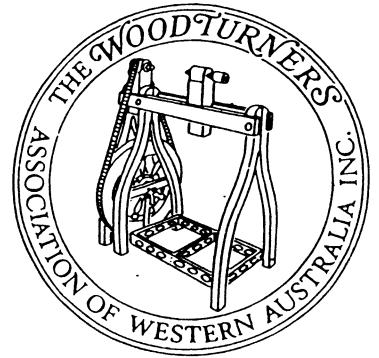


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W.A. W.A. GROUPS MEETING DATES, TIMES AND VENUES

AVON VALLEY	4th Thursday, 7.30 pm, 2nd & 4th Sundays 9.00 am to 12 noon, Wool Pavilion, Show Ground, Toodyay.
BUNBURY	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Cathedral Grammar School, Gelorup.
BUSSELTON	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Busselton High School.
CENTRAL/SOUTHERN	2nd & 4th Wednesday, Brookton District High School.
COLLIE	Last Sunday in each month, 9.15 to 4.00 pm, various home work shops.
LIDDELOW HOMESTEAD	1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7.00 pm; 2nd & 4th Wednesday (tuition) 7.30 pm; 1st Saturday (problem solving) 2.00 pm; every Thursday (demonstration and tuition) 8.30 am to 11.30 am; Cooper Ave, Kenwick.
MANDURAH	Every second Tuesday, 3.00 pm, Mandurah High School, Gibla Street Mandurah. Check with Convener for locations during school holidays.
MANJIMUP	3rd Wednesday, 7.00 pm, at "The Shed" Timber Park, Manjimup.
MELVILLE	4th Thursday, 7.15pm, Wednesday mornings, 8.00 am, Melville Recreation Centre, Stock Road & Canning Highway.
MIDVALE	2nd Tuesday, 7.00 pm, 4th Tuesday, 1.30 pm, The Woodworking Centre, 36 Farrell Road Midvale.
MUNDARING	Every Friday, 7.00 pm, Old Parkerville Primary School, Cnr Dura Road & Riley Road Parkerville.
NORTH OF RIVER	4th Tuesday, 7.00 pm, Woodstock, 13 Cressall Road Balcatta.
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7.00 pm, also every Wednesday morning, 10.00 am to 12 noon (hands on), Wandi Community Hall, Lot 33 DeHaer Road, Wandi.
JOONDALUP/WANNEROO	2nd Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Wanneroo High School, Design & Technology Department.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

How time fly's !. Only been in the job three months and as I write this it is almost Christmas.

By the time this is in your hands we will have all moved smoothly into year 2001, despite all those expert (?) predictions/forecasts of widespread problems and total confusion, to occur this time since last years predictions were a dismal failure.

However, let us all be positive in our outlook and look forward to another progressive and successful year.

Since I last wrote this column we have conducted two most successful week- end workshops which were overwhelmingly supported by members attendance. The first being Busselton and the first time that Group has hosted a workshop for ten years – let us hope that the gap will not be so long before we are all assembling down there again. The second was our extremely successful Kalamunda one day Christmas workshop. Once again a great attendance. So much so in fact that it was necessary to make a frantic call to the lunch caterer mid morning to increase the number of meals by another twenty five.

As always, for both events, my sincere thanks to ALL involved for ensuring that they ran so smoothly.

A suggestion presented at Kalamunda was that for December next year we revert to previous years format with a fully catered sit down lunch. This was unanimously DEFEATED in favour of continuing with our current informal but very social and friendly low key activity.

It would be remiss of me to not publicly, on behalf of general membership, thank the trade suppliers who responded to our requests for donations of prizes for presentation to our competition winners. The response was most generous with prizes valued in excess of \$1,350 being received for distribution.

OOP 'S – nearly forgot. Members response for toys, both wood and soft, was also staggering to say the least. The range was extensive and by the time this is in your hands there will be many very delighted and happy children who would have otherwise experienced a bleak festive season. TAKE A BOW ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED BUT DON'T GET TOO COMPLACENT AS THERE IS ALWAYS NEXT YEAR AND IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO GET STARTED. Thanks to Lach Christie for acting as Co-Ordinator for this segment.

My congratulations to all the competition prize and trophy winners. Well done and keep the entries coming in this year as competition is one sure way of improving your skills and results and also makes the other competitors work a little harder. The rivalry is friendly but most beneficial to all. Furthermore participation in judging, when asked, is another avenue for improving your knowledge and you will be amazed at how much you really do know and look for when arriving at your decision.

The new committee has settled into its role very well and handling tasks delegated competently which makes my job quite easy and very satisfying.

Please do not hesitate to contact a Committee member if you wish a matter clarified or wish to make a suggestion for consideration by the collective Committee as to merit and benefit to the Association and general membership. I cannot guarantee that they will be adopted in all cases but will certainly be considered on a collective basis.

Finally a sincere cheerio to any of our members on the sick /indisposed list. Lets hope that it is a temporary hic-up and that you will soon be back with the wood spinning and curly shavings flying.

Les.

