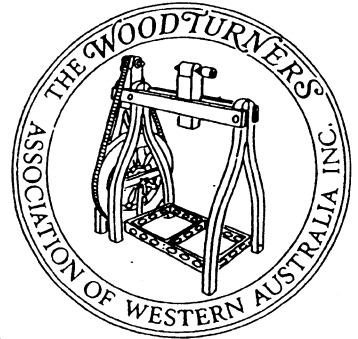


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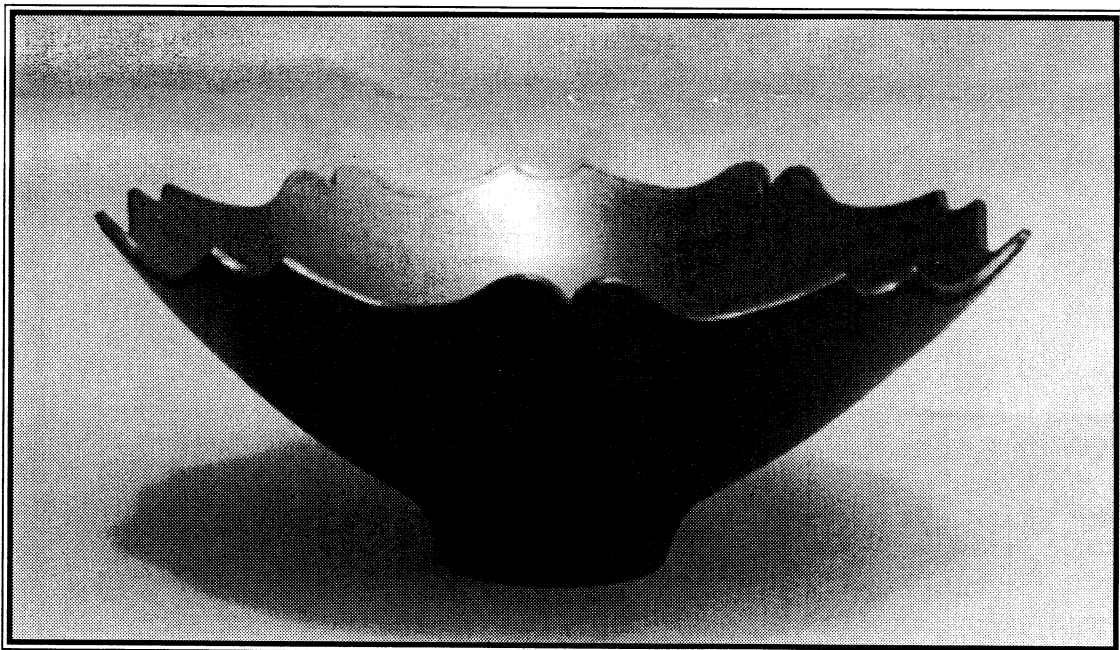
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**W.A.W.A. GROUP MEETING DATES, VENUES, CONTACTS AND TIMES**

ALBANY	1st Monday of the month, 7 pm. Every Saturday Workshop, 12.30 pm Duyfken Boatshed, Princess Royal Drive, Albany.	9842 1622
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 5261
BUSSELTON	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7pm Busselton High School	9755 2427
COLLIE	Last Sunday of the Month. 9.15am to 4pm. Various Home W/shops	9734 1131
GOSNELLS & DIST.	Every Wednesdays Morning from 8.30am to 12.30 noon Bennett's Hardware, Stalker Rd. Gosnells	9497 1301
JOONDALUP/ WANNEROO	2nd Wednesday 7pm Wanneroo High School Paltara Way, Wanneroo. (Design & Technology Dept.)	9448 3572
MANDURAH	2nd & 4th Tuesday 3.00 pm Mandurah High School	9535 6484
MANJIMUP	2nd & 4th Wednesday. 9.30 am The Shed. Timber Park.	9771 2737
MELVILLE	4th Wednesday 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	9330 5613
MUNDARING	Every Friday 7pm Old Parkerville Primary School. Dura & Riley Rds	9295 4486
SWAN WOODTURNERS	2nd Tuesday 7pm. 3rd & 4th Tuesday 1.30 pm Koongamia Hall. Banjine Rd. Koongamia	9248 6507
STIRLING DISTRICT	4th Tuesday 7pm and 1st Friday 9am to 12 noon Alexander Park Craffhouse, Clyde Rd. Menora	9271 9503
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday 7pm Every Wednesday 8 to Noon (hands on) Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd. Wandí	9434 2962

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

### **WORKING WITH WOOD SHOW**

The Association had a very good exposure at this show which was held in mid August. Ray Bowra organised a display of items which had been competition winners during the year and Tony Boschman organised the staff for the Turnaround which comprised 3 lathes and turners, running the three days of the show to show how it is done. I have been informed that there was a lot of enquiries concerning our activities and it is hoped that we will see some new faces participating in our craft. The only disappointing factor was the poor response by members to assist in staffing Turnaround with the result of 16 members filling the 36 slots. A special thanks to Derek Pollard and Brian Parker for their contribution. The Shopping Centre Group was very evident with a great range of items available for sale and to show what members can accomplish.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Tony Boschman and Joe Hegney have volunteered to fill this position jointly and thanks are due to them for filling this important role which is our main contact with most of the membership and keep them informed of activities. It is disappointing that there was no volunteer from the general membership and that the position had to be filled by committee members who are already serving the Association.

### **LIBRARIAN**

The vacancy caused by Tony's decision (above) has been filled by Phil Berrill a Toodyay member. Thanks Phil for volunteering to take on this role.

