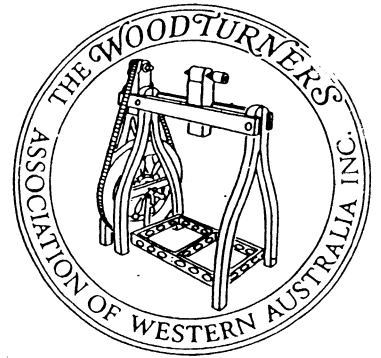


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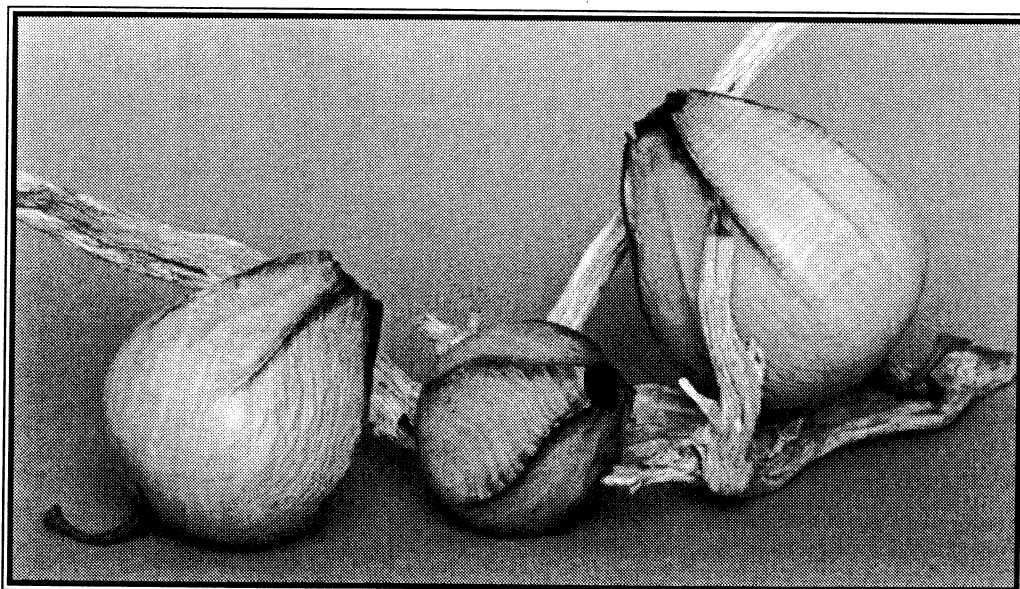
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W.A.W.A. GROUP MEETING DATES, VENUES, CONTACTS AND TIMES

AVON VALLEY	4th Thursday. 7.30pm. 2nd & 4th Sunday 9am to 12noon. Wool Pavilion Showground Toodyay	9574 5102
BUNBURY	1st & 3rd Wednesday 7pm. Cathedral Grammar School, Gelorup	9729 2221
BUSSELTON	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7pm Busselton High School	9752 2111
CENTRAL/SOUTHERN	2nd & 4th Wednesday. 7pm Brookton District High School	9642 1167
COLLIE	Last Sunday of the Month. 9.15am to 4pm. Various Home W/shops	9734 1670
GOSNELLS & DIST.	First Four Wednesdays of the Month from 8.30am to 12.30 pm Bennett's Hardware, Stalker Rd. Gosnells	9398 1396
MANDURAH	2nd & 4th Tuesday 3pm Mandurah High School	9535 5556
MANJIMUP	2nd & 4th Wednesday. 7 to 9pm The Shed, Timber Park.	9771 1085
MELVILLE	4th Thursday 7.15 pm Wednesdays 8am Wood Carving Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy	9330 5714
MUNDARING	Every Friday 7pm Old Parkerville Primary School. Dura & Riley Rds	9295 2211
SWAN WOODTURNERS	2nd Tuesday 7pm. 3rd & 4th Tuesday 1.30 pm Koongamia Hall, Banjine Rd. Koongamia	9271 3148
NORTH of RIVER	4th Tuesday 7pm Alexander Park Craffthouse, Clyde Rd. Menora	9275 9978
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday 7pm Every Wednesday 9 to 11am (hands on) Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd. Wandi	9527 3079
JOONDALUP / WANNAROO	2nd Wednesday 7pm Wanneroo Senior High School Paltara Way, Wanneroo. (Design & Technology Dept)	9246 2829

AN APOLOGY IN ADVANCE

The next issue of the Newsletter, No 102, will be published and posted somewhat later in the month. This is due to the results of the Annual General Meeting, September 21st, 2002, being made available to you as soon as practicable. The changes to the Office bearers of all Groups will also be available in this issue. My apologies for any inconvenience. The Editor.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

It seems that for each edition in recent times we have an inaugural event and this issue is maintaining the tradition in that the North of the River Group hosted its first weekend workshop at its current meeting rooms in Craft House, Alexander Park, Menora in June. As always, attendance was good (97 members, 34 Associates plus a few visitors) the programme varied, informative and interesting and voted as another successful day. There was the added bonus of an invitation to members to use the Tennis Club Rooms at the conclusion of activities to enjoy a social drink.

