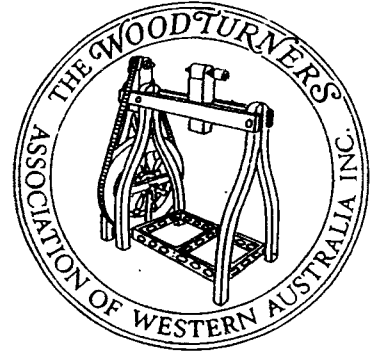


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W.A.W.A. GROUPS MEETING TIMES, DATES AND VENUES.

- BUNBURY.** 1st and 3rd Wednesday. 7pm. Cross Electrics.
- BUSSELTON.** 2nd and 4th Wednesday. 7pm. Venue - High School.
- CENTRAL/MIDLANDS.** 4th Saturday of every month. Moora High School. (Depending on availability of venue).
- CENTRAL/SOUTHERN.** 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Brookton District High School.
- COLLIE.** Sundays 9.15am to 4pm. Various home workshops.
- KENWICK.** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. 7.30pm Liddlelow Homestead, Cooper Avenue, Kenwick.
- MANDURAH.** Every 2nd Tuesday 3pm from 15th February. Mandurah High School, Gibla Street, Mandurah. Check with Convenor for locations during school holidays.
- MELVILLE.** 4th Thursday. 7.45pm Palmyra Recreation Centre, Cnr Murray Rd and Canning Hwy, Melville.
- MIDVALE.** 2nd Tuesday. 7pm The Woodworking Centre 36 Farrall Road, Midvale.
- MUNDARING.** Every Friday. 7.30pm. Old Parkerville Primary School, Cnr Dura Road and Riley Road, Parkerville.
- NORTH OF RIVER.** 4th Tuesday. 7pm Woodstock 13 Cressall Road, Balcatta.
- WANDI.** 1st and 3rd Thursday. 7pm. Wandi Community Hall, Lot 33 DeHaer Rd, Wandi.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS.

Over the past few months there have been many activities organised for our members by our different groups, ie: visiting turners, special 2 day workshops and trip to Dwellingup. I'm sure all of our members appreciate the work put into organising these activities – keep up the good work. Unfortunately, there has been some misunderstanding about the piece in the newsletter regarding writing to the Secretary. The Committee are there to talk to and write to, but if you want a subject brought up for discussion at a committee meeting, please send a letter to the Secretary as well. I hope this clears up the problem.

Although Christmas seems a long way away, and most of us don't want to think about it, good venues are either booked or filling rapidly. After speaking to several members, and the committee, we have decided this year to part from our usual Christmas function and treat our wives and partners to a welcome and relaxing meal. This will be more of a social occasion with plenty of good food, good service, enjoyed with good friends. There will be no Show and Tell, just a pleasant lunch to thank our partners.

Yours in turning. Russ.

KEVIN McCracken wishes to thank all those caring and thoughtful people who rang and visited while he was sick recently.

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:
REPORTS OF ANY ACCIDENTS AT ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS, WHICH WILL RESULT IN INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR INJURY MUST BE IN WRITING AND FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

ALL ACCIDENTS, MAJOR OR MINOR, MUST BE RECORDED IN A REGISTER OF ACCIDENTS MAINTAINED BY EACH GROUP.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Please take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc.) will take place at the Loftus Recreation Centre, Leederville on Saturday, 14th September, 1996 at 3.00pm.

Members are reminded that nominations for all positions which become vacant shall be on the appropriate form, included with this issue of the Association Newsletter, and lodged with the Returning Officer, by 5 pm on Wednesday 31st July, 1996. Forms are also available from the Returning Officer, or the Association Secretary.

All Notices of Motion, must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 15th July, 1996.

Neil Basden, Secretary.

TOMORROW IS THE DAY ON WHICH LAZY PEOPLE HAVE THE MOST TO DO.
Norwegian Proverb.

ASSOCIATION WEEKEND CALENDAR.

Date: **15 – 16th June.**
Venue: Loftus Community Centre, Leederville.
Competition: Candlestick, to drawing on page 5 last issue.
Host Group: North of the River.
Trade Supplier: Timbecon.

Date: **20th – 21st July.**
Venue: Brown Park, Swanview.
Competition: Clock (maximum dia. face 200mm)
Host Group: Midvale.
Trade Supplier: Woodworking Centre.

Date: **17 – 18th August.**
Venue: Memorial Hall TOODYAY.
More details: August/September Newsletter:
Accommodation: See page 4 this issue.

