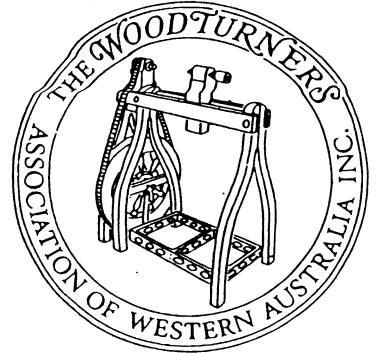


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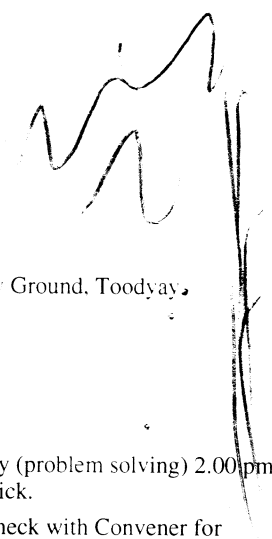
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W.A. W.A. GROUPS MEETING DATES, TIMES AND VENUES

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, Alexander Park Craft House, Clyde Road, Menora.
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7.00 pm, also every Wednesday morning, 9.00 am to 11.00 am or later (hands on), Wandi Community Hall, Lot 33 DeHaer Road Wandi.
JOONDALUP/WANNEROO	2nd Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Wanneroo High School & Technology Department.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

As predicted in my last report the inaugural Manjimup week-end workshop held in April was an outstanding success both as a workshop and social occasion. Attendance and support from members was very gratifying and an excellent and tangible example of the spirit and co-operative attitudes of YOUR ASSOCIATION members. That Group's Convenor, Bert Angus, and its members were impressed with set up/dismantling procedures and the smooth way in which the activity proceeded. They assure me that they learned a lot and are enthusiastic in their wishes to repeat the event in the near future.

Unfortunately ill health prevented me from attending the Mandurah workshop in May but I was reliably informed that it was up to the usual excellent standard, very well organised and run and enjoyed by all.

The June week-end was hosted by the Kenwick Group but held at Wandi. Once again well attended and a good spread of demonstrations with very favorable comments to me from members attending. It is pleasing to receive these favorable comments but please remember that the praise must go to organising group who put in all the effort but with the able guidance of Brian Fowlie our Week-end Workshop Co-Ordinator who puts in a great deal of time to ensure things go well. My heartfelt thanks to Brian for his dedication in these matters.

The Committee of Management continues to meet regularly and constantly has a number of issues under review/consideration. In particular, in response to a request from a member, it has been decided to introduce the facility of a written critique on competition items. However this will only be provided if the member requests it at the time of registration of the entry. The critique will be completed by one of the judges and reflect what the judge sees and be impartial, but constructive, in the comments made. The critique will be provided in a sealed envelope unless the member indicates a wish for open discussion.

Plans are in train to implement a "Collection of Turned Items" to develop a tangible record of the Association's development over the years to reflect the progress in standards achieved by members. Full details are still to be finalised but broadly members will be invited to donate items for the collection with a maximum, at this stage three items from any one individual, and the items will ultimately become the property of the Association. Should members wish to retain custody of the items for the present this will be acceptable. However it is envisaged that at least some of these items could form the nucleus for public display at selected venues, from time to time, to create more public awareness of WAWA's activities and members skills and creativity. More on this as it develops.

It has reached my ears that one of our past presidents, John Croft, is not enjoying good health at present and I am sure that we all extend to him our very best wishes. I am please to see that Truce Botman, Val Peirera and Don Gunn are up and about again.

It is with sadness that I advise the sudden and unexpected passing of Merv Shaw (1474) of Bunbury on the 9th July. While I did not have much personal contact with Merv he was very highly regarded within the Bunbury Group being enthusiastically involved in its activities and a member of that Group's committee. He will be missed greatly. ..I extend condolences to Merv's wife and family on behalf of all members.

By the time this is in your hands September will not be far away and that means our Annual General Meeting. As always there will be vacancies on the Committee of Management for filling. Please give consideration to offering yourselves for service. It is not onerous but rewarding as you will become involved with the running of the Association and contribute to its continued progress and development.

My congratulations to both Jack DeVos and Gordon Ward in each winning first place in separate sections of the National Woodturning Exhibition at Nunawading in Victoria.. Jack was successful in the "Best in the Show - Hollow Vessel Category" and Gordon the "Best Natural Edged Item - Classic Form". The boys from the West are a force not to be overlooked.

That's all for now - Happy turning. Les.

23 slipknots on each cushion cover

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Finding True Success.

At age 4 Success in not peeing in your pants.

At age 12 Success is having friends.

At age 16 Success is having a driver's license.

At age 20 Success is having sex.

At age 35 Success is having money.

At age 50 Success is having money.

At age 60 Success is having sex.

At age 70 Success is having a driver's license.

At age 75 Success is having friends.

At age 80 Success is not peeing in your pants.

Who was it who said what goes round comes round?.

(courtesy Echo Newspaper).

The Woodturners Association of WA.

Are wanting to purchase:

Lathes and equipment.

If you have any for sale please contact.

Alan Smith. Equipment Officer

Phone 9330 4277

**SHOPPING CENTRE EXHIBITIONS
SALES/DEMONSTRATIONS.**

Friday August 17th to Sunday August 19th 2001

The W.A. Woodshow, Claremont Showgrounds
Claremont.

Monday August 27th to Saturday September 1st

North Beach Shopping Centre.
Cnr North Beach Road & West Coast Drive.

