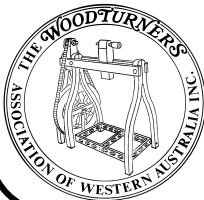


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7:30pm 4th Monday 9:00am 2nd & 4th Sunday
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BUNBURY

Cnr Thomas & Hislop Street, Bunbury
9.30am — 3.30pm Saturday
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.
Tom Mazey.....9754 1818

COLLIE

Clubrooms -cnr Witnoom & Steere
Wed 9:30am - 3:30pm
Month Meeting on the last Sunday
Domenic Italiano.....9734 1853

GOSNELLS

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 3rd & 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
Adrian Bolton.....9761 4849

MELVILLE

Melville Rec Centre, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy
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

Swan Senior Citizens Centre, The Avenue, Midland
2nd Tues. 7:30pm 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tues. 1:30pm
Ian Moss.....9293 2519

WANDI

Wandi Community Hall, DeHaer Rd, Wandi
7:00pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays (Gen. Meeting & Demo)
Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00 noon &
6:00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday 8:00am - 12:00 noon &
12:00 noon - 4:00pm
Robin Campbell.....0410 024 475

Presidential Pronouncement

Here we go again with another financial year, after holding the Annual General Meeting. No doubt there will be many goals to achieve during this New Year.

At the AGM we were very pleased to see a special member in the audience, I speak of Viv Paust. It was really great to see Viv mobile again and we wish him a continued recovery. Hope it wasn't too tiring a day for you, although he would not be one to even hint at needing a rest.

A new level for an annual fee's of \$55.00 was agreed to, in order to cover some rising operating costs. It is important for members to renew their subs as soon as they can because if not paid by the end of October, their names will go on a list prepared for deregistration. The other aspect is that the equipment allowance for the Group's is calculated on the number of financial members each year, so this is important for you.

Two people deserve a mention of thanks; they are George Herring who had the task of election returning officer for many years, and Derek Martin who served on the committee for some 8 years. Thank you both for outstanding service.

I want to stress to Groups the importance of keeping accurate records. Recently, Swan Group suffered a break-in to their premises and the loss of some equipment. They did have some details of the equipment but not complete or accurate records. It is important to know make, model and serial number of everything held at your Group. This is especially relevant for a police report, and

perhaps tracking down the equipment if the perpetrators try to sell something.

Hopefully our membership will grow in numbers this year, as new members are always welcome. Recently, a few queries have been received in regard to professional turners wishing to join WAWA. To clear up any misconceptions, we highly value the expertise and experience of such people, and see them as major contributors to the growth of our Association. Consequently we would welcome any who wish to join our membership.

The Committee of Management has worked tirelessly over the last year with members taking on extra responsibilities. Personally I want to thank them for both giving me support and making the mechanics of our Association run smoothly.

So that is about all for this month. Enjoy your wood turning everyone.

John Gardiner - President

Registrar's Ramblings

New Members

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

Marion McInnes 2611 Manjimup
John Anderton 2612 Wandi
Chris Tansell 2613 Mandurah
Cheryl Butler 2614 Mandurah
Scott Ellis 2615 Mandurah
David Doye 2616 Avon
Gary Nielsen 2617 Joondalup
Robin Gammon 2618 Mandurah
Sawal Selby 2619 Gosnells
Michele Gardiner 2297A
Associate Member Gosnells

Pat Kestel 1676A
Associate Member Melville
Troy Hunt 2620 Bunbury
Jeff Beacham 2621 Mandurah
Dev Nair 2622 Wandi
Roger Streatfield 2623 Avon
Adam Campbell 2624 Gosnells
Thomas Jarrett 2625 Gosnells
John Hohnen 2626 Busselton
Barry Wright 2627 Mundaring
Sue McCormack 2628 Wandi
Jenny Glamuzina 2629 Wandi
Keith Jamieson 2630 Wandi
Stephen Francis 2631 Wandi
Robin Unstead 2632 Collie
William Cooper 2633 Gosnells

Peter Povey Membership Registrar

Weekend Workshop Observations

GOSNELLS GROUP 21st JULY 2012

The workshop was held at Wandi on a fine but very cold day. Master of Ceremonies Peter Povey welcomed the members and visitors, explaining there would be five continuous demonstrations throughout the hall and adjoining buildings. This would allow members to move about, and spend most time with the demonstrations that are of most interest to them. Unfortunately I am unable to report in detail of these demonstrations, as I was not able to view the complete task, but will supply you with an overview.