### **TOODYAY... SEPTEMBER MEETING**

82 members attended the Turn Toys at Toodyay Workshop on Saturday 28th August and witnessed a variety of interesting demonstrations including some toys. These formed the basis of the innovation for a hands on toy making session at the Group's workshop on the Sunday morning thus adding to the toys available for Christmas giving.

### **TEACHING CLASSES**

The School of Wood of Dwellingup is offering a range of classes to be conducted at the Wandi Group premises. The nominated teachers are well known to members and the details appear elsewhere in this Newsletter. Members wanting to participate should contact the School direct on 9538 1395.

### **VISITING TURNERS ?**

The Committee is mindful that we have not had any notable turners visit the West for quite some time and all clubs with whom we exchange newsletters have been written to seeking co-operation in arranging visits from overseas or other notable turners. Some encouraging responses have been received and the Committee will need to make some policy decisions on this matter. There is a Turnfest being held at Mt Tambourine in Queensland in April next year and several members have signified their intention of registering. They will no doubt pursue this matter further.

### **MASON MART**

The proceeds of sales of member's work at the Fremantle Mason's Mart has now reached \$11,523. With the influx of Eastern States visitors for our wildflower season we can expect further sales so keep up the supply to Pat and John Mason and again, our thanks to you both for your generosity.

### **ROAD SIGNS**

Bob James, a member of the Mandurah Group was of the view that our road signs were long past their use-by date, so he made 4 new steel ones for us. Great work Bob !! The signwriting has yet to be done.

### **THANKS**

This is my last contribution as your President, as by the time you receive this the AGM will have been held and new officers appointed or elected. I would like to thank the members of the Committee of Management for their support during the year and those who have filled positions other than those associated with the Committee. In some cases their role is more important, although this Association is one dependant on volunteers and their contribution. Volunteers lubricate our operations and if you think we are only grinding along think about what contribution you are making to the lubrication ! My sincere congratulations to your new President, Richard and his Committee of Management and my wish to all members is to enjoy your turning and membership.

Milton Rundle

\*\*\* JOONDALUP / WANNEROO WEEKEND WORKSHOP \*\*\*  
SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER, 2004  
WANNEROO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, PALTARA WAY, WANNEROO

**Convenor**..... Ric Foster  
**M.C.** ..... Tony Collins  
**Hosts** ..... Club Members  
**Safety Advisor** ..... Graham Turner  
**Competition Item** ..... Two Bud Vases, to match in all respects

**SATURDAY PROGRAMME**

8.00 Set up and Registration  
9.00 **Bob Nichols**, Inside Out turning, Mark 2  
10.00 Competition Voting commences  
10.00 Morning Tea  
10.30 **Gwilym Fisher**, Wood Bleaching and other finishes  
11.30 Show and Tell  
12.00 Lunch A Light Lunch will be available  
12.45 **Carbatec Information**, followed by a Gadget Session by club members and friends  
( Your chance to learn the tricks )  
Alternative Programme... Visit to Boorgard's Nursery  
2.00 Competition Voting closes  
2.30 President's Forum  
3.00 Afternoon Tea  
3.30 **Ken Rex**, Woodturning Wizardry  
4.30 Competition results  
5.00 Clean up, all hands please  
**NOTE** .... Strawberries from a local farm will be available, either prime or jam (very cheap)  
Ring Les Taylor 9405 1424 with your order by Thursday 14/10/04

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

1107	Maxine MULLER	Erskine
2071	Simon ROLINSON	Willeton
2072	David BUTLER	Bridgetown
2073	Maurie MUNRO	Port Kennedy
2074	Blair METCALF	Darlington
2075	Allen SMITH	Armadale
2076	John DAVIES	Mahogany Creek

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**EDITORIAL**

No stirring or stimulation in this Editorial. This issue is the 20th I have had the pleasure of editing. My first one was No 95 ( Aug/Sept 2001 ) so that makes it a bit over three years in this position. I would like to thank all of the members who have contributed to the newsletter. Group Reports, letters, jokes, hints and tips, workshop programmes, competition results, photos, new members lists, profiles, for sale ads, committee reports, election results, advice, pages of "how to" and other assorted bits and pieces have gone into making this Newsletter, YOUR Newsletter, one of the best in this country pertaining to our craft of woodturning. ( I know because I have seen all the others )  
My thanks and congratulations to your new Co-Editors, Tony Boschman and Joe Hegney. I wish them every success and this of course depends on you, the members, to give them the same, if not better support than I have received. Remember, The Editor does not, can not, make up all that goes into an issue of the publication. Input from all of our members is an essential part of getting the Newsletter filled. Now I will await the next issue of the Newsletter and I am sure I will be pleasantly surprised because for once, I will not know what is in it !! Thank you and kindest regards to all. John Mason Ed.

\*\*\*\* BUSSELTON WEEKEND WORKSHOP \*\*\*\*  
SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 20th and 21st NOVEMBER 2004  
CHURCHILL PARK SHOW GROUNDS, ADELAIDE ST.

M.C..... Charles Broadbent  
Safety Advisor..... Frank Seymour  
Hosts..... Combined Busselton and Bunbury Groups  
Trade Supplier... Cross Electrics

Competition Item.. Square Edge Bowl. To feature a square rim and stand on 3 or 4 feet. Rim to measure no more than 220mm x 220 mm. Thickness of rim is optional. Some rim embellishment ok if desired.

