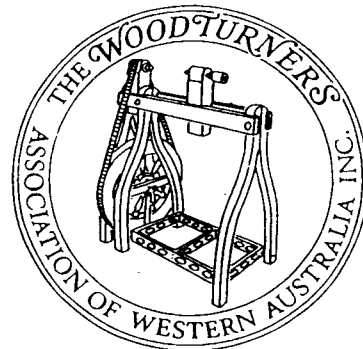


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AVON VALLEY.	4th Thursday, Bob Adams Place, 8 Pioneer Place, Toodyay 7.30pm
BUNBURY.	1st and 3rd Wednesday. 7pm. Cross Electrics.
BUSSELTON.	2nd and 4th Wednesday. 7pm. Venue - High School.
CENTRAL/SOUTHERN.	2nd and 4th Wednesday. Brookton District High School.
COLLIE.	Sundays 9.15am to 4pm. Various home workshops.
KENWICK.	1st and 3rd Wednesdays. 7 pm Liddlelow Homestead, Cooper Avenue, Kenwick.
MANDURAH.	Every 2nd Tuesday 3pm 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. Wednesday mornings 8am Southside Woodturning Supplies Willagee
MIDVALE.	2nd Tuesday. 7pm The Woodworking Centre 36 Farrall Road, Midvale.
MUNDARING.	Every Friday. 7 pm. 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.

This is my twelfth month as your President and it is perhaps timely that I share with you my thoughts at this time.

Firstly, the job has been a very busy one, but nevertheless pleasurable.

The feedback from members has been largely positive, with plenty of helpful suggestions. All of the many conversations that I have had with members have been friendly; so much so that they have confirmed my conviction that there is a deeply felt appreciation of the place that Association has in our lives.

I have been a member of WAWA for the past six years or so, but this last year has given me a deeper understanding of its nature. I thank you all for contributing to this.

Gerald

FROM THE EDITOR

I am sure all members would wish to join me in thanking former Editor Robin Halbert for all the effort he put into the Newsletter in the past five years and an especial thanks to Robin's PA Jacqueline (Jackie) Furby who actually put the Newsletter together. We have a message for Jackie - thanks for a great effort!!



NEW ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

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Country Trips on Jim's Coach

Unfortunately Jim's coach will not be available for the Brookton visit

Chuck Wagon

In an effort to make loading and unloading easier - a box has been added to the front of our chuck wagon - to house unstackable legs of the mirror, halogen lights and speakers etc.

Our thanks to Bob Malacari who was our prime mover/builder

Our thanks also to Jim Maslin for fabricating a whiteboard with stand.

***The Weekend Subcommittee

ASSOCIATION WEEKEND CALENDAR

Date: 18-19th October, 1997.
Venue: W B EVA Pavilion, BROOKTON
Competition: TABLE LAMP - Inside out or Offset Turned. Maximum 400mm H.
Host Group: Central Southern.

Date: 15-16th November, 1997.
Venue: WANDI COMMUNITY HALL, Wandi.
Competition: WALKING STICK turned from a SINGLE piece of timber.
Host Group: Wandi.

Date: 6 December 1997
Venue: Liddelow Homestead Cooper Ave, Kenwick
Competition: Best thing turned for 1997
Host Group: Week-end Sub Committee and Executive Committee

Date: 17/18 January 1998
Venue: Loftus Community Centre Leederville
Competition: Pair of salt & pepper grinders or a cruet set
Host Group: North of River

DEMONSTRATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, SALES.

October 13th - 18th. PHOENIX SHOPPING CENTRE.
Spearwood.

November 3 --- 8 LA PLAZA SHOPPING CENTRE
Bentley

For further information, please contact:
JOHN LILLYWHITE Phone: (08) 9339 2359
NEIL PIPER Phone/Fax: (08) 9398 2387

KEVIN McCracken Phone: (08) 9310 1057.

Kevin has taken over the drawing up of rosters. Please give him at least two weeks notice of your intended participation.

CORRECTION

ADMITTANCE FEES - WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

The wording of the third paragraph in Newsletter No. 70 was unfortunate in linking the Mandurah Group with the subject of rising Weekend Workshop costs.

The correct position is:

- (a) The ever popular and well organised Mandurah event was well attended with a low venue cost. Consequently it made a modest profit.
- (b) The expenditure on video cables and couplings was authorised by the WAWA management committee. This was a step in their plan to extend the application of video to demonstration and thus improve the presentation of work in progress to a wider range of viewers. This and similar expenditure is not regarded as a running expense.
- (c) The work done by the Mandurah Group on the video displays was effective in achieving improved viewing and they are to be congratulated on doing such a good job.