Congratulations and thanks to the NOR Group for its input.

With reference to the proposed storage facility at Wandi advised in the last newsletter, I am pleased to advise that the Wandi Progress Association supports the proposal and now this Association presently has a letter before the Town of Kwinana seeking its support and conditions to be compiled if the project proceeds. At this stage I have not had a great deal of feedback from members on the proposal, but that received is supportive, which is encouraging. However, there is still quite a lot of work to do, given membership approval, before it will become a reality.

In my last report I mentioned some woodturners in Albany had expressed interest in forming a group in that town. I have now received a request to travel down and talk to them on Association needs/guidelines in this respect to enable them to make a decision. A similar request has also been received from the Denmark group and arrangements are in hand for this to be attended in the one trip. I shall keep you advised of developments.

In issue 100 and also in this issue, there are articles from our Treasurer, Richard Leggo, outlining financial considerations. I ask that you give these some thought for comment at the AGM which is fast approaching. Richard is most conscious of our increasing costs and ways and means of managing our finances and living within our resources. Whilst we have reserves it is easy to squander these through false economy and then extremely difficult to recover the situation when a need arises. A realistic policy has been adopted that current costs (printing the Newsletter, insurance, administration to list the major items) must at least be covered by normal income, i.e. subscriptions.

On the matter of the AGM please refer elsewhere in this issue regarding election of retiring Committee Members and give some thought to replacements, either yourself or preferred nominee, to ensure that we have the continued strength in our administration/development that has been evident in the past.

Once again my best wishes for a speedy recovery to those members on the sick list. Hopefully you will all be in a position to get back behind the lathe in the near future.

Yours in turning, President Les

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS.....

674	Harry Chase,	Craigie (rejoined)
1892	Fred Pattel,	Menora
1893	Roy Warren,	Pingelly
1894	Graham Stacey,	Dawesville
1895	Bob Fuller,	South Yunderup
1896	Haydn Matthews,	Leschenault
1897	Jim Jamieson,	Bateman
1898	Stan Steber,	Manjimup
1899	Mark Peters,	Mandurah
1900	Alan Andrews,	Darling Downs
1901	Dennis McBride,	Nollamara
1902	Angelo Romero,	Swan View
1903	Tony McNally,	Mandurah
1904	Mal Little,	Mandurah
1905	Cliff McGivern,	Spearwood
1906	Aub Turner,	Toodyay
1907	Brian Preston	Bedford

*** AVON VALLEY W.A.W.A. WEEKEND WORKSHOP ***

SATURDAY and SUNDAY AUGUST 10 and 11 2002

MEMORIAL HALL, TOODYAY

The Avon Valley Group extend a warm welcome to all members, their partners,
friends and visitors

Convenor Fred Cook
M.C. David Eyres
Competition Item Nut/Confectionary container with raised foot...as per published diagram

SATURDAY PROGRAMME

8.00 am Set up venue and register.
9.00 Welcome and Announcements
9.15 Eric Walker, Undercut rim on a Bowl
10.00 Morning Tea (Members, a plate of goodies, please)
Voting commences for the Competition
10.30 Tom O'Donnell, Routing with Templates
12.00 Lunch, Soup, Roll and Fruit Slice...\$2.50
1.00 Show and Tell (Please put your name on your item(s))
1.20 Ray Bowra, Turning Fruit
2.00 Voting closes
2.00 Possible Bus Tour
2.05 Dan Killgallon, Pens My Way
3.00 Afternoon Tea
3.30 David Devereux, Off Centre Turning
4.00 President's Forum, Competition Results.
Clean up, all hands please !!!

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

VenueAvon Valley Group Workshop at the Showground Wool Pavilion
This programme will be essentially HANDS ON and the ITEMS include.....

Pomander Viv Paust
Tool Sharpening Jigs..... Ken Rex
Tape Measure..... Elaine Boyd
Making Band Saw Blades..... Jeff Tills

THE LADIES WILL BE ENTERTAINED IN PARKERS COTTAGE....
(ADJACENT TO THE WOOL PAVILION)

9.00 am Announcements
10.00 Morning Tea
12.00 Lunch....Sausage Sizzle

PLEASE BRING YOU TOOLS AND JOIN IN

FOR ACCOMODATION, CONTACT TOODYAY VISITORS CENTRE...9574 2435

FOR SALE

For Sale Cheap....Bowl blanks, various size and timbers, from \$5.00 each.
Will suit new turners. Kevin Hall, 0412 275 785

**** WAWA WEEKEND WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ****

SATURDAY and SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21 - 22, 2002
WANDI COMMUNITY HALL, LOT 33 DeHAER Rd, WANDI

Convenor and M.C. Bruce Johnson
Safety Advisor Mick Hanlon
First Aid Officer Bob Cross
Competition Item Pair of matching Bud Vases, not more than 230mm tall