Monday Sept. 17th to Saturday Sept. 22nd 2001

Melville Plaza Shopping Centre, Canning Highway,
Melville.

Monday October 22nd to Saturday 24th 2001

Centre Point Shopping Centre, Midland.

Monday Nov. 19th to Saturday Nov. 24th 2001

Southlands Boulevard Shopping Centre
Willetton.

For further information please contact:

John Lillywhite. Phone 9339 2359.

Neil Piper. Phone 9398 2387.

Kevin McCrackan will arrange the rosters.

Please remember to give Kevan two week notice.

Opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the committee of management of The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (inc)

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

1137 Jeff Kenny Harvey. (rejoined)

1844 Mike Coote Lesmurdie.

1845 Mark Hankey Mundairing.

1846 Ivan Banks Australind.

1847 Norm Gratte Mt Pleasant.

1848 Frank Kelly Stoneville.

1849 Richard Baldwin Wellard.

The Bunbury Group with regret, acknowledges the sudden loss of Committee and group member Mervyn Shaw. Although not a long time turner, Merv produced some excellent pieces which take pride in his home.

Merv will be remembered as a hard working, popular, reliable and quiet achieving member of our group.

We extend our sympathy to Margaret and family.

Goodbye Merv and thank you so much.

W.A.W.A. WORKSHOP MEETING WEEKEND AUGUST 11th & 12th

PLEASE NOTE DATE.

HOST GROUP - AVON VALLEY

TOODYAY SHIRE HALL, STIRLING TERRACE TOODYAY.

COMPETITION ITEM - CUP AND SAUCER - REGULAR SIZE.

Convenor and Safety Officer: Terry Rolfe.
M.C.: Bob Adams.
Hosts: Members of Avon Valley Group.

Programme - Saturday.

8.00am Set up venue - Registration.
9.00. Welcome and Announcements.
9.15. **Alan Smith.** Drilling Jigs.
10.15 Morning tea. Members, a plate of goodies please.
10.45 **Joe Hegney.** Turning a child's chair.

Alternative Programme Karen Wolfe. (Ladies) Embroidered Buttons.

12.00 Lunch. - Hot Meat Rolls supplied by courtesy of Toodyay Race Club. \$3.50.

1.00pm **Bob Webb.** His choice.

Alternative Programme. Bus Tour \$2.00.

2.00 **John Mason.** Production Bowls.
3.00. Afternoon Tea.
3.30. **Roy Lundy.** Small clocks.
4.30. **President's Report /Forum - Show and Tell and Competition Results.**
6.30. **Dinner - Roast Beef & Vegetables, Apple Crumble & Ice Cream.** \$10.00.
7.30. **Bingo.**

Programme - Sunday.

9.00am Welcome and Announcements.
9.15. **Tim Emmot** (from Greening Australia) Talk on Trees.
10.00 Morning Tea.
10.30. **Alan Richelieu.** Segmented turning..
12.00. **Lunch. NOTE: available at Toodyay Bakery.**
1.00. **Clean up and load trailers - all hands to help, please.**

Accommodation.

Caravan Parks. Toodyay Caravan Park
Broadgrounds Caravan Park. Avonbanks
Racecourse Road. Lot 24 Railway Road.
-
Hoddywell Archery Park.
330 Clackline Road.

Hotels/Motels

Victoria Hotel
Stirling Terrace, Toodyay.
-
Freemasons Hotel
Stirling Terrace,
Toodyay.

WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION of WA (INC)

**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15th 2001 at 1pm.**

**VENUE: THE WANDI COMMUNITY HALL
LOT 33 DeHAER ROAD, WANDI**

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the 2000 Annual General Meeting.
3. President's Report.
4. Presentation of any Life Membership.
5. Treasure's Report.
6. Auditors Report.
7. Appointment of Auditor for 2001/2002.
8. Returning Officer:
 - a. Declaration of Election of President and Committee of Management.
 - b. appointment 2001/2002.
9. Determination of Nomination Fee for year ended September AGM 2002.
10. Determination of Membership Fee for year ended September AGM 2002.
11. General Business. (other than that required in accordance with clause 32 of the Constitution.)

FOR SALE. *LIFESTYLE WITH INCOME.*

CRAFTY CREATIONS WOODCRAFT, CRAFT & GIFTWARE GALLERY.

Is being offered for sale as a 5-5 year leasehold or freehold ongoing business. Trading for the past 16 years and would suit woodworker/craftsperson, promoting West Australian Crafted Items.

Located 3 hours drive from Perth and all major South West towns, Nannup offers a great life style in a growing tourist industry. Also being offered for sale is a 6.25 acre block of land with solar passive rammed earth house. 4 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, dining, spa bathroom, 2 toilets, laundry, walk-in robes and pantry. Large 55 sq. meter atrium/games room with water falls, gardens with paw-paw, bananas, pineapples, ferns and raised jarrah flooring. Irrigation to all points of block from bore and pressure tank with excellent water supply. Fruit trees and native trees planted and state forest at back boundary. Short distance to Blackwood river and five minutes from town centre.

Further information available from owner. Ph 9756 1072.

**WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION of
WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)**

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2001/2002.

The election of Office Bearers of The Association will be held at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in conjunction with the Association's Weekend Workshop which will be held at Wandi on Saturday September 15th. 2001. At 1pm.

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

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

PRESIDENT: Les Small.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Brian Fowlie.
Brian Parker.
Alan Smith.
Rex Bungey.
Malcolm Munro.

The term of office for President is one year.

The term of office of Committee members is two years.

