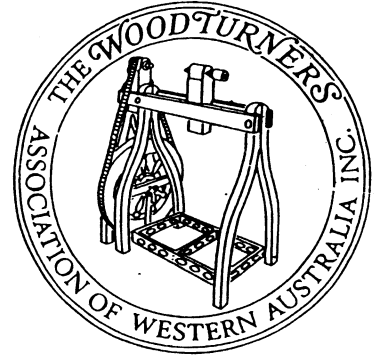


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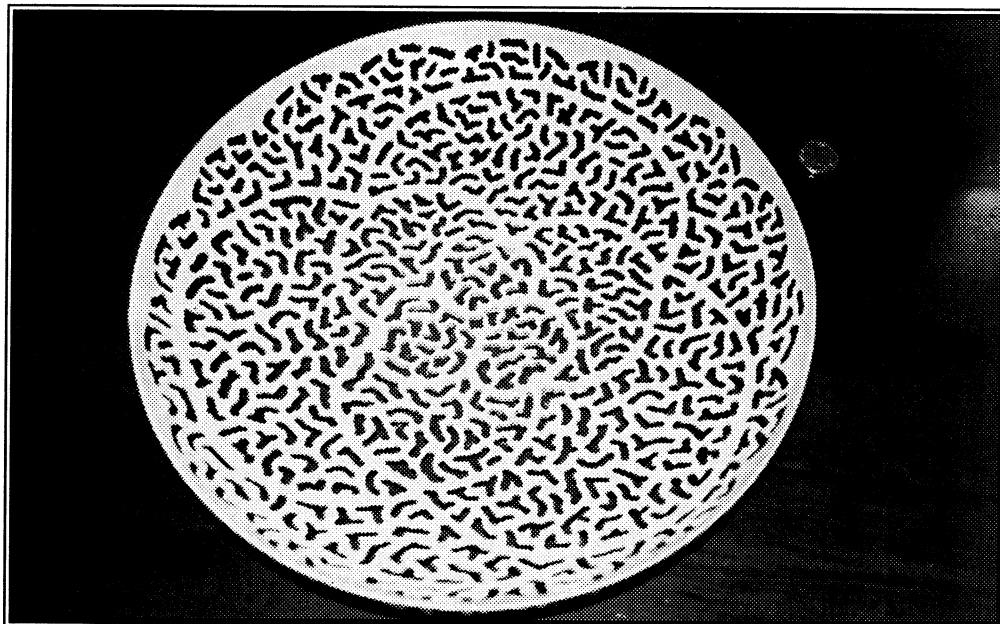
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**W.A.W.A. GROUP MEETING DATES, VENUES, CONTACTS AND TIMES**

ALBANY	1st Monday of the month, 7 pm. Every Saturday Workshop, 12.30 pm Duyfken Boatshed, Princess Royal Drive, Albany.	9844 7445
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	9731 1278
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 1834
GOSNELLS & DIST.	Every Wednesdays Morning from 8.30am to 12.30 noon. Bennett's Hardware, Stalker Rd. Gosnells	9390 9664
JOONDALUP/ WANNEROO	2nd Wednesday 7pm Wanneroo High School Paltara Way, Wanneroo. (Design & Technology Dept.)	9246 2829
MANDURAH	2nd & 4th Tuesday 3.00 pm Mandurah High School	9535 5556
MANJIMUP	2nd & 4th Wednesday. 7 to 9pm The Shed, Timber Park.	9771 1085
MELVILLE	4th Thursday 7.15 pm. Wednesday Group Meeting, 8am and Wood Carving 10.00 am to 12 noon. Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy, Melville	9314 1116
MUNDARING	Every Friday 7pm Old Parkerville Primary School. Dura & Riley Rds	9195 2954
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 Craffhouse, Clyde Rd. Menora	9275 9978
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday 7pm Every Wednesday 9 to 11am (hands on) Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd. Wandu	9434 2962

**WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**  
**WEB SITE      [http:// wawa.com](http://wawa.com)**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

By the time you are reading this article, our September Annual General Meeting will have been held and a new Committee of Management and President elected to handle Association matters for the coming year. Therefore, this is my final opportunity, as President, to write in this column.

My two years as President has been most enjoyable and rewarding with, I consider, the Association continuing to progress at a steady rate. The support of the Committee members over my two years in office has been very much appreciated and certainly maintained our high standard of activities. It would not be appropriate to nominate individuals but rather record a blanket public expression of appreciation to all concerned for their input in ensuring all goes well and smoothly—this extends to all Committee Members, Committee appointments and their assistants, volunteers, demonstrators and members “just there” quietly making their contribution.

I have no doubt that this will continue and extend to my successor congratulations for what I am sure will be a rewarding experience.

In my last article I made mention of the string of inaugural events occurring in recent months and this situation continues as I am very pleased to announce that our fifteenth Group, Albany, joined us as from the 1st of August with a membership at the date of writing of 26 members. A sincere welcome Albany, from all the Association members and we look forward to seeing you at some, if not all, of our weekend workshops.

STOP PRESS. Since the date of writing, Denmark has advised that it has decided not to join WAWA At present.