SATURDAY PROGRAMME

08.00 Unload trailers and machinery
08.30 Registration and Fellowship
09.00 M.C. Welcome and Announcements
09.10 Demonstration 1, Jack Pallas - Offset Turned Goblets
10.00 Morning Tea, (Members, a plate please)
10.30 Demonstration 2, Rob Jones - Extreme Embellished Bowl (first session)
10.30 Alternative Demonstration for the Ladies - "Shades of Brilliance" Sun Colour Fabric Dyeing
11.15 Demonstration 3, Chris Birchall - Abrasives (Chris is the 3M representative)
12.00 Lunch, Wandi to supply fresh cooked BBQ hamburgers w/- salad \$2.50 each. Drinks \$1.00
1.00 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**** At the conclusion of the AGM, the following are scheduled, subject to the time available ****

** Membership Fees can be paid during the break following the AGM
** Show and Tell, Members, please attach your name to each item
** Demonstration 3, Rob Jones continues with the embellished bowl

3.00 Afternoon Tea
3.30 Demonstration 4, T.B.A. Depending on time available
4.30 Competition Results
5.00 Close of the Saturday Programme.
There will be no Saturday evening programme.

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

09.00 Welcome and Announcements
Main Hall Clubrooms
09.05 Paper Weight, Allan Williams 9.30 Continues as Hands On in the Club Rooms
09.30 Basic Bowl Turning with pierced
embellishment
10.00 Morning Tea
10.30 Bowl with embellishment continues 11.00 Continues as Hands On in the Club Rooms
11.00 Ron Yates - Tulips 11.30 Continues as Hands On in the Club Rooms
11.30 Rob Jones continues extreme embellishment
12.00 Lunch - Sausage Sizzle
13.00 Clean up and load trailers, All hands to help please.

W.A. RESULTS from the (recent) AUSTRALIAN WOODTURNING EXHIBITION

Bowl over 200 mm.....	1st Frank EVANS	2nd Neil TURNER
Student Entry.....	1st Garry HADDON	
Vase.....	1st Jack DeVOS	
Hollow Form.....	1st Jack DeVOS	
Artistic / Sculptural.....	1st Jack DeVOS	
Best of Show	1st Jack DeVOS	
“ “ “	3rd Jack DeVOS	

MONTHLY COMPETITION RESULTS

MAY 2002

PAIR OF MATCHING EGG CUPS AND EGGS

It was pleasing to note that 26 turners entered this month's event. Many good pieces were presented with 17 assorted types of wood used.

The eggs proved difficult to match, possibly the use of a template would have helped some turners. For those interested, a drawing showing the setting out of a "perfect egg" can be found in Newsletter No. 40, (1992)

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Allan Williams	Gordon Davies	Barry Robins
Intermediate	Joe Clark	Jeff Tills	Steve Mutsaers
Advanced	Frank Evans	John Parker	Frank Leder
Popular Vote	Frank Evans	Dick Morley	John Parker

JUNE 2002

PEDESTAL

As expected, some great examples of a pedestal were submitted, with elegant shapes and proportions evident. Most turners preferred the classic design, but some decided on a contemporary design.

How about the inside/outside effort from David Devereux, and the beautiful finish applied by Allan Williams and Gerald Young !! Also the time consuming and painstaking embellishment on Kevin Bryant's entry.

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Gordon Davies	Gerry Quesnel	Steve Mutsaers
Intermediate	Kevin Bryant	Jeff Tills	Ray Quadrio
Advanced	Gerald Young	David Devereux	Frank Evans
Popular Vote	Frank Evans	David Devereux	Gerald Young

NOTE.....

Re the competition item for August 2002, Container for nuts, sweets etc.

As the specified drawing (Newsletter No 100) shows, the maximum diameter is to be 140mm. As the container is to be worked on end grain, some turners could have difficulty in obtaining solid timber of this size.

It is suggested the problem can be overcome by gluing 4 squared pieces together, each piece being 230 x 73 x 73

Alan France, Competition Coordinator.

Another suggestion, one that I have heard from a number of people, is to take your measurements from the written (stated) dimensions, not from the diagram itself as this can be distorted when photocopied and/or printed. Ed

BUSSELTON WEEKEND WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 16/17, 2002

AN ABBREVIATED PRELIMINARY NOTICE

- ***Four lathes operating with an emphasis on Hands On after our invited demonstrators have completed their particular session.
- ***Dremel work, Hands On, with Tony Milsom continues.
- ***Meat and Salad Rolls and Fruit for Lunch
- ***Dinner Saturday Night at the Esplanade Hotel with a guest speaker.
- ***Reduced tariff at the Caravan Park opposite the venue, Churchill Park Show Grounds.
- ***Interesting and varied programme over the two days.
- ***The competition item.....A Platter or Bowl containing Five Different Fruit

The WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION of WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2002 - 2003

The election of Office Bearers of the Association will be held at the Annual General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Association's Workshop to be held on September 21st 2002.

There is no postal, absentee or other form of voting.

