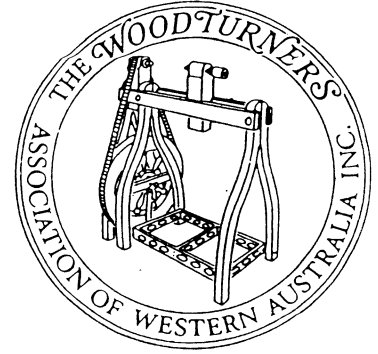


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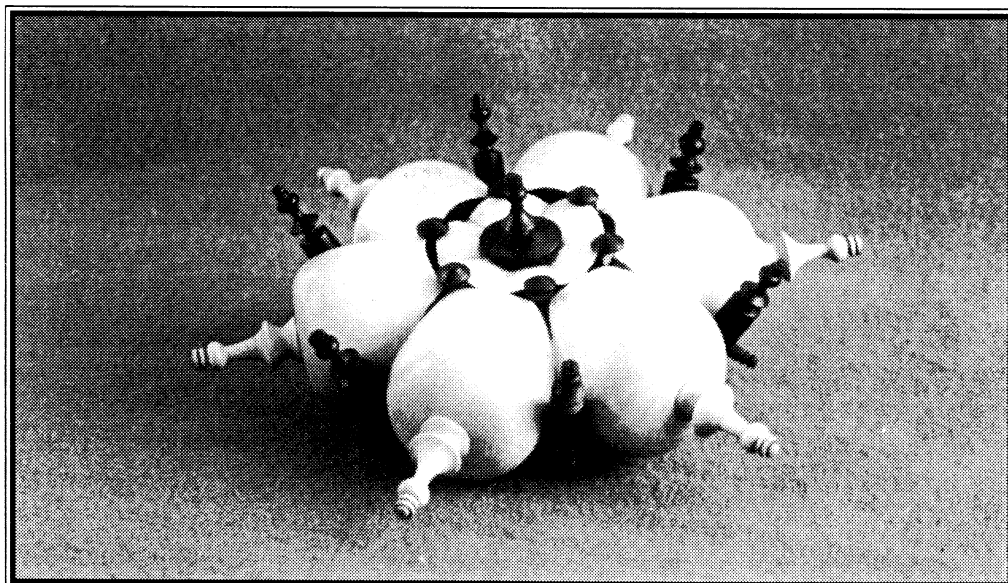
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W.A.W.A. GROUP MEETING DATES, VENUES, CONTACTS AND TIMES

AVON VALLEY	4th Thursday 7.30pm. 2nd & 4th Sunday 9am to 12noon. Wool Pavilion Showground Toodyay	9574 5102
BUNBURY	1st & 3rd Wednesday 7pm. Cathedral Grammar School, Gelorup	9729 2221
BUSSELTON	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7pm Busselton Hugh School	9752 2111
CENTRAL/SOUTHERN	2nd & 4th Wednesday. 7pm Brookton District High School	9642 1167
COLLIE	Last Sunday of the Month. 9.15am to 4pm. Various Home W/shops	9734 1670
MANDURAH	2nd & 4th Tuesday 3pm Mandurah High School	9535 5556
MANJIMUP	2nd & 4th Wednesday. 7 to 9pm The Shed, Timber Park.	9771 1085
MELVILLE	4th Thursday 7.15 pm Wednesdays 8am Wood Carving Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy	9330 5714
MIDVALE	2nd Tuesday 7pm. 4th Tuesday 1.30pm Check for Venue	9271 3148
MUNDARING	Every Friday 7pm Old Parkerville Primary School. Dura & Riley Rds	9295 2211
NORTH of RIVER	4th Tuesday 7pm Alexander Park Craffhouse, Clyde Rd. Menora	9275 9978
WANDI	1st & 3rd Thursday 7pm Every Wednesday 9 to 11am (hands on) Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd. Wandi	9527 3097
WANNEROO	2nd Wednesday 7pm Wanneroo High School Design & Technology	9246 2829

W.A.W.A. WEBSITE..... WAWA.COM.AU

As you know, we have a web site called <http://wawa.com.au> and has been put together by Bob Cross who has done a lot of work in getting this up and running. Bob wants you to send him information for the site. Wandi and Mandurah are done. They are worth a look. Most other (group) sites are still "under construction" and need your input. **This is to publicise wawa and the groups to the World !!** A couple of photos, a bit of writing, send it to Bob and he will do the rest.

Bob Cross can be contacted ..phone 9528 4871. E-mail, bobc@vianet.net.au Subject line "WAWA" postal address, 17 Concordia Way Rockingham 6168

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

Having advised in the last Newsletter that a break had been made from Liddelow Homestead Arts and crafts Group Inc. I am delighted to now report that these members have now been successful in locating suitable alternate premises to continue their activities. The site will be at Bennett's Hardware Pty. Ltd., Stalker Rd (cnr Wheatley St) Gosnells and members are, at the time of writing this, busily preparing to set up the rooms for continuation of their meetings. Please ring their Convenor, Rex Bungey for timings etc. Furthermore, Midvale Group have also been successful in locating not one, but two possible venues and are presently also busy determining which will be most suitable. Ring David Devereux or Don Duck for address details. It only goes to prove that enthusiasm coupled with perseverance pays dividends. The gauntlet has been thrown down with regard to an Association HQ and I assure members this receives constant attention but accommodation requirements for this differ from group needs. It seems to be the time of moves as Melville Group have also relocated to a different room within the Melville Recreation Centre complex and are now settling in after some disruption.

Our workshops continue to be well attended with a survey form handed out at Wandi (January) as a means of assessing members' thoughts on the Associations administration and activities being well received and the feed back encouraging. A further random mailing was then taken to capture information from members not attending in January (some duplication may have occurred but was not intentional, just trying to simplify the process) to reinforce results. Some interesting results have become evident and efforts will be made to progressively introduce suggestions received. However, once more, I must emphasise that this will be done on democratic basis of majority rules and therefore not all suggestions will be implemented, we cannot please everybody all the time so please bear with us.

