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## **AVON VALLEY**

Wool Pavilion Showground Toodyay

7:30pm 4th Monday 9:00am 2nd & 4th Sunday

Andrew McCann.....0409 203 962

## **BUNBURY**

Cathedral Grammar School, Gelorup

7:00pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Kevan Hunt.....9721 3625

## **BUSSELTON**

Agricultural WA Building cnr Queen St & Marine Tce,  
Busselton

7:00pm 2nd & 4th Wed., 10:00am - 4:00pm Sat.

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## **COLLIE**

Clubrooms -cnr Witnoom & Steere Wed 9:30am -

3:30pm Month Meeting on the Last Sunday

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Southern River College, T&E Building,

Southern River Road, Gosnells

8:30am - 12:30pm Wed., 6:30pm - 9:30pm Thurs.

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## **JOONDALUP/WANNEROO**

Heathridge Leisure Centre, Sail Tce, Heathridge

2nd & Last Monday 7:00pm

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Thursdays: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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## **MANJIMUP**

The Shed, Timber Park.

Wed. & Thurs. 10.00 - 2.00 & Sunday 11.00 - 3.00

Graham Quaife.....9771 8001

## **MELVILLE**

Melville Rec Centre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hway

9:00am Wednesday

Dennis Kestel.....9337 6091

## **MUNDARING**

Old Parkerville Primary School, Dura & Riley Rds,

Parkerville 2:00 to 4.00pm Wednesday

Brian Adams.....9295 4486

## **SWAN**

Gumnuts Family Centre, Mudalla Way. Koongamia

2nd Tues, 7:30pm 1st, 3rd & 4th Tues 11:30am

Ian Moss.....9293 2519

## **WANDI**

Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd, Wandi

7:00pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays (Gen. Meeting & Demo)

8:00am - 12:00pm Tuesday (Hands On)

6:00pm - 9.30pm Tuesday (Hands On)

8:00am - 12:00pm Wednesday (Hands On)

12:00pm - 4:00pm Wednesday (Ladies Group)

Convenor: Barrie Knop.....0411 518 114

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# *Presidential Pronouncement*

We are into another year and I wish you and your families the Happiest and Healthiest for 2011.

It is with sadness that I advise the passing of two Mandurah and Association members. Both John Mason and Jeff Tills were stalwarts of the woodturning community and will be sadly missed.

On a brighter note we have a jam packed year coming up. As a result of the suggestions that came from the Conveners meeting held last November, the committee, workshop coordinators and competition organizer have worked hard to give the Weekend Workshops a fresher brighter look for the coming year. You can all help by completing the questionnaire that will be circulated to you and returning it as soon as possible. The ball is really in your court as to the direction you would like the workshops to head.

Also, the Vice President John Gardiner is now finalizing the details of the visit by renowned International Turner, Eli Averere. This is a tremendous coup for the Association and I hope you will all take advantage of his visit and support the initiative of your committee.

The Association Christmas end of year function was once more a most enjoyable day out, and whilst some groups distributed toys locally, the display of wooden and knitted toys was still very impressive. My congratulations to all participating groups.

Finally, by the time you read this I will be on an extended leave of absence. I leave the Association in the most capa-

ble of hands and on behalf of those stepping into the breach, I ask for your continued support.

*Alan Roberts* - President

## **Editors Note:**

Whilst on leave, John Gardiner will be acting as President of our Association. The Secretarial position has been assumed by Kevin Cheetam. Both John and Kevin may be contacted as per the details on page 2.

## *Registrar's Ramblings*

### **New Members**

We would like to welcome to the Association, the following new members:

Carol Anderson 2558 Melville Group

Graham Downe 2559 Collie Group

Deborah Thyne 2560

Joondalup/Wanneroo Group

Rodney Cowhan 2561 Wandi Group

Gerard Tenbokkel 2562 Wandi Group

Adrian Britza 2563 Manjimup Group

Darrell O'Reilly 2564 Gosnells Group

Geoff Schupp 638 (rejoined)

Joondalup/Wanneroo Group

*Alan Roberts* Membership Registrar

## *Editor's Epistle*

Members present at the Bunbury weekend workshop at the end of 2011, will remember the positive feedback received in regard to the proposition to increase the amount of technical information, details on new turning equipment, and anything new in turning techniques from around the Australia and internationally. This issue features a few pages on new

equipment recently purchased by WAWA members.

To ensure this new initiative is successful, the Newsletter would welcome regular input from Association members. Please send any interesting information through to [wawa.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wawa.newsletter@gmail.com), or phone 9310 1726.

*David Rechter* - Editor

## *Weekend Workshop Observations*

BUNBURY GROUP  
WEEKEND WORKSHOP

19th NOVEMBER 2011

Stan Zieba welcomed us to the Dardanup Town Hall and explained the circumstances that shifted the workshop from Bunbury. He listed the facilities, the order of the day and Mayama Gems as the trade supplier, there was also a large amount of wood for sale.