The term of office of the following members will expire at the Annual General Meeting.

PRESIDENT.....LES SMALL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS.....RICHARD LEGGO
MILTON RUNDLE
JOHN MASON
VIV PAUST
JOE HEGNEY

*The term of office of PRESIDENT is one year.

*The term of office for Committee Members is two years, but can stand for re-election.

*The PRESIDENT is ineligible to stand as PRESIDENT for a further one year.

*A valid nomination must be signed by a proposer and a seconder and include the consent of the member to serve if elected.

*Please use the nomination form provided and post or deliver it to the returning officer.

Mr. MAX HAYLES, 34 HANNABY Street, DIANELLA, W.A. 6059

No later than 5 p.m. on August 30th, 2002.

More nomination forms will be available from either.....

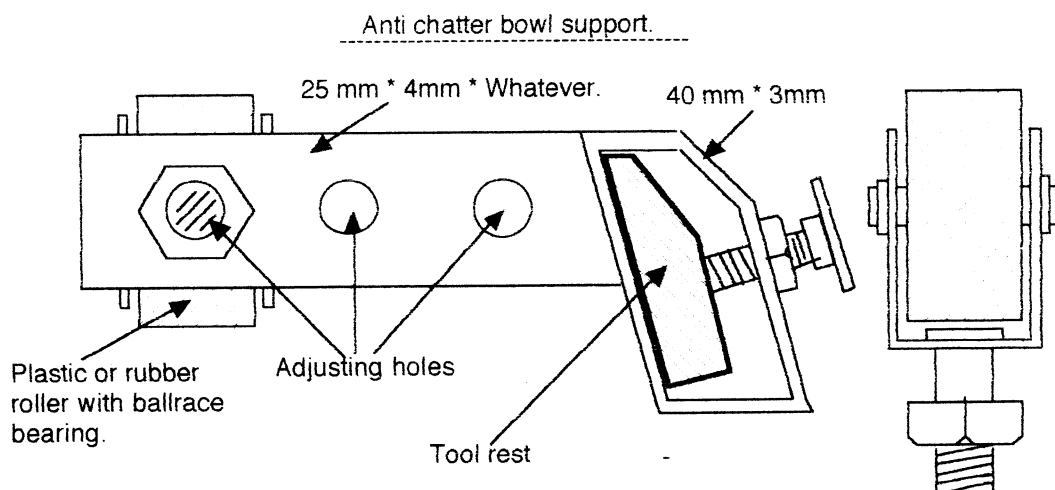
Mr. Max Hayles or

The Secretary, 4 Highroyd St Menora W.A. 6050. Phone 9271 9503

ANTI CHATTER BOWL SUPPORT

Assembled jig slides over the end of the toolrest and tightens into position that allows the roller to have contact with the outside of a bowl, giving support that should reduce chatter. I have found the above jig useful when chattering is a problem, perhaps other will, too. Different toolrest profiles will require different shapes than the diagram which suits my Vicmarc. I also found shaping two pieces of 40mm flat separately then welding together to be easier.

Phil Berril 1534 Avon Group



HALL RENTALS

This is the biggest expense for any weekend workshop but the charges vary a great deal. The June workshop at Alexander Park was great for the books. It only cost us \$40. I congratulated NOR Secretary Jim Bell about this and his reply was "They made a mistake and charged you at the local rate - next time it will be \$80"

A treasurer loves small bills. If only we could get halls everywhere for \$80. I could forget about proposing that charges be raised next year.

This experience caused me to check out the rentals we have paid in the last 2 years. They came to more than \$5,000. This is an average of over \$200 per workshop. They ranged in price from the top of \$550 For both Bunbury and Kalgoorlie, both 2 day workshops down to the \$40 last month. Others included \$400 for a one day workshop at Bunbury last February, \$400 for a two day workshop at Busselton in October, 2000. \$323 for a one day workshop at High Wycombe last March. Compare this with \$107 for one day at Kalamunda or \$120 per day at Wandii.

Another local charge rate was given at Manjimup when we paid \$65.....For two days.

We generally donate \$200 for use of a High School whether one day or two.

Perhaps we can avoid an increase in workshop charges if we try harder to select premises with a reasonable rent. We should ask about a local rate on the basis that the host group is inviting others to join it for a workshop. As a one time local man I can assure you Councils don't have much sympathy for visiting state organisations. They look after the locals much better.

PROPOSED SUBS INCREASE

Subs are likely to be \$40 after the AGM in September and you will have to pay an extra \$2 to \$5 for workshops if the Treasurers proposals are accepted by the AGM. New members will be asked to pay a joining fee of \$40.

The item "All About Money" in issue No 100 attracted some replies. Thanks to those people who gave their comments.

Opinion was divided on the question of fund raising by raffles. Some favoured the idea but others thought a raffle would simply be an additional door charge on those who attend the workshop. Better to keep raffles in reserve as a way to raise funds for a special purpose rather than a way to pay for regular costs that should be borne by all members participating in the event.

