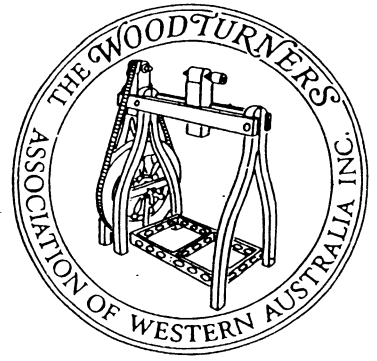


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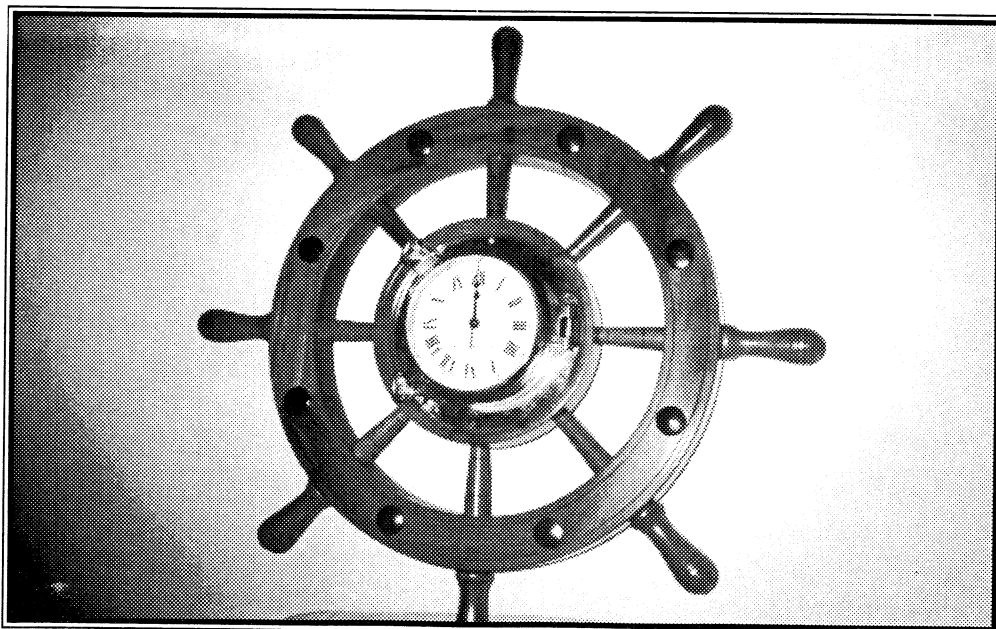
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**W.A.W.A. GROUP MEETING DATES, VENUES, CONTACTS AND TIMES**

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	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	9434 2962

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

Thank you all who have offered their congratulations at my election as President of your Association for next year. Being a foundation member, I am aware of the value of the Association to members who participate at one or more of the various levels available, and it will be my endeavor during my term of office, to promote these activities further.

To the members of the Committee of Management, I would say THANK YOU for your participation and I know you will be supportive in maintaining the high standard management set by the previous office bearers, and I offer my congratulations to Past President Les Small and his team for their efforts on your behalf over the last two years.

My thanks also go to Shirley Munro who is continuing to fill the vital position of Secretary, and to the other non committee members who fill the various roles which are so essential to the smooth operation of our Association.

Our Treasurer, Richard Leggo, has through this publication, been keeping us all informed as to the increasing cost of the Association's weekend workshops and managing the Association, and we are all aware of the subscription increase which was adopted by the Annual general Meeting without dissent. It seems to me that one way in which we can improve our financial situation is to increase our membership, this would have a manifold benefit.....

- 1... The Association receives more subscription fees
- 2... The element of 'fixed cast' per member is reduced.
- 3... The art of woodturning is promoted through the larger membership. [ and who knows what we may learn from new members...look at some of the competition entries from novices ]

Please consider introducing a new member to our ranks !

A more detailed report on "Mason's Market" sales proceeds appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

However I cannot let the opportunity pass to encourage members to make a turned item for sale at Pat Mason's shop at the Fremantle Markets. The full sale proceeds are given to the Association, and it is a marvelous opportunity to generate funds for the Association.

If the unqualified support expressed at the AGM in September, of the idea of building a storage facility at Wandi, is to come to fruition, the Association will need to have additional funds. While some grant money may be available, these are usually on a pro rata basis. The Committee is considering the size and layout for the suggested storage facility, the appearance of which will have to complement the existing buildings at Wandi. It is worthy of noting, that following the AGM, some members when paying the subs of \$37 [net] spontaneously donated the 'change' of \$3 to the building fund which now stands at about \$170. THANK YOU FOR SUCH SUPPORTIVE ACTION !

In closing, Norma and I offer all members and their loved ones, a joyous Christmas Season and a healthy, happy and prosperous year in 2003.

Yours in turning, President Milton .

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### REMINDER !!!

Once again you are reminded to have your annual subs paid by December 31, 2002. It is in the interests of your Association to have these subs collected by this time. It is also in your interests to have them paid as a re-nomination will now cost you \$40 as well as your annual fee !!