First demonstration was Norm Gratte with a miniature desk clock, first showing us a handy board with places for sand paper and other accessories. Norm explained the advantages of using a cup chuck and demonstrated how to use it on rounded wood cut to 28.4mm, to fit a 28mm chuck, sized with a special gauge. Norm passed round several examples of variations of miniature clocks, some based on golf balls. He mounted his pre prepared wood in the cup chuck and turned to round using a template made from aluminum offset printing plates. Norm first turned the base, then parted off, and fitted to a jam chuck to drill the recess for the clock. He then turned the

ball shape ready for the fitting of the clock. Norm distributed an information sheet, and answered questions from the members.

Stan introduced Mr John Gardiner the President of the Dardanup Shire who welcomed the members to the Shire. John explained that Dardanup was gradually transposing from a rural base to one of arts and crafts with a tourist attraction. He expressed his admiration for wood turning and wished us a successful workshop.

Trish Ramsay was next, with embellishing turned items with paint. After explaining the type of work in which she specialized, Trish passed round several examples of her embellishing, which included bottle shapes, platters and bowls. Trish showed the types of brushes and paints she uses, and the way to clean and store them. Explaining how the pattern is marked out, she then showed the basic brush strokes of a comma and "C". Trish then painted patterns of roses and leaves on platters and bowls. A lively question and answer session followed, and as there was still some time remaining, the audience called for an encore. Trish obliged by painting a bowl with a gum nut pattern on the outside, and leaves and gum nuts on the inside. Whilst this was drying she took a bowl with a pattern traced on the bottom, and colored the background with white highlights and left it to dry. Trish then went back to complete the bowl with flowers, and finally added leaves to the bottom of the other bowl. Trish finished her demonstration by decorating a gum nut. Congratulations to Trish Ramsey for a very interesting demonstration and also to Bunbury for daring to do something different.

After lunch Alan Roberts conducted

President's Forum, stating that the groups would be receiving their refund cheque to spend on equipment, and our editor David Rechter, spoke on ideas for the magazine in 2012.

Final demonstration for the day was Neil Turner with embellished lidded container. Neil first showed a number of bowl shapes using coral forms, and a York gum natural edged bowl. He then mounted a York gum burl on the lathe and shaped the outside of the form. Neil emphasized the importance of safety and how to make use of sapwood in the choice of shape, as well as using it to stand out as a feature. He then removed the burl from the lathe, and after speaking about types of finishes, remounted in a four jaw chuck. Neil then cut out the centre, explaining that he leaves the tailstock in place as long as possible. After removal of the tailstock Neil completed

the form to the shape and thickness he required. He would then sand and finish as desired. A lively question and answer session followed, as members took the opportunity to gain information on a wide range of subjects.

The drawing of the raffle was next followed by Bruce Jackson announcing the competition results. After Show and Tell, Stan Zieba closed the workshop, thanking everyone for coming. Thank you Stan and Bunbury group for hosting an excellent workshop in the pleasant surrounds of Dardanup, with Norm, Trish and Neil providing top class demonstrations, and plenty of opportunity for members to gain and exchange information and ideas.

*Peter Pickering* Roving Reporter

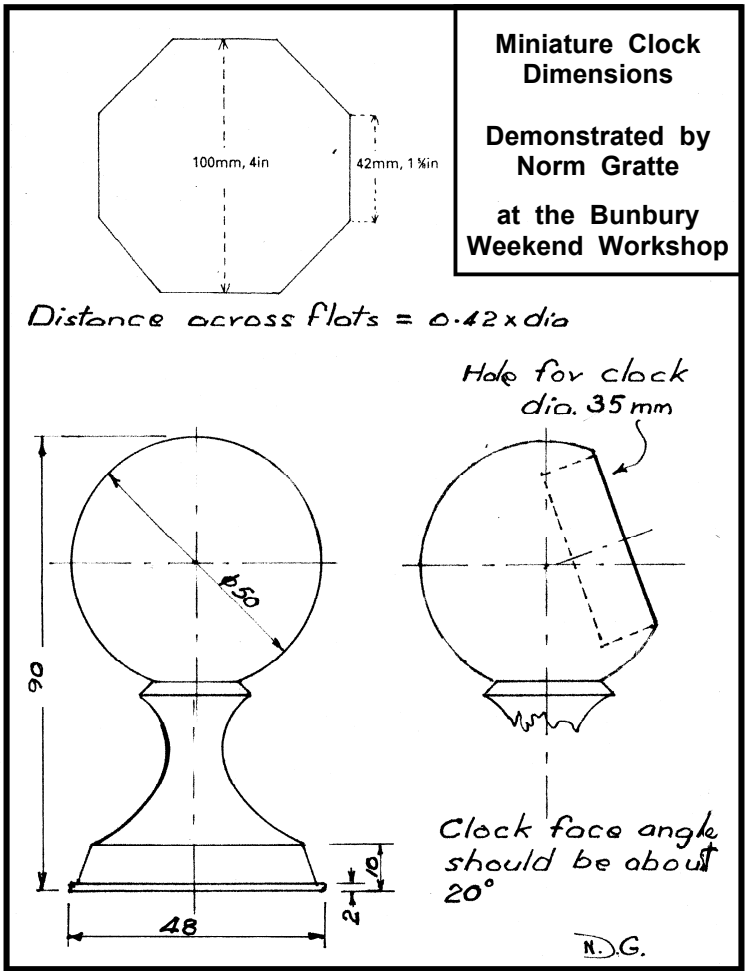


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**Trish Ramsay  
at Bunbury**