From Don Duck

GRINDING WOODTURNING TOOLS

TYPE	SECTION	PLAN	ELEVATION/GRINDING ANGLE	NOTES
ROUGHING GOUGES				SHALLOW AND DEEP FLUTE ROUGHING GOUGES ARE GROUND THE SAME AND DO THE SAME JOB.
SKEW CHISELS				A GOOD RULE OF THUMB TO ACHIEVE THE 25° SHARPENING ANGLE IS: BEVEL = 2xTOOL THICKNESS.
SPINDLE/DETAIL GOUGES				WHEN VIEWED IN ELEVATION IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE TOP EDGE IS SLIGHTLY CONVEX.
BOWL GOUGES				GRINDING ANGLE AND SHAPE VARY ACCORDING TO USAGE.
NARROW AND WIDE PARTING TOOLS				WIDTH VARIES ACCORDING TO USE SOME ARE RENEWED FORMING A DIAMOND SHAPE.
SCRAPERS				ONLY TOOL NOT HONED SHAPED IN PLAN TO SUIT JOB BOTTOM CAN BE RELIEVED TO HELP ACCESS.

John Mason 1625
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When I was making a large bowl, I found that my calipers would not reach far enough to indicate the amount of wood left at the bottom of the bowl.

To get around this problem, take a measurement from the front of the chuck jaws. Hold a ruler from the chuck to a try square which is on the lathe bed. With a marking pen (or whatever) mark off the projected measurements at 7", 8", 9", 10" & 11". (see diagram)

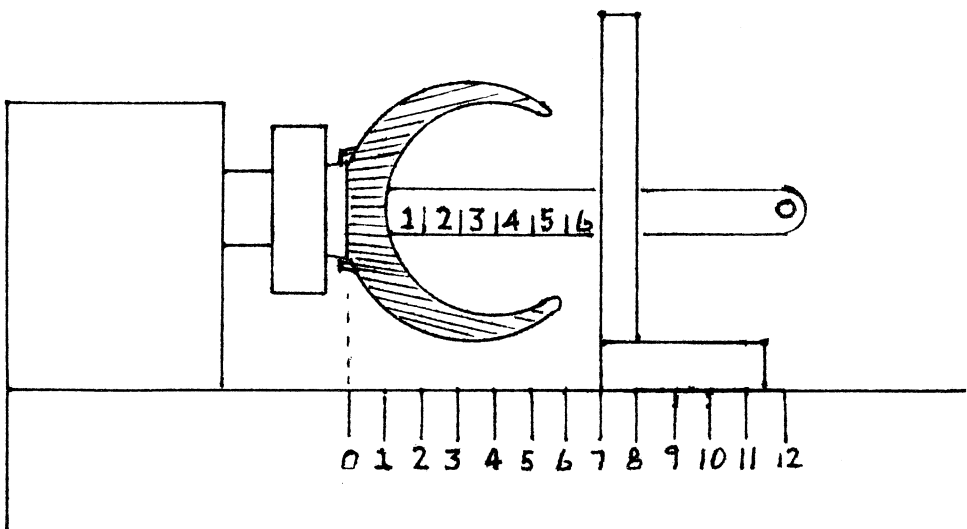
These marks will give you room to move should the tool rest cover the 7" mark (eg).

With the bowl back on the lathe and the hollowing progressing well, all that needs to be done is to measure from a set mark (eg 7") to the centre of the bowl. If you measure 6" you know that there is 1" of wood left before you hit the chuck.

It is simple, easy and very effective.

Graduations on the bed could be:

- 1: Marked on paint on the bed
- 2: Marked on to removable masking tape
- 3: Length of measuring tape glued to the bed. (from wife's sewing box!)



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BUNBURY THOUGHTS !!!

"Lift the handle up—move your body with the tool"
a man's voice said. Then a hand would be placed
firmly over your hand and the tool that you were
learning to use would start cutting correctly and you
would get a thrill at what you were doing.

The voice and the hand was that of John Shinnick,
our fellow group member and master turner.
Such was John's contribution to our group and
WAWA.

Our Bunbury group was indeed fortunate to have had
a man with such talent and experience which he
passed on to us. But it was a two way thing—John
also got a lot back in return.

The joy of seeing the improvement in a members
turning and finishing was his reward and pleasure,
none more so than to have his fellow member and
TAFE student Toni Wilson progress so well as to be
able to assist him, and take on the teaching as his
health deteriorated. Big shoes to fill, but Toni is well
on the way.

With Show & Tell with the new turner and improv-
ing turner he was big on praise and gentle with his
criticism. But the same man was not afraid to rebuke
(have a go at) an accomplished turner who dared to
lower their standards on their turning or finishing.
Such was the measure of the man—John Shinnick
Member No 6.— a friend first and a turner second.
His spirit and example will live on in our group and
WAWA for a long time.

Thanks John and Good bye.

On behalf of the Bunbury Group.

Tom Brixey. Convenor.

Vale. John Shinnick. Member No 6

It is with great sadness we report the passing of John on
December 29th 2000.

President Les Small, Committee Members and all WAWA members
join in extending our deepest sympathy to Kath, daughters Susan and
Diana, and son Andrew and their families.

EULOGY prepared and read by Gerald Young on behalf of The
Woodturners Association.

It was John's wish that someone speak of him as a woodturner and
member of an organization within which he enjoyed much good fel-
lowship and to which he gave a great deal. The Woodturners Asso-
ciation of Western Australia, which he held so dear to his heart, is an
organization of some seven hundred members spread throughout the
southern region of WA, formed fifteen years ago.

However John's interest in woodturning started well before that, in-
deed it was over twenty years ago that he became an active wood-
turner at his home, making many items of decorative and practical
use. It was not long before he acquired a lathe, and taught himself
to use it. By diligent application, which was typical of John's ap-
proach to a task, he gradually built-up his woodturning skills and
began producing a wide range of articles. It is not surprising there-
fore, that when John met Keith McQueen in 1985, a time when there
was a world wide awakening in the craft of woodturning, that they
would have discussed the possibility of forming an Association to
promote the craft in Western Australia. John could not have foreseen
at that time, the spectacular growth of the Association, nor have been
aware of the major role he would play in its development. The or-
ganization that was created grew and blossomed on the principles of
good fellowship and sharing of skills.