Remember... "If the outgo exceeds the income, then the upkeep is the downfall" anon. So get those subs paid.....NOW

\*\*\* W.A.W.A. WEEKEND WORKSHOP — W.A.W.A. COMMITTEE \*\*\*

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th 2002  
KALAMUNDA AGRICULTURE HALL  
CANNING Rd. KALAMUNDA

Welcome to all members, spouses and visitors to a day of fun, fellowship and annual prize giving

M.C.	Brian Fowle
Trade Supplier	Mayama Gems
Christmas Toys Show and Tell Moderator	Lach Christie
Show and Tell Moderator	Richard Leggo
Your Years most monumental "Stuff Up" Moderator	Viv Paust
Mini Competition	Malcolm Munro
Competition Item	"Best thing turned this year"

*The above events will take place at random times throughout the day.*

**SATURDAY PROGRAMME**

8.00 am Unload Chuck Wagons, set up hall, registration. (Many hands make light work)  
9.00 Welcome and Announcements  
9.10 **Gordon Ward**, My woodturning experience in U.S.A.  
10.00 Morning Tea (Members, a plate of goodies, please)  
10.30 **MINI COMPETITION**, Moderator Malcolm Munro, this is a fun day competition, so please bring along some chisels and have a go. There will be several different types of Mini Lathes in use so this is a good opportunity to test drive the various models. Note...Timber, Plans and Drawings will be supplied.  
12.00 **Lunch, \$7.50 each.** Beef, Pork, potatoes, pumpkin, carrots, peas & cauliflower. Served on paper plates and plastic cutlery. [ Bring your own if you don't like plastic] Fresh Fruit Platter.  
1.30 **Singalong with Janet and Norma.**  
2.00 Show and demonstrate the Christmas Toys  
**DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS TOYS**  
**These will be distributed after the meeting.**  
3.00 Afternoon Tea  
3.30 **Alan France**, Competition Results  
Prize Presentations  
Clean up and pack the chuck wagons, all hands please !!!

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

DECEMBER 7th,	<b>KALAMUNDA</b> , BEST ITEM TURNED IN 2002
JANUARY 18th	<b>GOSNELLS</b> BREAD BOARD and CHEESE BOARD with KNIFE
FEBRUARY 15/16th	<b>BUNBURY</b> PAIR of MATCHED SALT & PEPPER MILLS
MARCH 15/16th	<b>MELVILLE</b> EMBELLISHED BOWL 250-300 x 50-80 mm

**THE LATEST FIGURES ON SALES AT THE FREMANTLE MARKETS AS OF 31/10/02**

NUMBER OF ITEMS RECEIVED TO DATE ...10/11/02.....167  
NUMBER OF ITEMS SOLD TO DATE.....83  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED TO DATE .....\$ 1,628.00

August.. \$ 110.00 September, \$ 512.00 October \$ 430.00 November \$ 576

The average weekly sales are now \$116.28. However, playing with figures, and discounting August which was a slow start, the weekly average for Sept, Oct & Nov is \$ 168.66. This is really great as the initial target was \$100 per week. No promises, but if this is maintained at \$140 we could be looking at over \$7,000 for the year !! **But it all depends on YOU to maintain the stock levels.**

( Each month period is from one weekend workshop to the next )

**\*\* GOSNELLS & DISTRICT WEEKEND WORKSHOP \*\***  
**SATURDAY JANUARY 18th 2003**  
**Wandi Community Hall, Lot 33 DeHaer Rd, Wandi**

**Convenor** Rex Bungey  
**Safety Advisor** Mick Hanlon  
**M.C.** Dan Killgallon

**Competition Item** Bread Board and Cheese Board with knife. ( Cheese knife handle to be turned and fitted to a purchased blade )

**SATURDAY PROGRAMME**

08.00 Set up Venue (All Hands Please) and Registration  
09.00 Welcome and Announcements  
09.05 **Peter Dessent**, Turning a Pot Pourri Bowl  
10.00 Morning Tea, ( All Members, a plate of goodies please)  
Voting commences for competition  
10.30 **Joe Hegney**, A Segmented Bud Vase  
11.30 Show and Tell, Come on, bring your stuff-ups (and ask for help)  
Also, Any new gadgets  
Or any other item and share with everyone.  
12.00 Sausage Sizzle and Salad, \$2.50.  
Please make sure you order lunch when registering  
1.00 **Gerald Young**, Split Turning  
1.15 **Voting Closes**  
2.00 **Margaret Young**, Embellishing Bowls and Patters  
3.00 Afternoon Tea  
3.30 **Brian Parker**, Demonstrating the modified OMNI TOOL  
4.00 President's Forum, Show and Tell, Competition Results

**Clean up, load the chuck wagons. If you assist then we all get home at a reasonable hour.**

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**AUSTRALIAN WOOD REVIEW**

Are you looking for some ideas or inspiration ? There is a book that is now available titled " AUSTRALIAN WOODTURNING PROJECTS " and it contains thirty of the best woodturning projects that have been featured over the past ten years in the quarterly magazine, "Australian Wood Review". The projects are from some of Australia's leading woodturners, Richard Raffan, Terry Martin, Andrew Potocnic, Stephen Hughes, Vaughn Richmond, Terry Anderson and Gary Beck.