The matter of the proposed storage facility at Wandi is still progressing albeit somewhat more slowly than intended. The area concerned is reserved for Parks and recreation Purposes and Water Catchment and the overall approval authority is the Western Australian Planning Commission with the Town of Kwinana the vested authority for general control purposes. Accordingly another line of approval becomes involved. However the proposal will still be followed up and progress reports published from time to time. Successful workshops, well attended, continue with the most recent two being at High Wycombe in July and Toodyay in August. The latter introduced a novel programme with traditional activities in the hall on Saturday and Sunday at the Group workshop, demonstrations, hands on, social activity, excellent fellowship, superb catering for lunches on both days.

To all members on the sick/indisposed list, a sincere cheerio for return to good health/fitness and early return to lathe duties in the workshop.

President LES

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**EXTRACT FROM NEWSLETTER No 40, JUNE / JULY 1992.....**

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they be their for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes !!!!

**\*\*\* W.A.W.A. WEEKEND WORKSHOP — JOONDALUP/WANNEROO GROUP \*\*\***  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19th 2002**  
**DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY Dept, WANNEROO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PALTARA WAY, WANNEROO**

**Convenor** Lach Christie  
**M.C.** Tony Collins  
**Hosts** Sel Anderson, Peter Hill, Dave Hodgins, Kevin Bryant  
**Safety Officer** Mick Hanlon  
**Trade Supplier** Woodstock — Carba Tec  
**Competition Item** Salad Bowl with two Servers. ( Servers can be fully turned or be part turned and carved )

**SATURDAY PROGRAMME**

8.00 am Unload Chuck Wagons  
8.30 Registration and Fellowship  
9.00 M.C. Welcome and Announcements  
9.15 **Dan Killgallon**, Tool sharpening using MDF discs on the lathe.  
10.00 Morning Tea (Members, a plate of goodies, please)  
Voting commences for the Competition  
Alternative Programmes, Arbortec Mini Carver ( Bring your own Mini Carver for some personal tuition ) Dremel wood carving. Tool sharpening with Ivor Bridges.  
Dan Killgallon continues his tool sharpening.  
Elaine Boyd with her Mini Lathe turning some of her miniatures.  
10.30 **Gordon Ward**, Arbortec Mini Carver  
11.30 Show and Tell  
11.50 Geoff Schupp of Carba tec (Woodstock) Today's Promotion  
12.00 Lunch, Soup, Roll and Fruit Slice...\$2.50  
1.00 Visit to Boogards Nursery, Cars leave Paltara Way entrance at 1.00 pm .  
1.00 **Joe Clarke**, Weaving Loom  
2.00 Voting closes  
2.00 **Viv Paust** Tricks of the Trade  
3.00 Afternoon Tea  
3.30 **Jim McDonnell**, Captive Rings  
4.00 **President's Forum, Competition Results.**  
Clean up, all hands please !!!

**Directions...North on Wanneroo Rd, turn right into Elliot Rd or Celestine St then left into Quarkam St. The parking area is on Quarkam St.**

**A THUMBNAIL LOOK AT CURRENT AND UPCOMING WEEKEND WORKSHOPS**

OCTOBER 19th JOONDALUP/WANNEROO, SALAD BOWL WITH TWO SERVERS  
NOVEMBER 16 & 17, BUSSELTON, FIVE ITEMS of FRUIT on a TURNED DISH or PLATTER  
DECEMBER 7, KALAMUNDA, BEST ITEM TURNED IN 2002  
JANUARY ? T.B.A. BREAD BOARD and CHEESE BOARD with KNIFE

**THE LATEST FIGURES ON SALES AT THE FREMANTLE MARKETS AS OF 22/9/02**

**NUMBER OF ITEMS RECEIVED TO DATE ...21/9/02.....105 (from 35 members)**  
**NUMBER OF ITEMS SOLD TO DATE.....35 (Av. of \$ 89 per week)**  
**TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED TO DATE .....\$ 622.00**

**\*\*The first two items were rec'd 27/6, a few more 12/7 and more from 18/7 through July and August. Sales did not amount to much through July due to small numbers so we are using August 1st as the "official" starting date.**

**\*\* WAWA WEEKEND WORKSHOP , BUSSELTON GROUP \*\***

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16th & 17th 2002**

**CHURCHILL PARK, ADELAIDE STREET, BUSSELTON**

**Convenor and M.C.** Charles Broadbent  
**Safety Advisor** Dennis Haddon  
**Trade Supplier** Cross Electrics  
**Competition Item** Five Items of Fruit presented on a turned Dish or Platter

**SATURDAY PROGRAMME**

08.30 to 9.15 Registration and Fellowship  
09.15 to 10.00 Lathe No 1, New offset chucking system, **Gordon Ward**  
**10.00 to 10.30 Morning Tea, Coffee and Biscuits.**  
10.30 to 12.00 Lathe No 1, Offset turning, candlestick (hands on) **Gordon Ward**  
Lathe No 2, Table Lamp and Design (hands on) **Ken Rex**  
Lathe No 3, Offset Turning (hands on) **T.B.A.**  
Lathe No 4, Pyrography on the lathe, **Steve Makin**  
Side Table, Dremel work, member's own pieces (hands on) **Tony Milsom**  
**12.00 to 1.00 Lunch, Meat and Salad Rolls and a Piece of Fruit**  
**Brian Launer,** In Retrospect  
1.00 to 1.15  
1.15 to 2.00 Lathe No 1, Square edged Bowl, **Roy Lundy**  
2.00 to 3.00 Lathe No 1, Square Edged Bowl, **Roy Lundy** (continued)  
Lathe No 2, Deep Hollowing using a Laser, **Gordon Ward**  
Lathe No 3, Offset turning continues  
Lathe No 4, Pyrography on the lathe continues, **Steve Makin**  
Side Table, Dremel work continues, **Tony Milsom**  
**3.00 to 3.30 Afternoon Tea**  
3.30 to 4.15 Demonstration on Finishes, His formula, **Jeff Kenny**  
Tool Sharpening throughout the day, **Ivor Bridges**  
**4.15 to 5.00 President's Forum, Show and Tell, Competition Results**  
**6.30 Dinner, Esplanade Hotel, \$20 two course meal.** ( Booking and payment  
when registering)

