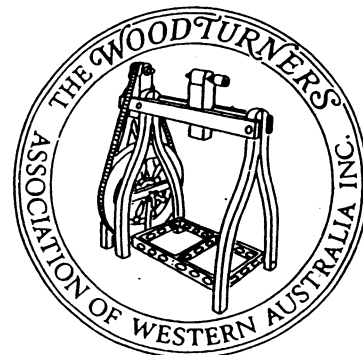


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BUNBURY	1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Cathedral Grammar School, Gelorup. 9279 2221.
BUSSELTON	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Busselton High School. 9752 2111.
CENTRAL/SOUTHERN	2nd & 4th Wednesday, Brookton District High School. 9642 1167.
COLLIE	Last Sunday in each month, 9.15 to 4.00 pm, various home work shops. 9734 1670.
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. 9398 1396.
MANDURAH	Every second Tuesday, 3.00 pm, Mandurah High School, Gibla Street Mandurah. Check with Convener for locations during school holidays. 9535 2755.
MANJIMUP	2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, at "The Shed" Timber Park, Manjimup. 9771 1085.
MELVILLE	4th Thursday, 7.15pm, Wednesday mornings wood carving, 8.00 am, Melville Recreation Centre, Stock Road & Canning Highway. 9330 5714.
MIDVALE	2nd Tuesday, 7.00 pm, 4th Tuesday, 1.30 pm, The Woodworking Centre, 36 Farrell Road Midvale. 9271 3148.
MUNDARING	Every Friday, 7.00 pm, Old Parkerville Primary School, Cnr Dura Road & Riley Road Parkerville. 9295 2211.
NORTH OF RIVER	4th Tuesday, 7.00 pm, Alexander Park Craft House, Clyde Road, Menora. 9272 1963.
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday, 7.00 pm, also every Wednesday morning, 9.00 am to 11.00 am or later (hands on), Wandu Community Hall, Lot 33 DeHaer Road, Wandu. 9527 3079.
JOONDALUP/WANNEROO	2nd Wednesday, 7.00 pm, Wanneroo High School, Design & Technology Department. 9405 1424.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

By the time this Newsletter is in members hands the Association's Annual General Meeting will have been held and a new Committee of Management appointed for the coming twelve months. At this stage we do not know which members will comprise the new committee but I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the committee members of the past year for their support in what I regard as having been an extremely successful period. Their contribution has made my job over the past year quite easy and rewarding and that, together with the tasks provided by our other unofficial helpers ( reception, refreshments, librarian's, competition organisers, chuck wagon towing, video operators etc.) has ensured that the Association has continued to function in its usual smooth and efficient manner.

However, I must make particular mention of our hardworking and extremely efficient Secretary, Shirley Munro, without whose cheerful and willing support and occasional prompting on matters to be attended, issues may have dragged on longer than necessary. From me personally Shirley,  
**A BIG PUBLIC THANK YOU.**

Eve and I were unable to attend the Midvale weekend workshop in July ( holidaying in the mid north west ) but upon our return the favourable reports given show that it was the usual successful event with good attendance and an interesting and varied programme.

Unfortunately attendance numbers were down a little on the previous year for Toodyay's workshop but those attending had the usual enjoyable time, with plenty of fellowship which is what it is all about.

I was saddened to hear of the death of Jon Croft, member 64 who was Past President of WAWA for the years 92/93 and 93/94, on August 2nd whilst we were away and, subsequent to our return, Merv Thomas, member 228 of the Melville Group and Mrs Dolly Harrison of Geraldton who was member 15, one of the original 18 members who formed WAWA. Mrs Harrison has not been a member of WAWA for a number of years.

I do know that a number of groups are undertaking organised gatherings with the express purpose of making toys for the annual Christmas donations but to all members I ask that you contribute and support this cause again this year. There are many needy families in our community and our support in this area brings a great deal of happiness to children who otherwise may experience a giftless Christmas season. It is not that far away and if your time is like mine it absolutely flies by these days.

To all members, thank you all for your support to me over the past year.