We are fortunate to have a copy of this book in our library as well as issues 34,35 &36 of the Australian Wood Review which have been very kindly donated by the publishers. However, there is only one copy of this wonderful book in our library so if it is of interest to you, it is available for purchase from Carba-Tec (Balcatta) or it can be ordered direct from the publishers at the r.r.p. of \$ 34.95 + postage.

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Internet....[www.woodreview.com.au](http://www.woodreview.com.au)

It would make a very welcome Christmas gift !

## MONTHLY COMPETITION RESULTS

**SEPTEMBER 2002**

### **PAIR OF MATCHED BUD VASES**

21 entries this month. As we all now expect, a wide variety of designs were exhibited. Most entries were designed to hold a bud in water (via a glass insert) others preferred their vases to show a dry flower/plant. It was pleasing to see three competitors showing their work for the first time.

I should make mention of the perfectly matched and exquisite vases from Ivan Moro which elicited many flattering comments. Also the precision shown by Allan Williams, John Parker, Gordon Davies and Frank Evans which did not go unnoticed.

As always, thanks to judges Robin Halbert, Roy Harris and Margaret Young for their kind efforts.

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Ivan Moro	Gordon Davies	Ron Britten
Intermediate	Tom Mazey	Joe Clark	Ken Dixon
Advanced	John Parker	Frank Evans	Bill Wallbank
Popular Vote	Ivan Moro	Allan Williams	Jeff Tills

**OCTOBER 2002**

### **SALAD BOWL WITH TWO SERVERS**

It was rather disappointing that only 12 entries were submitted for this months competition. Who knows ? It may have been that availability of suitable sized material was a factor or salad bowls did not appeal or perhaps there was no requirement for such in the home ! Feedback would be appreciated. Nevertheless those items in the competition were both of a high standing and eye catching.

Thanks to the judges who made themselves available, Joe Hegney, Jeff Tills and Gerald Young.

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Gordon Davies	Allan Williams	Barry Robins
Intermediate	Kevin Bryant	Steve Mutsaers	Dick Morley
Advanced	John Mason	John Parker	Don Clarke
Popular Vote	John Parker	Allan Williams	Kevin Bryant

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### COMPETITION ITEMS AND VENUES FOR 2003

- January 18th,** Gosnells at Wandi. Bread Board and Cheese Board with Knife. Knife handle to be turned and fitted with a purchased blade.
- February 15/16,** Bunbury at Soccerdrome. Pair of Matched Pepper and Salt Mills, no size limit.
- March 15/16,** Melville at Wandi. Embellished Bowl, 250 to 300 dia, x 50 to 80 high. Strict Limits. Carving, Piercing, Inlaying, colouring are some suggestions.
- April 19/20,** Manjimup at the Town hall. Offset Turned Item. No size limits
- May 17/18,** Mandurah at the High School. Cup and Saucer
- June 21,** North of River at Alexander Park. Lidded Box w/- Embellished Body, Plain Lid
- July 19,** Swan at Kalamunda. Hand held Mirror Frame w/- Mirror , size optional.
- August 23/24,** Avon at Toodyay Town Hall. Candlestick, max ht 180. To feature inside/outside turning.
- September 20/21,** Wandi at Wandi. Natural Edged Bowl. 200 to 250 dia. Height Optional.
- October 18,** Wanneroo High School. Goblet. 1 for Novice, 2 for Intermediate, 3 for Advanced  
Intermediate and Advanced Goblets to be matched.
- November 15/16,** Albany at Duyfken Boatshed. 5 Apples presented on a Bowl/ Dish/ Platter.  
Can be left Natural OR coloured.
- December 13,** WAWA at Kalamunda. Best thing produced in 2003
- January (2004)** T.B.A. Platter. To feature an edge treatment of own choice and to sit on 3 feet or short legs, carved or turned. 280 to 330 x optional height.
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I would like to thank all who assisted me throughout 2002 with the running of the monthly workshop competition segment and also the turners who offered suggestions of items for next year's competition Alan France, Competition Co-ordinator

## W.A.W.A. Personal Accident Insurance. Is it enough ?

At \$3,600 or about \$6 per member WAWA's personal accident policy was 60% higher this year than it was last year. Do you know the extent of the cover ? Do you think that WAWA should incur this expense ? At the bottom of this article I will show some of the benefits that the American Assurance Company offers in return for the premium. The article is written to promote discussion and is not intended as a definitive study of our cover.

We have had **\$50,000 per event cover** since WAWA began (1985) There have been no claims in those 17 years but we have come close. **An extra \$1,000 premium would buy double the present cover for events but not the absolute limit of \$1 million.**

Cover extends to most members and associates while at a properly convened WAWA meeting or activity or in traveling from home by the most direct route to or from the meeting. Last year we had cover for members aged 12 to 85 but this is **now 12 to 80 years** so some of our senior members have lost the benefits of the policy.

Also the benefits available to those over 65 and under 18 are not as great as for those in the "still at work" age range ('workers'). Maximum cover for those 66-75 is \$20,000. For 76-80 or for death cover under 18 it is \$10,000.

