First place, Robbie Norton came in Second and Bruce Jackson came in Third place. Well done all of you.

It has been a very good year and we are looking forward to even better things in 2018

Jon Braine

Manjimup Matters

By the time this goes to print, 2017 will be but a distant memory – well almost. Where did it go? It doesn't seem that long ago that we were preparing to paint our workshop floor ready for our weekend workshop in March.

As usual, the Cherry Festival was the final activity for us outside of our own premises. This year, it was quite a hot day and we were thankful that we were situated in the Town Hall where it was considerably cooler than the main drag. We did not demonstrate this year, mainly because we shared the Hall with the Quilters and the Photographic Society – I doubt if they would have appreciated turning dust on their exhibitions! The public was very supportive of the displays in the Hall and we were able to sell a few items, but sadly did not pick up any new members- still we live in hope.

Our final meeting for the year was followed by our Christmas party. This year, we did not have as many as usual due to illness and medical appointments which kept a few away. Despite that we enjoyed several hours of good company and a very nice lunch provided by members with some input from the club.

Our “donation” to the volunteers at HACCC this year took the form of a cheese knife. This was very much appreciated by the volunteers who give up their time to deliver Meals on Wheels, drive patients to medical appointments and in general provide a service to the community otherwise not available. Thanks go to the members who made the knives.

For WAWA members who have not been down to Manjimup in recent months, a lot is happening. Our new Hospital is well on track to be occupied by mid 2018, and the Wellness Centre opposite the Timber Park is well and truly under way. In the Timber Park itself, a Sound Shell is under construction and will be used for the first time very early in 2018. A roundabout will be constructed on the Highway opposite the Park and hopefully will lead travellers into the town centre.

Unfortunately, the Top Notch café which has been an integral part of the Timber Park for many years has been closed. This impacts directly on the number of visitors who come into our workshop.

Our first invitation for 2018 has been to join in the Queen's Baton Relay in the lead up to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. This will take place towards the end of February and

will make its way through the Town Centre to the Timber and Heritage Park where the official welcome ceremony will take place. Following the ceremony, a free community concert will be held in the newly constructed Sandra Donovan Sound Shell. Our involvement will be purely “decorative” as we have been asked to join other community groups in providing a guard of honour for the Baton as it enters the Timber Park.

All that remains is to wish all members and associates a very Happy New Year – we hope it is a safe, healthy one for all.

Yvonne Pegrum

Melville Mutterings

25 Oct – David Rechter took the lathe today & presented his approach to creating a larger size platter utilizing WAWA’s definition as to dimensions applied for judging & generally ie height to be no more than 10% of the items width. One aspect David emphasised with his design is the incorporated including at least one bead on the underside of the item for ease of holding by hand. A valid point apart from adding embellishment to the finished product. Tool utilization was also explained /demonstrated to achieve sought after results. S & T was presented by our former Convenor who called in from travelling & “volunteered” for the duty prior to setting off again.

1 Nov – On the basis of short notice Ray Woodcock manned the lathe today to present his approach to creating a small table lamp from two pieces of sheoak. Although he finished both the base & spindle he left the sanding & assembly whilst at home so we can expect to see the finished item c/w shade in future weeks. Well done Ray. A small tabling of S & T items 2, in fact, presented by Frank Dymond who requested members to support this segment of the programme from either recent good creations to early days efforts & even “monumental stuff ups” to highlight individual progress achieved over the years.

8 Nov - Milton Rundle handled the lathe today with his presentation on creating spinning tops which he has found to be popular with children & adults alike at Shopping Centres activities and other public presentations in which WAWA has been involved. He demonstrated his most popular design but emphasized that variations were almost limitless. S & T , a large tabling following Frank Dymond’s comments last week, was handled by Kevin Harwood.

15 Nov – Monthly “Hands on” day with members following Milton’s demo the previous week & turning their hands to creating wooden spinning tops to bolster the Groups Christmas children’s toys project . Participation, as normal was enthusiastic with most members completing their unit. No S & T today.