**SUNDAY PROGRAMME**

09.10 to 10.00 Lathe No 1, Wooden Spoons, **Viv Paust**  
**10.00 to 10.30 Morning Tea**  
10.30 to 12.00 Lathe No 1, Wooden Spoons, (hands on ) **Viv Paust**  
Lathe No 2, Oval Lidded Box, **Gerald Young**  
Lathe No 3, Item to be Advised, **Max Rutherford**  
Lathe No 4, Nut Bowl, from Go to Woe, **Roy Harris**  
**12.00 to 1.00 Lunch, Meat and Salad Roll and a Piece of Fruit.**  
**1.00 Clean and Pack up.**

**WOOD FOR SALE, JARRAH and SHE-OAK, SUPPLIED BY the BUSSELTON GROUP.**  
**ACCOMODATION, KOOKABURRA CARAVAN PARK, Phone 9752 1516**  
**Located opposite the weekend venue. SPECIAL PRICE FOR WOODTURNERS !!**

**DIRECTIONS :- From the North, As you enter the town, go straight ahead at the traffic lights ( Queen St ) turn right into Adelaide St. (6th street past the lights) cross Brown St. and you are there. From the South, turn left at the Queen St. lights and then as above.**

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**JAM CHUCKS COME IN THREE SIZES, TOO BIG, TOO SMALL AND JUST RIGHT.**  
**IT'S THE THIRD ONE THAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT OT MAKE.**  
J. McD.

## MONTHLY COMPETITION RESULTS

**JULY 2002**

### **THREE PIECE CONDIMENT SET WITH STAND**

As with all monthly competitions, we are constantly intrigued by the variety and high standard of entries, this month being no exception. It is great to see how individuals express their ideas.

This competition was highlighted by a noteworthy event which I am sure has not been achieved before Neal Notley not only won his category, but also attracted the Popular Vote with an overwhelming majority and caught the judges attention who awarded him 1st place in the open count. This from a turner who entered his first ever competition. History was made !

Thanks to the three judges, Rex Bungey, Dan Killgallon, and Brian Fowlie, who kindly appraised the entries and reached agreement for each category.

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Neal Notley	Gerry Quesnel	Ken Dixon
Intermediate	Tom Mazey	Kevin Bryant	Jeff Tills
Advanced	John Parker	John Mason	Neil Piper
Popular Vote	Neal Notley	Kevin Bryant	Gerry Quesnel

**AUGUST 2002**

### **NUT/CONFECTIONARY CONTAINER**

Only 10 entries put forward this month ! It may be recalled that about this time last year the competition item was a chalice with lid, also to be made from supplied specifications, which was a very similar article but with a record 33 entries. What happened this year ?

However, thanks to those that did put in the effort. I should commend the entry of Angelo Romeo (Joe's son) as he has only been turning for 2 or 3 months, but had a go for his first entry. Clem Stewart's entry was notable as it was produced in seldom seen Queensland Red Cedar. Very nice.

Thanks judges, Doug McDairmid, Bob Richards and Henry Walker and also the efforts of Bill Crow and Alan Smith who went over each entry with "a fine tooth comb" and presented their measurement findings to the judges.

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Allan Williams	Gordon Davies	Peter Hill
Intermediate	Barry Leivers	Clem Stewart	_____
Advanced	Frank Evans	John Mason	Neil Piper
Popular Vote	Frank Evans	Allan Williams	Gordon Davies

**Alan France, Competiton Co-ordinator**

## THE TIMBECON TURN-ABOUT

I wish to acknowledge, once again, the wonderful spirit that makes it a pleasure to be part of WAWA. When Ross Gobby of Timbecon gave us the opportunity to man three lathes and promote WAWA at the August Wood Show, it became my task to find volunteers to fill sixty timeslots. This was relatively simple. I also compiled a list of people to call on in an emergency, but that list was not needed.

The whole exercise created a lot of interest. The turners established good rapport with their audience. Our receptionists gave out a lot of information and I am quite sure a few new members will be recruited.

Thanks to all who participated and thanks to Timbecon who made it possible and in addition have made a cash donation to WAWA.