SATURDAY PROGRAMME

8.30 to 9.15 Registration and Fellowship  
9.15 **Malcolm Munro**, Hints learnt since joining WAWA.  
10.00 Competition Voting Commences  
10.00 Morning Tea, Members, please bring a plate.  
10.30 **Bob Nichols**, Turning on the Bias  
12.00 Lunch, Meat and Salad Roll with a piece of Fruit. \$4.00. Please order and pay when registering  
1.00 *Tom Clark* ~~**Bob Malaeari**~~, Repetition Spindle Turning  
2.00 Competition Voting Closes  
2.00 ~~**Ken Rex**, Trimmer Decorator on the Lathe~~ *TEMPERLEY SPINDLES*  
3.00 Afternoon Tea  
3.30 **Charles Broadbent**, Talk on Legal Removal of Craft Wood and Flora from Private Property.  
4.15 President's Forum and Competition results

DINNER at the ESPLANADE HOTEL \$21.00. SIT DOWN TIME 6.30pm 2 COURSE MEAL  
PLEASE CONFIRM BOOKING and PAY WHEN REGISTERING.

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

9.00 Max Rutherford, Off Set Turning  
10.00 Morning Tea  
10.30 Robert Jones, Pot Pourri Bowls  
11.30 Ray Batt, Items the can be made with a Trimmer on the Lathe.  
12.00 Lunch, Meat and Salad Roll and a piece of Fruit

EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY SHE OAK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE BY THE BUSSELTON GROUP AT A REALISTIC PRICE

NOTE !! We have secured concessional tariff for caravaners attending the above workshop and staying at the Kookaburra Caravan Park. The manager has suggested that if there were sufficient numbers booking, he would hold the section of the park opposite the weekend venue wholly for the woodturners. He also advises that a community kitchen facility has been installed in the centre of the park for use by the patrons.

To get an indication of numbers intending to stay at the Kookaburra at that time, would you please advise Ray Batt 9752 1351 or Dennis Hadden 9752 1235

Please be advised that the Triathlon Event will be held in Busselton around that time and accommodation will be at a premium !

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\*\*\*\* There has been an alarming increase in the number of things I know nothing about !  
\*\*\*\* If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

## MONTHLY COMPETITION RESULTS

### JULY 2004 CUP and SAUCER

This competition has proved popular in the past but only 16 turners responded to the challenge this time. It is not easy to come up with new and different competition ideas that would appeal .... Any suggestions please ?

However, as usual the entries were well done with several turners obviously taking considerable time perfecting the design and jigs to assist with turning and shaping.

Gwilym Fisher once again has intrigued us by producing a well designed and delicate article, this time cup and handle in one piece if you please !

My thanks and appreciation to Neil Basden, Doug McDairmid and Neil Piper for judging the entries.

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Chris Davis	Chris Smith	Chris Sioulas
Intermediate	Barry Robins	Joe Clark	Phil Berrill
Advanced	Gwilym Fisher	Bob Nichols	Rex Bungey
Popular Vote	Gwilym Fisher	Chris Davis	Barry Robins

### AUGUST 2004 POMANDER

Was the cold weather to blame ? Only 13 competition items in this month. Nevertheless, quality and finish were quite evident and the selection of timber interesting and decorative. Graham Lewis (Blackbutt) Alan Andrews (Cape Lilac) and John Mercer (Lace She Oak) were fine examples. Phil Berrill's Jarrah Pomander was nicely presented, suspended from a bush stick on a base. Viv Paust and Ken Rex obligingly performed the judging honours.

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Chris Smith	Gerry Quesnel	Jim Hanney
Intermediate	Phil Berrill	Jeff Tills	Len Freeman
Advanced	Gwilym Fisher	Bob Nichols	John Mason
Popular Vote	Gwilym Fisher	Phil Berrill	Chris Smith

NOTE - Chris Smith and Barry Robins will be delighted to know that they have moved up to the next category, Intermediate and Advanced respectively.

Alan France, Competition Co-ordinator.

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### \*\* SHOPPING CENTRES 2004 \*\* SALES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

...Centrepont Shopping Centre, Midland Junction.

Mon 18th to Sat 23rd October

...Southlands Boulevard, Willetton.

Mon 1st to Sat 6th November

For further information please ring .....

Len Nicholls 9339 6490,

Neil Piper 9496 3722,

Kevin McCrackan 9310 1057

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### \*\*\*\* A REMINDER OF UPCOMING WAWA COMPETITION ITEMS \*\*\*\*

DEC 11... (Kalamunda) BEST TURNED ITEM IN 2004. Not to have been previously judged.

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### BUNBURY NEWS

It is with deep regret that Bunbury Group advises the loss of one of its long serving club members. Len Wetherly (member 300) passed away peacefully on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2004 at home.

Len joined our group in approximately 1987 after retirement and rarely missed a meeting or sales and promotion events. Len was noted for his table lamps, salt and pepper shakers and of course his solitaire boards.

Len felt very strongly about the club and was determined and did attend the last meeting approximately one month ago even though he was not in the best of health.

The members of our club thank you Len for your valuable contribution and effort over the years.

You will be remembered with the highest regard.