John's contribution to this development was truly outstanding.

1. He was a founding member of the Association.
2. He served on its first Management Committee.
3. He served a term as Vice President.
4. He was a founding member of the Bunbury Group.
5. He was the Convenor of the Bunbury Regional Group, and
later also served as its Secretary.
6. Last and most importantly, he was a teacher and demonstrator
of the highest calibre and made valuable contributions to the
Association Newsletter.

In addition to all these official appointments and activities, John's
wide-ranging interest in the Association led him to visit members in
Kalgoorlie, Esperance and Geraldton and in assisting the develop-
ment of woodturning in those regions. In March 1986 John, together
with Kath, had the distinction of being the only member to have
hosted an Association Week-end Workshop at their home. With an
attendance of some eighty people, this was indeed a remarkable
achievement!. John rarely missed attending the Association and
Group meetings at many of which he would demonstrate woodturn-
ing skills.

From time to time he also participated in the "Show & Tell" feature
of the meetings and in the competitions. John's fine personal quali-
ties of kindness and patience, enabled him to share readily the wis-
dom he possessed. He had a natural ability to impart his knowledge
to others with great clarity and to encourage them to develop their
skills and strive for excellence. In recognition of his great contribu-
tion to the Association, John was honoured with life membership
in 1995.

Recently in addition to his association activities, John found time to
teach woodturning at the Bunbury TAFE.

This gave him a great deal of satisfaction and made him many new
friends. John's kindly and helpful nature has touched many people,
who have appreciated his friendship and help over many years.
John will long be remembered with great affection.

WAWA WORKSHOP MEETING FEBRUARY 17/18 2001
Soccerdrome . Parade Road, Bunbury.

The Bunbury Group welcomes all members, partners, friends and visitors to the Bunbury week-end workshop.

Competition item: Off-set article. No Size Limit.

Convenor: Tom Brixey. **Trade supplier: Cross Electrics.**
MC: Ted Norrie.
Safety advisor/First Aid: Mike Kenny.

Members - Plate of goodies please for morning/afternoon tea.

SATURDAY PROGRAM.

8.00am Set up (all hands please.)
8.45am Registration.

9.15am - 9.30am Welcome, Notices and Safety Info.

9.30am - 10.15am 1. Demo of a Demo: **Peter Dessent.**
2. Critique.

10.15am - 10.45am Morning Tea.
10.45am - 11.15am Design part one. **Jeff Kenny.**
11.15am - 12.00pm Gadgets 1. **Bob Sparrow.** Symtec Copy Lathe making juice extractor
2. **Doug Chamberlain/Tom Brixey.** Planer /thicknesser using an electric plane.
3. **Merve Shaw** - Lathe steadier for long work.
4. **Rod Williams** - Sanding Thicknesser on the lathe.

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1.45pm - 2.15pm **Alan France/Mick Hanlon.** The lighter serious side of Safety.
2.15pm - 3.00pm. **Gordon Ward.** Spiral Carving on Natural Edged Goblet.
3.00pm - 3.30pm. **Afternoon tea.**
3.30pm - 4.00pm. **Jeff Kenny.** Design Part 2.

4.00pm - 4.15pm. **President's Forum.**

4.15pm - 5.00pm. **Competition Results, Show & Tell and close.**

Evening Meal. Chicken & Salad + Bun + Cheese Cake + Fruit Tea/Coffee. \$12.00

Evening entertainment. Bingo.

SUNDAY PROGRAM.

9.00am.- 9.30am. **Milton Rundle.** Part 1. Pedestal Design and Assembly.
9.30am - 10.00am. **Tom Brixey.** History of Woodturning.
10.00am- 10.30am. **Morning Tea.**
10.30am- 11.00am. **Milton Rundle.** Part 2. Pedestal.
11.00am- 12.00pm. **Viv Paust.** New Tool.
Margaret Young. Colouring/Marbling.
Bob Sparrow Symtec lathe - Hands on.

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**MELVILLE GROUP ONE DAY WORKSHOP
THE FOURTH WEEKEND, MARCH 28th.**

At Wandi Community Hall. Lot 33 DeHaer Road,
Wandi.

MC: Kevin McCrackan.

Safety Adviser: Mick Hanlon.

Trade Supplier: Southside Woodturning Supplies.

Competition Item. Candlestick to hold 3 candles.

All members a plate of goodies for morn/aft teas.

8.00am. **Set up venue. All Melville Members
please.**

Registration.

8.55am. Welcome and announcements.

9.00am. Demo 1. ~~Joe Hegney.~~ A bedside lamp.

10.00am. **Morning tea.**

Voting for competition commences.

10.30am. Demo 2. **Ron Goodson.** Sharpening
and setting a band saw blade.

10.45am. Laddies: **Lyn Gray:** Punch embroidery.

Ladies: A mini exhibition of your crafts and
interests be held. Would you please bring
along examples of your work for display.

Shirley Munro: will co-ordinate this event.

11.15am Demo 3. **Rob Jones:** Carved feet on a
platter using an Arbortec mini-grinder.

**Noon. Lunch: Sausage Sizzle, catered by
Wandi woodturners.**

1.00pm Demo 4. **Gordon Ward:** Deep hollowing.

Voting finishes.

