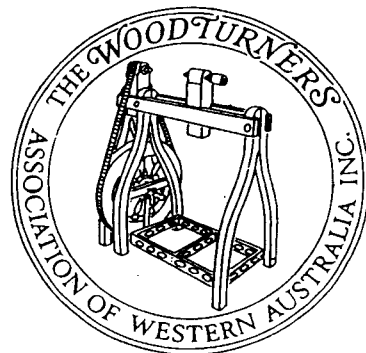


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# THE WOODTURNERS

ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC



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

AVON VALLEY	4th Thursday, Wool Pavilion, Show Ground, Toodyay 7-30pm. 2nd & 4th Sundays 9am to 12 noon
BUNBURY	4th Wednesday night 7pm Cross Electrics, Blair St. 2nd Sunday 9-3 at Roy Harris, 18 Henley Dr,
BUSSELTON	2nd & 4th Wednesday 7pm Busselton High school .
CENTRAL/SOUTHERN	2nd & 4th Wednesday Brookton District High School.
COLLIE	Last Sunday in each month 9-15 to 4pm Various home work shops.
LIDDELOW HOMESTEAD	1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7pm. 2nd & 4th Wednesday (tuition) 7.30pm 1st Saturday (problem solving) 2pm. Every Thursday (demonstration & tuition) 8-30am – 11.30am
Cooper Ave, Kenwick	
MANDURAH	Every Second Tuesday 3pm Mandurah High School, Gibla St Mandurah. Check with Convenor for locations during school holidays.
MELVILLE	4th Thursday 7.15 Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr. Stock Rd. & Canning Highway. Melville Wednesday mornings 8am Melville Recreation Centre, Stock Rd. & Canning Highway
MIDVALE	2nd Tuesday 7pm. 4th Tuesday 1-30pm. The Woodworking Centre, 36 Farrell Rd Midvale.
MUNDARING	Every Friday 7pm Old Parkerville Primary School, Cnr. Dura Rd & Riley Rd. Parkerville.
NORTH OF RIVER	4th Tuesday 7pm. Also 1st & 3rd Fridays 9-12 (all work no meetings) Woodstock, 13 Cressall Rd, Balcatta.
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday 7pm. Wandl Community Hall, Lot 33 DeHaer Rd, Wandl
WANNEROO	2nd Wednesday 7pm Wandl School, Design & Technology Dept.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

Well, Christmas has come and gone.

Kath and I wish you all the very best for the new year.

I received a request from one of our members in Manjimup, for help in organising a demonstration and display of turned items at the Manjimup Forestry and Horticultural Expo. This was in November.

Bunnings had allocated space in their marquee for this purpose, as it was considered a good opportunity to promote the art of woodturning, and help create interest in the proposed group there, and thanks are extended to them for their help.

Max Rutherford, Roy Harris and myself together with our wives made the trip.

There was a lot of interest shown in our display.

Two of the local members also displayed some of their work. We handed out several applications for membership to interested people and we hope this will result in further membership in that area.

During the past year a number of the ladies made between them two hundred and forty nine soft toys.

For a task very well done I would like to extend our thanks to them, with a special thank you to Ivy Pritchard, who put a lot of time and effort into preparation and sewing.

In addition, congratulations and many thanks to members who donated five hundred wooden toys.

Our toys for Christmas organiser Lach Christie arranged the distribution of all the toys to Kalamunda Care, Perth City Mission, South Care and St Vincent DePaul.

Thank you Lach.

At our Christmas function I was able to present the new President's Trophy to Dan Killgallon.

Congratulations Dan.

The Trophy was made by Alan France, and I am sure you will agree that it is a most appropriate trophy and beautifully prepared. The finish was applied by Gerald Young.

To Alan and Gerald, your efforts for a job well done is very much appreciated.

I have been informed that Brian Launer is far from well, and has also had the misfortune to have scalded his foot, which necessitated a skin graft. I am sure you would join me in wishing Brian a speedy recovery.

Our Treasurer, George Herring, has also not been well, and has now been told to ease up and shed some of his workload.

**The Committee of Management has therefore appointed Rex Bungey as Assistant Treasurer.**

**In future all mail for the Treasurer should be addressed to Rex at 29 By Gum Lane, Martin. WA 6110.**

In addition to this the Committee had decided that the payments of accountants will, in future, be made monthly, and all requests for payment must be in the Treasurer's hands by the first of each month. Happy turning. Neil

A WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS who have joined since last Newsletter. Please note last newsletter reported 1768 as Alby Horne.

This should have read:

1768 Warburton Ken	Toodyay
1769 Horne Alby	Manjimup
1770 Harrison Bill	Manjimup
1771 Alexander Keith	Ardross
1772 Gehrman Martin	Mt Helena
1773 Middleton Barbara	Casuarina
1774 Robbins Barry	Mandurah
1775 John Digby	Busselton
1776 Pemberton Paddy	Manjimup
1777 Hinck Victor	Wanneroo
1778 Davis Wal	Neerabup
1779 Hague Harry	Manjimup

**To our not so well members,  
partners and associates.  
A speedy get well to all from  
Committee and members.**

### THANK YOU

To all members who have contributed to the Newsletter.

Nice thank you notes and good wishes from those who responded to the reminder letter for your subs.

Editor.

Brian Launer wishes to thank members for phone calls, cards etc.  
Open Heart Surgery. 12/ 01/ 00.