Chris Sioulas was in the main hall making a ball in a cube. As usual Chris was well prepared and passed round two examples that he had prepared. He then mounted a square block on the lathe and

proceeded to cut out the centre ball. This type of work requires very sharp tools, accurate calculations, a steady hand and keen eyesight. I moved on at this stage, but I was able to return later and watch Chris hollowing out the ball with the frame still attached, and later to view the completed work. Chris explained his methodology to an interested group, also showing his special wood jaws made to hold square wood; the jaws are mounted on the plates of his Vicmarc chuck.

Tried to get into the Craft room where Chris Smith was demonstrating a turned bowl with embellishment based on the work of Eli Avisera. However I could not even get in the door due to an enthusiastic crowd jammed into the room, which is testimony to the esteem that Chris and his work enjoys. I returned to Chris's second demonstration of a bowl based on a item in the British Museum, and reproduced by Nick Agar (who passed on the concept to Chris). A wax paraffin coating was applied to the outside of the bowl, then power sanded and textured using a tool made from a bicycle drive gear. This treatment duplicated the ancient original, and retained the wood appearance of the inside.

I then went into the back room where Bill Wallbank was demonstrating pyrography using equipment that he had made himself. Bill had a display of his work that included 14 wall plaques and two bowls on wood that he had cut by band sawing pieces for the plaques. At the time of my visit, Bill was making some burner tips, but he took the time to explain the construction of the unit and burners. Also explained was how he obtains the base drawings. A feature of Bill's demo was allowing members to try pyrography for themselves.

Back to the main hall to see Ivan Moro demonstrating small box construction. He used a lathe to turn the job and a rose engine to cut male threads on the box, and female threads on the lid. Ivan had made the rose engine himself, and the machine attracted as much interest as the work produced on it. There were several examples of his work on display, which also featured in Show and Tell. Ivan was pleased to answer questions, as the demonstration was very interactive with the audience.

The next demonstration was Chris Paplinski showing how to turn flowers on a lathe. However of equal interest, was a computer controlled 3D imagery produced by Chris, using stereoscopic photography. There were images of flowers and scenery in brilliant colour, and also images of members demonstration at previous workshops. Chris provided the glasses for viewing and answered questions about the technology involved,

which included queries about 3D movies and 3D television.

The demonstrations continued all day with breaks for tea and lunch. After morning tea, John Gardiner conducted President's Forum which included reminders about the woodshow and the responsibilities of replenishing the Chuck Wagon.

At the conclusion of the demonstrations the raffle of 15 separate prizes was drawn, and then Bruce Jackson announced the competition results from the 15 entries received.

As the newly elected Convener of the Gosnells Group, Kevin Cheetham closed a very successful workshop with thanks to the demonstrators, and also to the ladies for their work in the kitchen.

Peter Pickering - Roving Reporter

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**WANDI WORKSHOP
WAWA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
WAWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
15th SEPTEMBER 2012**

Master of Ceremonies Rod Cocks welcomed the members to the workshop and WAWA meetings. He advised that the trade suppliers were P Square Agencies, there was Sandalwood for sale, plus an exhibition of woodturning and ornamental glass made by the Wandiladies. John Gardiner conducted the formalities of the meeting with a special welcome to Viv Paust. The AGM closed at 0950 hrs.