Viv Paust

A SMIDGEON IS THE AMOUNT OF WOOD YOU HAVE TO TAKE OFF A JAM  
CHUCK THAT IS TOO TIGHT TO MAKE IT TOO LOOSE. J.McD

**OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE ASSOCIATION AND GROUPS FOR 2002 / 2003**

Following the Annual General meeting, Wandii, September 21, 2002 The following persons were elected to the W.A.W.A. Committee of Management

**PRESIDENT.....MILTON RUNDLE**  
**SECRETARY.....SHIRLEY MUNRO**  
**TREASURER.....RICHARD LEGGO**  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERS.....LES SMALL, NEIL BASDEN, BRIAN FOWLIE, REX BUNGEY, MALCOLM MUNRO, DEREK POLLARD, BRIAN PARKER, BILL BENBOW, NEAL NOTLEY.**

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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CONVENOR</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
ALBANY	GIB TRETOWEN 9725 8933	ALF THOMPSON 9844 7445
AVON	FRED COOK 9574 5102	BOB ADAMS 9574 4531
BUNBURY	TED NORRIE 9721 4063	GEORGE PARKE 9731 1278
BUSSELTON	CHARLES BROADBENT 9752 2111	RAY BATT 9752 1351
CENTRAL/STHN	DICK KEYSER 9642 1167	
COLLIE	LES BEAUGLEHOLE 9725 8933	LES HANN 9734 1834
GOSNELLS	BRIAN PARKER 9390 9664	COLIN RUSSELL 9390 6786
JOONDALUP/ WANNEROO	LACH CHRISTIE 9246 2829	
MANDURAH	JOHN MASON 9537 6626	NORM GRIFFITHS 9535 5556
MANJIMUP ***	KEVIN HALL 9771 1085	KEN FARR **** 9771 2454 FAX 9771 4570
MELVILLE	MICK HANLON 9314 1116	
SWAN	DAVID DEVEREUX 9271 3148	ROBERT ATKINS 9295 2954
MUNDARING	JIM ARTHUR 9295 2211	
NTH of RIVER ***	STEVE MUTSAERS 9377 6238	JIM BELL 9275 9978
WANDI	TONY BOSCHMAN 9434 2962	Convenor/Secretary

\*\*\* Indicates to send notices to Secretaries and not Convenors

\*\*\*\*Manjimup's fax is to a Community Centre who rings Ken to collect the fax

It is a pity that we cannot have a collective applause or a ribbon cutting ceremony, but it is still a great pleasure to welcome a new Group to the Association.

**A WARM AND HEARTY WELCOME TO  
THE ALBANY WOODWORKERS AND WOODTURNERS GROUP  
And their foundation members are.....**

1920 Philip DRAGE	1930 Les TROUCHET
1921 Bernie DWYER	1931 Alf THOMPSON
1922 Brian DAVIS	1932 Frank DOSWELL
1923 John COX	1933 Rene WALDVOGEL
1924 Harry MICHAEL	1936 Bill OVENS
1925 Al CLANCY	1937 Lucy HOEKSEMA
1926 Geoff ROTHWELL	1938 Dave JOLLY
1927 Norm HAIGH	1939 Roy GWYNN
1928 Les BURKIN	1940 Wesley FOKKEMA
1929 Bill DOHERTY	1941 Gib TRETOWEN

**AND A WARM AND HEARTY WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS.....**

1908 Brian BUNTER	BUSSELTON	1913 Rod FEWSON	HALLS HEAD
1909 Ric FOSTER	DUNCRAIG	1942 Laurie BARLOW	COLLIE
1910 Ray CHINNERY	MUNDARING	1934 Barry GRANGER	JANDAKOT
1911 Aaron GALLOWAY	HARVEY	1935 George PARKE	DONNYBROOK
1912 Tom SUGGET	COLLIE		

**FOR SALE**

I deeply regret that owing to health problems my surgeon has advised that I cease wood-turning. As a result all my workshop equipment is for sale, and the following is offered.

- \*\*Woodfast MC 908** on metal stand with metric thread and Vicmarc outrigger attached. The standard attachments are included plus a number of other items such as a curved tool rest and faceplates.....\$ 2,000
- \*\*Rural 350mm** two wheel bandsaw complete with stand.....\$ 700
- \*\*Record Power DX750** heavy duty extractor complete with direction tubing and gates.....\$ 300
- \*\*Ryobi HBG8RC** 200mm 750 watt bench grinder on stand with grinding jig....\$ 125
- \*\*Record Power RPTV 100** Turbo Visor.....\$ 250
- \*\*GMF 16mm** floor standing vertical drill press with Record vice.....\$ 160
- \*\*Glasser Grind Master** jig.....\$ 60
- \*\*Jet JWTS-10JF** 10" Table Saw. (Never used).....\$ 1,000
- \*\*Vicmarc Uni-chuck** scroll chuck.....\$ 200
- \*\*Dust extractor** stand and attachments.....\$ 100
- \*\*Sorby** complete Stewart System .....\$ 250
- \*\*Sorby and Boral** chisels.....\$ 500
- \*\*Miscellaneous items**, eg. Screw chuck .....\$ 250
- \*\*Small amount of wood**

**OR \$ 5,000 AS A JOB LOT**

**Ken LOCKE # 929. Phone 9299 7370 e-mail pooh@iinet.net.au  
800 Nelson Rd. Darlington W.A. 6070**



**THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL**

**Membership fees are now due, for 2002/2003, ordinary membership is \$ 40.00**

**N.B. A Discount of \$ 3.00 is applicable if paid by November 17, 2002**

**Junior ( under 18 ) membership is \$ 20.00 ( or \$18.50 if paid by November 17 )**

Any member failing to renew their membership by the **31st of December** will be removed from the membership register. After this date, **December 31st**, should you wish to maintain the benefits of membership you must rejoin the Association by paying a nomination fee of **\$40.00** as well as your membership fee.

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW !**

Please complete the lower portion of this form, detach it (or photocopy) and send in with your cheque or money order to the Membership Treasurer at the address below.

**If you wish to have a receipt sent to you, please include a stamped, self addressed envelope.**

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to.....

THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

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( To assist the Membership Treasurer and ensure accuracy of records )

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**PREFERRED NAME.....**

**THE GROUP YOU ATTEND (If applicable).....**

**YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER, IF IT HAS CHANGED THIS YEAR.**

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**FEE \$ 40.00      Enclosed amount \$.....      Cheque / Money Order**

**Or \$ 37.00 if paid by November 17, 2002**

**Please detach and send this portion with your payment.**

**Please post to      The membership Treasurer**

**Mrs. V PAUST  
Lot 142 SANDPIPER MEWS  
BINDOON  
W.A. 6502**

In this issue, this page (10) will be used for temporary items or items of little importance to accommodate the Membership Subscription form overleaf and to facilitate its removal, if required.

This Membership form may also be photocopied.

In Issue No 97 (Dec/Jan 2001/2002) the newsletter size was increased from 12 pages to the current 16 page format. There are no loose page inserts following this change as the inserts cost you \$100 per page per issue. One extra page now would take the newsletter over the postage limit of size and weight.

This will, I trust, explain why this page has been used in this manner. This is due to the possibility that the form overleaf may need to be removed and if that happened then important information may be lost to you.

A story doing the rounds sounds as though it is one of the "it could only happen in America" type of tales. However, it occurred in England. And it is true !

It is about a fellow who took delivery of his brand new Winnebago Camper Van. After picking it up, he was happily tootling along the (M1?) motorway when he put it into Cruise Control, then left the drivers seat to go to the back of the van to make himself a cup of tea. After the inevitable prang, in which he was not too badly injured, he took the Manufacturers to Court claiming that he had not been told that Cruise Control was not Automatic Pilot !! He won the case and received a brand new Winnebago plus a substantial compensation payout !!

When are people going to get back the "old way" where they accept responsibility for their actions !  
Ed

#### AND ANOTHER ITEM

I have just had another look at our Web Site ( <http://wawa.com.au> ) and there have been about 1270 "hits " on this site.

However, there are still a lot of our (15) groups that have not forwarded any details or information to be included in the web page. This web site is viewed by people from all around the world so it would be to our advantage to have ALL of the groups submitting their stories, history, photos, happenings or a word or two about your area. Check out some of the groups that have theirs up and get some ideas.

Write and post or e-mail your information to Steve Marshall at 8 Horton Pl. Leeming 6149  
e-mail [stevem@dialix.com.au](mailto:stevem@dialix.com.au) or phone 9322 7905, 0412 078 266

#### FOR SALE

Tough lathe....1 HP Motor, Cam Locks, Steel Legs, Left and Right Hand Faceplates, 2 Tool Rests. PRICE \$ 1,200

Contact STUART HEINRICH Phone / fax 9390 7146

#### FOR SALE

Woodfast Cobra Lathe, metal stand, 18" swing, 40" between centres, No.2 M T, 6 speeds, Cam Lever Lock, Hollow Head and Tail Stocks, Indexing.

With Spur Drive, Live Centre, Two Toolrests, Curved Toolrest, Knock out bar and Spanner....A very clean unit in excellent condition. Price \$ 1,850.00 O.N.O.

John Mason, Phone / fax, 9537 6626 e-mail [jasmon@netserv.net.au](mailto:jasmon@netserv.net.au)

## **SHOPPING CENTRE EXHIBITIONS, SALES and DEMONSTRATIONS for 2002**

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.**

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### **MEMO FROM MANDURAH**

On 13th August, we held our Group AGM. There were 30 members present and 3 visitors, 2 of whom are prospective members. The third visitor was Gabrielle Pellissier from the Waverly Wood Workers in Victoria who was especially interested in the local timbers.

Our regular returning officer, Ed Crane, conducted the election of Group Officers for the coming year very smoothly. It was an indication of the strength of our group that more members stood for office than there were vacancies. John Mason is our new Convenor and Barry Robins is Assistant Convenor. There has been considerable discussion over the past few months regarding the necessary increase in our subscriptions and other charges. I support Treasurer Richard Leggo in his proposal to increase annual subs. For our organization to be ongoing it must be financially viable and able to meet our operating costs from our base income. At the proposed new amounts of \$40 for annual subs, WAWA will remain the best value for money of any organization I am aware of.

It is now September and our donations of toys are due in 3 months time at the December Weekend Workshop. John Mason has secured a donation of wood and paint from local businesses and a couple of hours effort by each member would see a great lot of toys which in turn would give many underprivileged children some happiness at Christmas. So how about it...let's make a big effort this year. The Group's recent display and sale of member's work at the Halls head Central shopping complex was a great success generating considerable interest and resulting in a reasonable level of sales, of which 5% was donated to WAWA. The display ran for 6 days continuously which meant that most of our active members had to do at least one shift. It was originally planned to carry out wood turning demonstrations using the mini lathe but the proximity of the Butcher's and Baker's shops made this impossible. The Supervisor of Meadow Springs Shopping Centre saw our display at Halls Head and has asked the Group to repeat the exercise at their complex from 14th to 19th of October. This display together with demonstrations at Bunnings on the 26th and 27th of September, and Murray Arts and Crafts on the 2nd of November will result in a busy time for the Mandurah Group between now and Christmas.

Norm Griffiths

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### **NORTH of RIVER NEWS**

The club continues steadily with 14 members and 1 visitor at the June meeting. "Hands on" demonstrations were carried out with a number of participants.

The June Workshop was a great success at our new premises and the site has shown that it is an ideal venue for our purposes.