Bunbury Group retained its reputation with a novel change to its workshop by having a change of format with a one day workshop presentation which incorporated the inaugural John Shinnick Memorial presentation, given by Toni Wilson, and other presentations which included an informative and interesting address by Jeff Paynter, a relatively new member, on "How to Photograph your Work" given in a simple and easily understood dialogue. Sunday comprised a "Mystery" coach tour through the Margaret River area. Very social, a new twist and extremely well received by all who attended. Two full coaches and one tag-along vehicle.

It is pleasing to hear that all groups are running smoothly and I can assure members that your Committee of Management continues to discuss a wide range of matters to ensure the continued strength and success of WAWA. The downside was Mandurah Group's misfortune to be the victims of a break in at the High School during the Xmas break and loss of some equipment. Fortunately the major items of equipment were located elsewhere for external demonstration purposes.

Membership stands at slightly over 600 with 60 members not continuing but we sign up a steady number of new members during the year.

Best wishes to all on the sick list for a speedy and full recovery.

Cheers to all, Les

*** GOSNELLS & DISTRICT GROUP WEEKEND WORKSHOP ***

APRIL 20 & 21st 2002

Wandi Community Hall, Lot 33 DeHaer Rd, Wandu

(Yes, this is a two day workshop as the majority of you requested in the recent survey)

Convenor **Rex Bungey**

M.C. **Dan Killgallon**

Competition Item **Six assorted Bangles plus a pair of Earrings**

SATURDAY PROGRAMME

8.00 am Set up Venue and Registration

9.00 **Eric Walker**, An Undercut Bowl

10.00 Morning Tea (Members, a plate of goodies, please)

Voting commences for the Competition

10.30 **Rod Cocks**, Inserting small veneer strips which are boiled

11.15 **Fred Brewer**, The history and traditions of the Harp and how I build them

12.00 Lunch, Sausage Sizzle supplied by the Wandu Group

Please make sure you order your lunch when registering

1.00 A review of the late **Keith Stout's** work , presented by three turners who knew him well

1.15 Voting closes

1.30 **Show and Tell**, How about bringing something to show and share with everyone

2.00 **Jack DeVos**, Turning Hollow Forms and finishing techniques

3.00 Afternoon Tea

3.30

4.15 **President's Forum, Competition Results.**

Meeting closes, no evening programme

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

Today's programme will concentrate on **Hands On**. Please bring your **Deep Hollowing Tools** to show others how they operate or get help if there is a problem.

Bring and Buy Any surplus gear ? This is your opportunity to sell or pick up a bargain.

9.00 **Brian Parker**, Deep Hollowing using miniature tools

After his demo, Brian will be available for hands on.

10.00 Morning Tea

10.30 **Chris Paplinski**, Incorporating aluminium sheeting into his turnings.

Chris will be available for hands on before and after his demo.

John Currie will be turning tool handles and available for hands on

Gerald Young will assist with a hands on if you are having problems with next month's comp item, Eggcups and Eggs

12.00 Lunch, Sausage Sizzle supplied by the Wandu Group.

Make sure you order your lunch by 9.30 am.

1.00 **Ron Eddy**, Roll Edged Bowl. Ron will be available for hands on during the morning.

CLEAN UP AND LOAD THE CHUCK WAGONS

Jim and Patricia PEMBER (#802) of the Wanneroo Bus Co. will provide a bus to Mandurah for the w/end w/shop (May 18) departing Kingsley at 7 am. at a cost of \$20 per person. Other pick-up points can be arranged. Depart Mandurah at 5.30 pm. Phone 9409 9124 . Other excursions can be arranged.

FOR SALE... 1 Woodfast MC908 lathe on stand. Incl face plate, spanners, spur drive, live centre and 2 tool rests. Also, Technatool Chuck, Bill Crowe Chuck, Barrel Chuck, 3 hss gouges, roughing gouge, skew chisels, parting tool, half round roughing gouge, 4 bowl gouges, Carbatec thread master, 2 jacobs chucks and 2 long boring tools. Price... \$ 2,700.00 ono

Contact... Roger Jenkins, 23 Jerrat Mews, Attwell

MANDURAH GROUP'S W.A.W.A. WEEKEND WORKSHOP
SATURDAY MAY 18 and SUNDAY MAY 19, 2002
MANDURAH HIGH SCHOOL, GIBLA St. MANDURAH

The Mandurah Group would like to thank the Officers and Staff of the Mandurah High School for their continuing assistance.

CONVENOR Ray Quadrio
M. C. Frank Evans
HOSTS Ray Quadrio and Norm Griffiths
TRADE SUPPLIER Mayama Gems
COMPETITION ITEM Pair of Matching Egg Cups and Eggs.

****ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMES from 10.30 am to 12 noon and 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm**

****HANDS ON and TOOL SHARPENING**

****WOOD CARVING and PYROGRAPHY**

****WOODEN TOY MAKING WITH TIM'S TOYBOYS**

****CRAFT WOOD, Colin Richards will have his trailer of wood, also blanks of very nice Sheoak**

****TOP SPINNING COMP between 10 am and 2 pm. Best of three attempts per person.**

**** WOOD MISER DEMO. Bring your log (or wood piece) to be slabbed**

****** Members are requested to bring along items for the Public Display ******

SATURDAY PROGRAMME...

9.00 M.C. to give welcome and announcements
9.15 Allan Williams, Die Grinder
10.00 Morning Tea, Members a plate of goodies, please.
Voting for competition commences.
10.30 Joe Hegney, Double Offset Item
11.15 Ken Rex, Fine Fluting
12.00 Lunch Sausage Sizzle with salad
1.00 pm Toni Wilson, Offset Turned Item
2.00 Neil Turner, Working with Burl
Voting closes
3.00 Afternoon Tea
3.30 Dick Morley, Routing on a pedestal
4.00 President's Forum.....Competition results.....Show and Tell
6.00 Evening Meal, bring along a casserole to share, and join us for an enjoyable meal
7.00 Approx. Evening Entertainment, a lively (and slightly different) Quiz Night.