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

Please use the nomination form provided and post or deliver to the Returning Officer:

MR MAX HAYLES, 34 HANNABY STREET,
DIANELLA. WA. 6059.

NOT LATER THAN 5pm AUGUST 31st 2001.

More nomination forms will be available from either Max Hayles or:

The Secretary, Shirley Munro, 4 Highroyd Street,
Menora. WA 6050. Ph.9271 9503.

WOODTURNING IN THE LIBRARY!

On Saturday June 2nd three members of our Assoc. made a presentation on Woodturning to an audience at the Kelmscott Library.

The event took place at the request of the Liberian Veronica Antulov to Geoff Barkla on his YELLOW PAGES number.

It resulted in Gordon Ward, Jack DeVos and Gerald Young spending some twenty minutes each describing Woodturning, its scope, history and current development.

A mini lathe, tools and examples of each turner's work was available for examination and discussion, together with books on woodturning and information on the Association and other sources of tuition. Barry Lievers videoed the event, which may provide some material for an association Promotion Video eventually.

MONTHLY COMPETITIONS.

EMBELLISHED BOWL

MAY 2001.

I am sure you were all as delighted as I was to view the many results of innovation and painstaking effort in producing this month's gems.

Steve Mutsaers must surely have spent hours assembling all those pieces for an unusual effect on his item, and Gordon Davies achieved an eye-catching embellishment by tediously wire-brushing his Cape Lilac entry. How about the beautiful Wandoo Burl entry from Max Rutherford.

As always, I thank the three Judges - Keith Byfield, Roy Harris and Val Perira for their time in assessing the entries.

Results.	1st	2nd.	3rd.
Beginner:	Gordon Davies.	Bill Benbow.	**
Novice:	Barry Robins.	Max Rutherford.	Mick Hanlon.
Intermediate:	John Parker.	Lach Christie.	Jack Pallas
Advanced:	Son Clarke.	Bob Malacari.	Rex Bungey.
Master:	Ken Rex.	Neil Piper.	**
Popular Vote:	John Parker.	Don Clarke.	Rex Bungey.

JUNE 2001.

KITCHEN SET.

Quite a nice variety of timbers were used in this month's competition, including some outstanding pieces made from beautifully grained olive. Rolling pins were a popular choice with some pieces designed to produce pastry to a fixed thickness. Don Clarke went one better in this regard - fit one set of gauge rings for thin pastry or exchange them for two other rings for thicker pastry!

Thanks judges - Don Gunn, Malcolm Munro and Jim Waters for your part in the proceedings. Much appreciated.

Richard Leggo, John Parker and Don Clarke have each recorded three wins in their division and therefore move to intermediate, Advanced and Master categories respectively.

Results.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Beginner:	Lynette Grey	**	**
Novice:	Richard Leggo.	Max Rutherford.	Kevin Halliday.
Intermediate:	John Parker.	Milton Rundle.	Roy Harris.
Advanced:	Don Clarke.	Frank Evans.	Rex Bungey.
Master:	Ken Rex.	Neil Piper.	**
Popular Vote:	Don Clarke.	Bob Todd.	Neil Piper.

Alan France... Competition Co-Ordinator.

MULCHNET.....WWW.MULCHNET.COM

We have received a communication from Mr Tim Lawrence who, as a free service, has set up a web site which will give advance warning of trees that are to be removed by various contractors. The web site will advise of the species, location, approximate date and contact numbers. All arrangements will be between those wanting the timber and the owner and/or the contractor, ie, Mulchnet will supply the information only and has no further responsibility. Further to the above, as I mentioned at Wandi, the establishment of a Wood Bank would be an obvious follow on. There are many members who have no room to store large amounts of wood. Therefore, I have offered part of my property, about 4 acres, that could be used to store large amounts of timber that will then be available for future use. This would be a great advantage in the case of rare, unusual and desired timbers. Recently, a Carob was lost to the mulching machine. Although I am near Mandurah, the Freeway will be open to Safety Bay Road as of the end of June, so the trip from Perth will be much easier. As wood will become harder to locate and certainly more expensive, I am of the opinion that this is an opportunity not to be missed. This will require some effort on the part of the individual or Group but in the long term, it will be worth it. Obviously, conditions will apply to the storage, but any one interested can contact me, John Mason Phone 9537 6626.

**THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2001/2002**

NOMINATION FORM

I _____ Membership No. _____
(Nominating members name)

wish to nominate

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

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

_____ at the election to be held on the 15th September 2001

_____ (Signature of Nominating Member.) Date: ____ / ____ / 2001.

I second the nomination.

_____ (Signature of the Seconder.) Date: ____ / ____ / 2001

Name of Seconder _____ Membership No. _____

I accept the nomination and agree to serve if elected.

_____ (Signature of proposed Office Bearer).

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

NOMINATIONS CLOSE WITH THE RETURNING OFFICER on or before 5pm, 31st AUG, 2001

Returning Officer: Mr Max HAYLES 34 Hannaby Street Dianella WA 6059

Aluminium is easy to work. It can be cut on your band saw and turned on your wood lathe with your woodturning tools. It is a very good conductor of heat. It accepts hot melt glue readily. These properties make it a great companion for the woodturner.

Jack Cox, in his book "Beyond Basic Turning", uses an aluminium plate as in Fig 1 that can be gripped in a Nova chuck or similar. The plate needs to be heated - a good heat source is an upturned clothes iron supported in a wooden frame - and hot melt glue applied. The heated plate can be handled with simple tongs made with a piece of wire bent into a U shape.