Addendum :-

In my address to the A.G.M. I made mention of appreciation to those persons whose efforts contributed to the success of our activities. Unfortunately I overlooked acknowledging the contribution made by demonstrators and for this I sincerely apologise to all those persons whose contribution is an essential part of workshop programme activities. I must admit that it could be akin of "not seeing the wood for the trees". Please, it was not my intent to offend - purely oversight.

LES.

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**SHOPPING CENTRE EXHIBITIONS SALES/DEMONSTRATIONS**

**Monday to Saturday, October 22nd to 27th, 2001**

Centre Point Shopping Centre, Midland

**Monday to Saturday, November 19th to 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 Kevin two weeks notice.

**LOST, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**

Over the past few months we have had several newsletters returned by Australia Post due to members Having changed their address and we do not know where they have gone.

If you know these members please ask them to contact Jim McDonnell ( 9294 3511 ) so their details can be upgraded.

1503.....Wilf Churchill, Safety Bay

1766.....Harry Phillips, Australind

**A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

1852.....Bruce SHEPHARD Ballajura

**W.A.W.A. in conjunction with the GOLDFIELDS SPECIALTY TIMBER INDUSTRY GROUP**

**Present the October Weekend Workshop and wish to welcome**

**all members, their partners, friends and visitors**

**OCTOBER 6 to 8, 2001**

**CRUIKSHANK PAVILION KALGOORLIE**

**COMPETITION ITEM...TAPESTRY FRAME TO SPECIFICATIONS**

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th 2001**

- 8.00 Arrival and Registration  
9.00 Welcome and Announcements  
9.10 Central Demonstration....**Gordon Ward.. Unfooted Natural Edge Bowl**  
10.00 Morning Tea.  
10.30 Simultaneous Demonstrations.....  
**Central Lathe.....Gordon Ward**  
**Lathe No 2 .....Don Clarke.....Thread Chasers**  
**Lathe No 3 .....Frank Evans.....Platter**  
**Lathe No 4 .....Viv Paust.....Tools and Techniques**  
**.....Jeff Tills.....Making up Band Saw Blades**  
12.00 **Lunch:**  
1.00 Central Demonstration.....**Graeme Priddle, A New Zealand Special**  
3.00 Afternoon Tea  
3.30 Simultaneous Demonstrations  
**Central Lathe.....Graeme Priddle**  
**Lathe No 2 .....Mike Lake .....Wooden Jewellery**  
**Lathe No 3 .....Gordon Ward .....Arbortec Carving**  
**Lathe No 4 .....Peter McGinty ....Offset Turning**  
**.....Chris Paplinski....Minature Turning**  
5.00 Close for the Day  
6.30 Dinner at the Bowling Club

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th 2001**

- 8.00 Fellowship and Hands On  
9.00 Central Demonstration....**Chas Broadbent.....Inlays**  
10.00 Morning Tea  
10.30 Simultaneous Demonstrations  
**Central Lathe.....Chas Broadbent**  
**Lathe No 2.....Bill Moriarty.....Embellishment with Metal**  
**Lathe No 3.....Dan Killgallon....Small Items**  
**Lathe No 4.....Lach Christie.....Spinning Tops**  
**.....Margaret Young...Marbelling**  
12.00 Lunch  
1.00 Central Demonstration....**Brian Launer....Medium Sized Lidded Box**  
2.15 President's Forum, Competition Results and Show and Tell  
3.00 Afternoon Tea  
3.15 ***Clean up and transfer all equipment from the venue. All hands, please.***  
**Peter Clews will be demonstrating carving Burls during the weekend outside the pavilion.**

**W.A.W.A. WORKSHOP MEETING WEEKEND, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
**WANNEROO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY DEPT..... PALTARA WAY, WANNEROO**  
The Joondalup/Wanneroo Group would like to thank the Officers and Staff of the  
Wanneroo Senior High School for their assistance.

**COMPETITION ITEM - THIN TURNED ARTICLE.** 50% to 60% of the item to be 2mm or less

Convenor and M.C. Tony Collins  
Hosts: Dave Hodgins, Les Taylor, Dick Morley and Sel Anderson

**Group Competition,** 1.00 to 3.00pm. Each participating group to draw for lathe. All Woodfast 30mm x 3.5 pitch, No 2 morse taper. Bring your own accessories, ie, chucks, spurs, live centres etc. Timber will be supplied.