**SCHOOL of WOOD [DWELLINGUP]**

**PROPOSED CREATIVE WORKSHOPS IN WOOD TURNING TO BE OFFERED  
AT THE WANDI GROUP ROOMS AT WANDI ON DATES TO BE DETERMINED  
9.00 am to 5.00 pm. \$80.00 PER DAY WITH A MINIMUM  
OF 6 REGISTRATIONS [ MAXIMUM OF 8 ]**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AND BE KEPT INFORMED**

*PHONE 9538 1395*

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**ESTABLISHING FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES IN WOOD TURNING  
AT POST INTRODUCTORY LEVEL..... [ GORDON WARD ]**

**HOW TO CREATE THE PERFECT PLATTER, HIGHLIGHTING THE NATURAL  
FEATURES OF THE SELECTED TIMBERS ..... [ ROBERT JONES ]**

**HOW TO DESIGN AND CREATE AN INDIVIDUAL STYLE INCORPORATING  
EMBELLISHMENTS INTO YOUR FINISHED PIECE  
AND HIGHLIGHT IMPERFECTIONS..... [ VAUGHAN RICHMOND ]**

**TURNING HOLLOW FORM VASES, CORRECT TECHNIQUES TO BEST  
BALANCE YOUR FINISHED PIECE..... [ JACK DeVOS ]**

**A NEW WAY TO LOOK AT WOODTURNING WITH THIS FRAGMENTED  
TURNING TECHNIQUE. TIM IS AN EXPERT HAVING STUDIED  
UNDER MASTER TURNER, STEPHEN HOGBIN ..... [ TIM LEAVERSUCH ]**

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**WANDI WAFFLES**

The July 1st meeting decided to revert back to the original arrangement in respect to demonstrations each Thursday. Jack Pallas conducted the Show and Tell, then an egg cup race involving teams of three was held with team 4 consisting of Allan Williams, John Willacott and Gwilym Fisher adjudged the winners.

The meeting on July 15th was taken up with a report from Rod Cocks in respect to the relocation of the Hope Valley School to Wandi. Tony Boschman reported on discussions between WAWA and the School of Wood, Dwellingup, in regard to holding turning courses at Wandi. John Scarfe reported on a chain saw certification course being organised. He'd get further information if anyone was interested. Ron Yates then conducted the Show and Tell.

A BBQ was held on July 29th with an informal meeting to discuss the forthcoming AGM and where we wanted to go as a group. It was decided to look at installing an audio visual system and to carry out a survey at our next BBQ evening.

We held our AGM on August 15th with Tiny Boschman re-elected Convenor subject to ratification by WAWA. G. Fisher was elected Secretary, K. Robinson Treasurer, and J. Pallas, J. Ellis, J. Scarfe and R. Cocks committeemen. Thanks to Helen Waldby for her effort over the past three years. Rod Cocks gave a demonstration of picture frame turning, followed by the Show and Tell with Bruce Johnson.

On August 19th a mushroom turning competition was held with Elaine Boyd first showing how it was done. Gordon Ward then conducted the Show and Tell.

Wednesday morning hands-on sessions have been a little low in numbers of late, but this should improve with the return of our winter migratory members.

Gwilym Fisher.

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A man was talking to his friend "When I was first married, I would come home from work and my wife would bring my slippers and the dog would bark at me. Now the dog brings my slippers and my wife barks at me!" The reply "What are you complaining about? You are still getting the same service"

## WAWA MANAGEMENT AND GROUP OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005

**PRESIDENT** ..... Richard LEGGO  
**VICE PRESIDENT** ..... To be chosen at the next Committee meeting  
**SECRETARY** ..... Shirley MUNRO  
**TREASURER** ..... Ross WILTON  
**COMMITTEE** ..... Milton Rundle, Joe Hegney, Malcolm Munro, Brian Fowlie,  
 Barry Granger, Tony Boschman, John Mason, Lach Christie, Derek Martin, Jim Stitfall

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>CONVENOR</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>
ALBANY	Alan Murdoch, 9842 1622	Andy Roberts, 9844 7947
AVON VALLEY	Fred Cook, 9574 5102	John Smart, 9574 2339
BUNBURY	Tom Brixey, 9731 5261	George Parke, 9731 1278
BUSSELTON	Bruce McCormick, 9755 2427	Ray Batt, 9752 1351
COLLIE	Doug Gulvin, 9734 1131	Les Hann, 9734 1834
GOSNELLS & DISTRICT	Ian Eagles, 9493 0214	Allen Smith, 9497 1301
JOONDALUP/WANNEROO	Ric Foster, 9448 3572	Graeme Draper, 9448 1527
MANDURAH	Ed Crane, 9535 6484	Bob Fuller, 9537 8475
MANJIMUP	Yvonne Pegrum, 9771 2737	Stan Steber, 9772 1210
MELVILLE	Ron Oliver, 9330 5613	John Lillywhite, 9339 2359
MUNDARING	Brian Adams, 9295 4486	Ken Egan, 9572 6131
STIRLING DISTRICT	Malcolm Munro, 9271 9503	Doug McDairmid, 9343 0751
SWAN	Allan Fettes, 9248 6507	Robert Atkins, 9295 2954
WANDI	Tony Boschman, 9434 2962	Gwilym Fisher, 9439 1124

### SWAN SNIPPETS

From the many reports received, our Weekend Workshop in July was very successful. Thanks to all who contributed.

Thanks also to long serving committee members Clem Stewart and Don Clarke who retired at the AGM in August. Richard Barkman and Chris Allen were elected to the committee. Alan Fettes continues as Convenor, Robert Atkins continues as secretary and Joe Clark takes up the role of treasurer. The monthly evening meetings continue to be well attended and main demonstrations give instruction on techniques to make items in the Association Competition Schedule. Jim McDonnell demonstrated making a pomander in July and Neil Piper was good enough to visit in August to demonstrate making a pepper grinder. Both demonstrations were very warmly appreciated. The number of entries in our competition have been disappointingly few, however.