The July meeting had 16 members attending with a big welcome to our new member Fred Pattel. We were also able to welcome our President, Les Small, to the club. Les participated well and also acted as critic for our competition which was a table lamp. There were a number of fine entries sharing a great depth of talent.

It is always amazing to me how dedicated most members of WAWA are, the incredible amounts of time they put into both their turning and associated activities, how ready they are to offer help and the benefit of their experience. As long as this spirit of dedication survives the Association will grow from strength to strength.

## MELVILLE NEWS

It is pleasing to report that my plea to our members to volunteer as demonstrators on Wednesday mornings has borne fruit. Neil Piper circulated his list of "demo requests" to the attendees at our final meeting in August and was pleasantly surprised to get it back with enough volunteers to take us through to the New Year. Well done to those who put their name on the list.

Our first demonstrator for July was Roger Metherall, a relatively new turner who showed how he makes the Inch Tapes, which he sells. Roger has obviously made a fair few inch tapes and his well organised demo was greatly appreciated.

Keith Scott showed how to insert plastic bottle top threads into suitable turnings thus avoiding the hassle of chasing the thread. Keith again stepped up at our last meeting in August and started to make a Ken Rex designed toothpick holder. Unfortunately, Keith's drill he was using to hollow the base of the holder split the blank and he was unable to complete the piece. Keith's problem arose from his drill having to enter the work deeper than the flute of the drill he was using. Alan Smith showed us how to sharpen a twist drill slightly off centre thus making the drill hole slightly larger in size than the diameter of the drill. I don't think too many of us would have solved Keith's problem in this way.

The third meeting in July was addressed by Allan Williams from Wandi on the subject of abrasive paper. Allan gave us a run down of the various types of abrasives and what kind of work they should be used for and gave us his thoughts on how best to use them. Alan's talk was well researched and everyone appreciated it very much.

Neal Notley is one of our newer members and a so called "novice" whose condiment set won just about everything at the July workshop. Neal explained how he approached the "chess piece" design which made up his winning entry. His explanation of how he achieved the sharpness and excellent toolwork of his entry was very impressive and managed to convince me that he did it all himself and did not employ some little man from Bali to do the work as I suggested. Well done, Neal.

Henry Walker followed and showed how he tackled a very interesting piece of green crotch wood. Henry does not do a drawing of what he is going to do, but gradually shapes the wood to take advantage of any features it may have, an approach with which he has great success. Henry finished up with a very nicely shaped semi closed footed vase/bowl which he brought back to the next meeting with a great split in the foot. The perils of green turning ! As always, Henry's demo was interesting and the long shavings off the green tree branch were impressive.

Turning got a bit of a rest the next week with Mick Hanlon displayed the prototype of the chairs he was making for his dining room. Mick took us through his design process for the chair and invited comments and suggestions. This resulted in a very informative discussion from which we all learned something. Mick has a job on his hands but I've no doubt he'll get there in the end.

Kevin McCrackan supervised a "hands on" session for those who were having problems with the "Rolly Munro" tool. There seems to be a lot of these about and the owners seemed to get their problems sorted out.

Our Thursday evening meeting in July was a double header. Bill Botman demonstrated his mastery of the skew in making a lace bobbin and also covered the history of them.

Gordon Wilkins showed us the tools he uses to make his large closed forms. Gordon is a unique turner and one marvels at the work he produces and the long range he sometimes operates from.

The August meeting was our A.G.M. and Mick Hanlon was elected Convenor with John Lillywhite remaining as Treasurer. Our thanks to the outgoing Convenor, Neville Chamberlain, for a job well done. There was no demo but some members brought in old and interesting tools and gave a run down on the various items. A special mention of Paul Foster's contribution of a variety of hand made precision tools, in brass, some of them remarkable for their complexity and small size. All the tools shown were made by him and showed great craftsmanship.

On the sick list is Ron Goodson and John Parker. They are well on the way to recovery and we look forward to their return to our meetings. Ralph Smith had to return early from his trip up North and is attending hospital for tests etc. We wish him well.

All the demonstrations throughout were very well presented, informative and greatly appreciated.  
Don Gunn

### **GOSNELLS WOODTURNERS GROUP**

On Wednesday morning, August the 14th, the meeting elected Brian Parker as Convenor. When general business was concluded, John Currie gave a demonstration on his way of turning a bud vase.

At the meeting of the 21st of August, Ian Eagles gave a demonstration of finishing a project. He uses an alternative to an abrasive cloth or paper, the pads he uses are similar to the mystic mitts used to scrub saucepans. They are approximately 450mm by 150mm in size, come in four grades and are obtainable from Timbecon at a very reasonable price and, according to Ian, last very well.

Brian Parker demonstrated the tool he had made, it resembles a Rolly Munro tool called Omni. The main difference being that it did not have the cover over the top which I think is called the cutting depth gauge. Brian's tool did not block up like the Omni tool. He had used round bright steel for the shaft and a piece of old buzzer blade for the cutter which was held on with a screw. The cutter made the tool very much like a ring gouge. Several members tried it and felt that with a little more work on the cutter it could be a very useful tool as it left a reasonably smooth finish.

Rex Bungey.

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### **SWAN SNIPPETS ( formally MIDVALE MUTTERINGS)**

The Swan Woodturners have now settled comfortably into our new venue in the Koongamia Hall. We continue to attract more than 40 members to our second Tuesday monthly evening meetings. High standard demonstrations feature each night.