SUNDAY PROGRAMME

A Cruise on the Estuary and Murray River. See the Mandurah Report, Page 10

SHOPPING CENTRE EXHIBITIONS, SALES and DEMONSTRATIONS for 2002

Monday 20th May to Saturday 25th May, Phoenix Shopping Centre, Rockingham Rd Spearwood

Monday 17th June to Saturday 22nd June, Bullcreek Shopping Centre, South St Bullcreek

Thursday 1st August to Sunday 4th August, Traditional Craft, Claremont Showground

Friday 16th August to Sunday 18th August, The W.A. Wood Show, Claremont Showground

Monday 9th September to Saturday 14th September, Melville Plaza Shopping Centre, Melville

Monday 21st October to Saturday 26th October, Centre Point Shopping Centre, Midland Junction

Monday 18th November to Saturday 23rd Nov. Southlands Boulevard Shopping Centre, Southlands

For further information please contact John Lillywhite, 9339 2359 or Neil Piper, 9398 2387

Kevin McCrackan, 9310 1057, will arrange rosters. Please give Kevin 2 weeks notice

DO YOU NEED HELP OR ADVICE ??????

A request was received for information on drying wood. This is being researched and will appear later.

Meanwhile, do you have a problem or need advice or info of a technical nature or any thing else ??

If so, contact Ivor Bridges (9295 1867) and he will get some answers on your behalf. These will then be published as an information base for our members. Ed.

MONTHLY COMPETITION RESULTS

JANUARY 2002 POMANDER

This competition proved to be rather popular with a good number of turners entering to the spirit of the competition.....26 items in all.

It was great to see five turners submitting a piece for the first time, hopefully they will be inspired to continue, good luck, chaps.

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Graham Lewis	Allan Williams	Gordon Davies
Intermediate	Barrie Leivers	Richard Leggo	Dave Hodgins
Advanced	Don Clarke	John Mason	Frank Evans
Popular Vote	Barrie Leivers	Don Clarke	Graham Lewis

FEBRUARY 2002 LIDDED BOX with INLAY

29 entries, 3 better than last time, great !! The ever popular lidded box got the turners thinking and some really special designs were forthcoming.

The popular timbers we often see were again used frequently, but it was interesting to observe that timbers such as mallee root, sandalwood, ash, native pear, native willow, strawberry tree, beech, spruce, mahogany, mulga, cedar, walnut, western myall were there to provide colourful variety.

Also pleasing to see two more turners competing for the first time. That makes 7 new starters this year. As always, appreciative acknowledgement to the three judges, Dennis Haddon, Doug McDairmid, and Alan Piper (also a first time for Alan and Dennis)

RESULTS	1st	2nd	3rd
Novice	Gordon Davies	Allan Williams	Len Freeman
Intermediate	Chas Broadbent	Lach Christie	Joe Clark
Advanced	Gerald Young	Brian Launer	Don Clarke
Popular Vote	Gerald Young	Lach Christie	Graham Lewis

Alan France, Competition Co-ordinator

CHRISTMAS TOYS

Last December, on behalf of WAWA, I was again able to deliver a good quantity of toys to three charities, St Vincent De Paul, Wesley Mission and Southcare.

The general response from members was disappointing but fortunately Sel Anderson from Joondalup/Wanneroo produced over 200 toys on his own ! **This year I hope that each group will make a concerted effort to produce more toys.** As an organisation we are now committed to this project so I hope we can do a better job this year.

Once again the ladies did a great job with the soft toys and special thanks must go to Ivy Pritchard who did the lion's share of the work. Hopefully more ladies will help Ivy this year.

This year we want your toys taken to the December weekend workshop from where they will be distributed to the three charities.....Lach Christie, Organiser.

Lach Christie has received letters of thanks from the Wesley Mission and Southcare. They are too long to include here in full but some extracts are....." Please accept our sincere thanks for your generous donation of wooden toys for Christmas gifts"....."Thank you for the support for the work of the agency it is greatly appreciated"....."Thank you for your contributions to the Wesley Mission Perth ... Operation Santa 2001"....."Thankfully this sadness begins to change as gifts begin to come in and families respond with words of deep appreciation"....."It takes great courage to come to ask for assistance. It takes your generosity to give families hope"...."On behalf of the 530 families helped by Operation Santa, Thank You"

Left at a WAWA workshop many months ago, a woodturners apron, striped material with WAWA on it. If this is yours, contact Jeff Tills, 9535 6020. (It is usually brought along to every meeting)

HINTS AND TIPS AND OTHER TECHNICAL STUFF

MAKING WOODEN FACEPLATES

In early 1990 I commenced making wooden faceplates for my ELU lathe which had an 18mm x 2.5 thread on the spindle. This was the subject of my talk at the May 1990 workshop at Mandurah.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

16mm spade bit, 18mm x 2.5 thread tap, 18mm x 2.5 nut,
a piece of wood 17mm or 100mm square x 30mm thick.

- 1]...Mark and drill the 16mm hole in the wood, remove corner of hole with 2mm chamfer.
- 2]...Using the nut as a guide for the tap, cut thread in the wood
- 3]...Fit the threaded wood to the lathe's spindle, chamfer first.
- 4]...Turn the wood to a round faceplate.
- 5]...True up the face of the wood (with my first faceplates I used long screws to attach my faceplates to my bowl blanks)
- 6]...Since seeing Digger Constant using hot melt glue to mount his turnings, I've used hot melt glue to attach my blanks.

USES of WOODEN FACEPLATES

- 1]...A disc sander, a plywood disc screwed or glued to a wooden faceplate.
- 2]...A spinner, used for finishing the base of bowls.
- 3]...A friction drive, to drive a bowl blank without glue supported by the tail stock.
- 4]...A vacuum chuck
- 5]...A faceplate turned to form a jam chuck.

I have made many wooden faceplates for Record and Carbatec mini lathes. 3/4" x 16 tpi requiring a 17mm drill. For older lathes with 1" x 10 tpi a 7/8" or 22mm drill is required. Many old members have these taps. The new standard 30mm x 3.5mm requires a 25mm or 1" spade bit and our Assn has these available for loan.