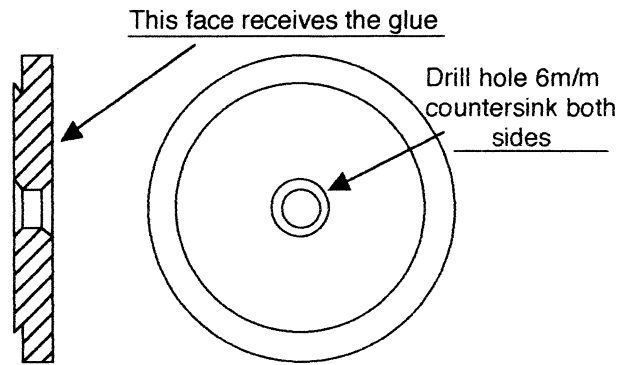


Fig 1. Small aluminium plate

One application for the plate would be to turn the outside shape of a bowl, finish it completely and, while still on the lathe, glue the plate to the base - using the tailstock centre to locate and clamp it until it cools down - see Fig 2.

The bowl can then be remounted for the inside to be shaped, sanded and finished.

To remove the aluminium from the bowl, return it to the heat source.

There will be some glue left on the bowl foot. It is easily dissolved by standing the article in a shallow bath of either mineral turps or lacquer thinners.

Note 1. The wood can be green or dry, have any finish including oil or wax - but it is essential to have a close fit between wood and aluminium. The residual heat in the aluminium overcomes the chill factor of initial contact, keeping the glue soft until an accurate, secure bond is established.

Note 2. When cleansing off the residual glue, choose the solvent that will least affect your finish. Turps is a slower solvent than thinners, but will not dissolve varnish, laquer or shellac. Thinners will damage varnish and lacquer. Both affect oils and waxes which can easily be re - applied after the solvent dries out.

Note 3. The glue does not need to be applied to the whole face of the aluminium disc - the outer one quarter is the main area.

Note 4. The amount of heat required is until the glue takes on a glazed appearance; any longer makes the glue too fluid and starts to reduce its quality. It also unnecessarily prolongs the cooling process.

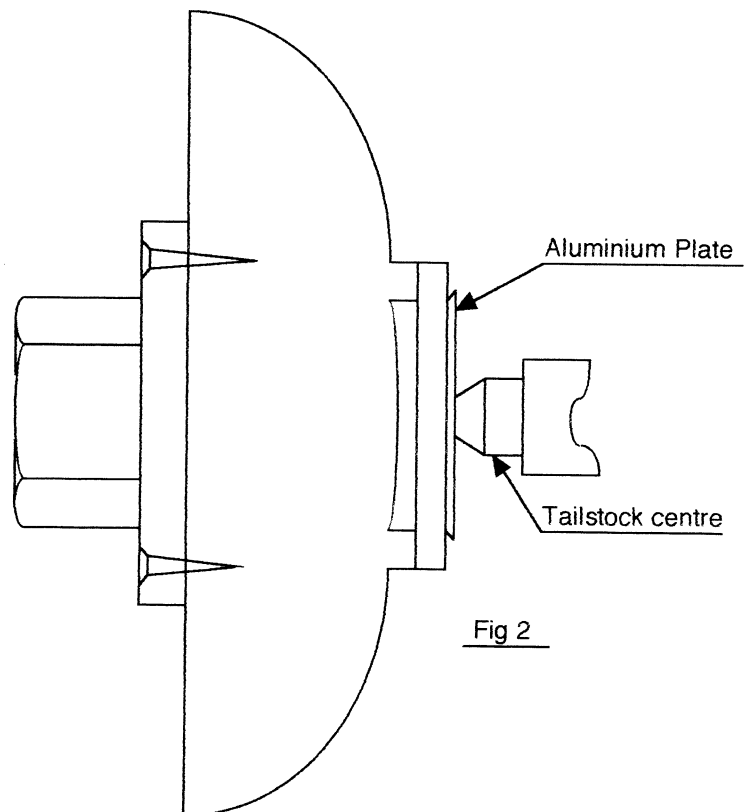
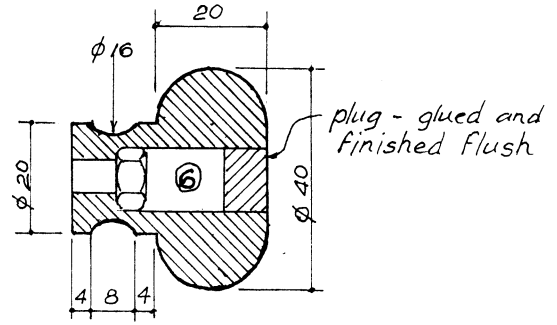
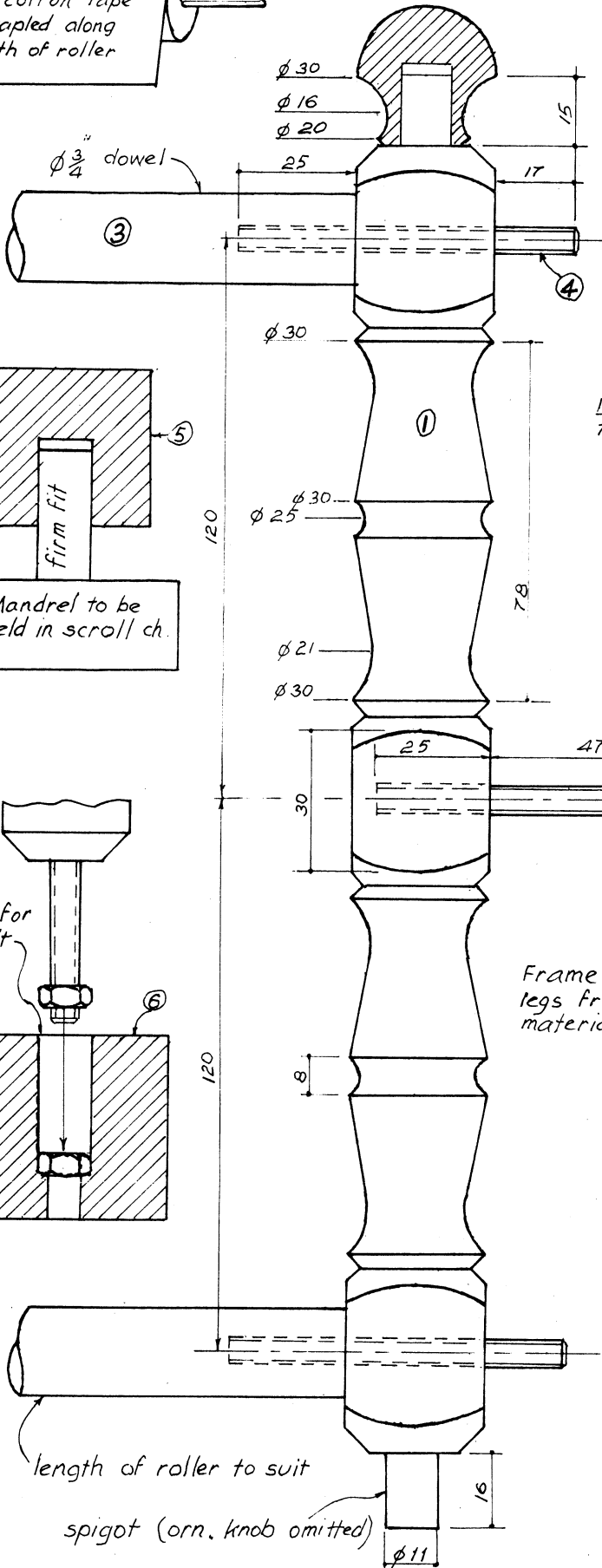
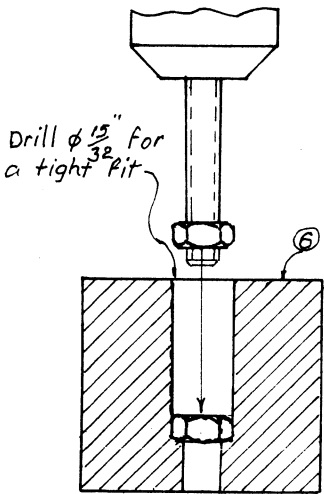
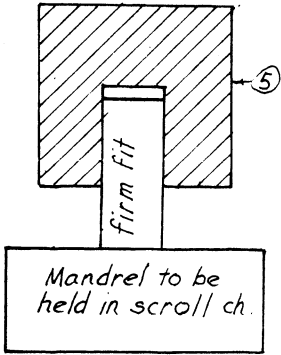