22 Nov – George Walker kept us entranced today with his demo of “ a lidded box with a TWIST” which involved turning a topless & bottomless wooden cylinder, halving it longitudinally & rejoining the two halves with paper glue joints to recreate a cylinder, sand smooth, separate the cylinder longitudinally again to make two halves, cut a small rebate on matching edges to fit a “George made hinge (patented – I think !!), fitted the separate top & bottom pieces to the ends of the cylinder, then turn a small finial & stand to each be fitted on opposing sides of the cylinder, drill holes for fitting & resulting in a longitudinal box with a top side opening lid. Very novel & VERY different from the traditional lidded box. It will be interesting to see if future S & T entries will include other members efforts to replicate. Today’s S & T was quite extensive & capably handled by Russel I Nash.

28 Nov - David Finch took centre stage today commencing with a video featuring well know English woodturner Alan Battie who specializes in thread cutting in wood & took us through the process of creating a small wooden lidded box with a threaded screw top at the same time mentioning methods to achieve acceptable results. Following this he proceeded to turn an acorn in contrasting timbers & hollowing both top & bottom joined by a threaded joint which was very difficult to see with the eye. David then proceeded with a detailed explanation of various threads explaining that this method was invented approximately 2,500 years ago – so much for our modern creativeness. A small S & T presentation presented by Les Small.

6 Dec – Final day for 2017 with guests from Wanslea, Mercy Care, Silver Chain, to receive the Groups projects of toys, wooden & soft for underprivileged children & Confectionery bowls for distribution to residents of elder care facilities, Also present was the Mayor of Melville, Mr Russell Aubrey who expressed his thanks for the Groups long established participation in these activities. Some wives & friends were present & the day concluded with a light morning tea. The Group has now gone into recess until early January just prior to moving to our new premises mid month.

7 Dec – Some 90 persons, wives, partners, friends, widows & members gathered at the East Fremantle Yacht Club for an extremely sociable & enjoyable for our traditional end of year Christmas Luncheon. Voted TOPS by all once again.

Tom 108

Swan Snippets

Christmas time

Well did we have fun? 40 plus members of The Swan Woodturners gathered together on Saturday night (2nd Dec) at our club rooms for a Christmas BBQ. Ho Ho Ho Lovely salads, free BBQ packs, good company made for a Christmas buzz in the air.

It was trophy night as well. Records are kept of accumulated points in our monthly competitions and a Certificate of Achievement for 1st 2nd and 3rd places in each division, along with a Trophy for first place in each division. So well done to the following:

Novice: 1st Elison Corstorphan, 2nd Lindsay Ford, 3rd Eckard Setzinger

Intermediate: 1st Mary Byers, 2nd Bud Cooke, 3rd Ted Garden

Advanced: 1st Bruce Shephard, 2nd Don Clarke, 3rd Joe Clark

As Bruce Shephard conducted the most demonstrations this year he is the holder for the next year of the perpetual trophy, "A beautiful platter made by Peter Lowe". Bruce also received the Eric Walker Trophy.

A bottle of wine was awarded to myself for the most show and tell for the year. Moscato for Mary.

Our quizzes are always fun. A lot of laughter and mind searching goes on and then chocolates for the winning tables. The Christmas diet starts.



The annual spinning top challenge is always a hoot and hotly contested.

Many thanks to Ted Stewart-Wynne for his organisation as well as all the many hands for all the little jobs that go into making these nights successful.

Remember we still have two Tuesday meetings to go this year but get rested and ready to participate in more show & tell, competitions, turning events and demonstrations next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Mary Byers

Toodyay Tattles

Hi all from the Avon Valley

We do hope that one and all had a great and safe Christmas. Things have been going along nicely at 2J Junction, our new home.