The policy schedule shows the events which give rise to claims. Additionally, for 'workers' injured at a WAWA meeting and unable to work, there is a benefit of 100% of lost wages up to \$500 per week after the first week (limit 52 weeks).

For those aged 65-80 ('retired') there is a weekly allowance for persons injured at a WAWA meeting, and unable to care for themselves, of 80% of amounts paid to employ someone to do the chores around the house (limit \$250) (After 1 week limit 52 weeks).

There are lots of limitations, too numerous to mention here, but a few examples—you must claim from your own insurance first e.g. Medicare etc. Physio, Chiropractic etc has an absolute limit of \$500. In effect if you have other cover this policy doesn't pay except for losses over and above your own cover. Of course Medicare doesn't cover loss of limbs etc.

**Any occurrence must be notified within 30 days or there is no cover at all !!**

**Events** like death, permanent total quadriplegia or paraplegia, permanent loss of sight in both eyes, permanent total loss of two limbs all result in 100% compensation.

**Events** like permanent total loss of sight in one eye, or one limb—50%

**Events** like permanent total loss of hearing 70%, but loss of hearing in one ear is 15%. Permanent total loss of one thumb and 4 fingers is 70%. Four fingers is 40%. One thumb is 30% for both joints or 15% for one joint. Toes are cheaper—3% for one great toe or 1% for each other toe.

**Cover** 100% = \$50,000, each 10% = \$5,000 at rates in the current policy.

What do you think ?

Richard Leggo 82 Treasurer.

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**FREE TO TAKE AWAY.....I AM MOVING HOUSE !!**

A number of lengths of 4x4 (and bigger) pieces of one metre long good turning timber.

Also some Blackboy pieces

Bob DeWolf (1411) Phone 9316 1961 0411 030 1401

## A CHEAP AND SIMPLE SHARPENING KIT

Condensed report as published in the "Woodturning" magazine, July/August 1995. Issue # 34.

This article is published here as a follow up to the demonstration given by Dan Killgallon, 19/10/02.

The Sorby Grinding/Honing kit is centred on a fat woodscrew which can be gripped by its parallel shank in a drill or lathe chuck. This 'driving screw' takes one of two MDF discs, and to these discs are stuck either abrasive paper or a leather strop. Using both sides of the disc there are three grades of abrasive in addition to the strop. Turn on the power and you are ready to sharpen your tools.

The discs are held in position because the parallel shank of the screw, held in the chuck, is threaded to take a flange and locking nut. The flange forms a backing plate, positioning the pre-drilled 5" MDF disc when inserted onto the wood screw. The abrasive discs are 80, 150 and 320 grades.

One concern is safety, given that some users of this system may be newcomers to tool sharpening and safe workshop practices. E.g. if this is used on an electric drill, there is no 'official' way of holding the drill stationery in a safe manner. Perhaps some will be tempted to hold it in a vice, but this could be quite precarious. **Make sure you have a stable, controlled power source.** The lathe would be fine if you did not want to use it at the same time !!

Other safety aspects include the recommended speed which is stated as being used up to 2,500 rpm and the implication is that the discs can be used up to that speed. There are no guards against sparks and grit, nor against clothes or hair being pulled in, and eye protection is a must. There are no tool or hand rests, so the hands must hover in the air in front of the wheel, making for inaccurate work if not a danger to the hands.

There are some problems getting the wheels running true (in the chuck used for the test) because of the tendency for the jaws to bite in or move over the thread in the parallel shank. Even when it was running true, it was found that, when the disc was removed and replaced, they were out of true. Any wobbling at all diminishes accuracy, especially on smaller tools.

Adequate flat outer bevels were obtained on the gouges and work them quite finely on the abrasive paper. Squaring off edges could be hazardous without a suitable rest and there is no way to work on the inside bevel. It is easy to oversharpen corners.

Sorby's promise the "ultimate cutting edge" and with this cheap, simple kit (with the provisos of a wobbling wheel and the need to keep swapping discs) is possible and could probably do most of what the far more expensive sharpening machines will do.

Note :- Dan's excellent demo of this system was lathe mounted and used in this way, would remove many of the concerns mentioned above. Ed.

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### A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

1943	Kevin SALLIS	Albany
1944	Ross WILTON	Cottesloe
1945	Clifford HART	Bedfordale
1946	Tony MARFLEET	Claremont
1947	Shirley GARRATT	Toodyay
1948	Jean-Pierre MENAGE	Parkerville
1949	Mike OSBORNE	Gosnells
1950	Roy ANTULOV	Wanneroo
1951	Bill RESIDE	Albany
1952	Steve McLEAN	Albany

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In this issue, I have really had to scrape the bottom of the barrel to fill the pages. I just edit, I should not have to supply as well! It is YOUR newsletter and it relies on your input. Other people are interested in what you do or have done. Send it to me in any form, I will straighten it out for you if you want. But please, send me something.....anything!! Thanks to those that did. Ed.



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

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

**Junior ( under 18 ) membership is \$ 20.00**

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)**

Your record of payment    Amount Paid.....Date sent.....Cheque No.....