I apologise for any concern that they may have felt as a result of the original wording. Gerald

NEXT NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION: December 1 1997
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WAWA WORKSHOP MEETING
18-19 OCTOBER 1997
W.B. EVA PAVILION, BROOKTON OVAL, BROOKTON

The Central Southern Group welcomes all members, partners, friends and visitors to their Brookton Workshop.
 Convenor: Dick Keyser, MC: Dick Keyser; hosts to be arranged; Safety Adviser to be arranged; Trade Supplier Woodstock

Competition - Table Lamp, maximum height 400mm - Inside out or offset turned
 Hands-on : Bob Malacari

Programme, Saturday 18 October:

8.00am Chuck Wagon arrives. All assistance welcome.
 9.00am Demonstrations start. Each demonstrator to follow on.

Demonstrators

Keith Seaman	-	Natural Edge Bowl
Ken Rex	-	Carving on Vases
Gordon Ward	-	Hollow Form
Roy Lundy	-	Lidded box (2 ways)
Neil Piper	-	Laminated Vase

12.00 noon Competition closes, voting commences
 12.00 noon Lunch - Sausage Sizzle

1.00pm Bus Trip
 Demonstrations continue
 4.30pm Show and Tell
 6.00pm Evening meal
 (Soup supplied by Host Group - Members please bring plate, meat and salad to share)

7.00pm Entertainment by Brookton Choral Society

* Emergency Demonstrators: Ray Bowra and Jim Clarke

Programme, Sunday, 19 October:

9.00am Demonstrations start. Each demonstrator to follow on.

Demonstrators

Viv Paust	-	Inlay Turning
Gerald Young	-	Surprise Turning

10.00 am Competition voting closes
 12.00 noon Lunch BYO
 1.00 pm President's Forum
 Competition Results

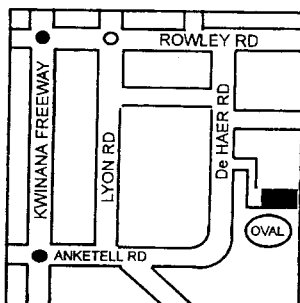
All hands please, to clean up, load wagon, etc.

Homestay: Dick Keyser (9642 1167) - night only
 Kevin Pritchard (9642 1332)

Caravan Park Bookings (08) 9642 1106
 Club Hotel Bed/Continental Breakfast (08) 9642 1029

Accommodation for Wandii

Limited facilities are available for caravans in the grounds adjacent to the Community Hall. For other accommodation contact Rockingham Tourist Information Centre Telephone (08) 9592 3464 Limited homestay facilities may be available. Contact Bruce Johnson (08) 9527 3079



WAWA WEEKEND WORKSHOP MEETING
15-16 NOVEMBER 1997
WANDI COMMUNITY HALL LOT 33 DE HAER ROAD WANDI

The Wandii Group welcomes all WAWA member, spouses and visitors. This meeting is for the promotion of woodturning through demonstration and exchange of ideas and fellowship with hands on, demonstrations and tool sharpening for the benefit of new members and any others that need guidance.

CONVENOR:	Bruce Johnson
MC:	Trevor Auckland
HOSTS:	John Punch, Rob Kirk
SAFETY ADVISOR:	Kevin McCracken
TRADE SUPPLIER:	Southside Woodturning Supplies
TIMBER SALES:	Bungarra Craftwood Supplies

COMPETITION ITEM: WALKING STICK. Must be turned from a single unsplit piece of timber. Handle free choice.

THEME: The theme for the weekend is EMBELLISHMENT
 Please bring embellished items for the display table.

08:00 Unload chuck wagon and machinery, all assistance to set up the venue will be welcome.

09:00 Registration and fellowship
 Competition set up
 Show and tell set up

09:15 Simultaneous Demonstrations
 Steve Makin - Pyrography on turned items
 Rod Cocks- Offset turned embellished lids.
 Robert Jones - Embellishment with carving

09:55 MC Welcome and announcements
 10:00 Morning tea , members please bring a contribution.
 10:30 Jack de Vos- Ebonising and masking
 10:30 Alternative programme Visit to Alpaca Farm
 12:00 Competition entries close and voting commences

LUNCH: Sausage sizzle available
 13:00 Ron Goodson- Scalloped edge bowls
 13:30 Alternative programme - Visit to Fruit Winery
 14:00 Simultaneous Demonstrations
 Evan Thomas, Becket's Products- Gilt waxes, colouring and matching.
 Keith Seaman- Embellishment to conceal joints
 Robert Jones- Embellishment using colour

15:00 Afternoon tea
 15:30 Simultaneous Demonstrations
 Larry Grohovaz, Jesen Agencies
 The use of Flocking powder.