After morning tea, Graham Lewis and Robin Campbell shared the presentation of the Woodcut bowl saver. They showed the unit mounted on the lathe and a large Marri bowl was cut to provide four bowls in decreasing sizes, without the wood saver only the large bowl would have resulted, plus a large amount of shavings. Graham stressed that this is not a unit for the novice turner as it can be dangerous and is recommended to be used only on green wood. The blank is mounted on a faceplate and the bottom is shaped, then a spigot is formed. The spigot is mounted in a chuck and the blades of the bowl saver slowly cut out the bowl. After removing the outside bowl the procedure is repeated for the smaller bowls. Graham emphasized the need for care and passed the cutters around, whilst explaining how to vary the thickness of the bowl wall, and the benefits of green wood. A lively question and answer session followed.

Lunch time gave members the opportunity to view the display of work by the ladies. After lunch Rob Jones was scheduled to demonstrate, but as he was unable to attend, Norm Gratte stepped in to demonstrate the making of

fish using inside out turning. He passed round examples of four fish used as necklace ornaments. Norm utilized four pieces of wood 125 x 22mm square held in a 44mm square section, which was then held between a chuck fixed to a live centre, and normal drive chuck. With the aid of a small tool rest, Norm turned the block to round, and shaped the fish with a skew and spindle gouge. He then rotated the four pieces 180 degrees and completed the shaping of the fish. At this stage Norm said that he would trim the waste on a bandsaw and complete the job with a sanding disc mounted on the lathe. Norm showed the set up he had made, and then sanded the fish to a final shape with 120 grit, and finished with finer grits by hand.

Next was Bob Malacari with a reminder that it does everyone good to occasionally step back to basics, and he then proceeded to demonstrate what he meant. Mounting a piece of wood between centres he roughed it down with a roughing gouge and finishing with a skew. After cutting beads with the skew, Bob changed to a 4 jaw chuck and cut several beads and cove using both skew and a spindle gouge. However, Bob explained why he favoured the skew and the quality of cut that can be obtained. Throughout the demonstration Bob explained the importance of your stance, tool angle and tool movement. There was plenty of lively discussion following the demo.

Following afternoon tea, Frank Evans conducted a lively Show and Tell, complimenting the high standard of the items on display.

Rudy Goh organized the competition and gave out the results. With 22 entries Rudy was "happy with that".

Peter Pickering - Roving Reporter

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS
2012-2013
DECLARATION OF POLL**

In accordance with the Constitution of the Association I hereby declare that the following persons will hold office as the **Committee of Management** for 2012-2013

PRESIDENT: *John Gardiner* – elected, unopposed, for a one-year term - he is eligible for re-election at the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

Nominations were received the following:

*Kevin Cheetham
Rudy Goh
Bruce Jackson
Noel Moyes
Peter Povey
George Sharpe*

Each are elected, unopposed, for a two year term and hold office until the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

CONTINUING MEMBERS:

The following continue to hold office until the 2012 Annual General.

*Derek Beer.
Maurice Munro
Doug McDiarmid
David Rechter*

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

Alan Roberts... becomes the Immediate Past President until such time as John Gardiner ceases to hold office as President.

Clause 11 [1] [a] of the Constitution of the Association provides that the Committee of Management shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and not less than 5 nor more than 8 other persons, therefore, at the close of Nominations there is a full compliment and no further additions can be made.

Further the Constitution provides that the positions of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are determined at the first meeting of the Committee of Management held after the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

GEORGE HERRING Returning Officer
6 August 2012
Unit 4, 20 High Street, Busselton WA 6280

News From The Groups

Bunbury Bites

August 15th - Bunbury Woodies held their last meeting at the Cathedral Grammar School. At this occasion we presented to the Grammar school, a Tormek wet bench grinder for their workshop, in recognition of allowing us to use their first class facilities for more than 10 years.

Bunbury Woodies attended a government auction in August, and were able to purchase two Vicmarc VL200 lathes at a very beneficial price. We shall now have the benefit of utilizing 5 permanent lathes.