3.00pm. **Afternoon tea.**

3.30pm. Demo 5. **Alan Smith:** Spherical form
candlestick.

4.15pm. **Show & Tell.**

Competition Results. Alan France.

LETTERS to the Editor.

Having just re-read the Newsletter for OCT/NOV
No 90 and re-read the Letter from Grandma I find
it difficult to understand what must be a misun-
derstanding or ignorance on behalf of the writer
on indeed your self as editor.

The Hawaiian good luck sign is nothing but a
filthy gesture that needs no further explanation
and has no place associated with any form of reli-
gious activity or as part of the newsletter.

Possibly it is my grounding that is out of step with
the norm but I hope the approach to this kind of
purported humour is not condoned by the Wood-
turners Association. Bill O'Meara. No 1572.

BUSSELTON WAWA. W/end Workshop Nov 18/19

A number of members agreed with me that we
were most delighted to have that wonderful feel-
ing of "old again" - that of well being, of togeth-
erness, friendship- a pleased to be there-
Atmosphere!!". It seems to me that those feelings
whilst not missing had been somewhat in decline
of recent times. To President Les, his Committee
and particularly Brian Launer and his Busselton
Crew and all the Demonstrators, the ladies with
their support etc. Thank you so much. It is good
to belong to such a worthwhile Association.
Geoff Barkla. No 116.

I would like to congratulate the Busselton Group
on a very successful and well attended weekend
workshop. It was obvious, that a great deal of
planning, and hard work, had been put into this
event, the program was one of the best we have
seen in a long time, with some of Western Austra-
lia's finest turners taking part. The variety of dem-
onstrations was excellent, from Lace Bobbins, to
Mallee Root turning, and everything in between.
Plus out side activities including Post and Rail
fencing and Burl Carving. The timber that the
group had for sale was also of a very high quality
and reasonably priced, I am sure we will see quite
a few of our competition items turned from this
timber in the months to come. For such an adven-
turous program with so many things happening at
the same time, the program ran surprisingly well,
with no major hitches at all, not even any minor
ones that I can remember. It was good to see
Brian Cross take advantage of the offer to allow
time for our Trade Suppliers to promote their
products. His talk on power tools was very infor-
mative and contributed to the overall success of
the weekend. As usual the ladies did a sterling
job in organizing the morning and afternoon teas.
Lunch was also a pleasant change from the usual
sausage sizzle. I hope none of our members suf-
fered withdrawal symptoms through lack of sau-
sages. The Saturday evening meal at the Espla-
nade Hotel was first class, as was the slide show

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MONTHLY COMPETITION:

NOVEMBER 2000.

Pull - along Toy.

A very pleasing collection of toys which impressed and delighted all present. It was interesting to observe those who couldn't resist "road testing" and found that they rolled, jiggled, wiggled, wobbled. Lumbered, shuffled or rotated. (the entries that is). Voters could take their pick from reptiles, chooks, cats, dogs, steam engines, steamrollers, cars, etc even a flying saucer. Again I thank the Judges, Neil Basden, Geoff Bricknell and Jon Croft for donating their time willingly.

Results:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Beginner:	Allen Hoskins.	**	**
Novice:	Joe Ellis.	Keith Alexander.	Bruce McCormick
Intermediate:	Barrie Leivers.	Frank Werren.	Roy Harris.
Advanced:	Dan Killgallen.	Rex Bungey.	Brian Fowlie.
Master:	Bob Nichols.	Viv Paust.	**
Popular Vote.	Bob Nichols.	Joe Ellis.	Dan Killgallon

DECEMBER 2000.

Best thing turned 2000.

This competition saw both new items and pieces that had been in previous contests this year. And what gems they were! It would not be fair –and also difficult-to single out a few entries for special comment, so suffice to say that the standard of turning would hold up in any company. Well done to all contributors and hopefully you will see fit to enthral us next year with more competition entries. Many thanks to the Judges - Geoff Barkla, Ivor Bridges and Jim Clarke, they performed their task with diligence to arrive at an equitable decision.

Results	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Beginner:	Allen Hoskins.	David Hall.	John Brennen.
Novice:	Steve Horley.	Keith Alexander.	Ken Dixon.
Intermediate:	John Parker.	John Mason.	Jeff Tills.
Advanced:	Don Clarke.	Frank Evans.	Bob Nichols.
Master:	Jack DeVos.	Alan Smith.	Bob Nichols
Popular Vote:	Jack DeVos.	John Mason.	Bob Nichols.

President's Trophy.

All entries in the December 2000 competition are regarded as an open competition - the Judges selecting 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Accordingly.

Results:	1st. Jack DeVos.	2nd. John Parker.	3rd. Don Clarke.
	Alan France.....Competition Co - Ordinator.		

To President Les,

As a visitor to the recent Woodturners Association in Busselton I wish to congratulate the group on their recent event. I live in Busselton and have a lathe and occasionally "have a go". My experience has been that no amount of reading books can teach as does a hands on event like you have just completed. In particular can I compliment Viv on his display and his capacity to involve visitors. I did not get his full name but his tool the "revives" will no doubt be well known. Do any of the woodturners run small workshops as just a few brief minutes with Viv made me realize how productive these may be. Could I also receive information on the group. Once again congratulations on a well run event. Michael Weir

NEWSLETTER. This will be your **last newsletter** if you have not paid your membership fees.

1-8 Km SW JPC (08) 9771-1177

KINGSLEY MOTEL 1 CHOPPING ST

Coming up Week-end workshops

April 21/22. MANJIMUP
May 19/20. MANDURAH

**Keep these dates in
in your diary.**

Kalgoorlie October 6/7th 2001

12.00pm - 1.00pm. Lunch (Sausage Sizzle + Fruit) \$2.50.