# *Competition Items - 2012*

**January & February** No work shops.

**March 17th Collie** Walking Stick with Handle. Rubber tip mandatory.

**April 21st Melville** Mortar and pestle. Pestle to be a comparable size.

**May 26th Mandurah** Potpourri. No pewter, ceramic or purchased lid (lid must be of your own making, or alter native method used)

**June 16th Joondalup/Wanneroo** Bedside Lamp. No shade.

**July 21st Gosnells** Pair of Candle Sticks, matching in design.  
Min. height 200mm,  
Max. height 400mm.

**August 18th Avon** Square Edged Bowl. Four sides to be of equal length

**September 15th Wandi** Gavel and Striker Plate.

**October 20th Swan** Egg Timer

**November 17th Busselton** Hollow turned Urn with Lid. Grecian urn style. Max. height 300mm.

**December Christmas Windup**  
Best Item for 2012  
(unjudged by WAWA)

*Bruce Jackson*

Competition Co-ordinator

## *Competition Results*

**19th November - Bunbury**  
**Item from One Piece of Wood.**  
**(200 x 75 x 75 — one cut allowed)**

### **Novice**

- 1st Gerry Doyle
- 2nd Robbie Norton
- 3rd Tom Brixey
- 4th Jim Cunniffe

### **Intermediate**

No entries

### **Advanced**

- 1st Bruce Jackson
- 2nd Doug McDiarmid
- 3rd Rudi Goh
- 4th Maurie Munro

### **Most Popular**

- 1st George Park
- 2nd Doug McDiarmid
- 3rd Bruce Jackson
- 4th Maurie Munro

### **Open**

- 1st Bruce Jackson
- 2nd Doug McDiarmid
- 3rd Rudi Goh
- 4th Maurie Munro

## **10th December Christmas Windup**

### **Cyril Jones Perpetual Trophy (Most Popular on the Day)**

- 1st Eric Walker
- 2nd George Park
- 3rd Jim Hill

### **President's Trophy (Best Turned Item on the Day)**

- 1st George Park
- 2nd Jack Pallas
- 3rd Jim Hill

### **Keith Stout Perpetual Trophy (Open Competition)**

- 1st Bruce Jackson
- 2nd Maurie Munro
- 3rd Andy Hill

## **Accumulated Points for 2011**

### **Novice**

- 1st Robbie Norton
- 2nd Geoff Quesnel & Gerry Doyle
- 3rd Mike Bishop



# Accumulated Points for 2011 (conti.)

## Intermediate

- 1st Rudy Goh
- 2nd Tony Collins
- 3rd Mike Bishop

## Advanced

- 1st Viv Paust & Bruce Jackson
- 2nd Maurie Munro
- 3rd Tom Callaghan

## Most Popular

- 1st Maurie Munro
- 2nd George Park & Bruce Jackson
- 3rd Doug McDiarmid



Merit Awards presented to  
Elaine & Ted Boyd  
at the Christmas Windup

Selection of Items  
at the Christmas Windup





## *Eli Avisera to Visit as a Guest Turner for WAWA*

Our Association has great pleasure in announcing that we have arranged to bring the world renown turner Eli Avisera, to WA, from 25th March to 4th April.

WAWA will be paying for his air fares and sundry expenses, but workshops and master classes will have to be self supporting.

The workshop will be tentatively held at Wandi, or a larger venue, should there be sufficient interest. The COM has also discussed the idea that a country workshop may be in order, and suggest that Bunbury (or Dardanup) could be a central location for members in the South West. Perhaps even Mandurah members would consider going to Dardanup.

Costs are likely to be \$35 entry fee for members (including lunch) to see a full day's demonstration by this international turner. Master classes will most probably be at a cost of \$100.00 (including lunch) for 8 attendee's in each of three separate full day classes, held at Wandi for novice, intermediate and advanced levels. If numbers determine, two may be grouped together. A further "Masters" class may be considered for professional turners.

Any member that would like to register their interest, especially in regard to the master classes, should contact John Gardiner on 9455 4206.

## *Neil Scobie Workshop*

Neil will again be the guest artist at the WA Wood Show from 3rd to 5th August.

A one day workshop with Neil has been scheduled for Wednesday 1st August, by the Melville Woodturning Group.

We suggest members mark their calendar with this date, as places will be probably limited to 100, and after his visit last year, Neil's appearance will be eagerly awaited.

## *Shopping Centre Displays*

Are you interested in joining the shopping centre display team, to help promote our craft?

Contact Brian Fowlie on 93103161 to find out more detail.

# News From The Groups

## Bunbury Bites

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.** Show & Tell. MC Jim Cunniffe.

Ted Norrie – Natural Edge Bulloak bowl - courageous as Ted had it blow up in its making.

Lyn Poli – Box in Blackheart Sassafras - always good.

Stan Zieba – Platter in Marri – special.

Noel Ness – Our resident engineer brought in his elaborate metal grinding jig for chisels – needs a patent.