No one commented on the Building Fund proposal but some said we need a storage facility.

Insurance costs are the significant item that have put pressure on the budget. This year we expect to pay \$4,600 for broadform (public) liability, \$2,700 for personal accident cover and \$500 for trailers.

We plan to set another \$4,600 aside in our insurance reserve to cover possible losses on the equipment held by WAWA and its Groups. The total of over \$12,000 is about \$3,000 more than last year. Exact figures will be known when we get the bills and finalise the books after June 30.

Total subs collected in 2002 was less than \$18,000 so this gives you an idea about the size of the insurance bill.

To get the money in early and to save all the administration of chasing up overdue accounts the AGM will be asked to approve a \$3 discount (7.5%) for those who pay their subs promptly.

We have been able to keep workshop costs down for many years but this year we must face up to the fact that rentals have increased and it costs more to hire for two days than it does for one. The proposal will be that attendance for one day will be \$7 and for two days \$10. These are 'standard' figures and more would be added to cover cost of special events or demonstrators. It is the Committee's aim to recover costs and to break even. Some of the insurance costs will have to be borne by the workshops.

Well, there it is. If you have any better ideas I'd like to hear from you.

Richard Leggo 82 Treasurer

WANTED TO PURCHASE

Bandsaw.....Jet, Woodman, Electra or similar

Contact Neal Notley 9367 3818

**THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
2002 - 2003**

NOMINATION FORM

I.....Membership No.....
(Nominating Member's Name)

wish to nominate....

.....Membership No.....
(Name of proposed Office Bearer)

To be elected to the Office of PRESIDENT ** COMMITTEE MEMBER **

.....At the election to be held September 21st, 2002

.....(Signature of Nominating Member) Date ___/___/2002

I second the Nomination....

.....(Signature of Seconder) Date ___/___/2002

Name of Seconder.....Membership No.....

I accept the nomination and agree to serve if elected

.....(Signature of proposed Office Bearer)

** Cross out whichever does not apply or write the name of the office being sought.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE WITH THE RETURNING OFFICER ON OR
BEFORE 5 p.m. AUGUST 31st. 2002**

RETURNING OFFICER.....

Mr. MAX HAYLES, 34 HANNABY St. DIANELLA, W.A. 6059

In this issue, this page (10) will be left blank to accommodate the nomination form overleaf and to facilitate its removal, if required.

The nomination form may also be photocopied.

MELVILLE NEWS

Our Wednesday morning meetings continue to be very popular, the biggest problem our organiser, Neil Piper has, is getting members to act as demonstrators and as a result you see the same names appearing in this newsletter on a regular basis. I am sure, fellows, that Neil would appreciate it if when he next calls for volunteers he was swamped with offers instead of being greeted with silence. Please think about it and put your hand up. It is not hard and I am sure any first time volunteer would find that he or she gains from the experience.

May was kicked off with a display of old tools brought in by the members of the group and the variety and number of tools was commendable. It made for a most interesting morning of show and tell.

The next week was a demo by Neil Piper of how he makes his very saleable peppermills. As usual, Neil had a very satisfying demo in which he displayed his usual care, attention to detail and good preparation. I don't think anyone failed to learn from this demo which made the job look deceptively easy and very quick. It was greatly appreciated by all.

Keith Johnson stepped up next week and showed us how he makes a lidded box with an inlaid lid and then demonstrated how to line the box with flocking. Keith's demo was, as usual, a very professional display. His use of the screw chuck and hot glue, a Keith Johnson trademark, makes it easy to see how he can produce so many of these boxes of such high quality in what appears to be a very short time.

The finish was with lacquer, and the flaws just do not appear. Keith is free with his time and has no hesitation in showing his trade secrets. We all learned a great deal as it is a pleasure to watch a master.

Bernie Dixon was on the next week and showed how he makes salt and pepper shakers. Bernie always has a wide variety of woods for his demos, most of which he salvages from street collections and as he usually knows the type of timber, making the demo more interesting. He showed how he uses a base plug in the shaker to accommodate a rubber stopper and this created some discussion on the cheapest and best options available. My vote went to the suggestion of obtaining used film containers free from photo printing shops and adapting the lid as a stopper. Thanks, Bernie for another good demo.

Mick Hanlon, another regular, was next with a demo of a rectangular bowl from waste material he had left over. Waste not, want not, could be the motto for the Melville Group. Well done, Mick.

Yours truly was up next and I demonstrated my attempt at thread chasing for small boxes with the Sorby chasers I got for Christmas. It would probably been more helpful if I had shown the Sorby video which comes with the kit, but I muddled through and the group were tolerant and kind. Thread chasing is a matter of practice and the real challenge is making the threads short enough so that you are not turning forever to get the lid off, but I am getting there.

Joe Hegney followed me to give some professionalism to proceedings with a demo on turning tool and hammer handles with advice on what we should be doing and thinking about. When it came to hammer handles I learned about how the grain of the wood ran and that the grain should be straight. Joe's demos are always well prepared and he has the knack of involving the audience in what he is doing which makes for more interest. Many thanks, Joe.