Date: **24th August.**
Visiting Turner: **ANDREW POTOCHNIK. See Page 4.**

ADVANCE NOTICE – CHRISTMAS FUNCTION.

Date: SATURDAY 14th December, 1996. 12.30pm
Venue: Miss Mauds. 33 South Terrace, Fremantle
Upstairs Function Room.
Cost: \$18.50 per head. Must be booked and paid no later than **1st November, 1996.** Please make your cheque payable to WAWA and post to Russ Russell, 19 Mopsa Way, Coolbellup WA 6163. Phone (09) 337 7631.
Parking: Henderson Street Car Park. opp Police Stn.

DEMONSTRATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, SALES.

4 – 8th June MELVILLE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTRE
Canning Highway, BICTON.

13 – 16th June TRADITIONAL CRAFT SPECTACULAR
Claremont Showgrounds.

9-11 Aug Woodturners
19-24th August SOUTHLANDS SHOPPING CENTRE
Burrendah Boulevard WILLETTON.

For further information on forthcoming Demonstrations, Exhibitions and Sales, contact:
John Lillywhite Phone: (09) 339 2359
Len Nicholls Phone: (09) 339 6490

Swan Cottage Homes Exhibition 96. The Woodturners have again been invited to exhibit in the Swan Cottage Homes Art Gallery for four weeks from 29th June. This is a great opportunity to show our work to the visiting public.

Those interested, please contact Nancy Launer (097) 523998 or Neil Piper (09) 398 2387.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

WOULD MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MUST BE IN WRITING, AND FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY, NOT TO INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Neil BASDEN. Secretary.

WAWA WORKSHOP MEETING
15/16th JUNE, 1996.
Loftus Community Centre, LEEDERVILLE.

The NORTH OF THE RIVER group welcomes all members, partners, friends and visitors to their workshop meeting to be held at Leederville.

CONVENOR: Peter Lowe.
 MC: Viv Paust.
 HOSTS: Ken Spragg, Jim Bell, Verna Paust.
 SAFETY ADVISER: Kevin McCrackan.
 TRADE SUPPLIER: TIMBECON.

COMPETITION ITEM: Candlestick to specifications last newsletter.

PROGRAMME: SATURDAY, 15th JUNE.

8.00 am Set up.
 8.30 Registration and Fellowship.
 9.00 Weekend welcome and objectives by Viv Paust.
 9.15 Sally McAllum - Occupational therapy issues associated with woodturning. Of interest to Ladies and Gents.
 9.45 Roy Lundy - New products from Timbecon.
 10.00 MORNING TEA.
10.30 LADIES. "Candle Wicking" with Liz Gunn.
 10.30 Wagner - spray system demonstration.
 11.00 Steve McKann - Working with glass and its application to turning.
 12.00 Competition Entries Close. Voting Begins.
 LUNCH. SAUSAGE SIZZLE supplied by the FIRST LESMURDIE SCOUT GROUP.

1.00pm LADIES. Craft with Lea Chase.
 1.00 pm Rod Cocks - Combining inlays with turning.
 2.00 Les Taylor - Harvesting green timber. From the log to the microwave.
 3.00 AFTERNOON TEA.
 3.30 Russ Russell - President's Forum.
 3.45 Design Forum. A panel of our top turners will be inviting selected turners to offer pieces for design critique. Viv Paust to chair this forum.
 5.00 Close.

PROGRAMME: SUNDAY, 16th JUNE.

9.00 am Resume, announcements.
 9.15 Bob Webb - his approach to segmented turning.
 10.00 MORNING TEA.
 10.30 Peter Lowe - Adding embellishments to turning.
 11.30 The Internet - What it is and how can it help woodturners? (To be confirmed).
 12.00 LUNCH Bring your own.

 1.00 pm Presidents forum.
 Competition results.
 Show and Tell conducted by Gerald Young.
 Guess the Wood.
 Clean up, load trailers etc.

PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT MONEY WON'T BUY HAPPINESS, SEEM WILLING TO GIVE CREDIT CARDS A CHANCE TO DO THE TRICK.

WAWA WORKSHOP MEETING
20/21st JULY, 1996, BROWN PARK.
Cnr Amherst and Salisbury Road, SWAN VIEW.

The MIDVALE group welcomes all members, friends and visitors to their Workshop Weekend.