1.00pm. Clean up - All Hands Please.

ANNUAL AWARDS AND PRIZES:

A cumulative points contest given to the three leading scorers in each category from January through to November.

RESULTS:	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Beginner.	David Hall.	Allen Hoskins & Ray Epps equal second.	
Novice.	Keith Alexander.	Mick Hanlon.	Max Rutherford.
Intermediate.	John Mason.	Tom Mazey.	Milton Rundle.
Advanced.	Brian Fowlie.	Don Clarke.	Rex Bungey.
Master.	Viv Paust.	Bob Nichols.	Alan Smith.

KEITH STOUT MEMORIAL TROPHY.

All entries in each of the monthly competitions January - November are also regarded as an open competition - the Judges selecting 1st, 2nd and 3rd accordingly and points awarded respectively. After the final competition, points totalled for each competition to determine those with the highest number of cumulative points.

RESULTS: 1st. Viv Paust 2nd. Brian Fowlie. Equal 3rd. John Mason and Alan Smith.

JOONDALUP/WANNEROO NEWS.

The fellowship of this group is very encouraging, all members seem to be looking for more action.

We have recently had a small shopping centre display at Currabine where many compliments were received.

The Wanneroo show, on November 24th and 25th we set up a display and demonstration, however we ended up out of pocket for the site hire and trestles.

Many thanks to Tony Collins for his caravan and annex in which we were able to mount a well lit attractive sales and demo area, yes Peter Hill had his Pole Lathe there in operation. Possible those interested in this lathe may see it operating in November 2001 if we are to conduct the Association week-end meeting as suggested at present.

It appears that our meeting nights this year does not conflict with the holiday cleaning schedule of the premises. All being on the second Wednesday of each month.

Our toy making workshops ended with nearly two hundred toys, Sel Anderson supplying over one hundred of these.

In recognition to 'The City of Wanneroo' for their grant to us earlier we felt it would be nice to donate the toys to various organizations in this area.

Les Taylor. Convenor.

Shopping Centre Exhibition / Sales & Demos. For 2001

Friday March 16 to Sunday 18th. Timber/Working with Wood Show. Claremont Show Grounds.

Thursday May 10th to Sunday 13th. Traditional Craft Spectacular. Claremont Show Grounds.

Monday July 23rd to Saturday 28th. Bull Creek Shopping Centre. South St. Bull Creek.

Friday August 17th to Sunday 19th. WA Woodshow. Claremont Show Grounds.

Monday November 19th to Saturday 24th. Southland Boulevard Shopping Centre. Willetton.

For further information please contact: **John Lillywhite.** Ph. 9399 2359.

Kevin McCrackan. Ph. 9310 1057. (Please remember to give Kevin two weeks notice.)

The passing of Pat O'Connor who was member No 29 aged eighty nine was noted. Pat was a Bunbury Group member, but relinquished his membership as age prevented him from his turning.

Another member to pass away recently was Everett Moody member No 644. Sympathy is extended to both families.

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BUSSELTON GROUP.

Busselton Group held their second week-end workshop on November 18/19th 2000 the first being October 20/21st 1990. Looking back in the Newsletter the format was much the same only more of it.

The competition item back then was a Nut Bowl and Cracker. Brian Launer had the only entry in the open section with the novice going to Ray Batt 1st. Geoff Wood 2nd and Elaine Boyd 3rd. The door prize was won by Gay Barkla. Gay do you remember this ? After a considerable amount of work and organization the week-end finally came upon us. The organizing began twelve months back with the collection and storage of Sheoak timber that was for sale at the week-end. The program was started about mid year. Many thanks go out to the demonstrators: Gordon Ward, Peter Lowe, Tony Milsom, Milton Rundle, Toni Wilson, Bill Botman, Bob Nichols, Viv Paust, Elaine Boyd, Garry Haddon, Gerald Young, Neil Turner, Roy Harris, Bob Malacari, Kevin McCrackan, Jim Clarke, Robert Jones, John Lathwell, Henry Walker and Neil Piper. These men, women and children who gave of their time and expertise helped to make the week-end the success that it was. To the ladies: Marie Lathwell, and her ever faithful helpers a huge thank you, it was most appreciated. Salad rolls and soup ladies, Margaret Milsom, Hetti Lillywhite, Marg Haddon, Lyn Batt, Laleen Broadbent and Judy Wilson, our neighbors Tess Smith and Eve Quinn, also our Niece Jessica Quinn and her friend. For your efforts both days a big thank you. To Kath Basden for help on the door. To our Busselton members Dennis Haddon, Ray Batt, Bruce McCormick, Charlie Broadbent, Shirley Scott, Guss Schwarzbach who all helped to keep the program going smoothly. Thank you. Besides the letters there have been a large number of verbal congratulations on the success of the week-end. Brian Launer.....Convenor.

MANDURAH GROUP.

I hope that you all had a truly wonderful Christmas. Except for the excessive heat, which we all experienced, the festive season was pretty good in Mandurah.

Our season kicked off with our traditional Christmas dinner. This year it was held at the Offshore Fishing Club which was most enjoyable. We had the pleasure of Les and Eve Small as our guests. It was great to have them join us on the night. Naturally, the evening included some awards and prize giving. There was one special award given to Jeff Tills in recognition for the work and dedication he has applied to the Mandurah Group. Extremely well deserved. Other prize winners were, Rolfe Deuss, Alf Prentice, Ian Williamson, John Mason, Bob Todd and Jeff Tills. **Congratulations.** With the Christmas period out of the way, we now come to the New Year (Millennium??) and as usual the School is closed for the duration so we will be having our meetings and demos at Val Pereira's place on January 9th and 23rd. Then it is back to school in February. Thanks Val.