Attendances at the two afternoon groups each month have averaged fourteen and each meeting has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. One meeting each month has been devoted to toy making with an excellent demo of a toy loco by Eric Walker in July. Demonstration of a four note train whistle by Richard Barkman in August was a high standard and much appreciated. Don Duck demonstrated a handy tape measure reel in a very capable manner in July. In August, Chris Allen saved the day when the scheduled demonstration did not eventuate by showing us how to make aluminium discs for hot glue chucks, especially because it was an impromptu performance this was a highly successful demonstration.

We all gain from Show and Tell sessions at association meetings and from our own meetings. We can all relate to the problems other turners experience and then overcome them and we all take heart from the successes of other turners.

We are undertaking a program to encourage our members to contribute regularly to vital Show and Tell sessions each meeting and we intend to provide a reward/recognition to major contributors.

Work is continuing on the Health and Safety Induction Manual mentioned in the last Swan Snippets. A draft copy is in the hands of committee members after initial revisions and is being further developed.

Happy Turning, Bob Nichols



## MELVILLE NEWS

The Wednesday morning meetings continue to be well attended but the big problem for Neil Piper who organises these is the reluctance of members to come forward as demonstrators. We are very dependant on a few stalwarts. However, it is proposed to have some meetings in the future where members' particular problems are tackled in a hands on set up with assistance from a member who feels able to pass on his skill to fix the problem. It is hoped that advantage is taken of this program by those members who feel they need help.

The following demonstrations were provided during this period.

7th July, This was the day to 'bring your jigs day' and unfortunately I was unable to attend but I was advised that the response of members was disappointing with only a few contributing.

14th July, Laurie Green showed us his deep hollowing system complete with laser thickness gauge, a supported toolrest for very deep vases, and then used the Jim Clarke with the laser gauge. Laurie spends a lot of time making tools which make his turning safer and faster.

21st July, Joe Hegney gave us a repeat of his demonstration of an earlier weekend meeting of tool sharpening and welcomed discussion of some of the newer styles of gouge sharpening.

28th July, Kevin McCrackan showed how he finished off the base of his turnings and there was again some discussion on different techniques all of which added to the demo.

11th August, Ron Goodson showed us how he makes his segmented clocks and demonstrated how to make and use a beading tool.

18th August, Keith Johnson followed up on his course on lacquering by letting us into the secret of how he gets rid of the surplus buffing cream which is sometimes left on his work. It is simple really, just dunk your turning in a bowl of water and wipe.

25th August, Bernie Dixon made a nice scent bottle using two different woods.

The Thursday evening program was -

22nd July, Les Small gave a demo of how to make a scoop, a useful item always appreciated by the house manager.

26th August, No demonstration because of the group AGM. Ron Oliver was elected unopposed as Convenor for another term.

The meeting decided, with regret, that the Thursday evening meetings be dropped as the attendance did not make them worthwhile and it was decided that any group business be discussed at the 4th Wednesday morning meeting each month.

It was pleasing to learn that Ralph Smith is out of hospital and is recovering slowly at home.

It is with regret that I report of the death of our member Frank De Catania. Frank came to woodturning from his trade as a metalworker and was until his ill health early in the year a regular and valuable contributor to show and tell and to the activities of the group. He will be missed and our condolences go to his widow and family.

Don Gunn

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## FOR SALE

Wood Lathe, VICEROY Model 69B WL. Mounted on castors with screw lockdown legs. 1hp .75kw 1440 rpm motor. 4 speed. 620mm bed, 440mm point to point, 260mm bed to centre (deep), bowl turning template, 215mm centre rear headstock turning plate and tool rest.

Some extras, face plates, tool rests, 2 tapered No 2 morses (1 live centre, 1 fixed) No Chisels.

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

**Membership fees are now due for 2004 / 2005.  
ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP IS \$40.00**

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (under 18) IS \$20.00**

Any member failing to renew their membership by December 31st 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.

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**Mrs. V. PAUST**

**15 SANDPIPER MEWS**

**BINDOON**

**W.A. 6502**

## **Future Directions for WAWA?**

**Discussion Paper prepared by Richard Leggo (ph 9364 1936) 20th August 2004**

Next year WAWA will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Nearing the end of our first 20 years we can look back on solid achievement. The organisation that started at the Eneabba Caravan Park in 1985 quickly incorporated itself, started up a newsletter, encouraged the formation of Groups and started monthly workshops.

It quickly achieved its first objective **To promote, foster and practise the art of wood turning in the State of Western Australia** (by) **Conducting meeting of members to promote, initiate and encourage discussion on the art of wood turning.**

Experiences in the last twelve months suggest we might be losing some of the cohesion and enthusiasm that existed in earlier years.

This paper will suggest it may be time to re-appraise our objectives and our workings.

Some of the events noticed in the last year –

Calls for volunteers to help in some way have not enjoyed the response of earlier times. For example: Demonstrating at public shows, towing the chuck wagon etc

- There have been calls for the conduct of paid tuition classes by WAWA
- For the first time we had a weekend workshop conducted by one expert professional woodturner who was sponsored for his services
- Complaints have been voiced about the need to upgrade standards of demonstrations at weekend workshops and generally.

Our Turnabout at the WA Wood Show was not well supported and there was disappointment about the organisation.

It is NOT the purpose of this paper or of any discussions that may be promoted by it, to conduct some sort of enquiry into any of these past events. I accept that members help to the best of their ability and according to the resources they have. No criticism is expressed or implied about the efforts of any individual or Group.

What I do suggest is that we need to

- Prepare short term and long term plans for the next 20 years and examine our Constitution, COM (Committee of Management) Policies, Handbook and methods to see if they are still appropriate, supported, understood and working properly. For example we only recently noticed that our list of demonstrators had not been brought up to date for five years.