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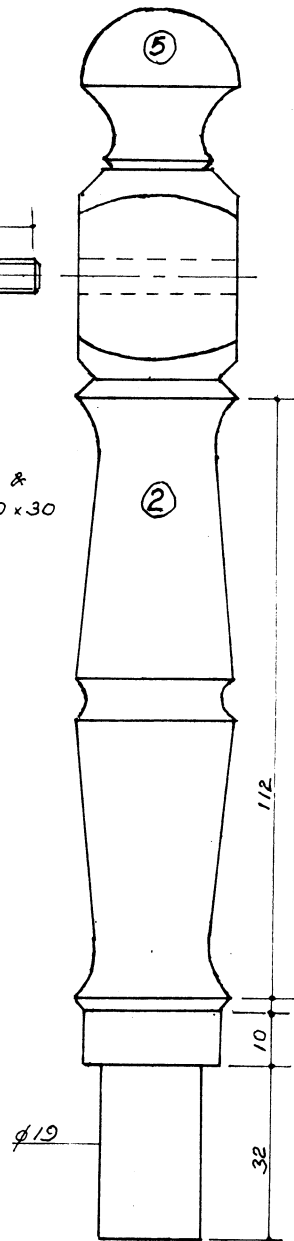
1" cotton tape stapled along length of roller



Note item ④: drill $\phi \frac{7}{32}$ hole 25 deep to insert 75 m.m. gutter bolt or threaded rod securely. Cut off bolt head to leave 47 to project.



Frame sides & legs from 30x30 material



① Frame sides	2 off
② Legs	2 "
③ Rollers	2 "
④ Screws ($\frac{1}{4}$ b.s.w.)	6 "
⑤ Ornamental knobs	6 "
⑥ Clamping knobs	6 "

future extensions to be added if desired

WAWA OCTOBER COMPETITION — TAPESTRY FRAME

VISITING TURNER.....from New Zealand.

Graeme Priddle - Studio Woodturner

Graeme Priddle, one of New Zealand's top woodturners will be visiting WA in October 2001. As an Association, we want to take this opportunity to use Graeme's services as a demonstrator, in a series of workshops and demonstrations around the state. Dates, locations and costs will be forwarded to each group, in the near future.

Graeme started woodturning in 1990, after working as a radio technician, for N.Z. Telecom. He quickly became a leading light amongst the woodturning fraternity. He had won numerous awards in National and International exhibitions, and is very much in demand as a demonstrator both at home and overseas.