**Display of Toys** in metal work room. Bring yours if you would like to participate.

**Alternative Programme...**

Morning Session, Margaret Collins and Sue Anderson making Christmas Decorations.

A Bus Tour, 1.00 to 2.30pm Tour of great new growth of the Northern Suburbs.

**PROGRAMME, SATURDAY**

- 8.00am Unload Chuck Wagons and set up  
8.30 Registration and Fellowship  
9.00. Welcome and Announcements.  
9.10. **Viv Paust** Turning special for beginners on our new Vicmarc Lathe.  
10.00. Morning tea. Members, a plate please.  
10.30. **Peter Benzie** Design  
11.15. **John Lathwell** Leadbeaters Ring method  
12.00 Lunch. Sausage Sizzle Boy Scouts Group  
1.00pm **Swivel Head Turning** on the Vicmarc Lathe  
1.00. **Alternative Programme.** Woodwork Room, Group competition, wood supplied with each lathe as drawn.  
1.00. **Alternative Programme. Elaine Boyd** (Metal Work Room) Flower & Mushroom making  
1.00. **Alternative Programme. Ken Rex** Tool sharpening simplified using jigs and spacers.  
1.00. **Alternative Programme. Peter Hill** In a shady spot with his Pole Lathe  
3.00. Afternoon Tea.  
3.30. **Dick Morley** Turning Methods from earlier days to the present.  
4.15. **President's Forum - Competition Results. Winner of today's challenge.**  
**Show and Tell. Bring along handy hints and gadgets to help our newer members.**

The design and Technology Dept. is located off Paltara Way. Some parking available in Paltara Way. The major parking will be off Quarkum St. Signs will direct you.

**Freeway Users....** Travelling north turn right into Ocean Reef Rd, left at Wanneroo Rd. Entering Wanneroo there is a 60km large white sign on the road. This is Celestine St. Turn right at the end of Celestine St then left into Quarkum St. Main parking area in front of main building.

**Follow the signs.**

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Opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or Committee of Management of the Woodturners Association Of Western Australia. The Editor reserves the right to alter, adjust or delete any part of received items in the interests of grammar, spelling and comprehension, keeping in mind the thrust of the item.

## MONTHLY COMPETITIONS.

CHALICE WITH LIDJULY 2001

What an encouraging response to this competition. No less than 33 entries which I believe is a record. This item was not without it's challenge as keeping to the stipulated diameters and heights needed careful measuring, shaping in correct sequences and finishing.

Well done competitors and I am sure the experience was a further step in advancing your skills.

No doubt, all noticed Bill Crowe checking all items for accuracy and relating his findings to his scribe, Alan Smith. Their results were invaluable to the judges. Thanks to Brian Fowlie, Gerald Young and Kevin McCrackan who ably performed the judging task.

On the Move... Gordon Davies and Ken Dixon upgrade to Novice and Intermediate respectively.

Results.	1st	2nd.	3rd.
Beginner:	Gordon Davies.	Don Kay	Bill Benbow
Novice:	Allan Williams	Steve Horley	Ken Dixon
Intermediate:	Dennis Byett	Joe Vogel	Milton Rundle
Advanced:	Frank Evans	Rex Bungey	David Devereux
Master:	Alan Smith	Bob Nichols	Ken Rex
Popular Vote:	Bob Nichols	Barry Robins	Gordon Davies

AUGUST 2001.

CUP AND SAUCER

A very good response to the competition this month with 25 entries, including a first-ever from Jim Thompson from Melville.

Several people commented to me that the competition display was delightful. And a delight it was, with some very elegant and dainty pieces entered which showed careful and painstaking effort throughout.

I would like to pass on an observation from one turner, he is certain that the competition segment of the monthly workshop meeting is essential. Firstly that it is always so interesting and well received, and secondly, that it is the best way to improve personal turning standards by producing and submitting competition entries.

Once again, my appreciation to the judges, Bill Botman, Mick Hanlon and Clem Stewart, for a job well done.