There is a need to devote a bit more time to the organisation of WAWA itself to see that it is meeting the needs of members and functioning in a cohesive and satisfactory manner.

Some members see a need for change. They want

- More professional involvement.
- Paid demonstrators at week-end workshops
- Classes of 8 under the guidance of a paid professional woodturning teacher.

Acceptance that WAWA has a responsibility to teach its members.

### **Does WAWA have a responsibility to teach its members?**

The argument against says there is no reference to such a responsibility in the WAWA constitution or any of its publications. Our promotional pamphlet says workshops are to assist member's development in the craft but never uses the word teach. WAWA is a sociable, show and share organisation which has carefully avoided setting any standard methods of turning and has followed the dictum of "whatever works for you".

WAWA has never developed a curriculum nor specified any standards. Its weekend workshops have never expressed any coherent form of progression from one topic to another except for some attempts to apply a theme to particular workshops.

Those advocating a different approach have a noticeably high proportion of people apparently born in Britain. Guilds in Britain have a fine tradition which underpins the trades that they serve. I am told they set standards, teach trade skills and are involved with apprenticeships.

Does WAWA aspire to becoming something like a Guild? Would the traditions and laws of this country allow such an ambition?

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### **Future Directions continued (2)**

Several people from one of our Groups have told me that when they were invited to join the Group they were promised tuition. The Group still offers tuition and runs "classes" with only nominal fees to cover outgoings. An experienced member gives tuition but is not paid.

Another Group provides two instructors to teach persons enrolled by the local council in its recreation classes. They get no pay but the Council allows the Group free use of its premises for Group meetings as a quid pro quo. This arrangement has been in place many years but as far as I know there is nothing in writing and the terms of the 'contract' may therefore be seen as ambiguous.

I don't have a philosophical problem with any of those ideas. My concerns are with the possible outcomes of any legal probing of the questions. Incorporated bodies must stay within the narrow confines of their Constitutions. If they stray beyond the strict interpretation of their own rules their actions may result in undesirable consequences

### **Are there problems here?**

Insurance is a contract of the utmost good faith. Insured persons must declare their activities to the underwriter. If you don't then after an event you may find you had no cover. Recently I filled in two extensive questionnaires which were part of an insurance proposal. One question asked if WAWA had any contracts like property leases. I said yes in respect of one country Group but didn't think to mention the arrangement described above. Yet it seems to me that it is a contract. The Constitution clearly provides that only the COM has power to enter into contracts. Groups have no independent legal identity. How would the Treasurer know about agreements made by any Group? Since the Treasurer is responsible for advice to insurance underwriters there is a hidden pitfall here.

How does the law deal with verbal material? I can't advise on this question but I can relate experience I have had. When I was young I worked in a Court House. One day I listened to two drivers and supporting passengers giving evidence as to how they were driving very slowly (almost parked), each on the correct side of the road, both experienced, sober and alert, but unable to offer a satisfactory explanation about the horrific head on collision that occurred between them on the straight stretch of bitumen road they were driving on.

I learned that day that there are many points of view of any single event.

Another thing I learned sitting in court was that a policeman giving evidence is allowed to refer to notes that he took at the time of his enquiries but he is not allowed to refer to notes he made at any other time. Courts recognise that human memory is not always a reliable thing.

Courts have shown that they are persuaded by evidence that is in writing. Words on a page never change and so are far more credible than word of mouth.

That brings me to the Constitution, COM policies and our Handbook.

### **Constitution, COM Policies and Handbook.**

Has everyone read those documents? Do members other than office bearers have access to copies they can read? Are there one or more copies in the Library that members may borrow?

Noticing the organisation of various functions it is apparent that some good people giving voluntarily of their time are not well instructed or experienced in their work. This is not their fault. COM and other office bearers should not assume volunteers have the necessary experience so they should satisfy themselves on the point. When I joined COM I was told I should read the Handbook but I found this to be an incomplete instruction. Then there are many people who never read instruction books until all else fails.

Rotary gets over this problem by hosting an annual conference of all ingoing office bearers. At the conference, following general addresses, they split into groups with all presidents in one group, all secretaries in another and so on. If WAWA did something like this once per year then each group could examine and discuss the section of the Handbook, Policies etc relating to their area of interest. People with experience in that area could advise those new to it and the whole group could tell COM what changes, if any, were needed. By this means all office bearers would be better informed and be more likely to commit themselves in a common direction knowing their jobs better.

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## **Future Directions continued (3)**

### **Resolution of Differences.**

So far as the differences of opinion are concerned there are two important points. First there is argument about whether the Constitution **allows** a proposed action. Second is the question about whether the Constitution **should allow** the action proposed. These are quite different questions. Recent experience has shown that confusion on these points can lead to frustration which spoils our normally harmonious meetings.

Whether I agree with the proposition or not I would always be prepared to help those with opposing opinions by using such expertise as I have to advise on the proper way of putting proposals up to the COM or any general meeting of WAWA. I have had many years of experience in framing motions and advising of correct meeting procedure. I would not use that experience to frustrate proper consideration of any matter.

Past surveys and current attendance numbers suggest we are holding the line most people want. This paper doesn't propose great change, simply an annual meeting to review the job. Whatever short term or long term plans are set will be a matter for the members and the COM.

I would welcome comments or suggestions and would be pleased to clarify anything here.

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### **GOSNELLS GOSSIP**

On 7th July, Jack Pallas demonstrated how to turn and design a pot pourri bowl.

14th July our own Chris Siouzas showed his skills making Barley Twist Candlesticks. A true craftsman

21st July Ken Rex carved bowls or platters which was a change for the turners attending.