**Please retain this portion for your records**

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**PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

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

**MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.....**

**SURNAME.....GIVEN NAME(S) .....**

**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**

**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**

## MELVILLE NEWS

The numbers at our Wednesday morning meetings continues to average around the 30/40 mark which is most encouraging. Show and Tell at these meetings is variable in volume but is generally of a high standard. The following demonstrations were presented during September and October.

Sept 4th. Neil Piper showed how he assembled his Anniversary Clock and the steps involved in making this very popular sales item.

Sept 11th. Kevin McCrackan turned a very nice sugar bowl.

Sept 18th. The old master Keith Johnston turned a goblet to a planned design and provided us all with scale drawings of various goblet designs.

Sept 25th. I showed the various jigs I used for multi centre turning and turned a small bowl on 4 centres to give a triangular curved rim to the bowl—without a jig.

Oct 2nd. Bernie Dixon Gave a nice demo of a small bowl with a natural edge on two sides.

Oct 9th. Richard Leggo showed us how he was tackling making a porthole rim to hold a piece of window glass for a friend. The diameter was quite large and Richard showed how he had made up segments to turn off on a face plate and he turned one side of the porthole in the workshop. The completed porthole was displayed the following week.

Oct 16th. Ken Rex demonstrated his router jig and showed us how he makes a table lamp with 3 curved flat sides to the upper stem of the lamp with the router jig enabling him to follow a template to achieve a consistent curve.

Oct 23rd. Keith Johnston demonstrated longhole boring “his way”

Oct 30th. Mick Hanlon gave us a much needed talk on safety in the workshop.

The Thursday evening meeting in September had Len Nicholls showing us how to turn an oval shaped vase using offset turning on three centres.

The October meeting saw Mick Hanlon carving a wavy rim on a small bowl with the Arbortec mini carver.

All the demonstrations described above were well presented and showed a high degree of prior preparation and were very much appreciated by the members who attended. Don Gunn

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## WANDI WAFFLES

The August AGM of the Wandi Woodturning Club saw the election of Tony Boschman as the new Convenor. He was the Secretary the previous year. As there were no nominations for Secretary, Tony agreed to be Convenor/Secretary till someone nominated. Helen Waldby nominated and was accepted as Treasurer. Thanks to Bob Cross in his role as Treasurer for 2001/02. We must thank Bruce Johnson for his work as Convenor for 2001/02. Bruce did an excellent job as Convenor and organiser of various weekend workshops and organising the meeting night demos and hands on. A special thanks to all those members who, throughout the year, contributed to the organising, running, assistance with demos, hands on, clean ups, BBQs, in the running of the club events, meetings and weekend workshops.

The Wednesday morning group were saddened by the loss of Eddie Garforth (see notice) as well as those who attend the Thursday night meetings. Eddie was a regular attendee to the Wednesday and Thursday meetings. He will be sorely missed. Our condolences to Eddie's wife Anne and family.

Tony Boschman

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### **\*\* EDDIE GARFORTH \*\* MEMBER 1422 \*\***

\*\*Eddie was a much valued member of the Wandi Group

\*\*He was a founding member of the Wandi Woodturning Club

\*\*Eddie passed away suddenly on the 9th of September 2002 after surgery at Fremantle Hospital.

\*\*He will be sorely missed by his friends and mates of the Wednesday morning Group.

\*\*Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Anne and family from the members of the Wandi Woodturning Club.

## **MEMO FROM MANDURAH**

Editor John is again giving me the hurry up because I am late with my item for the next issue of the Newsletter. It seems only yesterday that I wrote the last one. Margot is also giving me the hurry up to make biscuit barrels for presents for the four children for Christmas and while I'm at it also to turn out some wooden toys for the grandchildren. I'm glad that I retired a few years ago, there certainly would be no time to go to work each day.

On a more sober note, what a dreadful calamity was the bombing in Bali on October 12th. Many of our older members spent time in the armed services in order that the world, and Australia in particular, would be free from the influence of tyrants and the cruelty they thrive on. Unfortunately nothing seems to have changed over the last 60 years and we still face serious challenges to our sovereignty.

The terrorist attack in Bali has also brought home to us that we still have a huge amount of work to do to create a truly multi cultural society that many of us thought already existed in Australia.

The invitations for the Mandurah Group to carry out displays and demonstrations at fairs and shopping centres continue. These activities are well supported by the members of our group and apart from having a pleasant day out with the prospect of selling a few items of work the displays are an excellent recruiting ground. It is amazing the interest that our woodturning activities create and the numbers who aspire to join our ranks. The Mandurah Group does not have a female member yet, although we have had several visits and enquiries, perhaps as soon as we secure one female member others will follow. Australia's population is now 50.3% females and so the generic breakdown of our members is disproportionate.

Our recent display at Meadow Springs Shopping Centre scheduled for one week ending on October 19th. All proceeded well until the Thursday when many of the locals were coming back to do some of their Christmas shopping at our display. Unbeknown to us there was an attempted robbery at the shopping complex when the bandits tried to enter the centre by removing some of the roof sheeting. At about 11am a fairly severe storm passed over Mandurah and a great proportion of the rain that fell came through the roof directly above our display. During the resulting confusion the Centre Management asked us to go home with a promise that they will invite us back on another day when the roof is repaired. I'm quite sure that we would have been able to send Treasurer Richard a much healthier 10% if it had not rained.