Jim WATERS Member No. 446

COOL CHEAP CONTROLLED TOOLGRIND

The Way to get the Best of Two Worlds

The Viking Whetstone Grinder has an adjustable grinding tool rest that can be easily removed. By designing an aluminium or steel adapter plate, the grinder readily accepts the Heli Grind Grinding System. This enables a cool controlled grind at a moderate cost.

Ian EAGLES Member No. 1781

TO PLUG A NAIL OR KNOT HOLE

When you need to plug a nail or knot hole, it is hard to find a short dowel of the correct colour or timber. To overcome this, cut a piece of the wood you are working with, or a similar piece, across the grain and about 10 to 12 mm long. Place this piece of wood on a block and drive a wad punch into it and you will have a short dowel to suit your colour. Drill the nail hole to suit the dowel, put some glue on it and press it into the hole with a hammer, leaving it proud for sanding. Practice on waste wood first and after a few mishaps and a bit of practice, you should be O.K.

Ray QUADRIO Member No. 140

A woodie walks into a paint shop and asks for a tin of Canary Yellow paint. The assistant, making conversation, asks what it is to be used for. "I've got a Parakeet that sings like a canary and I am going to paint it yellow and put it in a canary contest. It is sure to win." "But the paint will kill it !!" "No it won't" "I bet you \$20 that it dies" "You're on !!"

A couple of days later the woodie returns to the paint shop and puts \$20 on the counter. The assistant says "See, I told you the paint would be fatal for the bird"

The woodie replied "It was not the paint that did him in, it was all that sanding between coats"

HINTS AND TIPS AND OTHER TECHNICAL STUFF

MAKING A SKEW CHISEL Using DEVCON COLD STEEL EPOXY

MATERIALS.

- 1]...High Speed Steel hacksaw blade
- 2]...Matching for size pieces of bright mild steel x 3mm or 1/8" thick. Black steel is OK.
- 3]...One pack of Devcon Epoxy.

TOOLS

Angle Grinder, Belt or Disc Sander, Coarse Emery Cloth, Clamps, Vice or strong elastic bands.

METHOD

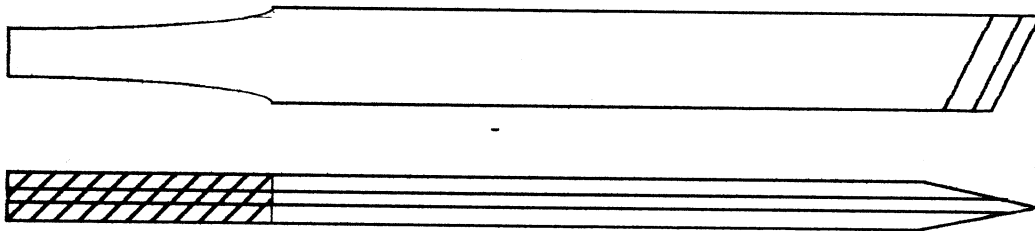
- 1]...Cut 2 pieces of mild steel, one cut creating two angles of 70 deg. Then cut to length of tool.
- 2]...Cut the hacksaw blade by holding in a vice or clamping to a bench and cutting 2/3rds of the way through with an angle grinder then snap off the excess. This angle could also be at 70 deg.
- 3]...Remove the paint and the teeth completely from the hacksaw blade. The steel should be left bright and clean, score marks are good, try not to round off the flat surface.
- 4]...Lightly score the clean mating surfaces of the mild steel to form a key for the epoxy.
- 5]...Make a sandwich of the three steels, (hacksaw in the middle). Pregrind some of the 70 deg. Skew to reduce the heat generated in the finishing and sharpening grind. While they are clamped together shape the handle tang.
- 6]...Squeeze a small ribbon of epoxy onto one of the pieces of mild steel, mix thoroughly and spread over the face. Place the hacksaw blade on the epoxy. Carry out the same procedure on the second piece of steel. Then join three pieces together, you now have a HSS sandwich.
- 7]...Hold together with rubber bands lining up all important faces, then apply clamping pressure which will squeeze out excess Devcon. Leave to cure for 24 hours.
- 8]...Remove bands, sharpen and fit handle.

You now have a skew chisel. This method can be used for other chisels.

SAFETY

Don't forget the safety glasses, don't start a fire in your workshop or garden with sparks from your angle grinder, Devcon, as for all epoxies require good ventilation.

Jim WATERS Member No 446



“OUT OF THE WOODS” 2002 COMPETITION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE W.A. WOOD SHOW, CLAREMONT SHOWGROUND, AUGUST 16th TO 18th , 2002

Categories... With a prize Value of \$300

- 1]...Turned Only, all work to be carried out with the lathe rotating.
- 2]...Embellished, carved, gilded, legs added etc.
- 3]...Small Treasure, must fit within a 150mm cube.
- 4]...Lidded Box.

***Junior Woodworker, award value of \$200 given to the highest scoring piece (in any category) entered by a woodworker aged under 17 years and still at school.

***Women in Wood award value of \$200 given to the highest scoring piece (in any category) made by a woman. This includes woodturning.

Entry forms will be sent out in May. Any of the members interested in entering the competition can contact Ron Hilton (9307 7967) and have their name added to the mailing list. Entry forms will be available for handing out at group meetings. **Entries will close on August 9th 2002.**