28th July some of our more experienced members worked on various items such as miniatures, pot pourri, finishing and pomanders.

4th August Laurie Green visited and showed how easy (for Laurie) it is to turn salt and pepper mills.

The results of our first Group competition item pot pourri were Bill Grimditch (first) Brian Parker (second) and Alan Andrews (third)

11th August was our AGM, a new committee was elected with the exception of Bill Wallbank who continued as Treasurer.

18th August was a hands on event making salt and pepper mills of various designs. Dan Kilgallon demonstrated how to fill a room with smoke in the shortest possible time using a forstner bit and a lot of torque.

25th August we had a toy making session making small gift items.

Our thanks to all of our demonstrators. Jim McMillan

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### **MEMO FROM MANDURAH**

Our meetings are being well attended and we have a number of new members as well. To add to the list there have been a couple of members who decided that Mandurah is the place to be and have transferred their allegiance accordingly. We gladly welcome them all.

Graham Stacey and his team have been doing wonders at my place. (No, they did not weed the garden and mow the gutters) but they did erect a shed on slabs to take all of our wood as it is cut to rounds and blocks ready for sale. All of this and collecting even more wood! Just as well I have 4 acres!

We had our AGM on August 24th and Ed Crane was elected Convenor with Bob Fuller as Secretary.

They are supported by a 12 person committee which augers well for the year ahead.

In the past weeks we have had some very impressive demonstrations at our meetings eg. A pomander by Idwal Mace .... She Oak table lamp by Mal Little .... A pepper mill by Bob Hodgkinson .... and a cheese and dip bowl by Jeff Tills. All of our demonstration items become the competition item for the next meeting and it is really great to see so many entries in our two categories ( Novice and Open )

I am sure that we will see some promotions from the Novices to Open by the end of the year.

The 2pm Friday 'Hands On' at my place continues to be well supported. There have been as few as four and as many as fourteen attend. The concentration is on tool skills but there are projects that are done to maintain the interest. The best part is that many of these new turners are entering the competitions and gaining a lot of confidence in their own ability. It should be mentioned that anyone is welcome to attend. The urn is always on! And it is free! One of our members, Jock McGavin, has just left for Brisbane ..... via England, Scotland and Canada. Bon Voyage Jock! John Mason

## SANDING

I once attended a demonstration where the craftsman, on completing his item and about to sand it, remarked " Just go through the various grades " Oops! Had I missed something ? He expertly described how he had ground and honed his tools, kept the bevel rubbing etc but to just "go through the grades" of paper ?

Abrasive material is initially used to remove high spots, tool marks and protruding blemishes. All successive abrading is to remove scratch marks made by the preceding grit. It is a cutting tool. I have seen the dust, the clogged paper and its effect on my work. Scratches, tear outs, dig ins, cracks etc should be filled first before abrading begins. (This is a whole subject in itself) 80 to 100 is not too coarse to start with while 320 to 400 is not too fine for a normal finish.

I know that the larger the number, the smaller the grit but there is more to it than that. Abrasive paper comes in many grades, thicknesses and colours and with paper, cloth, mesh and plastic backing. The grit itself varies in shape and hardness, ceramic, aluminium oxide, silicone carbide and garnet.

(Note.. no "sand") On some the grit points shatter in use making new points and on others they wear away and in some the glue breaks down leaving new grits.

One should not only look at the grit size but its density on the paper backing. Each manufacturer uses different glue to hold these particles to its surface. They have different properties, soft, hard and flexible. Some have anti-static additives. Some papers come with holes already punched to help remove loose material. Others have Velcro, are sticky backed or have other means of attaching them to an abrasive pad.

How hard should I press against my work ? Pressing too hard creates more scratches than were originally there.

How fast should the work revolve, fast as possible or as slow as the machine will go ?

Remember : when sanding a stationary piece, the paper moves very slowly indeed. Should one decide to go too fast the paper gets too hot to hold. The work surface equally gets hot and glazes over and then no amount of sanding, except removing it with a coarse grade and starting all over again, will improve the surface. Sanding machines and other devices do speed up this operation. However, when down to the really fine grit the addition of water or methylated spirits will swell the grain, soften the fibres and flush away the dust.

In what direction should I sand ? If done in a continuous straight line the dust builds up in front of each grit particle. Orbital sanding reduces this. Then, with or against the grain ? This is hard to comply with on face plate work.

Do remember to carefully wipe your work between sanding grades to remove loose grit embedded in the surface. However, to just say "just go through the various grades" I don't think so. There is much more to it than that.

Malcolm Munro

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## ALBANY WOODWORKERS and WOODTURNERS

I have returned from the Katanning Workshop and congratulations to Tom and Joan Garstone and their helpers for a great weekend.

The Albany workshops are progressing well and at the moment we are making toys for the Salvo's Christmas toy run. The whole of June was put aside for this.

Welcome to Ken Dixon who has moved to Albany and we hope Ken's move will be an enjoyable one. Steve McLean has finished the dining room table and it has been moved to his house and it did fit much to the surprise of all. The table was made out of recycled timber, some from the old jetty. The legs were turned out of 150 x 150 jarrah so there is a fair bit of history attached to the table.

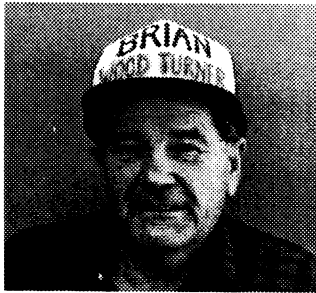
July is going to be turning legs for chairs. There seems to be a lot of members interested in doing another course of chair making. Steve now needs 10 chairs to go with his table so this will keep us occupied for a while.