Jan Jurewicz, Turned jewellery
 Bob Nicholls, Inlaid lidded box.
 16:30 President's Forum - Gerald Young

There will be no formal programme for the evening.

SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER

09:00 Simultaneous Demonstrations
 Elaine Boyd, The practical use of flock.
 Demonstrations 2&3 Follow-on from yesterday' s demonstrations by Jan Diuretics and Rodney Cocks
 10:00 Morning tea
 10:30 Talk - representative of CALM Sandalwood Resource Unit. This will deal with the history, availability, possible uses and marketing of products both in Australia and overseas. Sandalwood will be available for purchase
 Competition voting closes

11:15 Les Whited, display & practical use of antique tools.
 11:45 Competition results and Show and Tell

12:00 Lunch: BYO

1:00 Close, clean up and reload trailer

NB Larry Grohovaz will be happy to flock some pieces brought along by our members. It is important that any piece be sealed with an appropriate sanding sealer or varnish, not Danish oil, other oils or wax.

ACCOMMODATION AND ROAD MAP FOR WANDII OPPOSITE

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION OF DATE
 THE XMAS WORKSHOP WAS SHOWN IN ISSUE NO 70 AS BEING
 ON DECEMBER 20 WHEREAS IT IS DECEMBER 6

W.A.W.A. SATURDAY FUN WORKSHOP

CHRISTMAS PRIZE GIVING MEETING

SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER 1997 (one day only)

AT LIDDELOW HOMESTEAD, COOPER AVENUE, KENWICK
 Organisers: Weekend Sub-Committee / Executive Committee
 Venue: Kenwick Group providing venue

We welcome all members, partners and friends to this our
 annual prize giving day for fun and socialising.

Convenor: Neil Basden
 MC: Jim McDonnell
 Host: Executive Committee
 Show & Tell: Gerald Young and Gordon Ward
 Display Gallery: Bob Malacari - all items to be marked

Competition Item: Best Thing Turned For 1997 -
 and your "Monumental Failure"

Trade Supplier: Woodstock (Bentley)

Programme

8.00am Set up and socialising
 9.00am - 10.00am Mini-competition - "Egg" or "Christmas Tree"
 Wood supplied - Bring your own tools
 Prize for each class - panel of ladies to judge
 Organiser: Ralph Smith
 10.30am Morning Tea - please bring a contribution
 12.30pm Lunch - \$5.00 per head (pay as you
 enter
 Menu: Three kinds of roast met - choice of two
 Five vegetables - watermelon
 Tea and coffee provided
 Cold soft drinks for sale
 1.30pm President's Forum
 Show and Tell - "Monumental Failures"
 3.00pm Afternoon tea
 3.30pm Award of Prizes -
 Best Thing Turned and
 Aggregate Points for 1997

ALL HANDS CLEAN UP, LOAD LATHES AND CHUCK WAGON

XMAS SOCIAL FUNCTION

Date: 13th DECEMBER, 1997.
 Venue: MISS MAUD'S FUNCTION CENTRE,
 33 South Terrace, FREMANTLE.
 Cost: \$18.50 per head for a Christmas buffet
 lunch. Drinks: A separate Cash Bar will operate.
 Parking: Henderson Street Carpark opp Police Stn
 Confirm by paying on or before December 1
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 19 Mopsa Way Coolbellup 6163 (Ph/Fx 9337 7631)

*Teach your students to use what talents
 they have; the woods would be silent if
 no bird sang except those that sing best*

**COMPETITION JULY - KALAMUNDA
 SCULPTURED FORM**

Not many entries but enough to cover all the prizes. Three in the
 beginners, three in the intermediate and four in the open. Much
 engenuity and lateral thinking was shown although, in some
 cases not a lot of turning of wood!
 The general standard was, as we have come to expect, very
 high. Congratulations and thanks to all who entered. The
 number of voters was down a bit on expectations. Get behind
 the entrants and, better still enter yourself.

Thanks also to Bob Nicholls and Colin Smith who provided the
 critique.