To woodturning travellers from the east or overseas around the weekend of November 18/19 th. 2000 and would like to join our woodies workshop as a visitor/demonstrator. Please contact the Editor or Dennis Haddon, 36 Wylie Cres, Busselton WA. 6280. Ph.08 9752 1235.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:  
Hammy and Olive May on the  
Occasion of their  
FIFTIETH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**WAWA WEEKEND WORKSHOP  
FEBRUARY 19/20th 2000**

Convenor Max Rutherford  
M/C Ted Norrie  
Safety Officer Mike Kenny  
Hosts John Shinnick  
Mike Belgrove  
Roy Harris  
Trade Supplier Cross Electrics  
Competition~ Magazine Rack to show  
approx 80% turning

**Saturday 19th Program**

08.00 Unload trailers and set up  
09.00 Welcome  
09.15 Hands on mini Competition  
2 grades begin/novice.  
Interm/up. Carry handle/sugar  
scoop. Prizes for both groups  
10.00 Morning tea  
10.30 Mini Comp Continues  
11.00 **Robert Jones** Wall Plaque  
12.00 Sausage Sizzle  
01.00 Judges panell (3 judges)  
01.00 **Ladies Bus Trip** to Trigwell  
Park Mine and Cider Factory at  
Donnybrook  
01.00 **Charlie Broadbent** Insert in  
lidded boxes  
02.00 **Gordon Ward** embellishments  
& carving techniques  
03.00 Afternoon Tea  
03.30 **Alan Richlieu** Laminations in  
hollow form  
04.00 Voting closes  
04.15 Mini Comp results. President's  
Forum. Show & Tell  
Competition Results  
05.30 Evening Meal ~ Beef/salads  
W/melon/R/Melon to follow  
06.30 Quiz Night (Tables of Eight)

**PROGRAM SUNDAY 20th**

09.00 **MIKE KENNY** Butterfly Bowl  
10.00 Morning Tea  
10.30 **John Shinnick** Bosch Carver  
11.15 **Roy Harris** Eccentric turning  
using Sorby eccentric chuck  
12.15 **Sausage Sizzle**  
01.15 Clean up ~ pack up trailers ~  
Head for home ~ Thank you.

**WAWA WEEKEND WORKSHOP  
18/19 MARCH 2000**

**VENUE:** Loftus community Centre,  
Cnr Richmond & Loftus St. Leederville.

Melville group welcomes all members, partners friends  
& Visitors.

Convenor Don Gunn  
M C Kevin McCrakan  
Hosts All Committee Members  
Safety Mick Hanlon  
Show & Tell Gordon Wilkins  
Trade Supplier For Wood Tools & Machinery Sales  
Competition Specimen Vase in two timbers.  
Minimum height 200mm  
**Masters category Two matching vases.  
Minimum height 200mm**

**PROGRAMME FOR SATURDAY MARCH 18th 2000**

08.00 am Set up venue  
08.30 Registration and fellowship. Competition  
Show & Tell set up  
09.00 Welcome and Announcements  
09.15 Laminating ~ **Alan France**  
10.15 Morning Tea  
10.45 The Router on the lathe ~ **Ken Rex**  
Alternative programme ~ Photograph framing  
and mounting ~ **Carol Winchester**  
**12.00 Lunch ~ Sausage Sizzle**  
01.00 pm Tony Mirable of For Wood Tools ~  
**A new product**  
01.30 Selection & use of turning tools for spindle and  
face plate work ~ **Joe Hegney**  
02.00 Alternative programme ~ Flower Arranging ~  
**Helen Capes**  
03.00 Afternoon Tea  
03.30 **Joe Hegney** continues  
04.15 President's Forum ~ **Neil Basden**  
Show & Tell ~ **Gordon Wilkins**  
Competition Results ~ **Alan France**

**No evening programme**

**PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY MARCH 19th 2000**

09.00 am Turning a lotus bowl ~ **Ron Eddy**  
10.15 Morning Tea  
10.45 Candle stick from a cube ~ **Alan Smith**  
**12.00 Finish. All hands to pack up trailers  
Clean up.**

## COMPETITION RESULTS

**NOVEMBER: Table lamp in one timber.**

Always a popular item with competitors, this proved to be the case again with twenty six entries. This caused the judges much deliberation as the variety of lamps was most innovative and the standard of workmanship very high. However the judges ~ Jim McDonnell, Gordon Wilkins and Viv Paust ~ made their decisions as follows:-

	1st	2nd	3rd
BEGINNERS:-	Steve Mutsaers	John McClure	
NOVICE:-	Tom Mazey	Alf Prentice	Toni Wilson
INTERMEDIATE:-	Roger Goldthorpe	Joe Romeo	Dave Hodgins
OPEN:-	Rex Bungey	Dan Killgallon	Frank Leder
MASTER:-	Bob Nichols	Alan Smith	Gerald Young
POPULAR VOTE:	Alan Smith	Bob Nichols	Toni Wilson

Viv Paust presented a critique on selected entries which was both constructive and designed to encourage practising and intending participants.

**DECEMBER: Best thing turned during 1999**

What a good response ! Twenty eight entries. The variety and excellence was superb and presented a daunting task to Len Nicholls, Ken Rex and Kevin McCrackan who were only too pleased to officiate and I thank them for that. It is quite apparent that more and more competitors are paying close attention to the attributes which make an entry really competitive i.e. pleasing design, accuracy of detail, preparation (sanding), application of finish etc.