CONVENOR: Jim McDonnell.
 MC: Jim Clarke.
 HOSTS: Ken Locke, Clem Stewart.
 SAFETY ADVISER: Kevin McCrackan.
 TRADE SUPPLIER: WOODWORKING CENTRE
 RESIDENT GRINDING GURU: Ivor Bridges will be available at various times, to help you with your tool grinding problems. **This is not a tool sharpening service.**

COMPETITION ITEM: Clock (Max face dia. 200mm)

PROGRAMME: SATURDAY, 20th JULY.

8.00 am Unload Chuck Wagon, set up venue. Registration and Fellowship. Sale table set up - see note below.
 9.00 Announcements.
 Kingsley Richards - Making Salt and Pepper shakers in the form of mushrooms.
 10.00 MORNING TEA. Sale Table bidding opens.
 10.30 Jack De Vos - Hollow Forms using inexpensive home made tools.
 10.30 ALTERNATIVE. Ron Link - Spring in the Garden.
 11.30 Decorating Turning with Rubber Stamps by a representative of Stamp-It.
 12.00 ALTERNATIVE. Creative use of Rubber Stamps on other media.
 12.00 Competition Entries Close. Voting Commences.
 12.30 LUNCH. SAUSAGE SIZZLE supplied by the FIRST LESMURDIE SCOUT GROUP.

 1.30 pm EVERYONE. Incontinence - Ms Pat Zanetti, Coordinator of the Incontinence Awareness Programme.
 2.15 Ken Parker - Chainsaw maintenance.
 2.45 Sale table bidding closes.
 Eric Walker - Turned Toys on the lathe. Toy donation time will soon be with us.
 3.30 AFTERNOON TEA.
 4.00 Gordon Ward - Thin turning. (The January 97 Competition Item is thin turning.)
 5.00 President's Forum.
 5.15 Close.

PROGRAMME: SUNDAY 21st JULY.

9.00 am More Announcements.
 John Clark - making boxes.
 10.00 MORNING TEA.
 10.30 Viv Paust - Best finish off the tool.
 10.30 ALTERNATIVE: Glass Painting - Crescent Craft Mart.
 11.00 Competition voting closes.
 11.15 Problem Forum.
 12.15 LUNCH. Bring your own.

 1.15 pm Show and Tell, Competition Results, Guess the Wood.
 2.00 Clean up (All Hands Please).

Sale Table. Bring along those items you want to get rid of with a reserve price before 10 am. After 10, they will be open for secret bids. At afternoon tea, the results of the bids will be announced and if successful, you can pay and collect. Ladies, how about including some of your unwanted craft equipment.

ANDREW POTOCHNIK

Date: SATURDAY 24th AUGUST, 1996
Time: 9am to 5pm
Venue: Home Base Expo Auditorium
55 Salvado Road Wembley.

- Large 5 metre x 5 metre video screen for easy viewing.
- Tiered seating.

Cost: \$10.00 per head.
ADVANCE BOOKINGS REQUIRED.
Make your cheque payable to: The Woodturners Association of Western Australia Inc. and send it to:

Russ Russell (President WAWA)
19 Mopsa Way Coolbellup 6163

- A stamped self addressed envelope is required for your receipt to be sent back to you. Your receipt is your entry ticket.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXCELLENT
WORKSHOP.
BOOK NOW.**

Later, during the great depression, many mills closed and unemployment ran high. Men were required to work for social service relief, called sustenance pay. Hundreds of men armed with axes killed trees by ring barking. These trees were considered to have no future value and were impeding the growth of the future forest. Many old growth trees were killed by this method.

In the disputed Kerr block, there is a deep soil head of a gully on the east side of Bekin Road with a vigorous growth of Marri and Yarri (blackbutt) with very little Jarrah. The protesters use this area as an example for the anti-logging cause. These so called "old growth" trees would be middle aged at the most and it is doubtful if any tree is more than 150 years old. The lack of Jarrah has saved this area from the trauma of logging.

The whole forest has been severely damaged. Tops have been shattered, trunks have been scarred, butts have been damaged by logs and the equipment used to drag them. When the bark is broken the exposed sapwood is invaded by various wood boring insects, the worst is the pin hole borer, whose thread-like tunnels spread through the breadth of the tree. This attracts moisture then fungal growth and thus disease. The same process is happening to the base of the tree which then becomes vulnerable to fires that rage through the forest. The old growth trees with their aged, stressed bark and sapwood are the most prone to extensive fire damage.

With removal of competition, the growth of the remaining trees accelerates. The scars on the trunks soon grow over and it takes skill to detect the damage.