From the members at Mandurah — A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year in 2003.  
Norm Griffiths.

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## **NORTH of RIVER NEWS**

The AGM election of officers saw Steve Mutsaers as Convenor, Joe Romeo as Asst. Convenor, Doug McDairmid as Secretary, Malcolm Munro as Treasurer and Gordon Ratcliffe on the Committee.

The October meeting saw a number of cheese dishes as competition entries, all of which were of a high standard.

New equipment approved by the Lotteries Commission grant was discussed and will be purchased as soon as arrangements can be made. Plans are being considered to conduct club workdays at the club rooms on perhaps a Friday when members will be able to participate as a group.

We are formulating ideas for a membership drive for the group and this will be discussed at the next meeting. At present also under discussion is a name change for the group so would like all members to attend and have their say on this important matter.

There is no meeting in December as this would put us right on Christmas.

We look forward to the New Year with enthusiasm.

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

Our regular monthly meetings continue to be well attended and provide really enjoyable and interesting meetings. The major event each meeting is the demonstration which we have for some time been organising to follow the schedule of items for competition at the association meetings. The item demonstrated becomes the subject of our competition the following month and is followed shortly afterward by the association competition. Thus the August demonstration of a pair of matching bud vases was the competition item in September for our meeting and the association meeting.

A new turner in our group, Ivan Moro was judged first in the Novice section at the Association meeting at Wandi and also merited first place in the popular vote for his beautifully crafted "Tulip" vases. Don Clarke demonstrated in September two methods of making salad servers to accompany a Salad Bowl which he also demonstrated as required for the competition at Joondalup/Wanneroo.

Ray Bowra demonstrated in October how he makes beautiful items of fruit and a bowl in which to present them as for the competition requirements for Busselton. Our members are always well represented in the association competition and acquit themselves very favourably.

The second major event at our regular meetings follows supper and is a shorter presentation of a subject of interest. Audiologist Lara Shur spoke at our September meeting about hearing and hearing loss which occurs as we age and as we are affected by excessive noise. The loss is relentless and affects us all. She emphasised the effect hearing loss has in our social interactions and which, in severe cases, lead to isolation. She also offered hope in outlining the availability of effective hearing aids and invited us to have our hearing evaluated at no cost.

In October, Robert Atkins spoke of water supplies for Perth specifically on underground sources in the face of dwindling surface reservoirs in our dry seasons. Robert also provided an optimistic viewpoint in a difficult situation, by demonstrating the very large resources in the underground aquifers currently supplying about 70% of Perth's needs.

Our afternoon meetings continue to attract a keen following of about a dozen members each time and have been privileged by demonstrations of whistles by Eric Walker, ife handles by Tom Wainwright and a solitaire game board by Jim Clarke.

Members have been making toys for Christmas and items for sale at the "Mason Market", Fremantle. Our January "Christmas" social has been held over the years in the homes of various members. This year we intend to make use of the very attractive outdoor area and hall where we now meet. With such practical and larger facilities we hope for an even more enjoyable social this year—if that is possible.  
Bob Nicholls

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### **IF YOU HAVE A COMPUTER, THIS STORY IS FOR YOU**

An unemployed man goes to apply for a job with Microsoft as a Janitor. After an aptitude test and being told he will receive the minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, he is told by the Manager that the appropriate employment papers would be e-mailed to him.

Taken aback, the man says that he has no computer and so no e-mail address. The Manager says to him "Well then, that means that you virtually do not exist and can therefore hardly expect to be employed."

Disillusioned and down to his last \$10, on impulse buys a box of tomatoes and within two hours has sold them all for a 100% profit. He repeats the process several times that day and goes home with over \$150 in his wallet. Getting up early and going to bed late, he multiplies his profits quickly. He soon buys a cart and a while later buys a small truck to support his growing business.

By the end of the second year he owns a fleet of trucks and manages a staff of a hundred former unemployed people, all selling tomatoes. Planning the future of his wife and kids, he decides to buy some life insurance. He phones an insurance broker who "will e-mail the documents" He still has no e-mail address and the broker says "No e-mail! How on earth have you amassed a fortune without a computer, the Web, e-mails, just imagine where you would be if you had all of that." The Millionaire thought for a moment and said "Why, I would be still sweeping the floors at Microsoft"

Moral :- The Net etc do not need to rule your life\*\* If you don't have an e-mail and work hard you can still be wealthy\*\* If you got this story by e-mail, you are closer to being a janitor than a millionaire\*\* If you do have a computer and e-mail, you have already been taken to the cleaners by Microsoft.

**\*\*\* CITATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIPS \*\*\***

**At the Annual General Meeting, September 2002, the following LIFE MEMBERSHIPS were awarded**

**Life Membership Neil Piper**

Neil Piper, the Association of the Woodturners of Western Australia Incorporated Honours you and confers upon you Life Membership, in recognition of the outstanding contributions you have and are making to the Association.