	1st	2nd	3rd
BEGINNER:	Steve Mutsaers		
NOVICE:	Toni Wilson	Barry Lievers	Max Rutherford
INTERMEDIATE:	Bob Webb	Dave Hodgins	Frank Evans
OPEN:	Dan Killgallon	Derek Pollard	Bill Botman
MASTER:	Jack DeVos	Alan Smith	Eric Walker
POPULAR VOTE:	Jack DeVos	Toni Wilson	Bob Webb

**PRESIDENT'S TROPHY:**

Dan Killgallon    Jack DeVos    Toni Wilson

**KEITH STOUT MEMORIAL TROPHY:** For cumulative points Jan/Nov 1999

	1st	2nd	3rd
BEGINNER:	Mick Hanlon	*David Daniel, *Carol Winchester *Steve Mutsaers	*all equal 2nd
NOVICE:	Tom Mazey	Max Rutherford	Toni Wilson
INTERMEDIATE:	Dave Hodgins	Brian Fowlie	Don Clarke
OPEN:	Dan Killgallon	Rex Bungey	Frank Leder
MASTER:	Alan Smith	Bob Nichols	Gerald Young

**WINNER OF THE KEITH STOUT MEMORIAL TROPHY** Alan Smith.  
( From Jan 2000 the OPEN category will be renamed and known as the ADVANCED )

## FOR SALE

**TOUGH LATHE: -**

In excellent condition on a metal cabinet style stand. Has outboard facility, camlock, faceplates 3 x tool rests (curved and straight) MT Jacob's chuck, and includes circuit breaker. Spindle is 1 inch x 10 TPI. The motor is Three Phase and can readily be converted.

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Contact George Herring  
PHONE 9497 4719.

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Contact Bill White

PHONE: (08) 9337 6898

## WANTED

**COPY UNIT:** suitable for use with a woodfast lathe "M910"

Contact John Mason (1625)  
PHONE/FAX 9537 6626

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## MELVILLE GROUP REPORT ~

The Melville group ended the year with what is becoming a traditional social gathering of members and partners with a light supper courtesy of the ladies.

We were once again entertained by the Barbers Shop Quartet and Henry Walker did the honours by compering the display of Show And Tell exhibited by both members and partners.

At our October meeting Ron Eddy gave an excellent demonstration on how to make a lotus bowl. The care Ron had taken in doing his preparatory work ensured the success of a clear demo of a very tricky project.

The Wednesday morning meetings attract an attendance of in excess of thirty members. This has enabled us to invite Rolly Munro along on January 26th to demonstrate his turning techniques. Although this is the Australia Day holiday we feel sure that our members will turn out in force to look and learn. Don Gunn..

## LIDDELOW HOMESTEAD WOODTURNERS GROUP ~

Liddelow Homestead Arts & Crafts Club Spring Exhibition:

There were thirty three entries in the 1999 Exhibition. Award winners were equally spread over the Open, Intermediate, and Novice categories. Frank Werren was the winner of the Perpetual Trophy for the most points gained in Woodturning.

**Congratulations** Frank.

To the judges Ron Goodson and Neil Piper **"Thank you"**

**MINI COMPETITIONS** : A series of mini competitions have been organised for both the third Wednesday of the month and on Thursday mornings. These include making Christmas Tree ornaments, baby dolls and whistles – the items selected are to a drawing and participants either individuals or up to five teams of three. Each competition is judged.

**NICK COOK**: had two workshops. The Mayor of Gosnells with the appropriate Ward Councillors were invited to morning tea held during the workshop on September 24th. The Mayor presented Nick with a gift and he reciprocated. This event was reported by the press and our woodturning group benefited.

**HOME VISITS**: In October 1999 we continued our Home Visit concept when nineteen members played in Peter Dessent's new **Toy Box [a.k.a. The Shed]** The efficient layout and the number of Jig's Peter showed us was truly outstanding. Every one that attended learned something. This is a fantastic concept, which both helps people learn and creates good fellowship. Several wives attended and enjoyed a morning tea. The next **Home Visit** will be at Patrick Rafferty's home on Sunday February 6th. 2000

**MONTHLY COMPETITION RESULTS**: October. Any item to fit into a 150mm cube.

1st Dan Killgallon, 2nd Tom Mazey, 3rd Len Freeman

**November: Lamp made from one timber.**

1st Tom Mazey 2nd Dan Killgallon 3rd Len Freeman

**CUMULATIVE POINTS**: Judges ~ Jack DeVos, Val Pereira and John Currie.

1st Tom Mazey 2nd Dan Killgallon 3rd Len Freeman

**BEST THING TURNED**: Popular Vote:

1st Gerald Young 2nd Dan Killgallon 3rd Peter Dessent

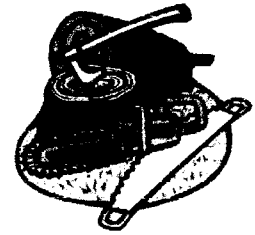
**JUDGES RESULTS**:

Novice 1st Tom Mazey, 2nd Len Freeman 3rd George Herring

Advanced 1st Derek Pollard 2nd Gerald Young 3rd Dan Killgallon.

**CALENDER**: These will be available in January and will show both our Group's and the Association programs and activities for the year. A minium number will be available at a nominal cost.

**Up and coming events to mark in your diary.**  
Demonstrations / sales Exhibitions.



**Thursday May 11th/14th 2000**

Traditional Craft Spectacular  
Claremont Show Ground.