He has demonstrated at the Working with Wood shows, in Perth, Brisbane and Sydney.

Graeme was awarded a creative New Zealand Grant in 1996 to attend both the American Assn. of Woodturners Annual Conference in Greenboro North Carolina and the Emma Lake Collaboration Conference, Saskatchewan, Canada.

In 2000 he was invited to demonstrate at the "Artistic Woodturning Worldwide 2000" Conference, in Puy-St-Martin in France. Also the same year he was invited to the International Turning Exchange in Philadelphia, including attendance at the Emma Lake Collaboration Conference in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Graeme is a very active member of the National Association of Woodturners in New Zealand Inc. and has been on the Management Committee since 1997 and is on his third two year term.

In 1998 Graeme established "Collaboration NZ" as a charitable trust, to promote, and organise collaborative events in NZ, the first of these events was held in 1999 and proved to be so successful, that a second event was held in March 2001, this proved to be even more successful than the first event, with many attendees coming from overseas.

As you can see Graeme is a very resourceful woodturner, and very much in demand.

I hope we can rely on your support, in attending these events.

Enquiries to: Viv Paust. Ph 9576 1439

JOONDALUP-WANNEROO GROUP.

We anticipate that our storage shed will be in use by our next meeting, we recently had a working bee at Timber West of Wangara breaking down large packing cases and then were able to use their thickener to dress the timber for toy making. There was a variety of sizes which will make toy making easier. Our member Sel Anderson is a very enthusiastic toy maker and at present we have a display in the Wanneroo Shopping Centre with most of the toys being made by Sel. We meet at the High School on the first Monday each month at 1.30pm to make toys.

Storage of completed toys is still a problem as the new storage shed is not big enough. The pad was put down for the shed and during the night vandals backed their vehicle on to it and spun the wheels making a further delay.

We had hoped to finalise the purchase of a new Vicmark Lathe at the last Committee Meeting but were unsuccessful. We are still working on it, but have to do so before June 30th when an 8% price rise will put it out of our reach.

Late news:- the storage of our toys has been resolved and it will allow toys to be stored ready for later.

WANDI WAFFLES:

A few weeks ago, we were lucky to have one of the Association's top woodturners attend our meeting to give us a demonstration on turning a wooden box. All went well with the demonstration right up to the crucial moment of parting off the base of the box. Every precaution had been taken, the measurement had been checked, and double - checked.

The cut was started, and after a very short time the base of the box flew off the lathe, and on to the floor. The cut had gone in to the cavity of the box, due to a slight miss - calculation. Just goes to show, even the best of us make mistakes, and that, when they do happen, they more often than not happen in front of an audience.

I won't say who our demonstrator was, all I will say it was NOT Gordon Ward.

The Group was invited to take part in the Wai-kiki Village Shopping Centre Community Weekend on June 3rd and 4th.

We had an excellent display of work on offer, and sales throughout the weekend were very good.

Another aspect of that weekend was that we attracted a number of new members to our group and hence to the Association.

W.A.W.A.'S Involvement in East Timor.

I wish to express my appreciation to groups and individuals for their contributions to the East Timor Aid Project.

So often we feel helpless when we see suffering on such a large scale.

In this case, however, we were given an opportunity to act - and the response was marvellous. We have provided hundreds of tools for agriculture and building, together with a great deal of clothing, bedding, household and building materials.

W.A.W.A.'s involvement is now scaled, but I am still willing to be your contact should you locate useful items.

Once again, thankyou. Viv Paust.

I would like to sincerely thank all contributors to the Newsletter during my time as your Editor. I would also hope you will support John Mason, your new Editor in the same way. Many thanks. *Nancy Launer.*

Memo from Mandurah

Dateline...Monday, May 21st. Here I am, nursing tired legs and reflecting on another successful Weekend Workshop. On the Saturday we had upwards of two hundred members, partners and visitors and when one considers the conflicting events in Mandurah on that weekend, it is not a bad result. Our thanks to all of the members and especially to the ladies who (as usual) work tirelessly to make these days a success. The demonstrations were popular, interesting and varied. However, this aspect was not without a bit of drama. Of the original eight demonstrators only four made it to the lathe due to a variety of illnesses and commitments. Nevertheless I thank them for their initial acceptance. These things happen.

Many thanks to the demonstrators who filled in at short notice, Rob, Jack, Steve and Viv. Congratulations to Steve Horley whose demo was truly excellent and it being his first makes it all the more commendable. I think he will be on the Most Wanted List for some time. Now that it is out of the way, what is next ?. Setting up at the school, a couple of outside demos, other workshops and then we will be up to AGM time in August. I am sure that this is just to keep us off the streets. A group of us went to Baldvis where there was a fallen Jarrah of reasonable size. We demolished it but it was all firewood, as it had cracks and splits through out. You can't win them all. We saved the day with a bit of Almond and Olive and every one was happy, as it should be. On a sadder note, August will see the final issue of the Mandurah Newsletter. This is due to a number of factors, printing and postage costs, the time in preparing them for dispatch, the lack of input and the physical condition of our Editor. The most sincere thanks from me and the members to the people who worked so very hard to get the newsletter out, the Editor, Val Pereira (aka "Curly Jarrah), Frank Evans, Jeff and Marjorie Tills. Also a big thank you to Peter at Southside Woodturning who has sponsored the newsletter for quite some time. It will be missed, but events and circumstances change and we must move on. Perhaps it will be resurrected in the future, but until then read all the Mandurah comings and goings in these pages.