GUIDE TO WOODWORKING GLUES

What's What in Woodworking Glues

GLUE TYPE	OPEN TIME (1)	MINIMUM CLAMP TIME	CLEANUP (2)	COLOR WHEN DRY (3)	SHELF LIFE (4)	APPROXIMATE COST PER OUNCE (5)	KEY PROPERTIES	TYPICAL PROJECTS
YELLOW (Aliphatic Resin)	5 - 10 min.	30 min.	Water, damp cloth.	Yellow*	1 year	\$.36	Fast tack time. Excellent for general use.	Indoor furniture and cabinets.
WHITE (Polyvinyl Acetate)	10 - 15 min.	60 min.	Water, damp cloth.	Clear	2 - 3 years	.24	Longer open time than yellow glue. Inexpensive.	Cribs, galley rails, and complex casework.
WATER-RESISTANT	5 - 10 min.	60 min.	Damp cloth before setting, scrape or sand after setting.	Yellow	1 year	.37	Fast tack time. Water-resistant.	Sheltered outdoor furniture and outdoor riding toys.
POLYURETHANE	30 min.	4 hours (less in high humidity)	Tools: mineral spirits. Hands: soap and water before cured.	Yellow	1 year unopened; 6 months opened*	1.11	Waterproof. No mixing required. Gap-filling.	Exposed outdoor projects and planter boxes.
EPOXY	5 min - 12 hrs. (depending on formulation)	Varies	Tools: acetone Hands: Nitro-Kleen*, rubbing alcohol.	Clear (can be changed with filler)	1 year	1.25	Waterproof. High strength. Bonds even oily woods such as teak. Excellent for end-grain joints. Gap-filling.	Boat building, threaded parts on shop jigs, and furniture repair.
INSTANT (Cyanoacrylate)	15 sec.	0 - 1 min.	Acetone	Clear	1 year unopened; 6 months opened*	5.00	Bonds instantly (with accelerator). Works well for bonding solid-surface materials.	Model building and fragile carvings and turnings.
HOTMELT	2 - 45 sec.	0 - 15 sec.	Let harden, then gently scrape. Remove residue with mineral spirits.	Clear or yellow	2 years	.53	Excellent for crafts. Sets quickly without clamping. Good temporary bond.	Crafts, temporary fastening of parts, and holding small parts for routing.
CONTACT CEMENT	15 min. - 3 hrs.	Clamping not necessary	Mineral spirits.** Soap and water when wet, xylene solvent when dry.***	Clear	1 year	.16* .25**	Adheres large surface areas.	Plastic-laminate countertops and flexible veneers.

NOTES:

1. Open time refers to how much time you have before the glue sets up.

2. (*) also available in dark-colored formula for use with darker woods.

5. (*) Solvent based formula
(**) Low-solvent.

MELVILLE NEWS

I am happy to confirm that the move by our group to the Craft room at the Melville Recreation Centre has taken place as outlined in the last newsletter ...the saga ends, we hope.

The first monthly meeting of the group held in January had a demo by Bernie Dixon of how to make a paper-weight with a coin inlay. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but I understand that Bernie's work was up to his usual high standard and was appreciated by all. Concern has been expressed that attendances at the monthly meetings have fallen in recent times and that as a result entries in our competitions and items brought in for show and tell have also fallen away. In an attempt to revive interest the Committee have decided to offer a prize to the member who participates most frequently in both the competitions and show and tell over the coming year. It is hoped that sufficient interest will be shown to allow us to award a reasonable trophy and a voucher to enable the winner to purchase woodturning supplies. The Committee also decided to change the way items to be turned for the competition were decided upon and instead of following the WAWA monthly competition we will now select our own competition items. It was agreed that the items to be turned were to be of a fairly straight forward nature so that the judging could concentrate on the form, toolwork and quality of the finish rather than the degree of difficulty of the entries. The comp pieces for the next three months are:- March, lidded box (no ornamentation) min 70 x70mm and max 100 x 100mm. April, a bowl (no ornament) max 75 x 200 mm. May, matched pair of eggcups (functional)

The Wednesday morning group are settling into our new room and after spending the first meeting day moving lathes etc. the weekly program started with Neil Piper demonstrating how to make a goblet with clear plastic windows in the side. Although I did not attend Neil's demo I have seen him do this in the past and understand that as usual gave a most instructive and interesting performance. The next week I was able to attend and saw Ken Rex show us how to make a marking gauge with a pencil as a stylus. This very useful gadget is on my list of projects, all in all a most interesting demo. We were then entertained by Mick Hanlon showing how he approached the most challenging task of making a completely turned chess set. This again was an excellent demo and Mick's approach to the task was designed to make the job as straight forward as possible. Bill Botman appeared next armed with only a skew chisel, a gouge a very good eye and turned, in no time at all, a very acceptable ball from a cylinder of wood. Bill's facility with the skew chisel is enviable and his eye better than most. Well done, Bill. Ken Rex appeared again for the last demo in February to show us his router frame on the lathe fluting a pedestal pillar. The pillar was shaped and Ken demonstrated how his gadget enabled him to make a template to follow the shape of the pillar and how the frame held the template to allow the fluting very easily once the jig was set up. Ken's ingenuity never ceases to amaze and his use of inexpensive materials in his jig making proves that you should never throw anything away. Again an excellent demo by Ken who is always happy to pass on his unique skills.

Kevin McCrackan has been absent from our meetings for most of the year and his presence is greatly missed. We all hope that he can get back on deck soon.

Don Gunn.

BUNBURY BULLETIN

Bunbury got off to a quiet start this year until the arrival of February. It all happens in Bunbury in February !!! Our annual WAWA weekend workshop happened on 16/17 Feb. and this year we thought to do something different. Firstly we opted for a one day show. This was something new we wanted to try and I believe that even though there was a bit more work, it was quite successful. Our attendance was 112 woodturners registered with some 65 associates and visitors making close to 180 attendees for the day. Not a bad effort for a one day show. Many thanks to the demonstrators who participated. Without your involvement workshops would not happen. Also many thanks to the workers behind the scenes (ladies in the kitchen and general rousabouts) In addition, Bunbury Group organised, for our guests, a Surprise Bus tour on the Sunday. This took us by surprise as we had two full buses (70 passengers) to cater for. The day took in the Margaret River Cheese Factory, Candy Cow at Cowaramup, Glass Blowing (which was fascinating) in Margaret River, lunch at Settlers Park in Margaret River, Pilandri Wines and Cape Lavender for a delightful afternoon tea before heading back to Bunbury. Congratulations to Betty Brooks on winning the raffle, which consisted of items donated by all the places visited.

The theme for the day was relax and enjoy (not for the workers) but by all participants' responses, they had a most enjoyable day. This leads us to the question "WHAT DO WE DO NEXT YEAR ?"