We ended the month with Bernie Dixon talking about his time with the S.E.C. as it was at that time where he liaised with landowners when the Authority erected power lines through their property and how the power lines were erected by contractors who had to deal with many different types of foundations throughout this large State of ours. Bernie gained his interest in the many kinds of timber during that time and his talk on the problems that arose along the way was most entertaining. His talk made a most interesting change to our Wednesday meeting and should be repeated by some other member talking about his life before turning. Thanks again Bernie.

Our May Thursday meeting allowed Alan France to complete his interrupted demo of April when he showed his approach to design problems in some of those wonderful lidded containers and other items he produces on a regular basis. Alan's attention to detail and his imagination is something to which we can all aspire. Alan's talk was most enjoyable and gave us all food for thought.

In June, another regular, Ken Rex appeared with plans for toys for the Xmas Appeal as well as some completed toys. Ken handed out partially made toys for us to finish along with a pep talk to get cracking. There is no end to Ken's ability and enthusiasm for working with wood and he is a great example to us all.

It was good to see Ern Levitt, Brian Sanders and Ike Glance back on deck again.

Don Gunn

SHOPPING CENTRE EXHIBITIONS, SALES and DEMONSTRATIONS for 2002

Thursday 1st August to Sunday 4th August, Traditional Craft, Claremont Showground.

Friday 16th August to Sunday 18th August, The W.A. Wood Show, Claremont Showground.

Monday 9th September to Saturday 14th September, Melville Plaza shopping Centre, Melville.

Monday 21st October to Saturday 26th October, Centre Point Shopping Centre, Midland Junction.

Monday 18th November to Saturday 23rd Nov, Southlands Boulevard Shopping Centre, Southlands.

For further information please contact John Lillywhite, 9339 2359 or Neil Piper, 9398 2387

Kevin McCrackan, 9310 1057, will arrange rosters. Please give Kevin two weeks notice.

SWAN WOODTURNERS

The main news for this edition is that the Midvale Group has changed its name to Swan Woodturners. This is because the group no longer meets in Midvale but is nevertheless not far away in Koongamia. We are still located in the general area near the Swan River, hence the name. The committee and a number of other members continue to be busy getting the group comfortable in the Koongamia Hall. Part of a storeroom has been partitioned for our equipment, the lathe podium modified for easier movement to the storeroom and the convenience of demonstrators. Thanks to Jim Clarke, Jim McDonnell and David Devereux for donating their time and expertise to these tasks.

The Tuesday afternoon group is going from strength to strength now that it is meeting at the hall. Attendance has been 11 and 15 respectively with excellent demonstrations by Eric Walker, a rattle doll, and Barry Leivers, a lidded box. So to the monthly Tuesday evening meetings with more than 40 people attending these. In May, Brian Fowlie showed the finer points of pedestal turning. With an emphasis on design from a broad base tapering to the top. In June, Jim McDonnell gave a detailed account of the steps to making a 3 piece condiment set. A lot of planning and thinking through the sequence to get to where you need to get !

Robert Atkins

JOONDALUP / WANNEROO NOTES

The past few months have seen plenty of activity in our group. We have had the pleasure of a number of visitors, two of whom have become members, Tony Gerritson and Peter Lucraft.

Timber for Toys has been collected from Timberwest in Wangara and Laminex Industries in Kewdale. Our club demonstrators have shown us their way of making the competition items Condiment Tray and Nut Bowl.

A night out with our ladies is planned for July or August.

Our current programme is to fit shelving in our storage shed that has been supplied by Wanneroo High School.

We were very pleased to welcome WAWA President Les Small to our meeting in June.

Our weekend workshop in October is well in hand, the committee met recently and a full programme has been organised.

AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE USERS

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The latest scam involves thieves putting a thin, clear, rigid plastic "sleeve" into the ATM card slot. When you insert your card, the machine can't read the strip, so it keeps asking you to re-enter your PIN number.

Meanwhile, someone behind you watches as you tap in your numbers. Eventually you give up and thinking the machine has swallowed your card you walk away. The thief then removes the plastic sleeve complete with card, and possibly empties your account.

The way to avoid this is to run your fingers along the card slot before you put your card in. The sleeve has a couple of tiny prongs that the thief needs to get the sleeve out of the slot and you should be able to feel them if you adopt this procedure.

Les Small

PROFILE OF A TURNER RAY BATT

Ray was born at Katanning in 1936, the second of six children, spread over 15 years, his sister being the eldest. (His father was farming at Nyabing 60 km east of Katanning) Ray was educated for 9 years at Nyabing State School, he rode his push bike 5 miles each way for 8 Years and went by school bus for his last year.

Ray left school the day he turned 15 to work on the farm, being the eldest of the four boys. At age 19 he ventured into a mallee block 18 miles further south east and batched for 12 years attempting to gain a living and establish a farm. He went sheep shearing and crutching for four months of the year in addition to contract fencing after harvest to help pay the bills. He sold the farm in 1966.