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**Friday June 9th/11th 2000**

Working with Timber & Wood Show  
Claremont Show Ground

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**Friday August 11th/13th 2000**

W.A. WOODSHOW  
Claremont Show Ground

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**Monday October 23rd/28th 2000**

Melville Plaza Shopping Centre  
Canning Highway,

Melville

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**November 2000**  
Southlands Shopping Centre. Willetton  
Date to be set.

For further information please contact

**John Lilleywhite** on  
Ph 9339 2359

Or **Neil Piper** on  
Ph 9398 2387

**Kevin McCrackan** will be arranging rosters. Please give Kevin two weeks notice of your intentions to participate. Contact Kevin on Ph 9310 1057

### **BUSSELTON GROUP:**

We started the year in February with our usual meeting. A sub committee of four was set to draw up a programme for the year which worked very well.

March saw a workshop conducted at Brian Launer's shed. There were four lathes kept busy for most of the day. This was followed by a barbecue and a Show and Tell of items at the home of Charlie Broadbent.

[thankyou to Charlie}

Charlie Broadbent organised a day in the forest for the Group. Word has it that some very nice wood was recovered.

The Busselton Group was well represented at the "Nick Cook Workshop" with ten members making the journey. The workshop was videoed and some copies have been sent out. Items made by Nick were auctioned with the money going in to a fund to employ demonstrators. The October meeting was devoted to Toys for the disadvantaged children. Approx twenty toys were made and painted. These were delivered to Perth for distribution by the Assoc. to various needy groups. I would like to congratulate our group on the effort they made.

The Group was allocated space at the Busselton Ag. Show to exhibit, sell and demonstrate woodturning. There was a lot of interest shown by patrons and a couple have joined the Assoc. Mike Lewis was visiting from South Africa and joined in and did several demonstrations.

I would like to thank all members there that helped with the pack up etc as I had a very bad angina attack. An opportunity arose for the group to have access to green sheoak being cleared. A busy bee was organised for the cutting and storing of this timber. It will be for sale at the November meeting in Busselton.

The second lot was distributed to the Group. As I was unable to do heavy work I was allocated the end sealing bit. At morning tea my cup of very hot black coffee found its way in to my sock and shoe. The scald needed a skin graft. After four weeks in a wheel chair I am learning to walk again !!! The heart, Major surgery mid January. I would like to thank all members that have helped in every way. Brian Launer.



### **THE AUSTRALIAN WOODTURNING EXHIBITION**

Waratah Room, Whitehorse Arts Centre, 397 Whitehorse Rd  
Nunawading. Victoria. Full details from:  
Ted Anderson, 16 Karwiths St. Vermont. Vic. 3133.  
Ph (03) 9874 7365. Website. [Http://users.netcon.au/ubeaut](http://users.netcon.au/ubeaut)

### **AVON GROUP 1999:**

The past twelve months has been very well attended and active within the Group.

We have been involved successfully in demonstrating at several venues during the past year including street demonstrations at the Moondyne Festival, Wyalkatchem and Beverley

Several demonstrators attended Toodyay to impart their skills in various areas to our members. The Group extends its thanks for their attendance.

If there are any would be demonstrators out there who would like to gain experience on a smaller scale and perform in a not so intimidating environment and with large numbers of people, give me a call on Ph 9574 2691 to arrange a visit. We meet at 7.30 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at Toodyay and every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 9 am. At the Group's AGM Terry Rolfe replaced Bob Adams as Convenor, David Eyres took on the Treasurer from Peter Campbell and Margaret Young took over the position of Secretary from John Smart.

A big thank you to the office bearers for their hard work during the previous year.

A Christmas function was well attended at Peter and Monica Campbell's residence.

(Thanks to the Campbells) it was a great turnout with about forty attendants.

Entertainment was provided by Peter and his Can Crushing Machine (it must be seen to be believed)

**Finally members should be reminded that the Rolly Munro's Workshop at Woodstock, Bassendean is on Tuesday January 25th 2000 at 8.30am.**

The Avon Group wishes all W.A.W.A. members and their families good will and a prosperous New Year. Terry Rolfe. Convenor.

### **CENTRAL SOUTHERN GROUP**

Hi, there folks. The C./S. Group has been active during 1999 with a continuous roll call.

We had a Christmas steak night, early in December. Dick & Betty Keyser being the perfect hosts. Members, wives and friends, came from some distance to enjoy the evening. As usual, Dick's cooking was most flavoursome.

The evening was a pleasant end to our yearly activities. We are now in recess until school starts in 2000. NO - NOT THE TWO UP SCHOOL !

Dick reminded members and visitors that the October 2000 workshop will be in Brookton, no doubt a good weekend will be anticipated. We wish all members a great New Year and beyond.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I examined the accounting records of TheWoodturners Association of WA Inc for the period of 1st July 1988 to 30th June 1999 with complete satisfaction that the Receipts and Payments represent the financial activities of the association for the above mentioned period in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

The Association Audit Programme Work Papers and General Audit Procedures are attached to and form part of this report.  
Signed... Loraraine Chaplin-Mills.  
17/11/99.

### TURNER IN RESIDENCE

The Liddelow Homestead Group in conjunction with the Liddelow Homestead Arts & Crafts Club Inc. invite Expressions of Interest from turners who may wish to become the Turner in Residence at the Liddelow Homestead 7 Cooper Avenue, Kenwick.