Results.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Beginner:	Bill Benbow	Allen Hoskins	**
Novice:	Steve Horley	David Hall	Keith Alexander
Intermediate:	Bill Wallbank	Jeff Tills	Ken Dixon
Advanced:	Frank Werren	Dan Killgallon	John Parker
Master:	Don Clarke	Alan Smith	Ken Rex
Popular Vote:	Bill Wallbank	Alan Smith	Barry Robins

Alan France... Competition Co-Ordinator.

VALE JONATHAN CROFT

Jon passed away on August 2001 following some months of deteriorating health.

Jon joined wawa on January 10, 1986 as member No 64 and quickly became involved in the Association activities and providing instruction to members of both wawa and his local Rockingham Woodturners Group in which he was also very active.

Jon was elected President of wawa for 92/93 and 93/94. Upon retiring from this position he became National President of the Australian Woodcraft Federation for the two years that Western Australia Became responsible for its administration.

Jon possessed a quiet personality but was progressive in his thinking and well respected by all who met and knew him.

WAWA's Committee of Management and all members extend their deepest sympathy to Maisie and Jon's family in their sad loss.

Following the Annual General Meeting, Wandí, September 15, 2001, the Management Committee is...  
 President, Les SMALL

Secretary, Shirley MUNRO

Treasurer, Richard LEGGO

Committee, Milton RUNDLE, Neil BASDEN, Brian FOWLIE, Brian PARKER, Viv PAUST,  
 Rex BUNGEY, Malcolm MUNRO, Joe HEGNEY, John MASON, Derek POLLARD.

**THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
 GROUP OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2001-2002**

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CONVENOR</u>		<u>SECRETARY</u>	
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<u>BUNBURY</u>	Geoff BICKNELL	9729 2221	Rod WILLIAMS	9797 1248
<u>BUSSELTON</u>	Charles BROADBENT	9752 2111	Ray BATT	9752 1351
<b>CENTRAL SOUTHERN</b>				
<b>(BROOKTON)</b>	Dick KEYSER	9642 1167	***	
<b>COLLIE</b>	Fred PIAVANINI	9734 1670	Les HANN	9734 1834
<b>JOONDALUP/</b>				
<b>WANNEROO</b>	Les TAYLOR	9405 1424	***	
<b>LIDDELOW</b>	Rex BUNGEY	9398 1396	***	
<b>MANDURAH</b>	Ray QUADRIO	9535 2755	Norm GRIFFITHS	9535 5556
<u>MANJIMUP</u>	Kevin HALL	9771 1085	Ken FARR	9771 2454
<b>MELVILLE</b>	Neville CHAMBERLAIN ( Convenor / Secretary )			9330 5714
<u>MIDVALE</u>	David DEVEREUX	9271 3148	Don DUCK	9279 1321
<b>MUNDARING</b>	James ARTHUR	9295 2211	***	
<u>NORTH OF RIVER</u>	John O'GRADY	9272 1963	Jim BELL	9275 9978
<b>WANDI</b>	Bruce JOHNSON	9527 3079	Tony BOSCHMAN	9434 2962

PLEASE NOTE...RE UNDERLINED GROUPS, SEND NOTICES TO THE SECRETARY ONLY  
 AND NOT THE CONVENOR.

Shortly after the passing of Jon CROFT, the following was found in his desk.....

***I HOPE HEAVEN IS VERY MUCH LIKE THIS***

*I found myself returning one night to the workshop, to sit, to feel, to be surrounded by the sights and smells and feelings of a workshop. This was my time to take in the smells of paint and shavings, the glue and tools, which were always there, but remain unnoticed during the day.*

*There was a satisfaction of work completed and yet to be completed. It was an alone time, not a lonely time, for the obligations of the workshop had been fulfilled for the day. So, I sat alone, with only one small light I have at the back of the bench switched on, and felt deeply of what is the workshop. Here I am completely at home, at rest, at peace. The familiarity and understanding of every tool, every piece of wood, even the scraps below the saw and bench, is complete. I can turn, and at my fingertips are things I need to fulfill my dreams.*