1. You have served as an active member of the Executive Committee for four years, one as Vice President.
2. As video librarian for many years, which under your guidance, has become a very popular and worthwhile section of our organisation.
3. Neil, as a member of WAWA you took on the job of instructor for the Melville City Council's woodturning classes at their recreation centre as an unpaid volunteer. You applied yourself to this job for at least seven years. Many of your students have become members of our Association
4. For a number of years you have been responsible for the well organised Melville Group. You have achieved this by arranging good programmes and working closely with Melville Convenors both past and present.
5. You have played an important part of the Shopping Centre Group, organising the cartage and setting up of the equipment.

You are very popular and well respected by your fellow members. You are noted as a quiet achiever which was recognised by the Melville Group with the presentation of an Award of Merit.

Neil Piper, we honour you as a Life Member of the Woodturners Association.

**Life Membership William Robert Adams**

Bob Adams, The Association of the Woodturners of Western Australia Incorporated Honours you and confers upon you Life Membership, in recognition of your sustained contributions to this Association.

1. As a foundation member (No 14) you contributed to the establishment of this Association in its formative years, commencing in Eneabba.
2. You played an important role in setting up the Central Midland Group, remaining an active and important member of this group. Throughout its existence you contributed much to its development and operation, particularly to the successful conduction of WAWA workshops held in Moora.
3. On retirement to Toodyay you restarted the Avon Valley Group Holding meetings at your home workshop for more than 12 months. You were instrumental in negotiating the allocation of part of Toodyay Showground Wool Pavilion for use of Group meetings and storage of equipment.
4. You were Convenor of the group from 1997 to 2000.
5. Bob, you served on the WAWA Executive Committee for two periods, firstly while at Coorow, 1989-1991 and subsequently at Toodyay 1998-2000.

Bob Adams, you have always demonstrated a sustained and valuable contribution to the establishment, development and operation of the Association.

Robert Adams, we honour you as a Life Member of the Woodturners Association.

## **PROFILE OF A TURNER.....ROY HARRIS**

Roy was born in Bunbury in 1935. He left school just before his 14th birthday and started work at Haywards store as a delivery boy until he was able to get an apprenticeship with a local building company as a fibrous plasterer. It was here that he learned all the different trades in the building game. In 1953 he left Bunbury and went to Perth to work for Celoyds working on large buildings in the CBD.

He was called up to do his National Service in the Army, after completing his 3 months training he was posted to Brigade Headquarters intelligence section to serve his time in the CMF.

After a year in Perth he transferred to Canberra to work in the plastering trade building houses and government office blocks to house the public servants moving to the capital from Melbourne and Sydney. While in Canberra he joined the Werrima Regiment as Intelligence Officer, A company where he rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. As well he attended night school at Canberra University to study Mechanical Engineering. After a quick trip home, he returned to Melbourne for 9 months before going back to Canberra. He then moved up to Sydney to work and continue his studies at Sydney University.

While in Sydney, he was posted to the University Regiment in the intelligence section before being discharged in 1959.

Needing a break, he headed out west where he shot kangaroos for skins before moving into S.A. to a station called Quinyambie in the Strzelecki desert to shoot rabbits for a living. In 11 months 6 teams of shooters took 2 million rabbits off the property. He returned home in May 1960 and joined a sand mining company at Capel where he helped design and build machines to separate the different minerals. His main job was to design a machine, build it in miniature, get it to work properly then scale it up to full size and build that machine ready for production. It was while working on these designs that he learned how to turn on a metal lathe making his own patterns for the castings of these machines.

After leaving the sand mining, he joined a local building company who were opening up a concrete block manufacturing plant and he designed and built a sand screening plant for them, then went on to design and build the different block moulds to fit machines they had bought. In the 11 years Roy was with Modulars he helped to design a fully automatic block machine using hydraulics and industrial computers.

After leaving Modular Bricks Roy bought his first business, a service station/deli/news agency/post office. He sold this in 1983 then bought a video shop. After 2 years he bought the deli next door for his wife Maureen to run. He sold the video shop in 1988 then concentrated on running the deli until he sold that and retired. It was in the last year in the deli that he ran into the Bunbury Group in the local shopping centre where they were demonstrating and selling. The bug bit him again and knowing most of the Bunbury boys he went and bought himself a Woodfast 908 and tried his hand out and ran into trouble straight away as he was trying to turn as you do on a metal lathe. After a quick lesson from John Shinnick it was all go, go, go. Roy loves to judge other turners' work and enjoys imparting his skills and knowledge to anyone who seeks his advice and help.

A very uneventful life.

### WHAT IS IN A NAME ?

Quite a lot, apparently, according to many publications that apply an assortment of names to our natural flora and fauna, especially trees.

Take She-Oak for example. This was named because of a resemblance to the English Oak, as used in shingle making. Not wanting to incur the ire of the ladies, this is a quote from an old book.....

“She-Oak is so named because it is considered to be inferior to the true English Oak”

Other names associated with this Casaurina (so called due to the similarity between the leaves and the feathers of the Cassowary) are...Forest Oak, Creek Oak, Bull Oak and Beefwood.