The staff at the Mandurah Senior High School have been wonderfully supportive of the Woodies over the years. For this we thank them very much. However, 2001 will see a change in that the school will become a Junior School. This opens the possibility of a relocation to a different area in the school for us. If (and hopefully, when) this comes to pass, we will see us in a much larger and semi permanent situation. There will be updates on this in future memos. Watch this space.

The weekend workshop at Kalamunda, for our "end of year" do was well represented by the blokes from Mandurah. There were four entries from which we got one first, Steve Horley (novice), two seconds, John Mason (intermediate) and Frank Evans (Advanced), and one third, John Mason (Intermediate). The first place for the intermediate Cumulative Points, equal third in the Open Cumulative Points and second place in the Popular Vote were all won by John Mason. So, once again Mandurah shows that what may be lacking in quantity is certainly making up in quality. Congratulations to all who participated. Now all that we need to do is get really fired up for 2001 !!!!.

Frank Evans in, company with four others, recently attended the Woodturning Master's Class at Dwellingup. The instructors were Gordon Ward, Jack DeVos, Rob Jones and Peter Lowe. Frank described the course as "fantastic" and suggested it go on the "must do" list for anyone keen to greatly improve their turning ability. Except for the time when Frank's lathe stopped and the chuck, with his all but finished bowl, did not....all went very well. An excellent four days of learning.

From the committee and members of the Mandurah Group a wish to each and everyone for an extremely wonderful New Year. Take care.....End Grain.

WANTED TO BUY: A two wheel Band Saw with a fourteen inch throat or better. Also HSS hand tools. Phone Norman Meharg on (08) 9401 4990.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin and Val McCrackan on the occasion of their fifty years of Marriage on December 22nd. A get well for Kevin who has had a stay in hospital.

Having a quiz night ?. I have a lot Questions and answers ready to go. John Mason, 9537 6626

Isn't it interesting that once you pass your driver's license test, you never drive like that again for the rest of your life.

Different Chips” Wood has always held a special fascination for mankind. There are few art mediums in which the viewers comments and interest are so often just concentrated on the material. The average person may not be able to tell the difference between Jarrah and Sheoak but he has an instinctive feeling of warmth for wood and a desire to touch it. Wood carving offers the woodturner the opportunity to enhance his turned pieces with personalized decorative focal points, or create carved and sculptured art from ordinary items that can be transformed into artistic treasures.

In July 1999 a Melville Wood Carving Group was formed by Jack Connoley and Ken Rex with the object of providing basic carving instruction to interested members of the Melville Woodturners Group. The primary purpose was to encourage the embellishment of turned pieces with some form of carving. However other forms of carving may be pursued as the need arises I.e. shallow and deep relief, in the round, sculpture and whittling.

They got started with a few basic tools, with sharpening and honing instruction of both gauges and knives, also the selection of suitable wood to begin with and gain confidence in the use of carving gauges and knives. In the early carving exercises we are seeking to capture the personality of a specific animal, flora or an inanimate object and expect the likeness to vary from carver to carver.

At the December meeting of the Melville Woodturners Group a very excellent display of carved and whittled pieces done by the carvers groups was proof of the progress made by this small band (8 to 9) during the previous eighteen months. It is evident from this display, that the members involved are deriving a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from this new experience.

A pictorial record is being maintained so that each carver can assess his work and the progress he has made. It is gratifying to see the results and to know that these carvers are motivated by that which they have already achieved. Keep it up chippies. Ken.

MANJIMUP NEWS.....More timber for the work shed wall has arrived and three frames are in place December 28th should see the other two up and the door and windows frame ready to install. Thank you to our band of busy workers who have all attended the many busy bees this year.

Our Christmas BBQ was held at the Timber Park on Wednesday December 20th and was well attended. We offer our support to Paddy and Shavda Pemberton and hope things get better in the New Year.

Our branch had obtained a quantity of kiln dried Jarrah, one inch (25mm), one and a half inch (40mm), and two inch (50mm) thick in various lengths up to one point two metres long and in widths from five inches (125mm) to one foot long (300mm). These are prime offcuts and we would like to hear from any branch members interested in purchasing them at a very reasonable rate and help our branch funds at the same time.

We would welcome any members calling in on their travels. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month from 7pm to 9pm.

The festive season is here once again and on behalf of our group may I wish all members the compliments of the season and a Happy New Year. Happy turning !!! Bert Angus.

LIDDELOW HOMESTEAD NEWS.....We held our Christmas party on Thursday December 14th and awards were presented for our monthly competition also “Best Thing” turned for the year 2000.

Monthly competition winners were:

First Prize.... Tom Mazey Second Prize.... Rex Bungey. Third Prize.... Bill Grimditch.

Best Thing Turned for year 2000:

First Prize.... Bill Grimditch Second Prize.... Tom Mazey. Third Prize.... Ian Eagles

I would like to wish all our members a very special Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As they are leaving in the New Year, I would like to thank Derek Pollard for all the help he has given to the club over the past years, on behalf of the Liddelow Group I would like to wish them all the best. John Gillespie. Convenor.