We had our opening on the 29th October and we welcomed about 35 people there including just about the full complement of WAWA COM. Many, I believe, went home envious. We did appreciate their efforts to come up. We had several visitors on the day and had our newly elected Shire president there. He had only been elected to his position the Monday before the opening. Also present was our Bendigo Bank Community Liaison officer Margaret O Sullivan there representing the local bank as they have supported us over the years. Linda Streatfield [the wife of our esteemed late member Roger, who was killed in an accident while going home from woodturning three years ago] was also present with some of her family and a sister and her husband who were fresh out from England. WAWA life member David Eyres declared the Shed open after Convenor David Doye welcomed everybody. Andrew McCann then unveiled the plaque on the new bench that we purchased from donations made to the Club at Roger Streatfield's funeral. After the main proceedings there was a barbecue lunch. We would like to believe that everyone had a good day.



Following the opening it was all hands to the wheel so to speak to finish off our raffle prize as we had a raffle at the end of November. This was a Wheelbarrow for holding pot plants and we had pot plants donated by Misty Ridge Nursery in Wundowie and also one other in Northam that I haven't been give the name of yet. Our raffle was a great success and raised just over \$800-00. A good boost to our finances.

One of our members had a slight accident at turning not long ago when the band saw grabbed and got his hand. He was taken to casualty in Northam Hospital were he received six stitches in the wound. We had trouble finding our first aid kit after the shift and decided to check it out only to find most of it was out of date. This has been rectified and a new kit has been purchased and put in a place easily seen. It may be a good time for all clubs to check out your kits.

Recently we have had another new member sign up and we welcome Phil Perkins to our midst. Phil Mentioned that a friend of his had a pace maker fitted recently and his doctor recommended that he gave away woodturning because of electrical interference. Another of our wood turners Malcolm Christmass, who has a pace maker fitted, had his doctor tell him only to give up welding.

At our last meeting it was decided that we would have a small break and so broke up on the 17th December and wont go back until the 14th January and to start the year off with a Barbecue Breakfast.

Well that is about all from Toodyay at the moment and so, please people, remember **DON'T DRIVE TIRED.**

The Tattler

Stories from our members

Michael Kenny, Member 41

We heard recently from Michael Kenny, a life member of WAWA and the proud holder of membership number 41. Michael has been living in retirement in Brunswick Junction with his wife Sandra for a number of years. He was the WAWA safety officer for 13 years, and joined WAWA at its second meeting, which was held at the late John Shinnick's house at 22 Shines Crescent, Brunswick Junction.

Michael tells us that he and his mate John Shinnick used to drive to Eneabba in his ten-year old Valiant ute for the weekend workshops held there in WAWA's early days. The workshops were run by Keith McQueen who specialised in turning goblets and greatly inspired him.

Later, at the Yarloop workshops, he passed on the skills that he had acquired and taught fellow woodturners how to sharpen their (mainly carbon steel) tools without getting them too hot. This was a technique that he had learned from his father. He also shared his experiences at the Manjimup and Bunbury sheds where he, too, specialised in turning goblets, many of which were given away as gifts after a public demonstration.

Michael's interest in turning was not confined to goblets, of course, and he sent through a number of pictures of work that he had done over the years, but one item that gave him great pleasure was the round jarrah dining table which still occupies pride of place in his home. He worked on this, on and off, for nearly two years, but going through the grits got to be more than he wished for. After eight long hours with a hired industrial floor sander, and thoughts that he was never going to complete it, he decided to take the whole lot to the Boranup Gallery. The people there finished the sanding, polished the table, and made matching jarrah and leather dining chairs with jarrah burl armrests.

The item which gave him the greatest pleasure, and which he still has, was a freestanding floor lamp that he designed. The design took three weeks. The turning took another 30 hours. After all these years, he is still extremely proud of the outcome.

Michael was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2001. He is now unable to walk and has limited mobility in his left arm and hand which restricts his use of a number of wood turning tools. But he still attends the Harvey Men's Shed weekly for social interaction and continues to enjoy the opportunity to share his knowledge and do the occasional small project.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: It would be nice to get a few more of this sort of story that reminds us of our pioneer members. If you are minded to send in some notes and a photo of one of the longer serving members, please get their permission first. Families of deceased members should be approached also.)