September 5th - Our first meeting in our new clubhouse, which we are presently sharing with the Bunbury Apex Club. The premises are on council owned land, who are committed to spend money on improvements to toilets, kitchen facilities and suitable electrical works. The club has an obligation to do certain renovations and cleanup work. Already there have been three busy bees as well as some individual members doing additional work. There is obviously great potential to improve membership with our own clubhouse, as we can now have meetings during the day and not just at night. The meeting on the 5th was also our AGM:

Kevan Hunt Re-elected as Convenor
Tom Brixey Re-elected as Co-Convenor
Matt Paul Secretary
Lyn Poli Treasurer
Barry Laidler Program Organizer
Jim Cunniffe & Noel Ness
Safety Officers
Dave Roberts Librarian

Club monthly competition of a Gavel and Striker.

1st Barry Laidler
2nd Lyn Poli
3rd Troy Hunt – made on his newly acquired Vicmarc VL200 lathe.

The club has a full calendar of events coming up with a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Dardanup Bull & Barrel Festival, Manjimup Weekend Workshop, as well as ongoing renovations and improvements to our clubhouse.

This writer attended the Claremont Wood and Craft Show in August and was blown away by the amount of ladies crafts, and found out that sewing machines can be every bit as expensive as the best wood-working gear.

It is good to see that WAWA is taking on board some improvements to weekend workshops, and it should make them better. Pity about the dancing girls though

Yours *Gee Pee*

Busselton Bits

Early July saw an intrepid group from Busselton set out on a second wood run. This was again a successful event, with around two tonne of Sheoak cut and loaded. Lunch was provided (again) via the trusty portable barbecue supplied and used by Jeff. Once again the weather gods subscribed to our cause and provided a very fine cool day. Well done to all those who participated; the day provided a good deal of laughs, a general feeling of camaraderie and most of all a decent supply of craft wood for the future.

The Busselton group recently took a decision to replace an older lathe with a more new modern machine. After some consideration, the group is now the proud owner of a HAFCO WOODMASTER Model No.WL46. This machine has some similar features to that of the JET JWL1642. At the time of writing the author has not yet seen the new machine in operation. It is to be hoped that it will give many years of good service. Thanks to our Secretary Barbara and her co-opted helper, who collected the new unit from the supplier in Perth and delivered it back to the group HQ.

At our recent AGM, one of the stalwarts from within the group, Tom Mazey, again took on the role of Co-coordinator. The group was ably served by the outgoing incumbent, Charles Broadbent and with the experience that Tom brings to the role, the group is undoubtedly in good hands for the future.

Some of the group will travel to Manjimup on the 10th October for a full day's demonstration /workshop to be presented by Graham Priddle. It promises to be a great day out, and if the current weather pattern holds, the country will be in full bloom.

Until next edition – let the creativity flow...

The Skew

Collie Calling

We held our AGM on Sunday 28th August. The position of Convenor was once again taken up by Domenic Italiano. All positions will remain the same with the exception of secretary, which has been filled in the past by yours truly,

Ken Hands. I have agreed to be the secretary for the next meeting only. It will then be taken over by another member, not realising that I will be in Albany for that weekend.

The Griffin Festival of Arts starts on Friday 7th September. If you are in the Collicie vicinity, it is well worth a look. We are allowed three pieces of work in each category; wood in art form, turned or otherwise, turned bowls and platters, turned hollow vessels, and turned article.

Rino Tuia won the August competition, being a bowl to specifications. I think we were all out a tad, but there was some beautiful workmanship. Seven entries in all. One thing I learned, is that the height of a bowl is from the outside bottom centre. I thought it was measured from where and how it stands. I had a ring of 8mm height, which puts mine and others out by the height of the feet, in my case 8mm (and I thought I knew it all!!). Goes to show, doesn't it.

Still having trouble with the restoration of the footbridge over the railway lines, but I'm sure the council will stop fighting amongst themselves and common sense will prevail, (perhaps not). Anyway, it will eventually be finished and I'm sure it will be a big plus for the town. I'm equally sure it will be well used, seeing that it is right next to McDonalds.