Three vehicles and trailers travelled over to Manjimup to bring back some timber from SITICO. I think everyone was pleased with their purchases and with the takeover by Gunn's this may be the last of it.

Happy woodwork and woodturning to all. Regards, Alan Murdoch. Albany Group.

*My apologies to Alan for the exclusion of this article in the last issue as space was at a premium. Ed.*

## PROFILE of a TURNER..... BRIAN LAUNER



Brian was born in 1933 at Clare in South Australia. His parents were at that time living in a town called Marilden. The nearest school was at Farrell Flats some fifteen miles away and the train was the only available transport. This train came through at 11am and arriving at the school 11.30am and then going back at 2.30pm giving the children just one and a half hours of schooling a day for the first three years. In 1942 the family moved to Applia where school was only two and a half miles from home. This was sometimes walked or they went by horse and cart. Brian enjoyed the woodwork classes that the school provided.

He shared the usual duties about the house with his brother and four sisters. He did balk at hand milking cows. He continued to grade seven and left school and went to work along side his father on a wheat and sheep property owned Mr Jim Heaslip the then member for parliament.

This lasted until his son finished university and Brian was then made redundant. His first car was a 1926 Dodge which was used for family outings etc. Brian then did some share farming but as there was not enough land available for that to be viable he looked for other ways to make money. Reading through the Stock Journal he saw a position in Western Australia by Mr Eric Smart who was opening up the sand plain country at Mingenew. From Brian's enquiry Mr Smart sent a telegram to "Suggest you fly over for an interview". Brian and three of his mates drove over. He got the position and went back home to sell his machinery that he did not need in WA. He did bring his Lanz Bulldog tractor with him and worked for Mr Smart for two years. While working for Mr Smart Brian met Nancy Wells. Nancy's brother also worked at Mr Smart's and when he came home to his family for holidays at Rosa Brook Brian was invited along.

Brian and his brother bought a lease hold property at Coroow and together they farmed for a number of years with the usual good and bad seasons.

In 1967 Brian sold his share of the Coroow farm to his brother and moved down to Rosa Brook.

Brian and Nancy married in 1968.

Brian worked on the same farm as Nancy who had managed a Dairy, Beef Cattle, Sheep and Race Horses for many years. A couple of years later Brian and Nancy moved to Perth and Brian worked for Park Engineers on steel construction until he heard that a farm at Rosa Brook was coming on the market. Was very keen to follow that up and was soon the new owner. This was walk in walk out which was a sheep farm with one house cow. That was the first to go if he had to milk it. Even worse Nancy agisted race horses for a couple of years. Being quite a small farm he had to diversify and decided to try his hand at market gardening as a side line to the sheep. His first crop were tomatoes. The next thing was how to market them so it was off to the Metro Markets where the tomatoes were very much sought after. Then it was growing cauliflowers and other vegetables. Market gardening had not been done in the district before. This was a good move but the work load was very heavy to produce the quality of vegetables demanded by the buying public. The good water and river flats were ideal for vegetable growing. He market gardened for six years. Brian designed and sub contracted the building of a brick house on the farm. Brick houses were a rarity in the district in those days. Three years on Brian had his first heart problems which ended with major heart surgery which put an end to farming. Moved to Busselton and started playing about with wood work. From here he saw an advertisement in the local paper that the late John Shinnick was holding a woodturning weekend. Followed that up and became member No 81 of WAWA. Brian attended nearly all meetings, was a member of the committee for a time, traveling to Perth or where ever meetings were held. Demonstrated at various shows etc and encouraged members of the public to join the Association which, during that time Membership grew at a rapid rate. Assisted setting up of special workshops with Eastern State and over seas renowned woodturners. This entailed supplying wood, lathes etc. transport and billeting. Videod all the visiting Demonstrators which are in the WAWA library. He has taken part in many exhibitions including the National Exhibitions in Victoria and been lucky enough to have won prizes in most of them. Was an active member of the shopping centre exhibitions, making trestles, stands, cloths etc. and assisting in running them. As the shopping centre group grew Brian stepped aside and he held his own exhibitions in shopping centres and woodshows.

Is a member of the Busselton Group, and was the convener for a few years.

The Woodturner's Association is a great place to meet, learn and share experiences in woodturning.

Brian has had a few health problems in later years including another major heart operation which has curtailed some of his attendance at meetings. Has also caught a "bug". It's called travel.

Note.... Brian and Nancy certainly seem to have caught this "travel bug" as they have just returned from a 'short' trip of 20,000 km through Queensland! So glad they found their way home!



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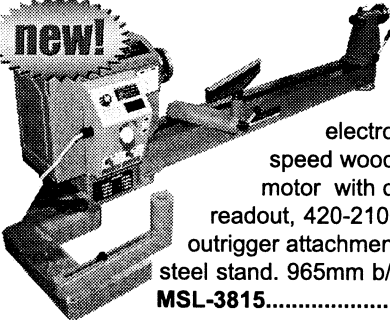
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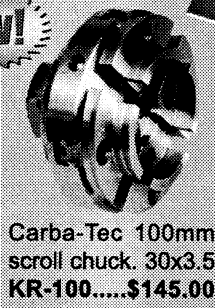
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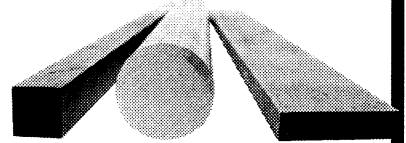
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