TRADING PDST

Wanted - a Jim Clark hollowing tool, small or medium size (or both). Contact Michael Weir at jemweir@hotmail.com or 97523573

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Voltage / Amp - 240/10
Call Norm Hoskin 0405 500 135



WOODTURNING PROJECT PARTS

The B-Y in project parts from Box, Clock, Cutlery
to Spinning Tops and Yoyo

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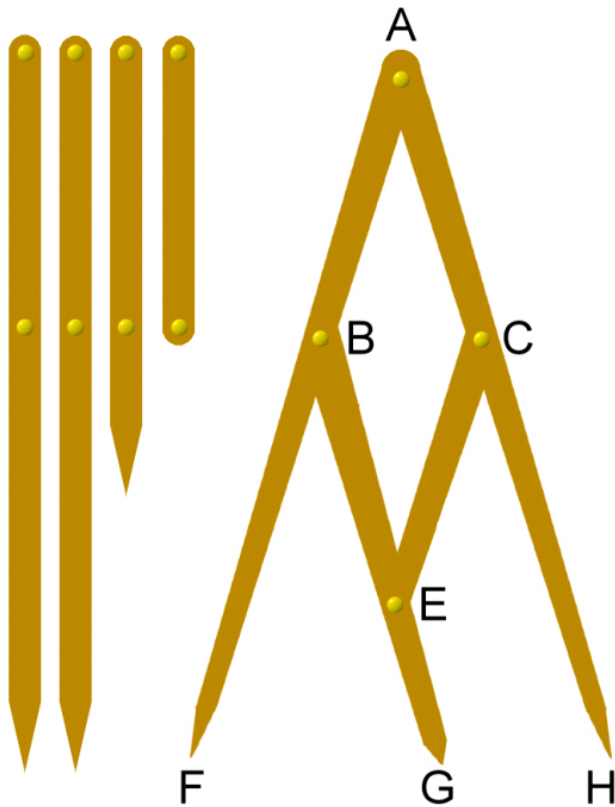
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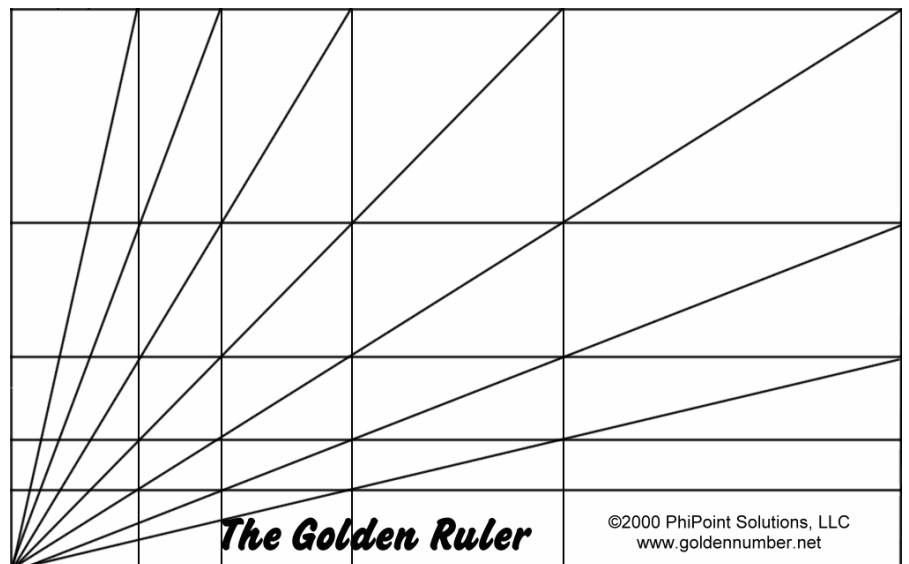
Technical Desk