Often mycelium flowers will appear sprouting from the wound, these indicate extensive fungoid growth within the tree. Sometimes large white mycelium flowers, called "Punkahs" by the loggers, appear. This indicates massive internal fungal growth or columnar rot.

A large section of Kerr block on the west side of Bekin Road was logged in the mid eighties. The same formula of logging that is required in the disputed 132 hectares was used. Now there is a ten year old clean straight forest up to seven metres high whose succulent growth with the accompanying insects makes it a haven for birds and smaller mammals up to 500 grams. Habitat trees and logs which have been intentionally left will far exceed the needs, notwithstanding territorial disputations, of the larger mammals for many years to come.

In thirty years, if the disputed Kerr block is not logged, there will be a depleted, twisted, scarred and diseased forest being overshadowed by a straight clean 40 year forest up to thirty metres high that will dominate aesthetically.

Patrick O'DEA, Kirup. WA. Logger and Miller - 40 years.

ACCOMMODATION - TOODYAY 17/18th AUGUST.

Freemasons Hotel	Phone: (09) 574 2201
Victoria Hotel	(09) 574 2206
Avondale Inn	(09) 574 2995
Avon Bank Caravan Park	(09) 574 2612
Broadgrounds Caravan and Camping	(09) 574 2534
or contact Toodyay Tourist Bureau	(09) 574 2435

COUNTRY WEEKEND MEETINGS.

JIM PEMBER of North of the River Group will organise a bus to go to country meetings if sufficient members are interested. Those who are interested in going to the Toodyay meeting on a bus, please ring Jim on:
(09) 409 9124.

THE CASE FOR CONTROLLED LOGGING.

In the true jarrah forest like the Kirup Grimwade area which includes the 132 hectare section of the Kerr Block so vigorously denied logging by the anti-logging protesters, the term "Old Growth" is a malapropism. There would be few if any "Old Growth" trees in the area. Real "Old Growth" are trees that have reached their final years of growing from 300 to a maximum of 375 years. They show all the decrepitness of old age with a low commercial value. The wood loses its tensile strength and become "carroty" and when seasoned the timber tends to break down when machined.

The demise of old growth trees can be explained by understanding the history of logging in the area. The devastation of the forest started at the end of the last century when the "Forest and Woods Department" issued permits to various sleeper contractors. Their cutters ranged through the forest felling only the choicest straight grained trees with little if any supervision. It could be estimated that on average only one third of the timber available yielded sleepers with the rest left to rot. It was easier, if the log proved not to be of the quality desired, to leave it and fell another.

The stumps of these sleeper trees can still be viewed, usually with a small slab cut from the side. This slab was taken to check that the grain of the mature wood remained constant with that in the sap wood. Also the backing saw cut, to fell the tree, is in line with the top of the axed belly cut or scarf. This was to alleviate the effort needed to square the butt of the log ready for splitting.

In the first decade, the big mills began logging, once again unsupervised, and they removed the top grade trees that were left. With the removal of so many trees, a natural wind break had gone. Old growth trees with their aged, weakened roots fell before the onslaught of raging winds that occasionally sweep through the forest. Then came the smaller mills to mill the lesser grade logs. By now the "Forests Department" had been formed, and with the future of the forest in mind, logging was strictly controlled.

COMPETITION MARCH – Natural Edge Bowl.

Thirteen entries were received, three in Beginners, three in the Intermediate and seven in the Open Class. The competition was judged by our visiting turner, Richard Raffan.

RESULTS

Beginners.	1st	Peter Dessent – Apricot	(62)
	2nd	Kevin Spier– Snake Wood /Sandwood	(61)
	3rd	Alan Smith – Carob	(63)
Intermediate.	1st	Derek Pollard – Talc/Jarrah	(41)
	2nd	Max Hayles – Desert Mallee	(43)
	3rd	Val Pereira – Jacarandah	(42)
Open.	1st	Bob Nicholls – Marri	(21)
	2nd	Alan France – Red Morrell/Burl	(22)
	3rd	Robert Jones – Blackbutt	(23)
	and 3rd	Gordon Ward – Blackbutt Burl	(27)

COMPETITION WANDI, April–Platter in two timbers.

Twelve entries were received for this month's competition – five in the Beginners, five in the Intermediate and two in the Open Class.