In July, Clem Stewart showed, with great accuracy and attention to detail, how to make the Nut/Confectionary Container for the competition at Toodyay.

At the August meeting, Eric Walker showed, with flourish, how to make a pair of bud vases for the competition at Wandii.

Since we have been meeting in Koongamia, a raffle has been a feature of each meeting with amazing interest. Thanks to the donors of quality prizes and to Jim Clarke's organising. Allan Fettes will be continuing from September.

The August meeting was our Annual General Meeting. David Devereux continues as our Convenor. Joe Clark will deputise when necessary. David paid tribute to the very creditable service of retiring Committee Members, Jim Clarke, Eric Walker, Kevin Rundle, Don Duck and Robert Drinkwater.

New Committee Members Jim McDonnell, Allan Fettes and Bob Nichols were welcomed.

Our Weekend Workshop in July was well received, attracting many compliments. Notes are already being made as to how we can achieve an even better meeting next year.

The afternoon groups, which meet on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays, are quiet, informal and social as well as informative and attract 10 to 15 members.

In August, Yvonne Pegrum demonstrated coloured embellishment and Clem Stewart showed how to achieve complex turning without expensive chucking by means of Jam chucks.

Bob Nicholls

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### **JOONDALUP / WANNEROO NOTES**

Our regular monthly meetings continue to be well attended with a number of prospective new members coming along. We recently gathered in Mundaring armed with chainsaws to collect some very nice pieces of she-oak from a tree that had fallen.

The preparations for our Workshop on Saturday, 19th of October, are well in hand. An interesting programme is assured. For the ladies we have arranged a visit to a very large commercial nursery, Boogards, located nearby in Wanneroo.

In August we had a pleasant night out with dinner at the Carine TAFE. The catering by the students was excellent.

We still have a large collection of timber for toys in our store shed at the High School if any groups have a need.

Lach Christie

## **PROFILE OF A TURNER .....JOHN MASON**

John was born in Griffith, N.S.W. in 1937, the fourth of five children. His Father came from England at 16 yo and his Mother came from the U.S.A. when she was 14. When his father returned home after the war, the family left the farm that his mother held together during that time and bought a big Guest House at Kurradjong which was not a great success. Two years later, they moved to Sydney and a regular job for his father which in 1950, took the family to Wagga for two years where John finished his Intermediate High School. Then back to Griffith to run John's Grandmother's farm. It was the biggest mixed farm in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, 100 acres, with 40 acres of wine grapes, 40 acres of apples and the rest



in plums, oranges etc. John worked on the farm for 6 years with periods working other jobs during the quiet (?) times. He worked on the Railway, harvested and carted wheat (in bags) and did a stint as an electrical apprentice. Farm work was very hard, mostly hand work in those days. Three (winter) months pruning grapes, then from January picking them, backbreaking work. Then the apples, pick through the day and pack until 11 pm. Then there was the cow to be milked, chooks, pigs and dogs to feed. Most of these were John's jobs and learning from his Grandmother, John made great butter.

During these years, John developed a love of motorbikes and rode and raced them as a member of the local club. He was also a very keen shooter and won a number of trophies in the Rifle Club.

John was 22 when he went to Sydney for a holiday. He ran out of money after some misfortune, ran into an old friend who got him a job at Nestle's head office in the laboratory store. He was soon promoted to the lab itself and it was there that he met Lorraine. In January 1963 they married and in December 1963 had the first of their three children. Insisting that Lorraine be at home for the children, John took on three jobs, managing a shop, pulling beer at night and doing security on weekends. A few years working at a Golf Club, then came a move to the country, managing a shop and then later, another shop. Unfortunately, the owners sold out so a move to Canberra was next. By this time Stephen, John's eldest, had left home and Canberra was a good place for the other two, Michelle and Darren, to find work. John worked in a department store, selling TVs, videos and sound systems.

For some years, John's marriage had been rocky and with the children reasonably self sufficient, the marriage finally broke up in 1984, and John moved back to Sydney doing similar work. Being a bachelor was a whole new lifestyle and he was not sure that he liked it. Then he met Pat. Neither John or Pat were ready for a serious relationship but love does strange things and a home was soon set up. Pat, the mother of two sons and a daughter, was originally from Western Australia and had a desire to return. John needed no urging and after helping her mother sell her house in Darlinghurst, the three set off and settled in South Yunderup in 1987. John and Pat were married in 1994.

John got a job at Parry's in Mandurah, TV's and sound systems again, until the company was taken over and John was out of work. Taxi driving, School bus driving, and a few other jobs followed until John joined a friend and started a Security Company in Mandurah. It was a slow start but eventually the company had two patrol vehicles, fully equipped with two way radios etc. After 6 years and a very nasty encounter with an offender, John, now 58, decided it was time to leave. During this time, Pat's Mother passed away so they sold the (large) house and settled on the 4 acres where they still are.