Members agree to attend workshop at Kevan Hunts place on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov for the purpose of making toys.

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Members attended Seniors Expo for the purpose of giving woodturning demos and sales – all went well apparently.

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Hands on night taken up with last minute organizing of Weekend Workshop.

Stan (Biggles) Zieba brought in a flat pack 3 wheeler Trike he had made for his granddaughter – all Stan's own design and all turned (absolutely marvellous), and a great thing for future toy making. Stan then gave a demo of scroll sawing, another interest of his.

**19<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Bunbury Weekend Workshop held at Dardanup Hall. A great success, good venue, good crowd, good demonstrators, good food and we gave the travellers a hot cup of tea or coffee when they arrived, which was much appreciated.

Only one Bunbury couple attended the WAWA Xmas windup at Bullcreek, but this was made up by the good company and fellowship with like minded people.

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Our Xmas windup at Kevan and Meryl Hunts house. A beautiful day was had by all, with Meryl and Kevan very gracious hosts. It was also our time for annual club awards:

Most Attendance – Lyn Poli and Bob Sparrow.

Most Show & Tell – Ted Norrie.

Most Competition Points – Stan Zieba.

Club Member of the Year – Kevan Hunt.

John Shinnick Award for Best Turner – George Parke.

After Kevan Hunt received his award, his wife Meryl agreed that behind every great man is a surprised woman.

On a personal note I am much saddened by the passing of John Mason whom I considered a friend. His are big boots to fill and I am sure that Bruce Jackson will do a great job and make John proud.

I wish all members an uneventful New Year and good health.

Yours *Gee Pee*

## Collie Calling

Collie Woodturners hope that all WAWA members and their families had a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2012.

Not much to report as our December meeting was our Christmas dinner. In the opinion of most members it was the best we've had in years, both in numbers attending, and the meal and service that went with it, and also the venue itself. Dominic Italiano received the award for most points scored through out the year.

Our November competition was Turners choice and was won jointly by Doug Gulvin and Ken Hands. Seven entries

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& POST OR EMAIL AS PER INSTRUCTIONS AT END

# HELP! Weekend Workshops Survey

We want our Weekend Workshops to be **even better**. It's your Association – let's have your opinions.  
Complete this form to register your reasons and suggestions. Strengthen WAWA by doing so.

## Your input is valued and required.

Just circle your reply. "YES" to agree, "NO" to disagree.

Add your **suggestions on the dotted lines** or attach a page quoting the question number.

Please do not hesitate to offer any constructive suggestions (here, in writing or by email).  
for **Interactive Version** – email [mcdiarmiddoug@gmail.com](mailto:mcdiarmiddoug@gmail.com)

## About this Form. This form has three sections.

**Section 1** – for those who **have never attended/rarely attend** Weekend Workshops.

**Section 2** – for those who **usually attend** Weekend Workshops. (Half or more per year.)

**Section 3** – for those, in both categories, **not entering competition** items.

## About You (Optional)

Name.....Regn Number.....Group.....

**Member for** (please answer). Less than **3 years**. Yes    **3 to 6 years**. Yes    More than **6 years**. Yes

**Section 1.** I **have never attended** or **rarely attend** Weekend Workshops because...

**1.1** in **General** they are...

## **Section 2. I usually attend Weekend Workshops because.....**

- 2.1** in **General** they are...
  - 2.1.1 held at convenient intervals now. YES / NO. I suggest .....
  - 2.1.2 held at the right mix of country/metro. YES / NO. I suggest .....
  - 2.1.3 OK, but would like other venues included. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 2.2** the **Venues**....
  - 2.2.1 are OK now . YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 2.3** the **Programs**...
  - 2.3.1 are good now. YES / NO – see 2.3.2 below.
  - 2.3.2 are OK, but
    - 2.3.2.1 are too slow. YES / NO. I suggest .....
    - 2.3.2.2 are poorly advertised. YES / NO. I suggest .....
    - 2.3.2.3 include too many TBA's. YES / NO. I suggest .....
    - 2.3.2.4 need a theme. YES / NO. I suggest .....
    - 2.3.2.5 need more variation. YES / NO. I suggest .....
    - 2.3.2.6 start/finish times are inconvenient. YES / NO. I suggest .....
    - 2.3.2.7 need other improvements. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 2.4** the **Demonstrations** are...
  - 2.4.1 good now. YES / NO – see 2.4.2 below.
  - 2.4.2 are OK, but could be improved by...
    - 2.4.2.1 presenting more at this level. Beginners YES. Intermediate YES. Advanced YES
    - 2.4.2.3 more club members demonstrating . YES / NO. I suggest.....
    - 2.4.2.3. 1 I'm willing to demonstrate. YES / NO. Name.....
    - 2.4.2.4 more interstate/OS demonstrators. YES / NO. I suggest .....
    - 2.4.2.4. 1 I'd pay more for this. YES / NO. I suggest .....
    - 2.4.2.5 improving visibility by .....

- 2.4.2.5.1 seating only beginners in front rows. YES / NO.
- 2.4.2.5.2 better video arrangements. YES / NO. Specify.....
- 2.4.2.5.3 I'd like to be a video operator. YES / NO. Name.....
- 2.4.2.6 other changes. YES / NO. Specify.....