To all on the sick list, get well soon we need you. Until next time, Take Care !!. (And thank you Mr Forstener for your bit) "End Grain".

MELVILLE NEWS.

For sometime now the Melville Group have been preoccupied with the threat that they may be about to lose the workshop they currently occupy at the Melville Recreation Centre. It is pleasing to be able to report that the Melville Council have confirmed through their officers that this threat has disappeared. The good outcome is the result of work done by the Melville Group Committee lead by Neville Chamberlain and assistance provided by the WAWA President, Les Small. Congratulations and thanks are due to all .

The classes run by the Melville Group are also to continue for the time being and the current band of tutors' contribution to the group is appreciated by all. The Wednesday morning group continues to be very popular averaging an attendance of 30/40 . Among interesting demonstrations given to this group were:- Ken Rex deep hollowing, Alan Smith side and angled boring , Alan France ultra thin turning the safer way and Mick Hanlon discussed the planning that went into the making of his jewel box for the recent WAWA competition. All were well received by the group and our thanks are due to all who

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take the time to demonstrate their skills to us.

Attendance at our monthly evening meetings has continued to decline despite some excellent demonstrations, some of the fall can be attributed to some of our older members being unable to attend because of commitments at home, but not all have this excuse so come on fellows give the meetings your support. Among recent demo's were :- Neil Piper ship's wheel, Ron Eddy bowl with rolled rim and Bill Botman articulated toys we could all copy for the Xmas Appeal. The presentations were all of the high standard we have come to expect of the members concerned, particularly as some were last minute replacements for demonstrators who had pulled out for one reason or another.

Members on the sick list include:-

Jack Connelly, Merve Thomas and Bert McDonagh.

We wish them all a speedy recovery.

It was good to see Brian Sanders at our last Wednesday morning meeting after his spell in hospital. Don Gunn.

Midvale Mutterings.

Jim Clarke has taken over the role of Midvale Convenor with the departure of Eric Walker on his trip to England. I would like to thank Eric for his great contribution to the Midvale group and to the Association generally.

Improvements have been made to our demonstrating set up. The rather large podium has been cut down to size to make it easier and safer to move around.

The lathe has been fitted with a new safety screen and switched to WAWA standards.

Our thanks go to those members who did the work.

In May Big Jim had to step into the demonstration at the last minute as Jim Clarke had taken ill.

Every one especially Eric appreciated Jim's rapid response to the circumstance.

Jim gave one of his intriguing performances with the audience not certain what was going to happen next.

He started of by waffling about egg cups, goblets and scoops all being basically the same thing then proceeded to turn a large goblet which after reversing it, turned the foot right off, then put in on the bandsaw and converted it to a scoop. Thus proving the point that they are basically the same turning techniques with minor variations.

June saw the return of Robert Jones, always a popular visitor. Robert started off by announcing that watching deep hollowing was boring so he was not going to complete anything. Instead he demonstrated a range of hollowing tools to see what they could do in different conditions.

Robert spent a lot of time explaining how each tool worked and the pros and cons of each of a range of techniques and timbers. It was a really interesting demonstration and I am sure deep hollowing enthusiasts learnt a lot. The May competition was a little disappointing with only four entries, however the pieces were well done.

June saw some improvement in numbers with two or three entries in each class. Again the standard was high. Robert Jones provided the critique placing an emphasis on the figure of the wood and how it can enhance the piece. Robert Aitkins.

Profile of a Turner.....Toni Wilson

Toni writes,

I was born in Midland, Western Australia on April 2nd. (almost a fool but not quite) I was the last of four girls born to my parents who wanted a son, so they decided that whether I was a boy or a girl I was going to be called Toni.

Little did they know how well they named me as I grew up to be a bit of a "tom boy".

My father was in the RAAF and over the years was posted to Hong Kong on three occasions, therefore I was raised and educated between Australia and Hong Kong. I started school at four in Hong Kong and educated by the British Army.

I'm told I still carry the accent of my British education.

As a child I was fascinated and obviously influenced by the Chinese craftsmen sitting in the streets making and hand carving Camphor Wood boxes and Rosewood statues.

We returned to Australia when I was seven where I found school extremely boring as I had already done the work and was left at the back of the class to fend for myself. That was fine until it was time to return to Hong Kong again at age nine where I had to work extremely hard to catch up to the other students.

I started high school twice, once in Hong Kong aged eleven where I attended St Georges School and then again when I returned where I attended Hampton High School in Morley. WA.

Those were the days where girls did cooking, Sewing and Art and boys did Technical Drawing, Woodwork and Metal work. As my interest already lay in design, woodwork and mechanics I asked to do Technical Drawing, Woodwork and Metal work.

I had to fight to be allowed to do the Technical drawing but was definitely told a girls place was not in the Metal work or Wood work room. This probably contributes to my determination to do it as I don't like being told I can't do something. (Just for the record I kick butt and beat all the boys with my results in Technical Drawing and failed Domestic Science miserly...I still can't cook but must admit that my sewing skills did improve and I eventually taught sewing at Tafe in Exmouth).

I must add credit to my Dad here, who put up with me following behind him in his workshop using his tools and generally making a nuisance of myself. At no time did my Parents ever tell me I couldn't do something because of my gender. I always loved working with wood and dreamed as a child of having my own tool kit...that dream has sure come true.

When I finished High School I wanted to study Cartography but once again was told that females were not suitable for that career. I would love to see them try to say that now!. So my second choice was Architectural Drawing which I studied at Leederville Technical College. It was the first year females were accepted into the course.