Ray married a Nyabing girl in 1967 and moved to Katanning where he joined Wesfarmers Stock Co. working in Spare parts and Merchandise. They produced three children over the next six years and because he had by 1980 risen to be Merchandise Manager and a transfer from Katanning was imminent, he resigned, procured his LPG & Heating Oil Appliance Installers ticket and ventured out as a self-employed contractor, erecting windmills, installing reticulation as well as doing the gas and oil work. Because of a number of factors but mainly for the advanced education of two of their children, which necessitated going to college at Bunbury, in January 1988 they decided the time was right to shift to Busselton (his wife's mother lived there). This enabled the two children to go via free bus transport to Bunbury College.

A job as Maintenance man on the Busselton Water Board was advertised shortly after arriving in the town. He applied and got the job and stayed there until retiring in October 2001, aged 65.

Going back to 1988/89 it so happened that the WAWA monthly two day workshop was held at Busselton. Ray had always been interested in wood and went along. Ralph Smith noticed his interest late on the Saturday after he had put his tools away but told him not to go away. Ralph Smith retrieved his tools and proceeded to coach Ray to turn between centres. He joined the Busselton Group in 1989. With the late Cyril Jones as Convenor and Brian Launer very active and encouraging new members, Ray began a steep learning curve. He is very appreciative of the help he received from Brian.

In 1991 the Convenor status was bestowed upon him which he held for about 6 years. The group were very fortunate to be able to go into the local forest after logging had been completed in a particular coup and mill their Jarrah and She-Oak blanks from forest residue. Many a good day has been spent collecting timber which gave them much pleasure particularly when they came across *that special piece*.

For many years now it has been Ray's responsibility to open the High School Manual Arts Room for the two nightly workshop meetings per month. Throughout this period his main aim has been to promote woodturning to the best of his ability and he has become very active, particularly in the show and tell section of their meetings.

He has made his own lathe and band saw to suit his needs and still has them in use today.



MEMO FROM MANDURAH

The May weekend workshop in Mandurah went as well as we hoped. We had our dramas at the time, most of which were overcome relatively easily. The most difficult problem was that the keys issued by the High School would not open the toilets ! After all else failed, I set off the alarm and when the Security Officer arrived had him open the toilets. The success of the workshop was largely due to the efforts of Jeff Tills and John Mason who made most of the arrangements, and also to the excellent spirit that exists in the Mandurah Group with almost everyone pitching in to help. The workshop is very popular with the local Mandurah people and we have six new members as a result of the workshop and one more pending.

Congratulations to Frank Evans who entered a (very) thin bowl, which he turned and carved in a cloverleaf pattern, in the Australian Woodturning Exhibition in Nunawading (Vic). Frank secured a First Prize in the Novice section for a bowl over 200mm and Second Prize overall for a piece turned by a novice. Our congratulations to Jack DeVos, Garry Haddon and Neil Turner. Continued next page>>

MEMO FROM MANDURAH Continued...

What a gem is our Pat Mason with her scheme to sell member's turned items in her shop at Fremantle Markets and donate the money to WAWA, primarily to overcome the price hike in our Public Liability insurance costs. It is a huge decision by Pat and it would be assumed that it will take a certain amount of time and effort on her part, but she is quite happy to do it. The whole of WAWA must support Pat in her magnanimous offer by donating at least one saleable piece per year. In doing this we must let Pat control the pricing and release of items for sale.

Norm Griffiths.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

Here we are in July, where has the year gone ?? But this also means that it is only a couple of months and we will be assembling at Kalamunda for the Christmas Weekend Workshop. This also means that the toys will be assembled for distribution at this time. Lach Christie puts in a huge effort to get these toys to the various charities so it is only fair that we all put in a moderate effort to support this very worthy project. Get some offcuts and some toy plans (ask Lach) and get cracking to help these poorer children.

A VERY SPECIAL OFFER

There are a lot of discussions in the Mason household and there was a particular one just prior to the monthly Management Committee meeting. I was talking about various ways of increasing the Association's income when my wife, Pat, put forward her suggestion.

Pat has suggested that ALL members "donate" an item or items of woodturning (only) to the Association and they will be sold in her shop in the Fremantle Markets. Pat went on to say that 100% of the takings would be returned to WAWA.

However, Pat laid down a few conditions, the principal one being that ALL members contribute, not just the same few.

Pat will be in charge of the pricing. Rest assured, she will get the best price keeping in mind that a quick turnover is essential. Overpriced items will just stay on the shelf. Pat had had nearly 10 years experience in this environment which indicates that she knows the business.

Working out a quick calculation, if each of our 650(?) members donated an item(s) to the value of \$30 that works out to be around \$19,500 !!

This is expected to be a long term project, and if the goods are supplied as expected, a weekly return of \$100 would not greatly impact on our business yet it would return \$5,200 per annum.

It boils down to a simple fact, you are woodturners, therefore you should be able to produce a saleable item. The wood (usually) costs very little and your time is (usually) your own.