At the recent " Out of the Woods " 2001 exhibition, these awards were won by wawa members  
 Junior Woodturner, Garry HADDON, Busselton  
 Woodturning, 1] Turned only, 2] Embellished, 3] Small Treasure, Jack DeVOS, Armadale  
 Collaboration Piece Gerald YOUNG

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## UNCLE GERALD'S FAVOURITE FINISH FORMULA

At the WAWA Workshop meeting in July, hosted by Midvale, the last item on the programme was a debate on FINISHES which generated a lot of response and interest from the audience. At the end of the event there was a handout, by Gerald Young, on his views and methods of finishing. Sadly, there were not enough to go around and a promise was made to have it included in the newsletter. So, Here it is !

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A good finish starts while shaping the wood. Heavy cuts cause "tear out"....to be avoided particularly On final cuts. Finish with very light cuts, preferably **shear** cuts.

### SANDING

- 1... Start with the finest grade that is effective (180 grit?) depending on your final turning cut smoothness.
- 2... Go through all the grades up to 400 (600?) **DO NOT MISS A GRADE !**
- 3... Clear the abrasive frequently to avoid clogging the grit, otherwise it won't cut well. A toothbrush is good for this task.
- 4... Finish with the lathe stationary—rubbing along the grain.
- 5... Dust off residue and abrasive particles before going on to the next finer grade.

### SEALING

- 1... Seal with a thin coat of shellac.
- 2... Allow each coat to harden, then sand back to the wood with the grade of paper used for the final cut, ( along the grain where possible ).
- 3... The shellac is hard enough to sand back when it does not clog the paper. ( A matter of judgement and temperature ).
- 4... This procedure fills the grain—continue until you have reached a satin smooth feel.

### PENETROL

- 1... Using a cloth, apply Penetrol oil generously to the wood. A fine brush may be needed for fine detail. Keep adding more oil with an oil-damp cloth to cover spots or areas that dry more quickly than the main body. **DO NOT ALLOW TO GO STICKY.** Two minutes or so should do it.
- 2... Vigorously rub off all surplus oil on the wood surface until the only oil left is in the pores of the wood.
- 3... Leave it to harden (overnight?)....8 hours at least....then buff.
- 4... Repeat the above until satisfied. The more coats, the shinier the finish.
- 5... If you have done the sanding well, there should be no more need for more abrasive treatment.
- 6... If you want a satin (non-gloss) effect, use 600 wet and dry paper along the grain, wetted with Penetrol, immediately dried off with a cloth.

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## THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF W.A.

***ARE WANTING TO PURCHASE ( OR HAVE DONATED ) LATHES AND EQUIPMENT  
IF YOU HAVE ANY AVAILABLE.....PLEASE CONTACT  
ALAN SMITH, EQUIPMENT OFFICER. Phone 9330 4277***

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### WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN WEBSITE.....wawa.com.au

This is a site really worth visiting ! Still very young and in need of information, items of interest and photos from ALL groups. This is best viewed in a resolution of 600x800  
**Remember, our site is world wide and we must make it attractive and informative !**  
Many thanks to Bob CROSS for his work in putting this site together. Bob also wants a person to train as a back up operator in the maintenance of .....wawa.com.au



## Memo from Mandurah

Ah! Spring, when a man's thoughts turn to .....woodturning ? In recent meetings, we have experienced a good variety of demonstrations by a number of our members. These were all very well received including a picture frame that decided to do its own thing in several pieces. Our thanks to all of these fellows who make the effort to demonstrate for our benefit. We really should, and could have many more of our members "having a go" at demonstrating. There needs to be a strengthening in this area as it is the usual same old bunch who do most of our demonstrating. It is a learning curve on both sides of the lathe.

On the subject of demonstrating, John Mason had his bit of Jarrah disintegrate during his demo at Toodyay. It was not all bad as a beginner said " I thought that only happened to me !" Our representation at the weekend workshops continues to be quite good with awards being gained in several classes. The really pleasing one was the Chalice comp with no less than 10 of the 33 entries being from Mandurah. Well done !!