Midvale Mutterings..... I hope you all had a pleasant, if hot Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Midvale Group, to wish all members a happy, prosperous and creative New Year. The last two meetings for the millennium at Midvale yielded a few surprises! Jim McDonnell held a captive audience with a fascinating demonstration on making Christmas tree decorations. Jim is always very instructive explaining everything he does, including one or two carefully choreographed blues. I must say it is always good to have the wrongs and how to recover pointed out. It helps with damage control at home. Just when we thought Jim had shown us all he had to show on this occasion, he pulled out an amazing piece of gear from his toolbox. It was a mini drop saw! It was based on a 12v electric motor, which was originally intended for a XD Falcon! Jim used it to cut slots in a hollow sphere. It worked a treat and because of it's size appeared easy to use. In December Margaret Young departed from the usual style of demo showing us the do's & don'ts of airbrushing. Margaret gave members some pointers on how to set up and maintain an airbrushing system with a shrewd choice of equipment without burning the cheque book. One tip was don't throw out that old fridge without removing a key component! Margaret says airbrushing is good for jazzing up fairly plain wood including pine which is “revolting stuff at the best of times”. The Midvale committee is busy preparing the competition schedule for 2001 (when 2001 Space Odyssey was screened we all thought 2001 was a long way off and now here it is.) and is also reviewing the competition rules to see if they can be improved. We're not promising anything however as there are ups and downs whichever way you look at them! Work is also continuing on the demonstrators training course and at this stage it is planned for late February.

Well that's about it for the post Christmas muttering. Robert Atkins.

Profile of a Turner.....David Devereux.

David's father, Edward Devereux migrated from England to Western Australia in 1911, his fiancé Mabel joined him two years later. They married in Harvey, and subsequently moved around the country areas doing building work wherever available, often living in bell tents.

In the depression they found themselves working a fig orchard at Bullsbrook, growing veggies and chickens for themselves. In 1931 David was welcomed into the family of five brothers and two sisters, what an asset all these children must have been during the process of drying figs for market!. Each fig had to be dipped, then turned many times before packing and selling to small shops and the Boans and Foy's Department stores in Perth when ever this was possible.

David started school at Cottesloe State School and the story goes that he went home at lunch time because they didn't give him anything to do!. Schools in Roleystone and Darwin followed. He with his family were evacuated from there on the State Ship Koolama just before the Japs bombed Darwin. David with his family then settled in Perth at Victoria Park (David going to school there). At this school he and his fellow students collected rubber tyres and anything aluminium for the war effort, also gathering bottles which "The Bottlo" came with his horse and cart to pick them up.

At about twelve years of age, David got a job (after school and on Saturday mornings) at the local grocery store delivering orders, first by bike and then with the horse and cart (stabled across the road)- having a few close calls with the trams running down the centre of Albany Highway and busses on Canning Highway. When war ended the class demolished the school air raid shelter, turning the materials into seats around the playground. David remembers this as being much better than school work !!.

Crabbing and prawning was always fun at the causeway, then taking buckets of them to Perth to sell to the fish shops for three pence a pound. David got some funny looks from the tram conductor at times when he crept onto the back platform with his nets and smelly bait !!. After moving to Kent Street High School it wasn't long before the teacher sent a note home —"put this boy to work as he is doing no good at school". Turning fourteen in September 1945, David started work with his father and brothers in building and renovation, working in various trades (mainly carpentry).

Since returning from Darwin, David attended Perth Baptist Church and here met his future wife, Joy Crofts. Joy was born and had grown up in India where her parents were missionaries for more than thirty years. David bought a block in Bayswater and built the back verandah of their present house.

David and Joy lived there after their marriage on September 13th 1952. They gradually built the rest of the house, being twenty five years before the final cupboards were complete due to the arrivals of five sons, caring for sick parents and working in the country at times. Building trades was always erratic at that time. He worked in a joinery shop as a wood machinist, until after taking a Trade Test he was allowed to join the Carpenters Union.

Later David started subcontracting with his brother Bob. They worked with various builders and, for long spells they were lucky to get three days work per week. After a knee operation David took a formans job, driving two hundred miles a day - Mandurah to North Beach and in the Metro area - then on the phone organizing the tradesmen in the evening. The builder could not understand when he said it was not worth it as he was unable to spend time with his family. The builder thought the good money was all that mattered. In 1975 after a period roofing on his own David started at Fremantle Hospital in the Occupational Therapy Department where he made and fitted ramps and rails in the homes of people disabled through strokes etc. etc., enabling their return home.

David worked at this job for sixteen years; liking the helping aspect very much; sadly, the job got busier and more stressful. In the previous few years he had been doing pottery for relaxation. He dug his own clays and blended them, making pots and firing them in his home - made kerosene kiln.

David had always had a love of wood with the variety of colour and grain so attractive he, over time, built-up a considerable collection. One of his sons bought him an old lathe when he decided to try woodturning.

On joining the Woodturners Association, he went along with his brother Ted to the Melville Group at first, then moved to Midvale being much closer to home.

David found it marvellous the way WAWA woodies shared their knowledge and were generous with advice and encouragement.

He often had late meals because he got so engrossed in the turning, that time meant nothing (many readers will have, no doubt experienced this too). David has found that inside-out turning has held a great fascination so he has concentrated particularly on this aspect and has produced some spectacular turnings. He is also interested in combining turning with carving.

David has served on the Midvale Group committee for a number of years and had done an excellent job as monthly competition organizer.

Despite some misgivings on his part he did a good job, giving an illustrated presentation on his development of inside-out turning, which was much appreciated by those present at Midvale that evening.