**Section 3. I would enter more Competitions if...**

- 3.1 the competition items were..
  - 3.1.1 MORE / LESS challenging. (Circle choice.)
  - 3.1.2 different items for different levels. YES / NO.
  - 3.1.3 to dimensions/drawings. YES / NO.
  - 3.1.4 more varied year to year. YES / NO.
  - 3.1.5 more imaginative 'art'. YES / NO.
  - 3.1.6 more saleable. YES / NO
  - 3.1.7 less old fashioned. YES / NO.
  - 3.1.8 'better' in another way. YES / NO. Specify.....
- 3.2 the categories were..
  - 3.2.1 MORE / LESS in number. My suggestion.....
  - 3.2.2 a better reflection of the contributors actual ability. YES / NO. I suggest .....

- 3.3 the judging was..
  - 3.3.1 more consistent. YES / NO. I suggest .....
  - 3.3.2 MORE / LESS harsh. (Circle choice.)
  - 3.3.3 more discussed. YES / NO. I suggest .....
  - 3.3.4 'better' in another way. YES / NO. Specify.....
  - 3.3.4.1 I'd like to train to judge. YES / NO. Name .....

**Thank You – your effort is greatly appreciated!**

Please Mail to

Email - after scanning the completed form

**WAWA Survey, c/- D.McDiarmid, 2 Paloma Loop, Marangaroo 6064**

**mcdiarmiddoug@gmail.com**

- 1.1.1 of no interest to me – group level suits me. YES / NO. Other reasons .....
- 1.1.2 not high on my list of priorities. YES / NO. WAWA can assist by .....
- 1.1.3 are poorly promoted. YES / NO. WAWA can assist by .....
- 1.1.4 held when I have other commitments. YES / NO. I suggest.....
- 1.1.5 held too often. YES / NO. I suggest.....
- 1.1.6 not often enough. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.1.7 involve too much travel. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.2 the Venues....**
- 1.2.1 are too hot. YES / NO. too cold. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.2.2 have uncomfortable seating. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.3 the Programs...**
- 1.3.1 are too crowded. YES / NO. I suggest.....
- 1.3.2 are too slow. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.3.3 are poorly advertised. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.3.4 need a theme. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.3.5 need more variation. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.3.6 start/finish times are inconvenient. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.4 the Demonstrations...**
- 1.4.1 are aimed at the wrong level. More are required at...
  - 1.4.1.1 Beginners level YES / NO 1.4.1.2 Intermediate YES / NO 1.4.1.3 Advanced level YES / NO
- 1.4.2 have all been done before. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.4.3 need more interstate/OS turners. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.4.4 need more video screens . YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.4.5 need front seats reserved for beginners. YES / NO. I suggest.....
- 1.4.6 are poorly verbalised by demonstrators. YES / NO. I suggest .....
- 1.4.7 are of an unsuitable duration. YES / NO. I suggest.....

were submitted, all a high standard. January 2012 competition is Turners Choice.

Hope to see you all at the WAWA workshop in Collie, on Saturday March 17th 2012.

*Ken Hands*

Deputy Convenor.

## *Gosnells Gossip*

**9<sup>th</sup> NOV.** The group exhibited at the Have a Go Day at Burswood Park and this time the weather favoured us with a warm fine day, which was reflected in the large crowd attending, which in turn provided a steady stream of interested visitors to our booth. The activities are focused on retirees and seniors, and consequently a large number showed interest in turning and in joining our organization. A considerable number of spinning tops were made and given away, the receivers saying that their grandchildren would be delighted with the gift. Later in the day production shifted to the making of shopping bag handles. These gifts were well received, in particular by the ladies attending.

The group decided to forgo our November demonstration to concentrate on making toys for underprivileged children, and the making of bowls to be filled with sweets for elderly people; our thanks to the ladies who volunteered to wrap these gifts. The toys included an assortment of locomotives, trucks, airplanes, snakes and racing cars. The members experienced a considerable amount of self satisfaction making these gifts, and expressed the wish that it becomes an annual event.

**14th DEC.** This was our last day for 2011 with turning set to resume on 11th January. Our Christmas lunch was held in the form of a BBQ at the Amaroo Village facilities, and a good time was had by all. Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year from everyone at Gosnells.

*Peter Pickering*

## *Mandurah Memo*

The Mandurah Group has enjoyed a busy and successful year in 2011, with many members being recipients of awards in the various competitions.

We also experienced a degree of sadness later in the year with the passing of John Mason in November. Then in late December, Jeff Tills passed away.

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## *Manjimup Matters*

Both were long serving and highly regarded members of the Mandurah woodturners, and had contributed greatly to both our Group and to WAWA over many years. They will be sadly missed.

On 6<sup>th</sup> December we held our Christmas Dinner function at The Clansmen Restaurant in South Yunderup. This was a great success with 35 members and partners in attendance, including Alan Roberts and Sheila Carlile representing WAWA. Alan presented the trophies to our winners, assisted by our Convenor Norm Byrne.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November the Group was represented at the Murray Arts and Crafts Fair at Pinjarra, while others attended the Bunbury Weekend Workshop at Dardanup. The Bunbury Workshop was a great success with some excellent demonstrations.