In being repaid a debt, John suddenly found himself with a Woodfast lathe, a drill press, belt sander and a band saw. John taught himself to turn, using only scrapers as he did not know that anything else existed! Then he saw a woodturning demonstration in Mandurah being done by the local Group. John joined and soon learned that there is a whole lot more to woodturning! In his usual style, John told Pat that if he is in an organisation, he is in it boots and all. In his second year with the Mandurah Group he was elected Assistant Convenor and in the following two years he was the Convenor. In 2000 John was elected to the Management Committee and it was during this time that President Les Small made him "an offer he could not refuse" and he then took on the duties of Editor of the WAWA Newsletter. The Mandurah Group's elections of 2002 saw John returned as Convenor for another term. John is very strong on promoting the Association and is always ready to help anyone, especially new members. John is a regular attendee at the Weekend Workshops and he finds that the information gained from the demonstrations and just talking, the fellowship and ready assistance is invaluable. "I have been in many organisations in my life, but this one is the best I have ever been associated with"

## GRASS TREES of WESTERN AUSTRALIA

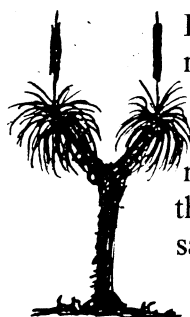
A compilation of interesting facts.....compiled by J. D. LATHWELL



**The Slender Blackboy. *Xanthorrhoea [gracilis. Endi.]*** Confined to, but common in forest country from Perth south to Collie, its leaves grow up to one metre long and it is without a trunk. The wiry leaves are triangular section and the spike a metre or so tall of pencil thickness, carrying a short flowering tip of creamy white flowers.



**Black Gins [ *Kingia australis* ]** Superficially, Black Gins look much like Blackboys. But they are even more restricted in their habitat. There is only one species in the world and it is confined to the south west corner of the state. The proper name is *Kingia australis* named after both Philip King, Governor of N.S.W. from 1800 to 1807, and Philip King, commander of survey expeditions on Australian coasts from 1818 to 1822. \* Though the blackboy may be slow, the kingia, its cousin, a lover of swampy places and adorned with a regular battery of drumsticks instead of the single flowering spike of the other, makes a snail's progress. Botanist Jim Willis wrote to me of measurements made by Charles Lane Poole, who measured the growth over a long period of time and found it advanced at the rate of an eighth of an inch [ 2.5mm ] per year. A foot [ 30cm ] per century, ten feet in a thousand years. I have seen kingias twenty five feet high, trees that started their slow upward progress before Christ was born. \*\*



**Blackboys [ *Xanthorrhoea* ]** are unique to Australia, belong to the family Xanthorrhoeaceae, which is closely related to the Lilly [ *Liliaeae* ] family of plants, and seven species are documented for Western Australia. Six of these are endemic and there are probably more as yet undescribed. The most common in our landscape is the locally named "Common Blackboy" [ *X. pressii* ] and from the Murchison River in the north to the southern coasts there is a vast proliferation of magnificent trees. They grow best in sandy, or rocky soils and look quite spectacular among the multi-million year old granite outcrops of the Darling Ranges and the Proterozoic sedimentary rocks of the Stirling Ranges. \*

The Advocate-general George Fletcher Moore, his vocabulary was culled from local lore during the first few years of the Swan River settlement, Moore wrote :-

**BALGA. Grass tree or Blackboy.** This is a useful tree to the natives where it abounds, etc. \*\*

Blackboys grow well from seed, but progress is slow : about an inch a year is a good speed for the average plant and with increasing age even this tapers off. Sometimes several heads will appear, usually due to some injury to the plant.

**The Grass Tree [ *Xanthorrhoea* ]** grows freely on Kangaroo Island, South Australia, and from it large quantities of gum were collected prior to the first world war and exported, principally to Germany, where it was used in the manufacture of varnishes etc. It was re-exported to the U.S.A. where it was used as a lacquer for meat tins.

The outside sheathing of blackboy is rich in many directions, yielding amongst other matters drying oils and turpentine substitutes suitable for the manufacture of paints and varnishes etc. Yields vary according to whether the material is treated dry or not. The following are given by one experimenter as the extreme limits per ton of material used :- 35 to 45 gallons of water, 25 to 30 gallons of liquor containing 12-15 % of acetic acid, 4-5 % of methyl alcohol and 2-3 % of light spirit, 25 gallons of crude oil containing 10% light oil, 10% medium oil, 15% phenols and acids, 60% pitch, 5% loss (approx), 8 cwt. of coke residue of high calorific value and gas ( 5000 cubic feet) \*\*\*

**End Quote :-** No wonder turning blackboys has carcinogenic [ cancerous ] properties.

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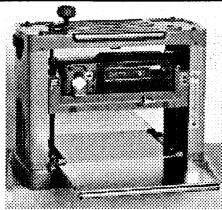
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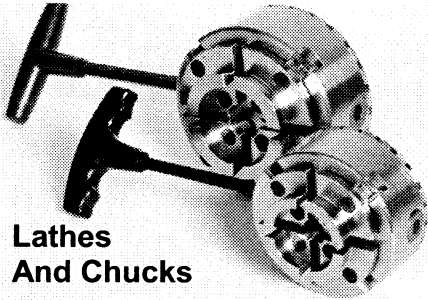


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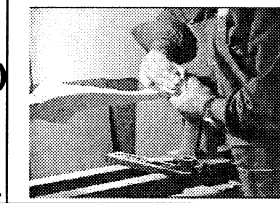
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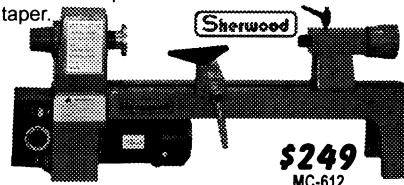
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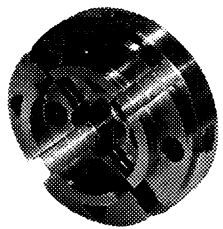
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