This is an ideal opportunity to bolster our funds at a time when it is needed, not only for the insurances, but there is always a wish list from the groups for additional equipment.

A question has arisen... what to make ? Bowls, Vases, Clocks, Fruit, Eggs and Eggcups, Business Card Holders, Salt & Pepper Shakers and Mills, Breadboards, Letter Openers etc. Etc

Make as much as possible with dark wood. The lighter coloured timbers just do not sell as well.

The items should be of good quality, not necessarily in the "master" class but certainly in the "market" class, so that brings in all of you Novice turners as well.

Identify the wood and supply your name, either on the item itself or on an attached card.

If you are still unsure about any aspect, feel free to call Pat on 9537 6626, Monday to Thursday or any evening or 0408 903 800 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when she is in the Market.

Items can be delivered direct to the shop in the Fremantle Markets (Creations Wood Gallery, Shop 34, adjacent to the Tavern) or they can be left at any weekend workshop where I will collect them. If this is not suitable, call either Pat or myself and we will work out some other suitable arrangement.

So there it is..... Now is the time to get busy and make your contribution.

John Mason 1625

SERVING YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS , A GUIDE ON HOW NOT TO

As we near another AGM, many will be thinking about the people who will take up the vacancies created by the expiration of "terms of office". There will be a need for a President, Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Property Officer, Safety Officer, Librarian, Auditor and then all of those Committee positions.

There are those who are dedicated to avoiding, at all costs, the responsibility of serving their fellow members. Of course, to achieve this on a regular (annual) basis takes some thinking and forward planning to come up with a plausible excuse as to why they cannot serve.

Just to help you along this path, here are some tried and true, commonly employed excuses. That is, of course, assuming that they have not already been used.

- 1]...**Too old to take on the worries associated with the job.** This is always acceptable when many of us are in the, ahem..."Senior Citizen" category.
- 2]...**Too involved with domestic responsibilities, don't seem to be able to afford the time, but would love to.**
- 3]...**Would gladly accept nomination, but am presently serving on the committee of another club, the Beer Tasters Assn of Pushyabarraback.** (Just over the hill from Wheelyabarraback)
- 4]...**Fully intend to offer myself for a position on the committee the moment I am free of other commitments.** Always good because its re-useable and has a lovely aura of "willingness"
- 5]...**Have just retired from the committee of the Dodgers Club after umpteen years where I was Avoider-in-Chief and need a rest from the strenuously non-trying work involved.**
- 6]...**I will nominate in a year or two, but feel that I have not been in the Assn. long enough, having been a member for only 10 years.**
- 7]...**Don't know enough about woodturning, but will gladly serve when I am more competent.**
That excuse can be repeated annually for about 10 years.
- 8]...**Committee Man ! Me ? NO WAY !!!** Very direct, honest and forthright.

It is a testing time for all of the "avoiders" because of the many positions to be avoided. As well as the above, you could skip the meetings leading up to and including the AGM and PLEASE...do not sign anything, it could be a nomination form !!

One last idea, if you do find yourself with a "position", miss meetings, arrive late, leave early and be disruptive. It will not get you out but it will ensure that you will not be nominated next year !!!

Well, I hope this helps you to avoid doing anything except to take what you can from the association as it would be against your principles to put anything back in.

There are others who will do for you.

Extracted, (with some alterations) from the Forest Hills Woodturners Newsletter.

ODE TO THE COMMITTEEMAN

Oh, give me your pity,
I'm on a committee
Which means that from morning to night,
We attend and amend,
And contend and defend.
Without a conclusion in sight.

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We defer and demur,
And reiterate all of our thoughts,
We revise the agenda,
With frequent addenda,
And consider a load of reports.

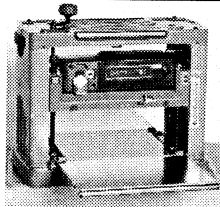
We compose and propose,
We suppose and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun,
But though various notions,
Are brought up as motions,
There's terribly little gets done.

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But we never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us,
To bring our Committee,
To the end like this ditty,
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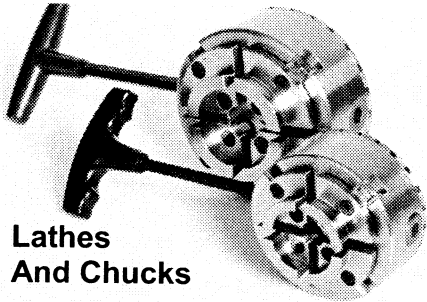
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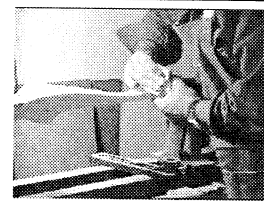
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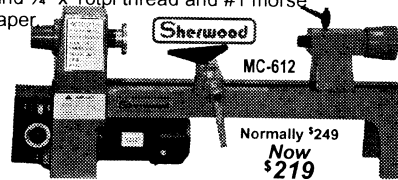


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