Happy shavings Eric Walker

OPEN 1st Bob Nicholls Jarrah/Cape Lilac (21)
 2nd Ken Rex Jacaranda (22)
 3rd Ron Goodson Sheoak/Soapstone (23)

INTERMEDIATE
 1st Peter Dessent Jarrah (40)
 2nd Jim McDonnell Jarrah (41)
 3rd Frank Leder Jarrah (42)

BEGINNERS
 1st Frank Werren Jacaranda (60)
 2nd Barry Lever Blackboy (61)
 3rd Graham Redden Jarrah (62)

LADIES CHOICE Ken Rex

**COMPETITION AUGUST - TOODYAY
 HOLLOW FORM - VESSEL OR VASE**

Entries were up on last month and a good turn out of voters.
 The usual high standard we have come to expect was again
 evident with thought of design a feature of presented items.

Due to other commitments, this month is the last time I will be
 conducting the competitions. Many thanks to those people
 who have stepped in when I was away and to all the
 participants who make the competition what it is.

I would again encourage more members to have a go,
 regardless of whether you think your time is good enough. One
 of the ways the skills in the Association will grow is by
 competition and the feedback we receive on the items we
 produce. So have a go, be in it and benefit. Regards to all.

Peter Dessent Competition Organiser

OPEN 1st Ron Goodson Nectarine/Jacaranda (22)
 2nd Alan France Jarrah (20)
 3rd Bob Nichols Camphor (26)

INTERMEDIATE
 1st Rex Bungey Jarrah (41)
 2nd Jim McDonnell Sheoak (40)

BEGINNERS
 1st Brian Parker Cyprus Pine (61)
 2nd Alan Smith Cape Lilac (68)
 3rd John Boekhout Cyprus Pine (67)

LADIES CHOICE Ron Goodson

IT'S TOY TIME AGAIN
 Just over 80 days to Christmas !!
 Make a little person happy this
 Christmas - please spare the time
 to make some toys for our annual
 toy appeal.

Letter to the editor

The idea of storing liquids as suggested by Cliff Walsh (Aug-Sept issue) is fraught with danger and under no circumstance should be used. It is most dangerous to transfer any chemical substance from its original container. I am quietly confident that his labelling would not include:

- 1 The U.N. number (if shown)
- 2 The major chemical component i.e. hydro-carbon
- 3 First aid i.e. induce vomiting, do not induce vomiting, give milk, give water, or any other measure.

I can well imagine children playing in the shed, seeing a wine cask and saying " Oh! Grandads got a poly-something or other wine. Lets give it a try".

For the sake of a few dollars it is not worth putting a life at risk.

It may also be illegal to transfer material in such a manner. Ernest D. Dew. Mandurah group.

*CONTROLLING DUST by Jack Elliot**

Surprisingly the supreme dust generator in a woodturners workshop is usually the so called extraction system !! The more powerful the system, the more dangerous dust is generated.

The most popular method of collecting chips/dust from woodworking equipment, lathes in particular, is to use a low velocity- high volume suction fan. A cowl is usually fitted at some convenient point behind the work. While turning a percentage of chips (up to 50% with luck) is drawn through the cowl and a large bore tubing to the extractor unit.

The finer dust, created by sanding or scraping drier wood is not collected as efficiently as the chips because the spinning object being worked on generates a boundary layer which causes the heavier particles to be centrifuged off the workpiece, mostly downhill, and the low velocity system has not got the power to re-entrain it and take it to the extraction unit.

Suggestion - Fit your collection cowl/pipe under the bed bars. Fix a board behind the lathe to arrest the chips and direct them down to the cowl.. Doing this should raise the efficiency of the pick-up by 50%. Fitting the cowl under the bed bars will also entrain some of the dusty air away from your face.

If you have any doubts about entraining the dust, think about sucking out a candle.

More suggestions -

- If possible fit the extractor unit outside in a ventilated container. The great advantage of this move is to almost cure the dust problem in the workshop. The only disadvantages are removal of heat and you may have to deal with the noise factor for your neighbours sake.
- The suppression system that gave the writer most satisfaction was to fit a cheap (from the wreckers) kitchen stove hood and exhaust fan at face height and just behind his lathe. He removed the kitchen filters and says the unit is better at collecting dust than his lungs and has the benefit of a three speed fan and also giving more light where needed.
- If your extractor unit must stay in the workshop why not box it in and fit the box with the stove exhaust hood and fan and blow the dust outside.