The Turner in Residence will be required to promote woodturning to visitors to the Homestead, promote the objectives of the Homestead and conduct woodturning classes to specific target areas of the community. The opportunity to sell wood turned items will be available.

Specific Terms of Reference can be obtained from George Herring, Convener of Liddelow Homestead Woodturners Group, 5 Chuditch Close, Brookdale. WA 6112  
Ph. 9479 4719. Fax 9479 4330.  
Email chuditch@iinet.net.au.

### ~ OOPS ~

Royal Show Results

Tom Arnold should read **Trevor Arnold**

Two pairs of lace Bobbins John Brooks  
Should read **2nd**  
Sorry:- Editor.

### SPONSORS FOR AWARDS

The Committee wishes to thank all sponsors who contributed to the 1999 annual awards presentation.

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9 Cooper Ave, Kenwick. WA 6107. PH/Fax (08) 9459 7228.

### MINIATURE HOUSING EXHIBITION

Theme :- "Australiana"

Categories:- House - Colonial Dolls house  
Wall Hanging  
A Room  
Unusual Container

Entry Forms to be in by April 8th 2000.

Entry forms and information available from Liddelow Homestead.

### MEN OF THE TREES

FESTIVAL OF TREES 2000.

Date: Saturday March 28th 2000. Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Venue: St Barbe Grove, Cnr Amhurst Rd & Stirling Cres.  
Hazelmere. (Just South of the Midland Railway Station)

Theme: "Native Flora to attract Native Fauna" helping to sustain beneficial eco-system.

Guest Speakers: **Eric McCrum**, well known environmentalist, involved with the Herdsman Wildlife Centre. **Matt Williams**. WA Insect Study Group speaking about Native Butterflies.

**David Kennett**, on water dowsing and its possibilities.

Entertainment: Greg Hastings will be our MC/Entertainer.

Belyssa Belly Dancers, Children's Activities.

Stalls: All your favourite environmental groups will be there plus more. A special Festival to celebrate the new millennium !!!!!

**WANNEROO GROUP:**

We are looking forward to a progressive 2000. December meeting was surprising, the active interest shown by our newer members. Every one wanted to get hands on. Like any new venture we had our teething troubles, one fuse tripped out but, the control board was so concealed we had to manage with only seven lathes. We have now located all control boards so trust in future we may have all ten lathes working.

All lathes are Woodfast, five are short bed.

We urgently require a Nova Chuck or similar as most of the members chucks do not suit the 30 mm Woodfast thread. January meeting will be a barbecue get together followed by a meeting to form a committee to plan for the coming year. The February meeting is strictly for newer members, we hope that the eagerness to get hands on continues. It is pleasing to see everyone ready to have a go rather than standing back.

Sorry about the toy making venture. Time was short and I was laid up with the flue at the critical time.

We have a wonderful workshop, many work benches and machinery plus bring your own.

If you consider a toy making production line "get together" could be worthwhile please bring your suggestions forward.

**NORTH of the RIVER:**

Well, that year disappeared ! Now for this one. All NOR members join in wishing the other groups the compliments of the season as we enter the new century.

We are busily putting our plans together for the next twelve together, which includes our weekend workshop in July, this will be held at a new venue— the Beaumaris Sporting Association in Iluka, a new suburb just North of Ocean Reef.

This part of the metro area continues to grow at breakneck pace so you can expect to hear new names of new venues in the future.

Last year NOR held its weekend workshop at Kalamunda, but it is difficult for people north of the river to feel much ownership of a venue so far removed geographically.

However as anybody who has tried to organise venues for weekend workshops will tell you, it is not all that easy to do and certainly not at a reasonable cost. We felt sure that members will be pleased with the choice of venue, certainly the management committee were when they inspected it.

We will also be trying to encourage more members to participate in our local competition, because entries have been declining for awhile. Competition is a very good way of building up your skills but it can take a bit of courage to start, particularly if you have not been turning for long, because it involves the critical scrutiny of your peers, and not every one is comfortable with that.

January will see a number of members from our group participate in a workshop with our New Zealand colleague, Roly Munro. We are all looking forward to that.

Have a happy and safe 2000. Bob Webb.

**MIDVALE MUTTERINGS:**

By the time you read this we will be well into the new year.

As I sit here writing I find myself wondering if this hot weather will ever end and it is only December, so let me have a look into the crystal ball and see if I can predict what will have happened between when I write it and when you read it.

Firstly the traditional January barbecue will have been a success, every year a lot of effort and planning go into this event to ensure success, congratulations and thank you to all those involved.

Congratulations to Bob Nichols (open) and Ron Olsson (novice) on winning the cumulative points competition. This year the committee has decided to increase the competition to three divisions so how about we try to have so many entries each month that they have to increase the size of the table for displaying them. January will also have seen the weekend workshop at Kalamunda featuring Roly Munro and friends hosted by Midvale.

I predict that you all rallied round to help make it a success, thank you to all who assisted.

The demo by Rolly Munro at Colin's shop will also have come and gone by the time you read this no doubt Rolly has proved what a versatile practitioner he is and you all went home inspired.

Hope you all noticed that Midvale now has a second video monitor for our demos. Our committee financed the new monitor and recorder (including the funds raised by the afternoon group) and in conjunction with Barrie Leivers the new units were purchased and installed in time for our December meeting. We salute you Barrie for all the work you have done in getting our demos on the screen.