The Group was promoted at the Manjar Markets in Mandurah during November and December, with Tom Hardy and Bruce Jackson and their wives attending. This was a great assistance in acquiring new members / novices for our group.

Commencing on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January we will be conducting another course in woodturning for six new members. This course will extend over 6 evenings. Tom Hardy is coordinating the course and will be assisted by senior members of the group.

Our next major event will be our workshop Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, which will be held at the Masonic Hall in Furnissdale, just out of Mandurah. We hope to put on some good demonstrations and attract interest from all groups.

*John McQuade*

The culmination of our year was the 2011 Manjimup Cherry Festival. Always a popular event in our social/turning calendar and this year was no exception. There was a turning display outside the RSL hall, there primarily to attract visitors as the hall is some distance from most activities. Steve Chapman, Stan Steber, Adrian Bolton and myself manned this location and although not heavily patronized we had a good time chatting to locals and visitors alike, and of course being looked after by the RSL committee.

The other display this year was located in a vacant shop in the centre of the main street and drew an enormous amount of interest. We had a large display of items for sale and a continuous demonstration of turning. Yvonne Pegrum, Bert Angus, Helen Quaife and Wade Clarke turned a variety of items for the enthusiastic onlookers, answering questions and explaining the finer points of our trade. Every one manned the shop including Dianne Steber, and more detailed information on various timbers and techniques used by our group was provided by Noel Gersbach.

The final part of our dust extraction system fell into place when one of our members collected from Carba-Tec our new Two Stage Cyclone extractor. All that remains now is locating it in a purpose built shed and connecting it to our already installed ducting.

Finally, this is for the men. "A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument."

*Graeme Quaife*

## *Swan Snippets*

Another interesting year has wrapped up, and we look forward to hopefully having new premises for 2012, following negotiations with the City of Swan.

At our evening meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, there were only three competition entries; two in Open being 1<sup>st</sup> place: Joe Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bruce Shephard. The other entry was Bud Clark in Intermediate class, awarded first.

November 15th was marked by a presentation to Faye Murray, widow of an ex-woodturner who donated all his turning wood to the Swan Woodturners (seven trailer loads), which was extremely gratefully received and shared out. Mrs Murray was given an artistic hollow turned jarrah vase finished with a finial as a permanent memento for this thoughtful donation. Malcolm Munro also gave an informative demonstration of a vacuum chuck.

November 22nd we learnt how to avoid your ball of string getting knotted up; the solution being provided by Chris Allen. He showed a useful string and scissor holder, the string sitting on a base, while the scissors are held in a turned hollow stem decorated with an ornate finial.

I missed some meetings but thanks to fellow turners Bob Nicholls and Noel Moyes providing details I am able to fill in some gaps and was particularly sorry to have missed our final meeting for 2011 on December 13th.

Members took the opportunity to farewell our sight-impaired member Bob Napthine. We will miss his remarkable turning and jocular remarks, often made at the expense of his impairment. Bob is now off to Queensland where he can

amaze the banana benders with his outstanding turnings.

In 2011's final competition for the year's best turning, it was no surprise that Eric Walker excelled in the open section with a beautiful small jug fashioned from sheoak complete with handle and spout. Brian Kirkby was second with a red cedar bowl and third was Bruce Shephard, with a Jacaranda bowl. Bud Cooke was the only entrant in the intermediate group with a jarrah and jacaranda box. Show and tell was interesting with our English visitor Steve Foster's fine piece in Sappelle, with a golf ball fitted inside, and Clem Stewart showed night lights made from Banksia nuts. Noel Moyes demonstrated how to make a child's nightlight.

Happy turning for 2012.

*Tom Wainwright*

## *Toodyay Tattles*

Guday there. Well Christmas has come and gone and it is hot in the Pavilion. We have knocked off for a Christmas break until early February. There has been quite a bit of turning going on and a lot for Christmas Pressys etc. There was also some turning of simple Christmas decorations for a certain Fire Brigade Christmas tree.

At our last meeting, there was considerable discussion about our membership and what we could do to acquire more members. We look like having a go at doing some mid week courses for people who might have children at school etc. Also we will be going to a hardware store in Northam in the New Year, and doing a Saturday morning Demonstration, to see if we can attract interest.

One of our members Bill Beswick, imported a type of Ring tool from America and this created a lot of interest, so much so that the club members got together and ordered six of the same. We have received these now, and are having fun getting used to them in our turning.

We have started to remodel the Pavilion a little with cutting of a couple of benches to make a little more room. This fits in well with the Show society committee as well as our selves.

It has been good to have a few of our members back from trips away and this has swelled our numbers again.

When we meet again in February we will be starting at 8am and finishing at 11am to beat the heat in our shed, as it can get damned hot in there.

We didn't end our year with a party or anything as there is so much on, but will signal our return to the year with a breakfast. We are holding this on the 22nd January.

We are pleased to see our old mate David Eyres around again, after another operation on his ankle, and to report that this time it seems a lot better for him.