Consider this - to prevent filter blockage it is usual to employ a weave of 50-75 microns. Dusts that most affect the respiratory system are thought to be sub20 microns. The drier the wood the higher quantity of finer dust. One ounce of 20 micron dust would have sufficient surface area to cover a large dance floor

* (Technical editor Ivor Bridges extracted this interesting item from the Assoc. of Woodturners of Gt Britain newsletter)

PROFILE OF A TURNER

KEITH JOHNSON

Keith Johnson has long been a stalwart of WAWA and is widely regarded as one of the best exponents of finishing wood. Although not an original member, he joined very early in the life of the Association and was an early committee member. For many years he was membership secretary and encouraged many to join and advance the craft of woodturning.

Keith was born in Kyabram in Victoria. Keith's father came from a farming family but, as the farm could only support one son, his father worked in the town. After leaving primary school, he went to Melbourne to work for a panel beater as an improver (similar to an apprentice, except they did not have to sign papers), learning to be a spray painter. His pay at first was 12 shillings a week which advanced to 15 shillings after the first year.

In 1939 the war intervened and Keith joined the militia and later transferred to the AIF. He served at the Canungra jungle training school as an instructor in artillery, anti-aircraft guns and machine guns.

Following his discharge from the army, he returned to spray painting for 1½ years but decided that he would fancy something not so dirty. The opportunity to train under rehab. was taken and Keith spent 6 months at Technical school doing cabinet making. After the 6 months they were regarded as 40% efficient and then obtained a job at which they were assessed every 6 months and their efficiency increased in 10% increments. Keith was employed making TV cabinets and radiograms. From there he transferred to another factory which had 165000 sq ft of space devoted entirely to wood.

One day, quite out of the blue, he decided he would like to move to WA. In 1963 he drove to the West over 1000 miles of largely unmade road. At first he worked for Joyce Bros and then for Catt Furniture. From there Keith was employed in the Occupational Therapy Dept of RPH where he was a trade instructor in the Psychiatric Unit. Being a cabinet maker, the workshop therapy was mainly woodwork. It was suggested that a small hobby lathe would be of benefit to some patients. A small hobby lathe was obtained but, being too noisy, the Engineering Dept at the hospital made up a portable lathe and Keith obtained some wood turning chisels.

As Keith didn't know anything about woodturning, he took himself off to night school at Leederville Tech and did one term of wood turning. This exposure got him well and truly hooked. On mentioning to a friend that he might buy a lathe, his friend said, "Look no further, I have one going rusty in my garage". It was a Tough lathe, complete with 10 chisels all for \$350. It has been in constant use ever since making bowls, lidded boxes which are beautifully enhanced by Jan's lovely tapestry inlays, goblets and trophy bases. Keith used to be a keen fisherman but his fishing gear now has 10mm of dust all over it.

Keith, together with the late Cyril Jones and Ernie Margetts started the Melville group. In the first days of WAWA, weekend workshops were held only every second month - once in the city and once in the country in order to provide instruction and fellowship among turners. From this has developed all the various groups which have contributed so much to the advancement of the craft of turning.

Keith, together with Ernie Margetts were the first instructors for the Melville City Council, giving instruction every Monday for something like 5 years. Many people owe their interest and competence in wood turning to these lessons. The Association owes a debt of gratitude to such as Keith who have given endless demonstrations at workshops, shopping centres and other places.

Keith is particularly known for his demonstrations on finishing. He constantly strives to improve his techniques. One member complained he had no sooner mastered the latest idea to find Keith had already progressed to another method. Keith believes you never stop learning and this is a valuable lesson for us all.

REMINDER

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL.

The 1997/98 annual subscription for The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc.) is \$24.00. For Junior Members (18 and under), the subscription is \$12.00. YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS PAYABLE NOW.

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1 rabbet plane 1 router plane Will separate or \$1250 the lot
Ph Mike Flaherty 9310 8380

WANTED

Mini lathe - Brian 9457 1166

Please note: The postal address for George Herring, our Secretary, has changed to:

Post Office Box 371
KELMSCOTT WA 6111.

Please use this address for all future correspondence sent to George.



SHAVINGS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A "slow news month" in the newspaper parlance. One item!