Our continuing program has topics such as finishing, power point presentation of Goldfields timbers, segmented bowls, barrel turning, bowls with carving and inside out turning. This will keep us busy over the coming months
Rowdy

[Great to see Bunbury's group report, keep 'em coming ! Other convenors, take note. Ed]

MEMO FROM MANDURAH

Mandurah Group continues to have reasonable attendances at our bi-monthly meetings. Over recent months we have averaged 25 members attending with 10 group competition entries. Our Competition Director, Frank Evans, is pleased with the increase in competition entries over last year but would still like more members to enter the competitions. Frank strongly believes that entering the competitions is the best way to improve personal skill levels.

One of the problems facing the Mandurah Group at this stage is a lack of experienced/qualified demonstrators. This applies to both our regular group meetings and for public demonstrations. One method of overcoming the problem that has been discussed among the group is for every member to conduct at least one demonstration (at group meetings) each year with each person choosing the item they wish to demonstrate.

We consider ourselves to be very lucky at Mandurah in that we have an excellent working relationship with the Manual Arts Section at Mandurah High School who allow us the use of the school premises for our regular meetings. Recently, we had moved into a more spacious area at the rear of the complex. However, this area was not covered by the school's security system and was subject to a robbery in early January. The school lost a considerable amount of equipment including a computer lathe, drill press, a Woodfast lathe and parts of other equipment items that which would render the equipment unusable but of no use to the thieves, (Mindless!!!) the Woodfast lathe was very heavy, firmly bolted to the floor and permanently wired but they managed to take it. Most fortunately the majority of our WAWA equipment was at the home of one of our members so that it was available over the school holidays when we don't have access to the school. The items that were stolen include two boxes of chisels, a 200mm bench grinder, a box of lathe chucks, first aid kit and our library of video tapes, magazines and books. The Police have recovered the boxes of chisels which will be returned after a Court hearing. In the meantime we have returned to using the woodwork room at the High School which is covered by the Security Alarm System.

John Mason and Jeff Tills are organising the Mandurah Group Weekend Workshop (May 18, 19) at the Mandurah High School. An interesting programme of events and top demonstrations has been organised for Saturday (full details page 5) One of the interesting displays will be of a Woodmiser from the Dwellingup Forest Heritage Centre. The Woodmiser is a horizontal band saw mounted on a frame designed for slabbing logs. WAWA members are invited to bring a log or two (no more as we want to share the time amongst everyone) that they want cut into slabs. A charge will be based on a pro rata time of \$50 per hour.

For the Sunday programme we are proposing a boat cruise to entertain the members. We recommend that we leave at 9am from the Boardwalk on the Supercat, visit the waterways of Mandurah, bird life and (hopefully) dolphins, travel to the Murray River and return to Mandurah at 12 noon. Tea and coffee and a mini bar is available on board.

One of the boats holds 60 passengers, the other 50. We will need to have numbers one month beforehand so we must have firm bookings by the April workshop and be paid up by May 1st. The cost is expected to be \$16 to \$17 per person (depending on numbers). After the cruise you may wish to lunch at Cicerello's, the Dome or Amalfi Café, Simmo's Ice Cream or any of many on the Mandurah Fore-shore. Contacts.. Jeff Tills, 9535 6020. Norm Griffiths, 9535 5556. John Mason, 9537 6626.

NORTH of the RIVER NEWS

The last meeting of 2001 held on 17th November was very well attended with 20 people participating. Steve Mutsaers has been elected Convenor, Malcolm Munro as Treasurer and Jim Bell remaining as Secretary.

2002 has begun with the group looking forward to a vigorous year but unfortunately the numbers are down. Where are you? In January we had a demonstration by Joe Romeo and in February we had lace bobbins with Gordon Ratcliffe and "half" a clock by Joe Romeo.

The Group is looking forward to hosting their first weekend workshop in June.

Every man is a fool at least five minutes every day. Wisdom consists of not exceeding the limit !

JOONDALUP/WANNEROO REPORT

This year commenced well with a meeting in the home workshop of Dick Morley on Wednesday 16/1 Dick put a lot of preparation into his demo of spiral turning and sphere turning which was greatly appreciated by all present. A nice afternoon tea from Gwen accompanied by much discussion capped off a great day.

Late last year, a number of members assembled in West Swan with cars, trailers and chain saws to collect a large quantity of Olive from a huge branch that had fallen from a 150 year old tree. Later we also collected a quantity of Norfolk Island Pine which we have stored at Wanneroo High School.

For our February meeting we were back at Wanneroo High School. The project was inlaid lidded boxes with each entrant describing his method of production.

An article and photograph in the Wanneroo Times has enabled us to attract a couple of prospective new members. At this stage the rest of the year looks good.

Lach Christie, Convenor.

AVON VALLEY GROUP

Well, the New Year is well on its way and so is the club. Even though we are in the middle of a drought and praying for rain, the turning continues, though a bit slower, particularly on hot days. We welcome Phil Berrill back, and thank him for teaching our newer members at our Sunday workshops. Phil brings another aspect of turning to the club.

At our January meeting, Bill Wallbank demonstrated pewter inlaying, and despite a minor mishap, it was an interesting evening. Well done, Bill.

We currently have an exhibition at the Toodyay Visitors Centre, originally for January but owing to the amount of interest shown in the display, we have been asked to leave it in for February as well.

Our wishes go out to David Eyres and Brian McKenzie for a speedy recovery. Unfortunately, Brian (No 908) won't be able to attend any more because of illness. So we wish him well and thank him for his input and regular attendance in the past.

We are very fortunate here in Toodyay to have rent free premises for our workshops and meetings. Thanks to the Toodyay Agricultural Society for giving us use of the wool pavilion. We don't even have to shift out on showday, just put our equipment in one corner and do demonstrations all day.

Fred Cook, Convenor.

SUBJECT — HEART ATTACK.....Such was the heading of an article in issue # 97 which dealt with Self Resuscitation through coughing. The article was from a reliable publication and reputedly from a reliable source.

It was printed in good faith as is this follow up article, published in the "West Australian Nurse" of Dec/Jan. 2002.