In 1803, a Captain Woodruff wrote to the Admiralty “ She-Oak or Beefwood is in great abundance, but so small, as not one tree in a hundred will furnish a futtock ( each of the middle timbers of a ship’s frame between the floor and the top timbers) Floor or Knee for a Frigate, and the trunks of these trees seldom exceed 10 or 12 feet. Very few indeed are sound or free from Heart Shakes. I have caused more than one hundred trees of the She-Oak to be cut down, but have not been able to get one perfectly sound that would square 10 inches or exceed 10 or 12 feet in length.” (This would be on the east coast)

Further to this, the Sydney Gazette described local She-Oak as “beautifully adapted to the cabinet and every other article of useful and ornamental furniture”

Again on the subject of “She” there was published in “Australian Timbers” of 1892 a reference to She Ironbark which apparently distinguished it from other Ironbarks.

Many trees were given European names due to some similarity, where they grew or just plain homesickness. The country and the flora and fauna were extremely strange so they came up with unrelated names such as Alder, Apple, Ash, Beech, Birch, Box, Cedar, Cherry, Ebony, Laurel, Mahogany, Maple, Myrtle, Oak, Olive, Pine, Sycamore, Tea tree and Walnut. So confusion reigned supreme !

The Dept. of Public Instruction (??) stated in 1913 “ Our settlers were first in the field in bestowing vernacular names and it is too late to change them now.”

Then there is the situation of the same tree in different locations, e.g. eucalyptus ovata is Swamp Gum in Victoria, Black Gum in Southern Tasmania and White Gum in Northern Tasmania !

The Aborigines gave many trees the most delightful names. Names which reflected the way they saw the land and in many ways are more suitable than the European names.

Karri, Coolibah, Jarrah, Marri, Gidgee, Kurrajong, Mulga, Kundurangu (Native Poplar), Baarla (Marble Gum), Boongul (Redwood), Boree (Myall), Awalyuru (Native Currant), Coordy (Quandong), Dorrigo (Stringybark), Goolee (Swamp Oak), Wilarak (Sandalwood), Ngalta (Desert Kurrajong), Mudja or Mooja (Christmas Tree), Coojong (Orange Wattle), Wonnil (Peppermint), Yandil (Yate), Dingul Dingul (Tingle), Pulidj (Bullich), Yarri or Dwuda (Blackbutt), Kularda (Flooded gum) Wondidj (Native Willow), Pulgara (Bull Banksia), Dlandjin or Danja (Woody Pear), Booyong (Bloodwood), Tarpeena and Yooroo (Red Gum), Wabbie (Moreton Bay Fig) and Bumbarna (Banksia), and there are probably many more. (The above are from all parts of Australia)

It is felt, in many areas of academia, that more trees should be referred to by the Aboriginal names.

However, this is restricted by local usage.

As an aside, in the early days of the settlement at Sydney Cove, it was found that the Aborigines on the northern side of the (now) Parramatta River could not be understood by their counterparts on the southern side.

We are led to believe that when an Englishman asked an Aboriginal what that animal was, referring to a Kangaroo, the native replied “kanguru” which roughly translates to “ I haven’t a clue as to what you are trying to say “ But the name stuck.

As propagation continues, so the extent of sub-species increases and so the names and variety thereof becomes more intense and confusing.

The majority of trees bearing European names were originated on the eastern side of Australia due to the very early settlements. It is not entirely their fault that it occurred that way.

Time and geography are the real culprits !

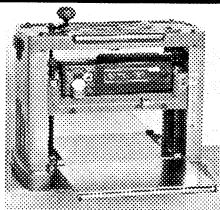
We in the West are fortunate that the Jarrah only got the additional name of Swamp Mahogany

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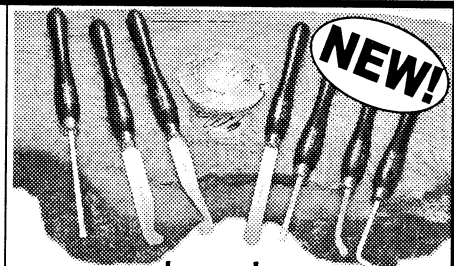
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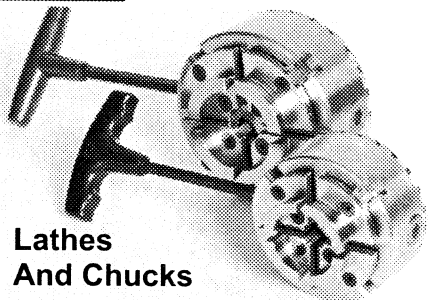
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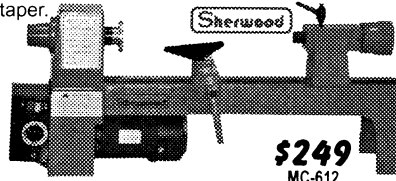
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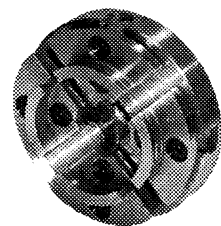
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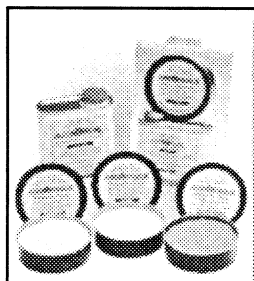
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