Well with that I will close, so cheers for now.

*The Tattler*

## *Joondalup/Wanneroo Journal*

I have been missing meetings again, so this will be a short report.

The significant numbers of new members in the group prompted some discussion on structuring the mentoring of beginner

members. One-on-one assistance to these members should ensure their continued interest in our craft, and rapidly improve their skill levels.

In Show & Tell, Viv showed us his sphere of rings Royal Show entry. Harry showed us his home made two handled tool for undercutting.

Woodturner of the Year titles were awarded to Trevor Cockcroft in the beginners division and Viv Paust in the experienced division. Congratulations guys. Ron van Velzen has taken over the administration of our group competitions. A huge thank you to Kevin Bryant, who has ably carried out that role for I don't know how long, as he was already in the chair when I joined the group about seven years ago.

As usual in January, our next meeting will be a BBQ for members and partners on 15th January, to be hosted this year by Andy & Anita McFadyen. The competition item will be a platter with no size or design restrictions.

*Andy Hill*

*Vale*

Our long standing and highly respected WAWA member John Mason passed away last November. The following tribute was presented in front of John's wife Pat, at a recent Mandurah Group meeting.

*John had been a member of the Mandurah Group since the mid 90's, and became a very accomplished wood turner, as he and Pat had a market stall at the Fremantle Markets. John loved his woodturning and was always willing to pass on his knowledge; this was noted*

by the amount of demonstrations he has done at Group or WAWA meetings. He served the members at Mandurah Group level, as a committee member, secretary and convenor. To my knowledge he was Convenor on 3 occasions. He was the also the Competition coordinator at WAWA level for many years.

John and Pat made their Yunderup residence open to all and anyone who was interested in woodturning, and he had a hands on meetings there for several years on a Monday. He allowed the Mandurah group to store some of their equipment and wood on his property, and he was always involved in working bees and wood collecting from Manjimup to Wanneroo. He tried his hardest to make the WAWA Mandurah May workshop the best in the west and would organise the Saturday night quiz nights or other entertainment when we used to have two day workshops. John and Pat will always be remembered for their great gesture to WAWA for allowing members to sell donated items at the Freo Markets with all the profits went to WAWA. If my memory is right WAWA benefited by around \$5000. It was this great gesture

that resulted in both being made Award of Merit members. Thankyou Pat and John from the Mandurah Group.

Another good thing about John was the fact he did not always agree with what you had to say, but he would always listen to your point of view and sometimes change his opinion (not always). But I suppose that's what makes the individual. Not all is said here that could be said about John, and many of the members here will have their own story and he will not be forgotten.

A bloke like John is a value to any Group or Organisation and will be missed.

### *Vale (continued)*

It is also with sadness, the Association notes the recent passing of:

Jeff Tills — Mandurah Group

Neville Chamberlain — Melville Group

Both of these members were very well respected members, and exceptional contributors to their respective Group.

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# *The Technical Desk*

*Joseph P Hegney*



## **ADVICE FOR BEGINNING TURNERS**

*This is a reworked article from a Newsletter of the Hunter Valley turners. May be of some help to various groups in WA, when approached by new members.*

An expensive hobby, there is no cheap way out. A new turner may consider one of the many midi lathes on the market today, such as, *Carba-tec, Woodfast & Jet*. Another alternative is a second hand machine, but in any case consider one with a cast-iron bed for preference. Best to arrange a session or two on a lathe before you buy.

Plan for a reasonable large area to set up equipment, and to store timber. Arrange the work area in good light with good ventilation- consider a fan at end of lathe.

There are many good reference books on turning, consider the following-  
'*Woodturning, A Foundation Course New Edition*' by Keith Rowley  
'*Turned-Bowl Design*' by Richard Raffan  
Mike Darlow has a number of books plus DVD's on turning

Concentrate on spindle work before tackling a bowl.

A basic kit of tools - 22mm roughing gouge, 20mm skew chisel, 10mm spindle gouge, 13mm bowl gouge plus a parting tool. You may pick up some relative cheap 'carbon steel' tools, but in time HSS (*high speed steel*) is far superior, and of course more expensive. There are some reasonable priced, economy HSS 6 piece turning chisel sets from china, available at present. Additional tools such as various shapes of scrapers will be required in time.

Gadgetry- mainly home-made face plates, additional tools rests, and a steady rest.  
Chucks - engineer's chucks not recommended. Save for a Vicmarc or Nova scroll chuck.

Necessary equipment include a bench, vices, hand tools, power drill, grinder to sharpen tools.

There are many sharpening systems available today, best to seek out advice on this.

Additional machinery may include, a band saw, pedestal drill, sander/finisher, a router and possibly a planer/thicknesser down the track. Consider a dust extraction system.

Finishing equipment in a well-ventilated area with a turntable, a fine 25mm camel hair brush, lacquer, and a spray gun.

Most important, an area to change clothes, in order to keep the peace in the home.