"E-Mail hoax has Canada coughing...Senior cardiologists are alarmed that a hoax e-mail message circulating across Canada is providing dangerous and erroneous advice relating to heart attacks. The E-mail advises 'heart attack victims' to cough vigorously and repeatedly between deep breaths 'as when producing sputum from deep within the chest.'

Dr. Anthony Graham of the Heart and Stroke Foundation says that this advice is "a total waste of time and dangerous" for people who are having chest pains. "This information should not be forwarded or used by anyone." He says the best thing to do if you think you're having a myocardial infarction are... Take nitroglycerine if available; chew on an aspirin." Newsworld [Ottawa]

As mentioned above, I published the article in good faith as a service to our members. My most sincere hope is that no one was or has been inconvenienced or has suffered as a result. Editor.

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MIDVALE MUTTERINGS

As many of you know by now we have had to find a new place to meet, after being fortunate enough to be able to meet at the WA Woodworking Centre in Midvale for the past 16 years. Midvale members would like to take this opportunity to thank Colin and Marilyn Kleinig very much for being such magnificent hosts, and wish them well in the future.

In February, we met at Robert Drinkwater's home with about 29 members present. Alan Fettes provided the demonstration. Our thanks to Robert and Alan for making a very pleasant evening possible. Photographs of the meet can be found in the gallery at the Midvale page of the WAWA Website. Our thanks to Bob Cross for making this possible and putting up with my persistent e-mails.

Midvale is going to be on the move while the committee finds a new home for the group. The March meeting will be in the Scout Hall in Bellevue and April in the Koongamia Hall, Banjine Rd, Koon-gamia. Planning is well advanced for the Midvale workshop in July.

The committee is forming a contact group of members interested in participating at fairs and fetes with a display and demonstrations. The idea is to have a list with enough members to draw from when these events come around. This will enable us to be able to respond to requests without the same few having to do it each time. So if you are not in it and want to participate, even if it is only once a year, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Robert Atkins.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DISGUSTED !!

Not being a regular attendee of WAWA weekend workshops, I recently made the attempt and attended the one day workshop at Wandi in January. I was pleasantly surprised by the venue, setup and the number of people in attendance.

It was good to see that two of the demonstrators on the program were first timers, even though this can be daunting to the best of us. I would not be surprised if these two turners didn't offer their services again and my reason is as follows.

I have never been so disgusted at the rudeness of people in the audience who talked through these demonstrations. They didn't even have the courtesy to leave the room and have their discussion outside. In fact, I do remember Gerald Young asking the audience to be quiet on several occasions.

It is daunting enough for a demonstrator (especially for the first time) to even get up on stage let alone entertain a large number of peers. Admittedly there were a few problems with placement of the microphone, and this should be looked at when setting up, but I could not believe my ears at the number of people talking through these demonstrations as well as the others.

Come on woodturners, give your peers your ears and not your mouth. If you are so bored, take your conversation outside and give others a chance to listen and learn for the betterment of our association
Rod Williams, Member No. 85

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS.....

1783.....Kelvin ROBINSON	Wellard (Rejoined)	1879.....Jack ADAMS	Bullcreek
1876.....Tony DeANGELIS	Collie	1880.....Ivan MACMILLAN	Stoneville
1877.....Jim STITFALL	Belmont	1881.....Russell SAUNDERS	Collie
1878.....Ernie DAVIES	Safety Bay		

AND A FAREWELL.....

It is with regret that we note the passing of another member of our Mandurah Group.

Owen Jones (Member No 1585) was a respected and loved fellow woodturner who died on the 5th of March, 2002. Owen had a wonderful sense of humour and was always ready for a chat and to relate a joke. He and his wife Lesley were willing helpers at many weekend workshops at Mandurah.

FOR SALE....Various bowl blanks in a variety of timber, but mainly Jacaranda. Choice of sizes.

Contact Kevin Hall (Member No. 1536) on 0412 275 785

PROFILE OF A TURNER

DONALD ALLIN CLARKE # 1623

Born in Birmingham, England in 1946, Don was the second child born to Donald and Grace Clarke. His sister Josephine still resides in Birmingham. He was fortunate to have a Private Education, but left at the age of 15 to become involved in Horticulture. His father was a Chartered Accountant, and one of his clients offered him a position in this field.

For the following 8 years he learnt horticulture which included completely building a new nursery. The firm grew 10,000 rose bushes and 500 standard roses each year plus approx. 5,000 Dahlias and 4,000 Chrysanthemums as well as landscaping. In addition to his new found vocation, his spare time was spent sailing Nation 12s and Merlin Rockets.



This sport was started when he was 10 years old. Today he still sails (a Court 560) at the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club. Working in the cold outdoors in the nursery, his thoughts turned to "Sunny Australia" !

He applied to the Immigration Dept. and after being accepted (deciding against sailing and opting for the plane ride instead) he arrived in Clontarf, Sydney in June 1969 and stayed with friends living there.

In no time he found himself working for a Ford dealer doing pre-delivery work. He continued to work with this company for three months. Whilst working he managed to purchase a little Honda Sports car (S600) His aim was to see more of Australia. A week after he bought his 'wheels' he was offered a position in Perth as a district mechanic for an oil service company named Schlumberger. He was told he had three weeks to make his way across to Perth. It had been suggested that he drive across. Little did he realise just how vast Australia was !! He arrived in Perth and took on his new position with enthusiasm and was kept very busy looking after 35 tonne trucks worth, in the late 60s, \$US 1 million each !

After two months working for his new employers, his immediate boss asked him if he would like to go motor racing with him. He readily accepted, only to find that he had to take his boss's Porche 911S by trailer to Melbourne to have the motor re-installed by the Porche Company, then take it on to Surfers Paradise for the 6 hour race. Following all the excitement of the race, he was to bring it back to Perth. After 6,500 miles and 14 days of virtual non-stop driving he was back in Perth and on his way to another adventure. An offshore oil-drilling rig. During these travels he had taken quite a few photo slides and wanted to send some to his folks in the U.K. While in Midland, he wandered into a Chemists to buy a slide viewer. He came out with a slide projector and his future wife! The story being that Tina felt sorry for him and invited him home for dinner. Three months later they married and two years later were blessed with their son, Donald.