Internet

We have had a good response to the request in the Newsletter for volunteers with Internet experience to come forward to help us in our assessment of the use to us of this world-wide communication web. Four members have responded and with their help, we plan to present an overview of the Internet to members to help them appreciate its potential for WAWA. Gerald

New Video Tapes

Our Video Library has some new VCR tapes.
Novellies and Projects Dennis White
Decorative Effects and Colouring Chris Stott
Turning Between Centres Dennis White
Elliptical Turning David Springett
Natural Edges & Hollow Turning Chris Stott
Hollow Turning John Jordan
Turned Boxes Ray Key
Librarian Neil Piper will help you - see Directory inside back cover

TURNED TIMBER EXHIBITION

A full report will be given next issue

ELECTION 1997

Six nominations were received but after three withdrawals another two nominations were put forward at the AGM. Meet our newly elected Committee members -

Steven Makin (649) is a Professional Pyrographer and is single. Since retiring from the field of remedial therapy with the brain damaged child Steven runs his pyrography business from home and he conducts regular classes at Southside Woodturning Supplies. Steven's pyrography studies depict the heritage of the Timber Industry in WA. He is particularly interested in furthering the interest of youth in WAWA.

New Committee introduce

Keith Seaman (398) has been turning since he joined in 1988. He lives in Roleystone and has just finished building his house. He has been a member of the weekend coordinating committee and has given demonstrations to WAWA. A keen participant in WAWA competitions he had to reduce effort to get on with the house. Now he has finished he is willing to put in more effort to the Association.

Brian Fowlie (1164) is a retired Industrial Chemist (fertiliser industry) married to Robin who is an Associate Member of WAWA. They have a grown up family of 2 sons and 2 daughters. Brian joined WAWA in 1993 and has been active in the Melville group just completing 2 years as Convenor. His experience will help the good management of WAWA.

Les Small (933) is a retired banker married to Associate Member Eve. They have a grown up family of 2 sons and 2 daughters. Les has been a member for 5 years - four of which he has served on the Management Committee. He has also served on the Melville Group Committee for a year. Les was Vice President last year and has headed a committee dealing with constitution and organisational aspects of WAWA.

George Herring (865) is a professional Accountant in private practice. He has completed one year as WAWA Secretary and manages to handle the work along with his busy practice. George confines his business activities to three days of the week Tuesday to Thursday so he can get some time for turning.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AGM

President Gerald's report was well received by approx 144 members and another 60 Associates and visitors

- 12 meetings of the Committee were well attended
 - 11 workshops attracted an average attendance of 150
 - 374 Group meetings had involved over 300 members
 - Competitions were well supported with increases in beginners entrants
 - another level may be introduced to cater for members who may be intimidated by the high standard in beginners
- Gerald spoke of country visits and hospitality, displays and demos, sponsorship of the Wood Show, judging turning at the Royal Show and a marvellous response from members to the Make a wish Foundation.
- Gerald said WAWA had been involved in many diverse things
- advice to the ACTIV Workshop in Manjimup
 - assisting justice Dept with instruction at Murdoch remand centre
 - TPI association
 - YMCA School Holiday Program

Membership of WAWA had remained stable - now 753
The Moora Group had wound up - equipment to Avon Group
Gerald's enthusiasm for the craft was apparent. He used one phrase many times as he went through his report - "turning to...
Gerald thanked former editor Robin Halbert and Jackie Furby for the five years and 30 issues of hard talented and effective work that went into the Newsletter under their direction.
Gerald expressed appreciation for all the voluntary work that went into WAWA. He estimated this exceeded the total subscriptions collected. He mentioned so many people that it is beyond this article to print them all.. A VERY GOOD YEAR!!

SUBSCRIPTIONS RISE TO \$24

Treasurer Milton presented the financial statements and showed the need for the first increase in subs since 1992.
It takes about two thirds of the subs to fund the newsletter and insurance of members. Joining fee will remain the same.

Notices of Motion were passed to

- require a three-fourths majority for changes in constitution
 - allow the ballot to open at 10am on AGM day for elections
 - provide a category of Honorary Associate Member
 - review the constitution, to formalise the current groups
 - examine the possibility of direct representation for each group on the management committee. Report next year
- The motion to have a minimum age of 14 years for juniors did not achieve the required majority. Voting was about even.

Woodturners Association Of Western Australia Inc

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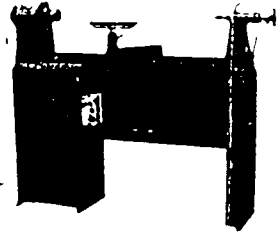


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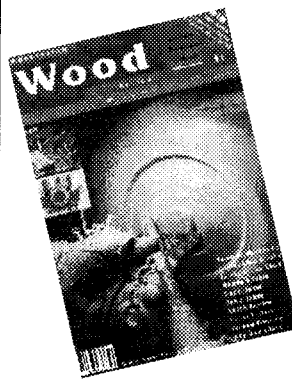
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