RESULTS

Beginners.	1st	Reg Watson – Jarrah/ ?	(61)
	2nd	Rex Bungey – Jarrah/Jacarandah	(62)
	3rd	Peter Dessent – Banksia/Fiddlewood	(64)
Intermediate.	1st	Kevin Bryant – Zebrano/Walnut	(43)
	2nd	Dennis Byatt – Jarrah/Karri	(42)
	3rd	Val Pereira – Woody Pear/Jacarandah	(41)
Open.	1st	Alan France – Sheoak/Aloes	(21)
	2nd	Gerald Young – Jarrah/Cedar	(22)

Ladies Choice: Gerald Young.

Gerald Young.

NEWCASTLE WOODWORKING AND CRAFT EXPO '96

The Woodturners of the Hunter have invited members of this Association to join them at this event which is to be held at the Newcastle Exhibition Centre on the 12–14th July, 1996. This is their inaugural Expo and is an event not to be missed. There is to be a woodturning competition with prize money of \$1000 and it is open to all woodturners. If you would like to enter a piece or pieces, application forms are available from Neil Basden. Entries close on 5th July, 1996.

There is also a door prize of a grandfather clock in Cedar with a retail value \$5000 donated by Tulk Time Craft Gallery.

A bus trip is also being organised to the Sydney Timber and Working With Wood Show on the following weekend.

If you would like further information, please contact Neil Basden on (09) 349 1082.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Somebody gave a great deal of time and effort to produce a very well done drawing of a candlestick for the June competition. My observation shows 18 measurements for diameter, 17mm, 14mm and 44mm are each used twice, plus 18 distance measurements, a total of 33 different dimensions.

To be fair to those turners who try to reproduce this article for the competition, I would expect each of these dimensions to be checked on each entry to ensure eligibility for judging and only those items which meet the specifications to go forward. I would also expect the measuring process to be very time consuming. If the competition organisers think we need projects of this nature and are prepared to make them precisely, entries may need to be entered a month in advance for all measuring to take place. J Wallace Member 43

COMPETITION SUGGESTIONS.

The committee has asked for competition item suggestions. I give a lot of thought to what our group can do at our meetings and similarly at WAWA Weekends. I would like to put forward a project suitable to both – A TABLE SETTING – sugar bowl, pepper and salt, bread bowl, set of coasters, salad servers, salad bowls, candle sticks, ladles, set of goblets, serviette rings, hot dish stands – let your mind go free!! This could be accomplished over a number of months and the whole setting produced by each member displayed on some special day. These functional items could be used at home, or be a fine gift for someone special.

J Wallace Member 43.

WORKSHOPS.

Many comments have been made that our weekend workshops need a change. Well I have had a dream (or maybe a nightmare). Try this for discussion:

- A workshop held over 2 weeks or more, with at least 50 lathes, held in a suitable venue.
- Invitations sent to turners both interstate and overseas with the event widely promoted. Financial backing to be obtained from whatever sources may present, whether it be Government, CALM, or private enterprise or a combination of all or some of the above.
- The Fine Woodworkers and the Wood Carvers be invited to participate. Examples of all the various wood crafts be on display in the name of the different associations or guilds. In addition, photographs of and samples of as many of our West Australian woods as possible.
- It is envisaged that demonstrators and instructors of the highest standard from WA, Australia and Overseas be recruited.
- Such a workshop would require top class co-ordinators and participation by ALL members and groups, including those unable to attend the monthly workshops. We would not want knockers to rock the boat, only people prepared to sail a ship with very large sails to handle them with skill and foresight.
- Such an enterprise should give every member the satisfaction of being able to participate. I know there are some very intelligent and capable people in WAWA who could move this along should the idea be accepted.

Kevin Pritchard.

WILLETTON HARDWARE.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF INTRODUCING MYSELF AND MY WIFE TO YOUR ASSOCIATION – WE ARE **TIM AND TINA CRITCHELL** AND AS THE NEW OWNERS OF WILLETTON HARDWARE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THE 10% DISCOUNT TO ALL OF YOUR MEMBERS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU IN 1996.

PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL US ON (09) 457 8323 OR AH: (09) 390 9163 IF WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE.

WOODTURNING CLASSES.

SOUTHSIDE WOODTURNING SUPPLIES would like to announce they will be holding woodturning classes for beginners, the experienced or those who just wish to up-grade their skills. Classes commence immediately.

MONDAY 9am – 12 noon, 1pm – 4pm and 6pm – 9pm.

TUESDAY 9am – 12 noon, 1pm – 4pm and 6pm – 9pm.

FRIDAY 9am – 12 noon, 1pm – 4pm.

SATURDAY 9am – 12 noon.