August 21 saw our Annual General Meeting and congratulations go to our new Convenor, Ray Quadrio and the Secretary/Treasurer, Norm Griffiths. A lot of the usual suspects have filled the minor placings in the Committee etc. It looks like a strong team and we all wish them well for the coming year. Eight of our members met at Barragup and demolished some She-Oaks which will be blocked and stored for future use by the group. Great to see a good turn up as we had the job done by lunch time. Our thanks to John, the property caretaker, who didn't want to see the wood burnt. Should be more like him

## MELVILLE NEWS.

In the last newsletter I reported that the Group's workshop difficulties had been resolved but regrettably that advice may have been premature. A further meeting with representatives of the Melville City Council has raised more problems than solutions and the only thing that seems certain is that we will be moving from the present site. The City of Melville seem keen to find us a home but their current proposal is only temporary and may be too expensive. For further news, watch this space

The Wednesday morning group is commencing a new approach to finding demonstrators— all members are rostered on to the list of demonstrators with the objectives of making everyone more confident in their skills and at the same time allowing them to seek advice with problems in a friendly and supportive environment. Any member with a new approach or tool to demonstrate will of course be drafted into the roster as soon as possible.

Among recent demonstrations on Wednesday mornings we had Henry Walker showing us how to get something out of the most unlikely piece of wood, Ron Goodson gave us a display of his work which demonstrated different ways of ornamenting our turning and Joe Hegney gave a talk on bowl design which led to a lot of discussion including the question "what is a bowl". The following Wednesday Ron Goodson gave us the authoritative definition from Chambers dictionary "a nearly hemispherical basin for domestic use". This must be correct as Chambers is a Scottish dictionary. We also had a very interesting presentation from a Representative from 3M on abrasives courtesy of Joe Saat. The following week Joe distributed tables to the group showing the relationship between the various grades of abrasive according to its source country which the 3M's rep had given him.

## Melville News continued.....

Bill Crowe started off the new roster system with a demo of a bud vase made with tools he had made himself from scrap materials. We were all a bit envious of Bill's ability in the toolmaking game. The Thursday evening demo in August was given by Alan Smith who showed us how he approached the recent competition of an urn to precise measurements. Alan's methodology was such that he was able to complete the urn with great accuracy even down to duplicating the curves inside and outside the body of the urn in the drawing provided. This was a very impressive demo and we all learned a great deal although the writer for one doubts if he could come anywhere close to the results Alan achieved. Alan, in his demo introduced us to the French Curve template of mathematically generated curves which can be purchased from Jackson's Art Supplies and is definitely on my shopping list as a useful aid.

Our sick list seems to get longer by the day, we wish a speedy recovery to Jack Connolly, Ken Dixon, Ern Levitt and Ted Grant.

Don Gunn.

## Midvale Mutterings.

The last two months saw demonstrations from Jack DeVos and Bob Nichols. Jack showed the value of having the right tool for hollowing forms. The angled tool with spring gauge "takes the mystery out of hollowing – it is not that hard to do" according to Jack. On a personal level I have yet to remove the mystery but will keep trying.

Bob Nichols in his usual style provoked thought on the design of a two-tier cake stand. "How do you make one so that you can place a full cake on the lower level?" Bob obviously likes to maximise his choice of cake. Bob started the session with a model discussing the merits of a number of arrangements of tiers and supports. He then commenced to build a cake stand from the bottom up using 5 pieces — and finished on time !

The competition over the last two months has been very impressive both in standard of craftsmanship and number of entries. There were 7 chalices one month and 10 cups and saucers the next. Thanks to Gerald Young for giving an appraisal on the cups and saucers. I know members are a little reluctant to give appraisals. However it really is appreciated as those who take the trouble to make entries derive a lot of benefit from the sensitive and considered feedback.

Your new management committee is David Devereux, Convenor, Don Duck, Secretary, Clem Stewart, Treasurer, Robert Atkins, Joe Clark, Don Clark, Jim Clarke, Robert Drinkwater, Kevin Rundell, and Eric Walker. Midvale would like to thank the retiring Convenor Eric Walker and Jim Clarke for standing in for Eric when he went overseas, for their service to the group. Robert Atkins.