TOYS... Joe Vogel was wearing a grin like a split water melon at the Christmas meeting in Kalamunda in December when he took all the toys along from Midvale. Well done to all of you who contributed, lets start now to make toys for this Christmas and may be we will need a truck to transport them all this year.

Just a reminder that it is business as usual at Midvale now that February is here with our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening the 9th and the afternoon group on the 23rd. See you there.



**PROFILE OF A TURNER.....**

**Robert Jones**

Born Westbromwich  
England.  
February 11th 1953.



Robert writes: "For anyone who doesn't know where Westbromwich is, it is situated in the industrial heartland of England, just west of Birmingham. The area to the west of Birmingham, which includes Westbromwich is

known as the Black country, and we pride ourselves as being different from our city dwelling neighbours. The area was at the centre of the industrial revolution, in England, although industrial production has been cutback, it is still an important heavy industrial and manufacturing area.

The importance of industry to the area is reflected in the fact that the secondary school I attended, the houses were called, James Watt, of which I was once house captain. William Murdock, Thomas Telford and Mathew Bolton, all leading lights of the industrial revolution.

It was in my first year at secondary school that I had my first taste of woodturning. The project was to make a small wooden box, with a turned knob on top of the lid. I managed to make the box OK, but I had eight attempts at turning the knob, which for some reason just wouldn't stay on the lathe, or for that matter stay in one piece.

At the end of the year my box was the only one that remained knobless.

Years two to five found me in the metal work class.

In 1969 I finished my secondary education, and it was time for me to find work. My first job was as an apprentice pattern maker at a local foundry by the name of The Midland Motor Cylinder Co. Ltd, which was part of the Birmid Qual-cast Group of Companies. At the time I joined the company they employed nineteen thousand people, which made them one of the largest employers in the area.

As part of my apprenticeship I attended James Watt technical College, there's that name again

In the Birmingham area you just couldn't get away from Watt, Telford, Bolton or Murdock.

At tech we studied wood and metal pattern making calc's plus science, technical drawing and foundry craft practice.

The most satisfying part of the whole course was being able to follow the whole process through from the drawing, making the pattern, taking that in to the foundry, making the mould, casting the metal and machining the finished casting. I like to see a job through from beginning to end, to know that you did the whole thing yourself.

Back at work they were doing proto type work on the Jaguar V12 motor which powered the E type Jag, and later the XJS.

I met an elderly gentleman who's name was Sid Greathead who did all of the proto type patterns for the rolls Royce Merlin engines that power the Spitfire.

This was where I had my second attempt at woodturning.

I had managed to do a passable job this time around.

Any woodturning jobs that came around seemed to find their way to my bench.

I became a dab hand at making patterns for shafts and fly-

wheels for David Brown Tractors, break drum patterns for Daimler Buses.

A couple of years on I was moved out of the main pattern shop into one of the smaller shops over at West Works, a foundry that made only small cylinder blocks. As it was a high production foundry all of the patterns were made of cast iron. So that was the end of my woodturning for another few years. With the start of corporate down sizing in 1977 I was made redundant.

After a short time I was working for a small Tool Making Co., manufacturing dies for the hot brass stamping industry.

This I continued to do for the next eleven years, but the company was starting to go down hill and my boss was spending more time in the Pub than he was at work.

This signalled another change, so we decided to travel afield. From a child I had always had a keen interest in geography and other cultures.

New Zealand was a place I'd always wanted to visit.

In 1968, after about six months of form filling and medical check ups etc. we were on our way.

Before we left England my wife Nileshe, a nurse, had already found herself work at a hospital fifty klms south of Auckland. We moved into a house owned by the hospital for a few months, while we settled in. A few weeks later I found myself work as a roll grinder at New Zealand Steel, which is now owned by BHP.

It wasn't a bad job, the money was good, about twice as much as I had earned in the UK, the only down side was the fact that we were on a 21 shift roster, and getting up at 11.00pm on a Saturday night was not my idea of fun.

After a time we bought our selves a house in a small town called Pukekohe, about forty klms south of Auckland.

We had been in New Zealand for approx eighteen months, when I was walking around Victoria Park market and came across a stall selling wooden bowls" I turned to my wife and said " I could do that", she said "well why don't you then ?" "Within a couple of weeks I had bought myself my first lathe, and for the next few weeks I busied my self turning out fire wood !

I joined the South Auckland Woodturners Guild a month or so later and soon found out that I wasn't too bad at my new found hobby.

Within a short time I was selling my work through local craft outlets, and entering my work in local and national exhibitions. Although I never won any prizes its entering that counts.

After holidaying in WA in 1994 and enjoying it so much we decided in 1995 to come over and settle here.

By that time I had just about had enough of shift work, and wanted to take up woodturning full time.

We bought a one acre property in Mundijong, and I set about woodturning in earnest.

Not long after settling over here I joined WAWA and started attending the Wandji Group.

I served one term as convenor of the Wandji Group.

I was then talked into putting my name forward, for the WAWA committee.

Much to my surprise I was asked to be vice President, which is the position, I still hold.

May be in another twenty years or so, I may be able to tell you the rest of my story."

**SHAVINGS  
FROM THE COMMITTEE**

**1. WEEKEND DEMONSTRATORS AUDIO SYSTEM**

Investigations in regard to upgrading and improving the system are still being undertaken, but initial enquires reveal that the more sophisticated the system the more problems and it appears quite likely that modification of the head band on the present unit may be the most satisfactory compromise for the present. However the matter is to receive further attention to hopefully overcome difficulties/inconvenience presently experienced.