Golden Section Gauge

$AF = AH = 340\text{mm}$
 $BG = 210\text{mm}$
 $AB = AC = BE = CE = 130\text{mm}$
 $EG = 80\text{mm}$



These can be downloaded from <http://www.quantumbalancing.com/images/goldenmeasuregauge.jpg>



Some Last Minute Contributions

Bunbury Woodturners Annual Awards

Presented at the group's Christmas wind-up, December 2017

John Shinnick Award for Most Improved Beginner - **Glenys Hough**

Clubman of the Year Award - **Pat Jordan** - *always willing and available member*

Hearing Award - **Richard Keyser** - *always understanding*

WAWA Award of Merit - **Les Beauglehole** - *for long and active service (30 years) with both Collie and Bunbury woodturners.*

Congratulations and grateful thanks for your contribution

Jack DeVos Retrospective Exhibition

History House Museum, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale – on show till April 2018. Opening hours – 10.00am to 4.00pm. Entry free.

A showcase of Jack's work over many years, this exhibition displays not only finished items but also works in progress, Jack's tools and some of his sketch books.

Jack contributed to WAWA generously with his many demonstrations at weekend workshops but there are many newer members who have not had the privilege of learning something from his sharing of ideas and techniques. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to browse through Jack's highly regarded work.

Some Encouraging Statistics

Registrar Barbara has recently completed last year's membership numbers to 31/12/2017. Here is a look at the stats for the past three years.

We peaked at 534 in Oct 15, dropped to 476 in January 2016 (lost 58 = 11%).

We peaked at 548 in Oct 16, dropped to 483 in January 2017 (lost 65 = 12%).

We peaked at 558 in Oct 17, dropped to 500 in January 2018 (lost 58 = 10%).

While it is a given that we lose a significant number of members each year, these figures show a steady increase of financial members at the start of the year. Let's keep working at improving this increase.

Competition Results

Bunbury November 2017

Competition Item: platter, 200 mm min -
400mm max diam; embellishment
permitted

NOVICE

1. Jeff Gittos
2. Karen Billingham
3. Jukka Lehtonen
4. Kerry Nicholes

INTERMEDIATE

1. Michael Head
2. Jim Ronald
3. Ray Robertson
4. Phil Bussanich

ADVANCED

1. Frank Evans
2. Charlie Broadbent
3. Norm Hoskin
4. Graham Turner

OPEN

1. Frank Evans
2. Jeff Gittos
3. Charlie Broadbent
4. Graham Turner

MOST POPULAR

1. Frank Evans
2. Stan Zeba
3. Karen Billingham
4. Ray Robinson

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters

Diary Dates

Competition Items

For 2018

February 17th - Melville

To be held at Wandi - hosted by Melville

Cheese platter, diam. min 200mm, max 350mm, centre decorated / inlay unrestricted

March 17th - venue TBA

Single tier cake stand

April 21st - Swan

Lidded box with finial, to measurements. Drawing will be distributed to groups and posted on the WAWA web site.

May 19th - Mandurah

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

June 16th - WAWA

Hand held mirror. Diameter of mirror 100 > 150mm.

July 14th - Gosnells

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

August 18th - Collie

Item to be confirmed

September 15th - Wandi

Pedestal - maximum height 800mm

October 20th - Joondalup/Wanneroo

Bowl with feet - max height 80mm (inc. feet) max diam 330mm. Feet may be carved or manufactured.

November 17th - Busselton

Pair of travelling candlesticks and container, as per photos

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Shopping Centre Displays 2018

7th - 12th May - Bull Creek Shopping Centre

18th - 23rd June - Kardinya Shopping Centre

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

27th August - 1st September - Forrestfield Market Place

22nd - 27th October - The Park Centre, Victoria Park

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

Brian Fowlie	9310 3161
Neil Piper	9399 3723
Geoff Saw	9354 1562

REMINDER!

The points accumulation for competition commencing at the AGM in September 2017 and running till August 2018.