## LOST !!!

One only FIRE EXTINGUISHER  
From the Chuck Wagon

If you know the whereabouts, or have any  
Information re the missing Extinguisher  
Contact Brian Fowlie, 9457 1166

**JOONDALUP-WANNEROO GROUP.**

Thanks firstly to members of our group who so readily offered finance to secure the Vicmarc lathe pending further assistance from other avenues. We are very pleased to have a modern lathe and being able to demonstrate so many members may see the full process.

Dave Hodgins has fitted castors that are simple to activate And make the lathe very easy to move. A lot of work was put in by Dave and the results are a credit to him.

We would remind members that the November Weekend Workshop to be held at Wanneroo includes a competition from 1pm to 3pm. Two pieces of wood will be supplied with each lathe, you may combine or use separately. All lathes are Woodfast , three have long bases and the rest are short based. Bring your own accessories as time is limited. The head stock thread is 30mmx3.5 and No 2 morse taper is standard on all lathes.

We shall again be supporting the Perry's Paddock Picnic Day on Sunday, October 21st. This is run by the City of Wanneroo. At a later date there will be further participation With the City at the Wanneroo Show Ground a further day out.

With the shopping centre next week at North Beach, we are Hoping to secure new members and have produced flyers to Be available at this centre. It is good to have a display in our area as venues are not easy to get into.

A get together a couple of weeks ago resulted in many members taking home some very long growing Olive wood which had good colour.

Have been trying again in the microwave, this time on defrost cycle. It is a much slower process but distortion is much less. Will advise the final result.

**WORK THIS ONE OUT**

On a bookshelf are three identical books. These volumes are standing in their correct order, Vol 1, Vol 2, Vol 3.

Each cover is 5mm thick (2 per vol)  
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(ie each volume is 40mm overall)

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**WANDI WAFFLES:**

We recently had a changing of the guard at Wandi, our new Convenor, in his second stint in the job, is Bruce Johnson. Our new Secretary is Tony Boschman who is quite a recent member to our ranks. I'm sure that both Bruce and Tony will do an excellent job for our members.

I would like also to thank our outgoing Convenor and Secretary for a job well done.

Also I would like to announce that visiting New Zealand woodturner, Graeme Priddle, will be doing a demonstration at the Wandi Hall on Thursday 11th of October. Starting at 8.30am continuing through to (around) 4.30pm.

The cost will be \$10 per person and will include morning and afternoon tea. You will need to provide your own lunch. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

**OBITUARY**

Mervyn (Merve) THOMAS, a long standing and well respected member of the Melville Group, passed away in August from a recurrence of a previous illness. Merve enjoyed his woodturning for many years and more recently in July 1999 Merve joined the woodcarvers group at Melville

Although not in the best of health this new carving experience gave him a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction which he found more relaxing than the lathe. It is pleasing to note that the pictorial records of carvings of the group includes some of Merve's work. It was my pleasure to have helped Merve with his carving (and other members of the group) and we will all miss his company ay our Friday meets. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife Hilary and family.

Ken Rex.

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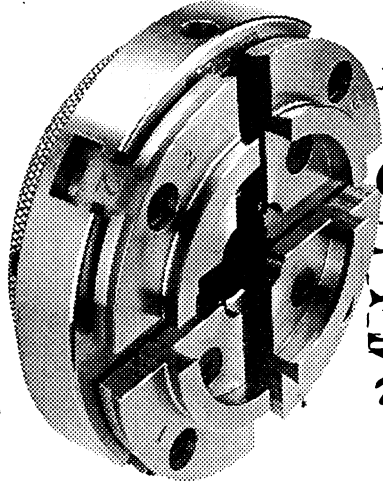
Fred LAURITSEN was one of nature's gentlemen, ever ready to help and advise anyone who requested assistance.

He was a genius at inventing machines and tools and solving complex problems. In 1995, at our w/end w/shop, all tools, machines etc. invented by members were exhibited including Fred's bandsaw and timber clamp for bandsaws which were greatly admired.

Fred served on the Mandurah committee from 1989 with his usual enthusiasm and quiet achievement. That was his style.

All Mandurah members extend their sincerest and deepest sympathy to Fred's dear wife Roma and all the family.....Brian J. GEE

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