If you wish to participate, be quick and book. Classes limited to 4 students. Instructors – Russ Russell, Rod Cocks.

Phone: Peter Cameron, Southside. (09) 314 2226.

THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 1996/97.

The Election of Office Bearers of the Association will be held at the Annual General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Association's Workshop to be held on the 14th September, 1996.

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

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

PRESIDENT: R RUSSELL

**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS:**

**N A BASDEN
M HAYLES
N PIPER
K G PRITCHARD *
M J RUNDLE**

* Mr Kevin Pritchard recently resigned and has not been replaced on the committee.

The term of office for the President is one year, while the term of office of the Committee Members is two years. In accordance with Clause 25 of the Constitution, Mr Russ Russell, having served two consecutive years as President, is not eligible to stand as President. He will serve as Past President.

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

Please use the form, printed on the reverse of this notice, and post or deliver to the Returning Officer:

**Mr R LEGGO
21 Rockton Road
NEDLANDS WA 6009**

no later than 5pm on Wednesday, 31st July, 1996.

**THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 1996/97**

NOMINATION FORM

I _____ Membership No. _____
(Nominating members name)

wish to nominate

_____ Membership No. _____
(Name of proposed office bearer)

to be elected to the office of **PRESIDENT*** **COMMITTEE MEMBER***

_____ at the election to be held on the 14th September 1996.

_____ (Signature of Nominating Member.) Date: ____ / ____ / 1996.

I second the nomination.

_____ (Signature of the Seconder.)

Name of Seconder _____ Membership No. _____

I accept the nomination and agree to serve if elected.

_____ (Signature of proposed Office Bearer).

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

NOMINATIONS CLOSE WITH THE RETURNING OFFICER on or before 5pm, 31st JULY, 1996.

Returning Officer: Mr R L Leggo 21 Rockton Road Nedlands WA 6009

PROFILE OF A TURNER

GERALD YOUNG

Gerald has been interested in woodworking from when he was a child. He has, over the years made furniture, built a boat and a caravan, but he did not get introduced to woodturning until after settling in WA in 1987. He had the good fortune to meet Gordon Ward and be introduced to WAWA. He maintains that WAWA is the best group of instant friends he has ever had.

Gerald has been a great contributor to our Association having at various times been Vice President, Weekend Co-ordinator, Convenor of the Kenwick group and presently is the Weekend competition organiser. He has also demonstrated and been a consistent entrant in the competitions.

Gerald was born in County Durham in Ireland but at 18 months of age his family moved to Adelaide where his father, an electrical engineer, was employed on a power station. After about two years, they moved again to Hong Kong where they remained until 1938. His primary schooling was in Hong Kong but secondary and technical education was in the UK. After obtaining a diploma in Electrical Engineering, he undertook National Service serving in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

While in National Service, Gerald had met and married Mary and by the end of this period had reached the rank of Captain and had a wife and child to support. He decided to make the Army his career and was posted to Army Area Command base workshops in Singapore and Malaysia during the emergency. In those times, the only reliable means of transport from Singapore to Kuala Lumpur was by train, as the terrorists would ambush the roads. They would also on occasions, derail the trains, but a detachment of Ghurkas always rode the train as a defence platoon. They would guard the train while the line was fixed.

In 1955, Gerald returned to England working on electronic gun control and the development of repair techniques, particularly in the field. He also spent a year with English Electric (subsequently to become British Aerospace) on surface to air guided weapon systems. This was followed by three years at the Woomera rocket range testing missiles.

The period in Australia re-awakened his interest in this country. He was however, to spend from 1960 to 1962 in the UK at the Royal Radar Establishment on radar development and guided weapons. The winters of 1961 and 1962 in England were so bad that he decided to migrate to Australia.

The Australian Army was very happy to accept someone with his experience and he came into the Australian Army with the rank of Major serving at Army Headquarters in Melbourne. He was promoted to Lt Colonel as Commander of RAME in Victoria and then to full Colonel as Deputy Director of RAME. During the Vietnam war, Gerald was required to investigate problems with radar in some units which necessitated going to the US to confer with the manufacturers. Gerald's final appointment was as a Brigadier and as Director General of Army Quality Assurance. This meant supervising and testing the quality of all ammunition, electrical gear and supplies for the Australian Army.

Gerald retired from the Army in 1981 and lived in Victoria until moving to Perth for family reasons in 1987. He now has time to enjoy his other hobbies - skiing, sailing and cross country running.