**2. VIDEO OPERATORS WORKSHOP**

Barry Leivers conducted the first of his instructional workshops in setting up and operating the video system. This was well attended and all agreed that is far from as daunting as visualised. However, a need still exists for a pool of operators/assistants for smooth running of the system and spread their workload and further workshops will be run during the year.

**3. FINANCIAL MEMBERS INSURANCE COVER**

A number of members are advised that our insurers presently limit cover to the age groups twelve years to eighty six years of age. This was extended three years ago at the Association request when a limit of ninety years was sought but, the insurer countered with eighty six and not increase in premium rates.

**4. INTERNET ADDRESS LIST – E MAIL**

It has been decided to ask Kevin Hall (15 Maquire Way, Bullcreek 6149 Ph (08) 9332 1279) to set up an E Mail address list for members interested in this facility. Please contact Kevin direct if you wish to participate.

**5. TREASURER/ASSISTANT TREASURER**

As a means of spreading the workload involved the Committee has appointed Rex Bungey as Assistant Treasurer. In future all correspondence is to be sent to Rex who will attend initial processing and subsequently forwarded to George Herring for recording.

Rex's new address in 7 Reach Place, Huntingdale. 6110.  
Ph (08) 9398 1396.

**6. PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS/REIMBURSEMENTS  
CLAIMS FOR EXPENDITURE**

For uniformity it has been decided that all accounts/claims must be lodged with the Treasurer by the 1st of the month preceding the normal monthly meeting to enable confirmation for payment. Accounts/claims received after the 1st day of the month will be deferred until the following month.

**7. YEAR END PRIZES/TROPHIES TRADE SUPPLIERS**

Support from our Trade Suppliers both during the year and at years end for annual presentations is most generous and the committee urge members to acknowledge this and extend reciprocal support to these people/businesses.

**8. VARIABLE SPEED CONTROLLERS**

Following representation from the Melville Group it has been decided to purchase a unit suitable for a Tough Lathe in addition to the Woodfast unit purchased recently. It was felt that this gave flexibility to demonstrators in regard to lathe preferences.

**9. WEEK-END WORKSHOP- ALBANY, APRIL 15/16 2000**

Because of the timing of this workshop and potential demand for accommodation members attending are advised to make their accommodation requirement bookings as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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Ph (08) 9841 4616. BOOK EARLY.**

**WANDI:**

It's been an unusually busy period for the Wandi Group, with running of a weekend workshop as well as all the normal activities. The workshop went very well, with something for everyone. Congratulations to all those who worked for months planning the event, and special mention to the catering staff. The two demonstration evenings during the period tackled two of the more unusual and technically demanding areas to turning. In November our guest demonstrator was Gerald Young, he demonstrated wedged split turning. The process is similar to normal split turning, where a blank has a glued joint down its centre. The addition in Gerald's process is to add a tapered wedge in between the two split sections. This has the effect of producing a somewhat oval shape to the work piece. You have to be able to visualise the resulting shape as you turn, not an easy process. When the turnings finished the wedge is removed and the two pieces glued back together. This process has lots of potential for those seeking the "not round turning".

Ken Rex visited Wandi during Dec. to show work he had done along the lines of Dave Springett's ideas. The finished works look as if they could not be made in one piece, a real puzzle. The making process involves extensive use of jigs to hold the work and the fabrications of all sorts of tools. Makes a great pastime for someone introducing a little engineering to their work. Many thanks to our demonstrators for giving up of their time to entertain and inform the Wandi Woodturners.

**Memo from Mandurah:**

The new millennium has arrived, and in spite of all the prophets of doom, we are still vertical!. This year (hopefully) will see an improved level of participation with new ideas from the members and new formats to be put in place. (more on that later).

The advantage of having the Mandurah Senior High School as our base through the year is negated at holiday time. Ergo two home demos will be held in January at John Mason and Bob Todd's places. Then back to the school in February.

We heard that Keith Byfield has acquired a Cobra Lathe. Was it gift wrapped and how would you do it?.

It is good to hear that Keith may be getting back to some serious turning.

Val Pereira is still having a few problems with his broken wing and we wish him a speedy recovery. On behalf of all the members of the Mandurah Group, we wish everyone a wonderful New Year and may all your hopes and aspirations be realised, and remember, that it is only 355 days to Christmas!. End Grain.

### Ole R R's Column

At a time like this at the end of the "1900 and some things," it is perhaps appropriate to reflect upon the past, hopefully dwelling upon the good things that have happened and the pleasant memories we have of family and friends. For most members of WAWA such thoughts would naturally include the friends we have in the Association and the many benefits of belonging to such a caring and cohesive organisation. There are so many avenues of participation open to us - social, skill development, widening of perspective's and raising of aims for the quality of our craft work and sharing of our time so that others may benefit. All of these are priceless and are available to all who attend the functions at Association and Group level. It is possible that some of us will be moved to use this beginning of a new era to review our patterns of life, perhaps to take up more of the opportunities available now, but missed in the past?

Ole R R has gathered the thoughts of some members on these and other matters, to share with you all. I'm sure that they will stir you to dwell on the future positively.