We were then posted back to Hong Kong again where I found it very difficult to find work in my field as they kept expecting a male Tony to show up at interviews. I eventually worked for Spence, Robinson Architects where I was the only female again.

Upon my return to Perth WA I continued with drafting, working for Fremantle Port Authority, State Electricity Commission, Perth City Council and Cameron, Chisholm and Nichols Architects, while doing my Woodwork on the side.

I then met my husband Ross who is a member of the WA Police Service and so I continued my life of constantly moving around.

We have lived in Bunbury, Southern Cross, Exmouth, Karratha and back to Bunbury. I put my career aside to raise our family of five children, three boys and two girls, one of whom is now a cabinet maker and one a horticulturist. We also took the children around Australia in a caravan during Ross's and long service leave. On our third trip in 1988 whilst we were heading towards Expo in Queensland, we stopped off at a place called Gympie. They had a woodwork show where I came across my first demonstrator on a lathe. I was fascinated and obviously asked too many questions because the next thing I knew I was behind the lathe turning a piece of Camphor Laurel into a vase, which I still have today. The demonstrator was George Wroe of Maryborough, Queensland. His parting comment was "I'll see you turning in a few years time". Unfortunately, it took me another ten years before I found time to touch a lathe again. I wish I hadn't had to wait so long.

I had my first real lesson with John Shinnick in October 1998 and he talked me into joining the Bunbury Group of the Woodturners Association and also joining his Woodturning Class at Bunbury Tafe, where I continued to do Woodturning 1, 2 and 3.

I give credit to my ease and speed of learning to John Shinnick and all the friends, demonstrators and turners of the Association who together, are still teaching me to turn. Indeed WAWA has had a great influence on me and had enabled me to meet so many helpful and sharing friends. I also feel that the competitions at the weekend workshops were great learning experience and I encourage every one to enter them.

Some of my proudest moments apart from my children, was wining the "Best Item Turned" in 1999 as a novice.

Also being invited to demonstrate at the WA Wood Show representing "Women in Wood" in August 2000.

With John's deteriorating health, I assisted him with his teaching at Tafe and eventually took over when he could no longer do it.

I find great joy and comfort in continuing with his lessons still.

I am now treasurer of the Bunbury Group and look forward to many more years of turning.



SHAVINGS FROM THE COMMITTEE.

COLLECTION OF TURNED ITEMS.

This matter has been under consideration for some time, and the Committee has now resolved to acquire and establish a juried collection of significant items crafted by members and past members of the Association.

The collection is to be the "showcase" of the world class work produced by some of our members, and the collection or part thereof will be exhibited on appropriate occasions.

Initially, the collection will be managed and stored by Viv Paust and the Committee is to appoint a jury of three who shall adjudicate upon the items offered for the collection.

Forms detailing the information required on the items offered for donation are available from Viv Paust and any one wishing to serve on the jury should contact the President, Les Small.
Phone. 9364 6143.

DON'T TURN OFF TURN WOOD!.

With the last Newsletter, all members received one bumper sticker showing the above message.

It is hoped that these will attract some enquiry from people interested in wood turning and join us in the craft we all enjoy.

Additional stickers in limited numbers, are available at the Reception Desk at week end workshops at the cost of fifty cents each.

WOOD FOR TURNERS.

Tim Lawrence, through his web site <www.mulchnet.com> has offered members advance warning of interesting trees to be felled.

The page will include **Species of tree - location (suburb or town) approximate date of felling and contact person and phone number.**

Interested members with the technology should e-mail Tim on tim@mulchnet.com and he will put them on an advance warning e-mail list.

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Members who may have a storage problem for wood should contact John Mason on Phone 9537 6626. John has 4 acres at his home at South Yunderup and has generously offered, on certain conditions, to allow this area to be use by members as a WOODBANK. Interested members contact John direct.

CRITIQUE - MONTHLY COMPETITIONS.

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Entrants who wish to accept this invitation are required to signify their wish *when lodging their entry.*

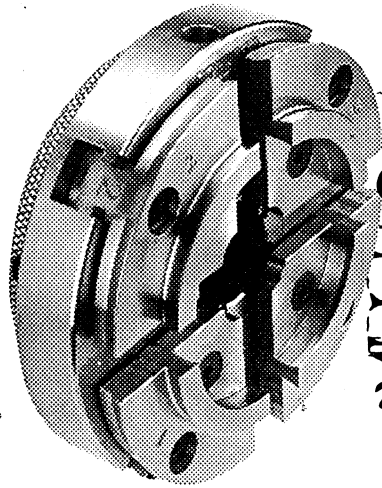
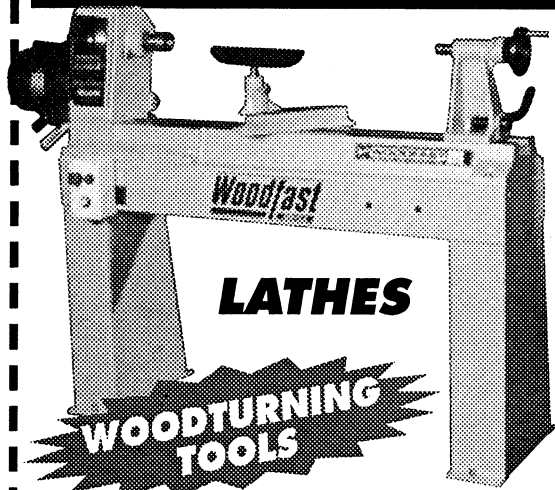
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