Gerald has a very extensive workshop including three lathes,

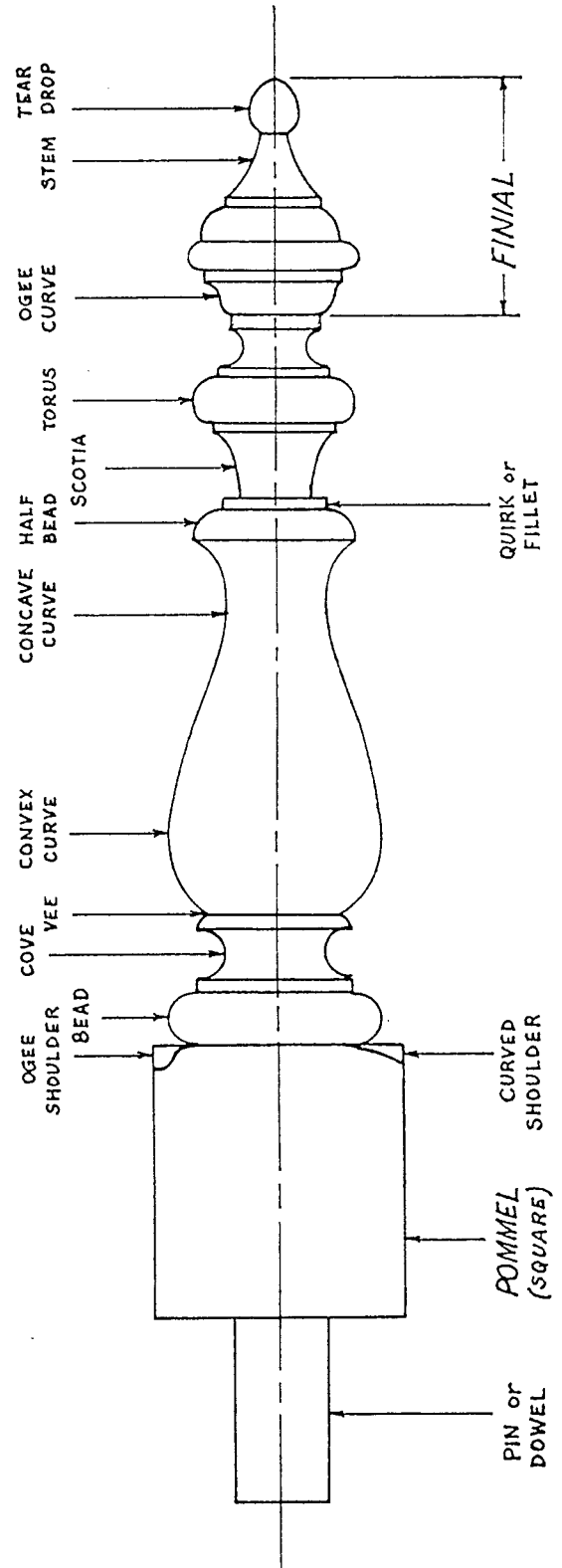
bandsaws, thicknessers and all the other necessary equipment. From this their five children and 13 grandchildren are well supplied with turned items. Mary always looks forward to another piece of furniture rather than another bowl, but turning has become a big part of his life.

As members of WAWA, we are very pleased Gerald made the move to the West. His contribution to our Association has been much appreciated.

WOODTURNING TERMS.

Mainly for the benefit of those of us still learning the craft.

Reproduced courtesy Woodturners of the Hunter Co-op Ltd.



FOR SALE

MOTORISED SAND STONE 75 x 320mm – in water trough. Solid steel stand. Sound condition. \$295 ono. Contact: Trevor JONES Phone: (09) 257 2542.

★★★★★

DURDEN PACEMAKER SAW BENCH, Model UP10-600. Price \$1500 ono. Contact: W FIDOE Phone: (09) 5356057.

★★★★★

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT !!!!

In this true story, we will use the names, Tom, Dick and Harry to hide their real identities.

Tom has a certificate for chain saw competency which is a requirement to obtain a permit through CALM to collect craft wood. Dick seized on this opportunity and struck up a deal with Tom, both of whom are keen turners. Dick stated to Tom that he would pay for the trip of burl collecting around the Cross, 370 odd kms east of Perth in return that Tom pay the permit. Harry is the son in law of Dick and is not a turner but offered the services of his ute and company if father in law, Dick would pay the fuel bill of around \$130.