After working for Schlumberger for 5 years, he was invited to go overseas with their company as a Production Engineer. They moved to Singapore in 1975 with their 2 1/2 yo son. They stayed there for 8 months. In that time his work took him to Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand. With the fall of Vietnam, they moved to Brunei where they lived for three years, with him working mainly on Gas Wells.

In 1978 they moved to Kuala Lumpur. Here Don worked in the South China Sea, mainly for ESSO. In 1980 they returned home, mainly for Donald's education as a boarding school was not acceptable. He was transferred back to Perth and for the next 16 years he worked all over Australia and New Zealand being in charge of Production Logging work. In 1996, after 27 years with Schlumberger, he took an early retirement as the long hours and time away posed a strain on his wife and son.

His work involved being called out any time, day or night. When working on a well, they worked until the job was finished, 1 hour or 1 week, no meal breaks, no sleep. His longest job was 6 1/2 weeks, working on 18 gas wells and did 27 rig moves and the most sleep was 3 hours. In the 27 years, he survived Cyclone Tracy, Cyclone Olsen (Dampier) and 5 others offshore. He also swam out of a downed helicopter in Darwin !!!

After retiring, and having had an interest in wood all his life, he decided to try woodturning. A visit to the Woodturning Centre in Midvale was the start of his next adventure. Colin Kleinig suggested he do a 4 week turning course, enabling him to try out a wood lathe before buying one. This he did and thanks to Eric Walker, he was hooked. Colin Kleinig could not supply the lathe he wanted so he bought one from Woodstock. With the purchase of the lathe came two lessons and with the help of Roy Lundy he learnt a lot more. It was during this time that he became aware of WAWA and went to one of the meetings in Midvale and joined the Association. Last year he joined the Midvale committee and took on the running of the competitions which he found to be a challenge and very interesting. He has attended most Midvale and WAWA monthly meetings since joining. It has been during these meetings that he has made many friends, and he has realised that his turning has improved by entering the competitions.

Entering the competitions has been a way of extending his knowledge and has helped to increase and improve his turning skills. This, he feels, will lead better to equip him to attempt the ultimate in turning, whatever that is!

SHAVINGS FROM THE COMMITTEE

CHUCK WAGON TOWING

As members are aware, the 'chuck wagons' are essential in the Association's Weekend Workshops. Two enclosed trailers are needed to transport the variety of equipment and TV monitoring items, and these trailers have to be towed to and from the various venues.

It is not always easy to find a member prepared to tow the wagons and to assist those that do, the Committee has resolved to pay the member 30 cents per kilometre. Those who volunteer to do this service, will be provided with a pro forma claim form by the weekend co-ordinator and the member will have to complete the claim and forward it to the Treasurer for payment.

INSURANCE

An enquiry was received from a number of Albany woodturners [not necessarily members of the Assn] who desired to affiliate with us and to have the advantage of our insurance.

Our Constitution does not permit affiliation of this nature and the request had to be refused. However, it was suggested that if all the individuals joined the Assn, a group could be formed in Albany and they would then have the cover they were seeking. Those concerned have not yet responded.

Members are reminded that the Personal Accident Policy covering members limits cover to persons over the age of 12 years and under the age of 86 years.

An accident did occur at the Bunbury workshop and members are reminded that any incident which may give rise to a claim against our Insurers, must be reported to them within 30 days of the happening therefore, written advice of the circumstances should be forwarded to the Secretary immediately.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT EX KENWICK

Following the dissolution of the Kenwick Group, the Assn lathes and equipment which was located at the Liddelow Homestead, was relocated "on loan" to various other groups. It is hoped that another group will be formed to serve the south east corridor and to be a focal point for members in that area, and then of course, the equipment now "on loan" will be made available to them.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

My thanks to the 76 members who attended the Wandi workshop in January 2002, who took the trouble to complete the questionnaire relating to the above. 100 questionnaires were circulated and therefore the response was very good.

Generally, satisfaction was expressed concerning the weekend workshops. However, all the views expressed are being considered by the Committee and changes will be made, where appropriate, in the conduct of our weekends.

As could have been expected, we do not all have the same view, for example some members want show and tell time allocation to be reduced, others suggest the time allocation should be expanded !

This and other matters, are those about which the Committee will have to make decisions.

An analysis has been made of the answers posed in the questionnaire and while this is too bulky to send to all members, all the Committee have a copy and would be pleased to discuss the content with any member. No doubt, the Editor will include extracts of the results in the Newsletter, depending on the availability of space.

My pen picture [derived from the answers received from Wandi] of the average member who was in attendance is as follows. He is 70 years old, a member of a group, turns mainly for recreation but makes the occasional sales, attends 7 to 8 weekend workshops a year and is accompanied by his spouse. He is satisfied with the present programming arrangements, he is not a regular helper or willing to assist or demonstrate. He has indicated some instruction is warranted and would like to see more demonstrations at intermediate level on finishing, tool/trade presentation and carving, in that order. He favours the contributor show and tell talking and prefers turning items, jigs and gadgets and problem solving, in that order. Occasionally submits an item in the competition but lacks confidence on ability. For the random sample aspect of the survey, the questionnaire was forwarded to 73 members and to date 26 have been returned. These will be analysed and compared with the results of the [Wandi] control group. The exercise was a worthwhile one to help in determining members views and appreciation is extended to those who participated in a venture to improve the enjoyment of weekend workshops.
Milton Rundle.

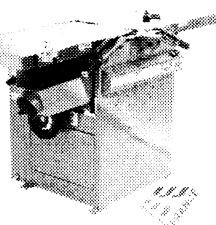
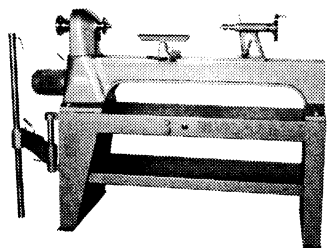


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