David is a quiet achiever who is rather shy—in fact he confessed that he would rather have been turning than telling his life story. Thank you for sharing it with us.



SHAVING FROM THE COMMITTEE:



BUMPER STICKER

A Mandurah member has suggested that the Association should have a "bumper sticker" to promote the Association. The Management Committee has agreed to the suggestion and now invites members to submit "their ideas" for an eye catching "Bumpr Sticker". Proposals should be forwarded to the Secretary before the end of February 2001. Messages should be succinct to attract attention - "Get turned on - turn wood". Beat that !!!!!

FESTIVAL of TREES: Saturday March 31st. 2001.

The Association is a life member of the Men of the Trees, which is conducting the Festival this year. The theme is "Soil, the source of life" and the Association had been invited to participate. Ivor Bridges and John Lathwell have previously demonstrated at similar "Men of the Trees" functions and have offered their services again. Thanks fellas !!

The Festival will be held at the St. Barbe Grove, Cnr Amhurst Road and Stirling Crescent, Hazelmere between 10am and 4pm

The Grove offers areas dedicated to Orchard Trees, Composting, a Mandela Garden, a Carob Grove, Bush Tucker Plants, Herb Gardens and a Tree Nursery of about 250,000 seedlings for winter planting. In addition, there will be keynote speakers on the theme of Soil.

It should be an interesting and informative day for all who attend.

TEKNATOOL LATHE FOR MIDVALE GROUP

Woodmagic - the group which has been operating the woodworking craft shop at Whiteman's Park - has dissolved. The group had been the recipient of a Grant from the Lotteries Commission to assist in the purchase of the lathe, and one of the conditions of the grant was that if wound up the assets of the Group have to go to an Association with similar objectives.

To comply with this condition, the Group offered the lathe to the Woodturners Association for placement at the Midvale Group.

The committee of Management had gratefully accepted the offer and expressed appreciation to the founder members of Woodmagic.

BANDSAW FOR WANDI.

It seems that a Butcher's shop closed down and that there was a bandsaw, (with a 400mm throat, 400mm table cut width) for which there was no further use.

Some members became aware of this and the result is that Wandi have a bandsaw much more suitable to their needs. The cost to the Association was negligible. Thanks to all concerned!

VARIABLE SPEED UNIT - MANDURAH.

The committee of Management has approved Mandurah Group's recommendation to purchase a variable speed unit for considerably less than the \$900 budgeted. The price is a special promotional deal, and the supplier is mindful of the conditions in which the unit will operate and guaranteed its performance. If

you are likely to be in the market for a variable speed unit, check out the Mandurah unit after installation and see what sort of a deal you can negotiate !.

POPULAR VOTE COMPETITION.

The Committee of Management has agreed to a suggestion that a Certificate should be presented to the winner of the monthly "Popular Vote Competition"; (with out casting any aspersions, it seems some recipients are more appreciative of the votes of the general membership than those of the Judges!).

This change will be introduced as from January 2001. The change will also mean that the points earned ie 3, 2, 1, or 1 for the popular vote will be points score of the awards.

DEMONSTRATOR'S COURSE

The skill Development Committee will be conducting a demonstrator's course at Wandi in April 2001. A precursor course will be held in March 2001, to ensure that likely attendees at the demonstrator course have the necessary skills.

One of the building blocks of the Association had been the ability and willingness of the skilled and experienced turners to explain and pass on their skill to others.

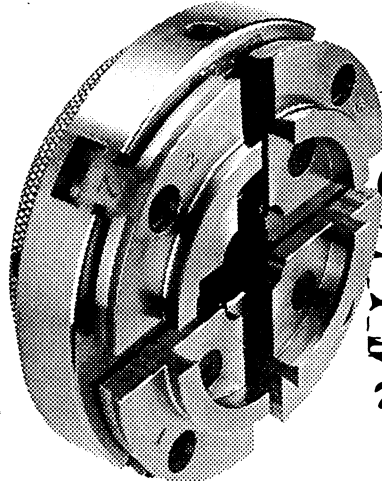
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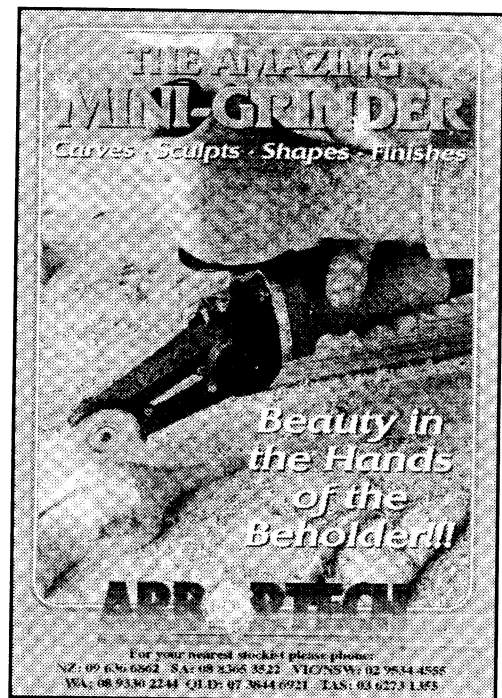
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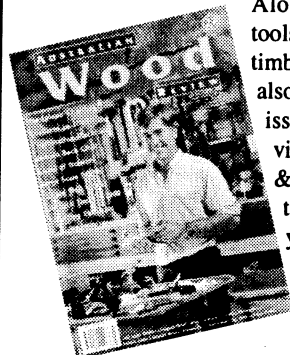
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