PS: *The paramount thing with turning is grinding & sharpening tools, this is one area where help will be required.*

# New Equipment & Techniques

## Wolverine & Vari-Grind 2

Oneway Manufacturing in Canada has been producing their Wolverine Grinding Jig for many years. The basic kit includes two bases, a sharpening platform and a vee-arm. It is best utilized with an 8" (200mm) bench grinder, with wheels of 1" (25mm) or wider. An optional extra has been their Vari-Grind jig, which allows for seamless sharpening of bowl and spindle gouges.



Recently they have released an upgraded Vari-Grind 2, which apparently offers greater restraint whilst grinding gouges, to improve safety, reduce mistakes and achieve a true fingernail and side grind.

For more information refer to Oneway's web site at:  
[www.oneway.ca](http://www.oneway.ca)

## Wagner Texturing Tool

At a recent demonstration, one of our members was creating some very eye-catching textures on the bottom of a spinning top. The tool being used was the Wagner Texturing Tool, which can create diamond, spiral and swirl patterns. It is available in three sizes (1/4" x 16 tpi, 3/8" x 16 tpi and 3/8' x 12 tpi), and both a high quality or low cost option.

Our member purchased the tool through Craft Supplies USA (we are unaware as to whether it may be obtained locally).



## COLLIE GROUP

# WEEKEND WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 2012

**MARGARETTA WILSON CENTRE**  
**105 FORREST STREET. COLLIE**  
**(OPPOSITE COLES SUPERMARKET)**

Convenor                    Domanic Italiano  
M C                         Peter Hill  
Safety Officer             Doug Gulvin

Competition Item      Walking Stick with Handle. Rubber tip mandatory

Wood for Sale & Raffle

### PROGRAM

8.00 am                    **Set up - All hands please**  
8.30 am                    **Registration & Fellowship**  
8.50 am                    **Welcome and Convenor's Announcements**  
9.00 am                    **Joe Clarke – Segmented Turning**  
10.00 am                   **Morning Tea - members please bring a plate**  
10.30 am                   **Don Clarke – Offset turning**  
12.00 noon                **LUNCH - Hamburger & Salad - \$6.00**  
1.00 pm                    **WAWA President's Forum**  
1.30 pm                    **Charlie Broadbent – Potpourri with carved lid**  
                                  **(using Dremel and fine spindle turning)**  
2.45 pm                    **Afternoon Tea**  
3.15 pm                    **John Emery - Talk on cutting and preparing timber for turning**  
3.30 pm                    **Show & Tell : Competition Results**  
4.00 pm                    **Pack up - Lots of willing hands please**



# MELVILLE GROUP

## WEEKEND WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2012

*NEW VENUE*

**MELVILLE RECREATION CENTRE  
CNR. CANNING H'WAY & STOCK RD, MELVILLE**

Convenor : Dennis Kestel  
M C : Brian Fowlie

Competition Item : Mortar and Pestle. Pestle to be a comparable size

Wood : John Imrie will have a load of dry timber for sale during the lunch break  
Trade Supplies : P-Square Agencies

### MELVILLE'S PROGRAM WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LATE KEN REX

7.45 am Set up - All hands please  
8.45 am Registration & Fellowship  
9.00 am Welcome and Announcements  
9.10 am *George Walker — A six point strephohedron (based on a David Springett design)*  
10.00 am Morning Tea - members please bring a plate  
Competition voting commences  
10.30 am WAWA President's Forum  
10.45 am Show and Tell  
11.00 am *Kevin Inkster from Arbortech, demonstrating arrange of their tools*  
12.00 noon LUNCH - Two 4" Subway rolls and a piece of fruit \$6.50  
Cans of cool drink \$1.00 each  
1.00 pm Competition voting closes  
*Norm Gratte — The nuts and bolts of Salt and Pepper shakers*  
2.00 pm Comfort break and stretch.  
2.10 pm *Joe Hegney — Two wall brackets, split and fluted*  
3.10 pm Afternoon Tea  
3.40 pm Competition Results  
4.00 pm Pack up - Many hands make light work

# Diary Dates & For Sale

## Weekend Workshops 2012

**January & February** No work shops.

**March 17th Collie** Walking Stick with Handle. Rubber tip mandatory.

**April 21st Melville** Mortar and pestle. Pestle to be a comparable size.

**May 26th Mandurah** Potpourri. No pewter, ceramic or purchased lid (lid must be of your own making, or alter native method used)

**June 16th Joondalup/Wanneroo** Bedside Lamp. No shade.

**July 21st Gosnells** Pair of Candle Sticks, matching in design.  
Min. height 200mm,  
Max. height 400mm.

**August 18th Avon** Square Edged Bowl. Four sides to be of equal length

**September 15th Wandi** Gavel and Striker Plate.

**October 20th Swan** Egg Timer

**November 17th Busselton** Hollow turned Urn with Lid. Grecian urn style. Max. height 300mm.

**December Christmas Windup**  
Best Item for 2012

## WAWA

## Shopping Centre Displays 2012

March 5th – 10th Bullcreek Shopping Centre

May 14th – 19th Kingsway City Madeley

May 28th – 2nd June Kardinya Shopping Centre

Aug. 3rd - 5th WA. Wood Show/ Craft Fair

Aug. 27th - 1st Sept. Phoenix Shopping Centre

Nov. 5th – 10th Melville Shopping Centre

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