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#### Past President ~ Geoff Barkla

Has resolved to: Adjust, and live happily after a recent change from a half acre with a four bedroom home and large, well equipped workshop to a two bedroom home and a one hundred square foot workshop, small lathe and a pillar drill. Continue to promote fellowship in WAWA and to do what he can to extend the practice of "Home Stay".

To stay healthy and live life to the full - a day at a time.

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#### President ~ Neil Basden:

Hopes that every member will read each Newsletter from cover to cover, and write some thing for it and think of ways to contribute to the Association.

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#### Toy Co-Ordinator~ Lach Christie:

I guess I've always felt that New Years resolutions are a kind of promise that you don't take too seriously and when you break it no-one bother to much.

No doubt the resolution my wife would like me to make would be to stop bringing so much sawdust in to the house. But can I help it if the phone rings just when I'm covered in sawdust?!. I suppose that as Toy Co-ordinator my resolution should be some thing to do with getting greater numbers of suitable toys for distribution next Christmas. What I have in mind is that each group of WAWA should agree to work as a team to make a large quantity of one type of toy - that is set up a production line. What we need is as many toys as possible that are practical and durable. A number of toys that were made last year would have taken a long time to make, yet with some rough handling would not last very long at all. So I guess my resolution for this year is get organised!.

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#### John Shinnick:

Has resolved to stop and think, before taking on too much in the way of commitments that his health will now not allow.

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#### Past President Jon Croft:

Says "I've never thought of myself as making New Year resolutions, or rather, I've always thought of myself as not one for making resolutions, New Year or otherwise - and there is a difference! The difference between negatively avoiding doing something and positively deciding to. All my life I've been more of a follower than a leader and one who accepts orders and instruction, rather than one who makes decisions and it has always taken a real effort to step out and say "yes, I'll do it" or sometimes "No I won't do it". But, recently I've had so many people say kind things to me that I've been basking in a warm glow. That was until a few days ago when I was speaking to a close friend and I said that I was sad not to see so much lately of another friend. She said "why don't you tell her so.?" So I have made a resolution for this New Year ! It is: To tell my friends of how much I appreciate them and love the things they say and do".

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#### Jim Clarke:

Is going to: Eat less, talk less, listen more and ride the trains more.

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#### Ivor Bridges:

Says "I have had fifteen years inspiration and comradeship from WAWA. Our Organisation is the envy of many small clubs, who cannot give up their local jealousies to form one united Association.

We have many older members still, but it is wonderful to see so many new younger members playing active roles. We are blessed with the support of our partners. Our Association has given so many of us a second chance at life. Ivor concludes "I will renew my resolutions to continue to promote the Association when ever I can."

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#### George Herring:

Aims to make even better use of the Liddelow Group's facility and to recruit an "Artist in Residence" for the workshops as part of a drive to expand the Arts and Crafts Club of Kenwick. George has resolved to improve his turning through more practice and regular participation in WAWA and Group competitions.

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#### Bill Botman:

To keep my skew chisel sharp to reduce sanding.

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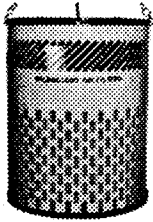
#### Ole RR:

Hopes to get up earlier in the morning, take more exercise and do more woodwork of all sorts.

And please go to bed earlier. Ed.

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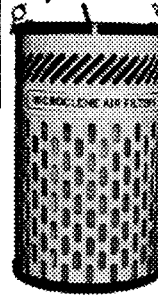
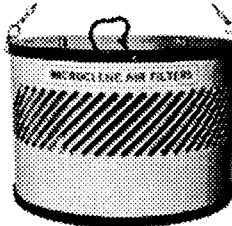
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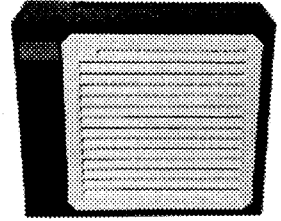


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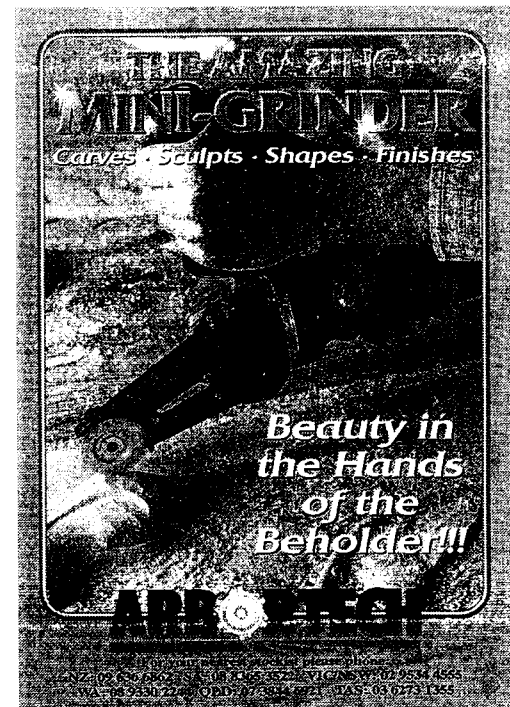
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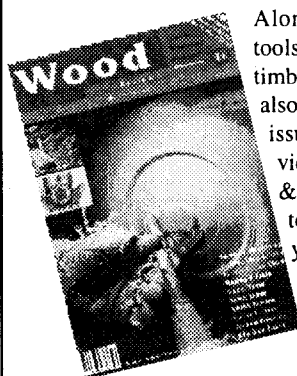
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