It was arranged that Tom would drive to Harry's home at 6am and there they would set off in Harry's Ford 150 ute and pick Dick up on the way. The trip started well when Harry set the alarm for pm and not am, and Tom caught him still napping. Harry was pulled out of the sack and after introducing one another and with no breakfast under his belt they set off to Dick's place. Enroute, Harry informed Tom that he had forgotten his 6 pack of Cider and he dare not go back for it because of the time already wasted.

Dick, by this time was observed by his neighbours, pacing up and down looking at his watch and showed a sigh of relief when he heard Harry's noisy vehicle approaching. Dick's trailer was hooked onto the ute and the ladder, saws, tucker etc. were transferred from the trailer into the ute because of the dusty unsealed roads they were expecting to travel on.

With the roar of the noisy V8 exhaust system, they faced and headed East. Travelling through Midvale, Dick looks through the rear window of the ute and with a startled cry yells, "You wouldn't believe it, but I have forgotten to put the box with the fuel oils and spare chains on". The electricity in the air of the excitement of the trip turned to snide remarks toward Dick from Tom and Harry.

They turn around and returned to Dick's residence and lo and behold when they all got out of the ute at Dicks, the box is sighted all by itself in the trailer. Due to the trailer being low, the box could not be seen from the cab of the ute. Dick's name by this time is mud.

They set off again, with near on 40kms wasted. They make up this wasted time and Dick, who has promised to pay for the fuel, watches the fuel gauge going down faster than it would at normal speed. 12:15pm they arrive at the Cross and head out 70kms and start cutting burls.

After a few were cut and wheelbarrowed to the ute, they all set off up the track looking for more. Both Tom and Dick are eager

and stand on the draw bar of the trailer to save time getting in and out of the cab and tarnishing Harry's seats with end seal. Tom's job, was to look left and Dick to the right. Harry is driving and drives over a cattle grid and Tom without warning is flung high into the air off the draw bar and to the amazement of Dick alongside, who watches in horror as the left wheel of the trailer passes over Tom and throws the trailer into the air tossing the arranged burls, ladder and the rest of the gear into a mess. Harry, also watching all of this in the mirror quickly comes to a halt.

Tom is lying on the track motionless. Both Dick and Harry can't believe it's happened, but are relieved after finding Tom is still on the planet. Tom is transported quickly, feeling every bump and not complaining of his pain, 70kms back to the Cross Hospital, where to the amazement of all three, they have to wait for one hour and twenty minutes till the Doctor arrives from his residence some 500 metres away.

"Broken collar bone", he says. "We've got no one to do the x-rays, here are six Panadene. Nurse put a sling on him. Now head for Perth and take this referral with you for x-rays".

As Tom still painfully feels every bump in the road, Harry settles on a maximum speed of 90kms. Dick is pleased, as low speed means a cheaper fuel bill. At Kellerberrin, Harry is stopped by the law for 18kms over in a 60 km/hr zone and after seeing Tom, the Fuzz took pity and closed his book. I don't think he could have gone through the pain of booking Harry.

With a sigh of relief from Harry that \$75 bucks have remained in his pocket, they set sail again for Perth only to be pulled up at a booze bus for a RBT as they entered the Roe Highway at Midvale. Harry, after puffing, had a chuckle when told, "You're right mate", by the young officer. A question is directed to the officer by another officer. "Where is the certificate of registration for the trailer?" Harry, passing the buck, stated to the officer "Ask him", pointing to Dick who owns the trailer.

After several minutes of conversation between Dick and the boys in blue, they are finally cleared and head along Roe Highway towards Tom's residence to tearfully advise Tom's better half of his misfortune. After a sleepless night, Tom fronts up the following morning for x-rays and later rings Dick with the good news – 3 broken ribs, broken collar bone and another bone out of alignment, abrasions to the body – and was advised by the quack – "No woodturning for a month and not single handed either". The Doctor obviously knows Tom well.

Dick, after unpacking and dividing the seven burls, today is still scratching his head in wonder how the odd numbered burl is to be divided. He is also wondering what he got in return for the \$130 fuel bill for the 995 km round trip that was to be a two day lay back enjoyable experience with the intended yap around the camp-fire on who between the three could spin the tallest yarn. Rumours are that Dick is still eating bread and jam to make up for the loss of weight from his fob pocket.

Author's name and address supplied, but not for publication !!!

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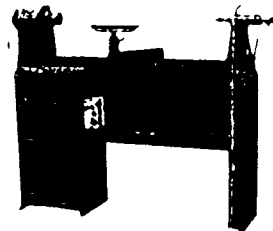
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