We have woodturning demonstrations on Sunday 16th September at our own woodturners hall, which is part of the Griffin Festival. Times are 10am until 3pm, with a light lunch provided by Griffin Coal/Lanco.

Ken Hands

Secretary

Gosnells Gossip

18th July The Gosnells Group held our AGM which resulted in the election of Kevin Cheetham as Convener, Peter Pickering as Secretary, Owen O'Neill as Treasurer and Derek Beer, Alan Andrews, Ian Eagles and Chris Smith as Committee Members. John Gardiner, as outgoing Convener, will also serve on the Committee. Getting down to business, the new Committee held their first meeting immediately after the AGM.

21st July Gosnells hosted their successful Weekend Workshop with an attendance of 107 persons (see separate report).

25th July Rudy Goh demonstrated the Gavel and Striker the competition item for the Wandi workshop and AGM. Rudy first showed an example he had made, explaining that he had obtained the pattern from the 2006 Australian Woodworker magazine, and that he would be using computer generated templates to guide him (giving credit to his daughter Nat, for producing the guides). The task was divided into three sections first the gavel head, then the handle followed by the striker plate. Rudy drilled the hole for the handle, and turned the wood to 45mm diameter. With spigots at both ends, he used the template to turn the head, and on completion, cut the spigots free. Next came the handle, again using a template. Fitting the handle to the head completed the Gavel. To finish the task Rudy turned the striker plate, also using a template to guide him. During the demo, Rudy explained the various tool positions, and the variety of cuts required. Rudy was "happy with that" and so was his audience.

1st August Kevin Cheetham presented

the handbook he had prepared for the instructional course, due to start on the 8th August, with a copy given to every member of the group. The next group project of a salad bowl and servers, was handed out.

8th August Chris Smith commenced the course of formal instruction for beginners, and those who considered they would benefit from the tuition. At the same time, Kevin Cheetham showed interested members the publisher program on a laptop. Ivan Moro had made and installed a platform for each lathe to stand the magnetic based lamps upon. The design and quality of the workmanship was of the highest standard. Show and tell included the prizes won at the Woodshow by Chris Smith and Derek Beer. Kevin Cheetham praised the efforts of the Gosnells members who participated with particular mention of the quality of Chris Smiths demonstrations. A visit from Noel Moyes and the WAWA trailer with the demonstration stage to mount the Vicmarc lathe, brought many favourable comments.

15th August The formal instruction course continued, with the group working on individual projects, and Peter Manchec shows a small box with finial.

22nd August In the absence of Chris Smith the course was instructed by Ian Eagles for the day.

29th August Owen O'Neill demonstrates the making of an egg timer, being the required competition item for the Swan workshop. Owen based his design on WAWA Swan drawing DL085, with explanation to clarify the production method, and tips to avoid mistakes. He showed two examples which he had produced, stating that while it may look simple, it is an interesting exercise in offset turning

with exact working to measurements required. The first tip is to source your egg timer glass unit so that the dimensions of the wood surround will fit the glass. After turning to round and cutting spigots on both ends, Owen marked out the blank using a template, then cut off the cap and drilled the centre to fit the glass insert. After offsetting between centers Owen shaped the centre recess, back to the original centres. With the cap in place he decorated the top and bottom, and parted off the ends to length, sanding and finishing finish the project. Look forward to seeing a range of egg timers at the Swan workshop.

Kevin Cheetham welcomed visitors Ian Moss and Richard Barkman from the Swan Group.

Derek Beer showed five trophy stands he had made for our hosts Southern River High School, and Peter Manchee showed a banana bowl. Ivan Moro displaying a small bowl fluted with a laminate trimmer.

5th September The training course turned a rolling pin.

12th September The training course turned a paper towel holder.

Peter Pickering

Mandurah Memo

By the time this memo goes to press, our group will have completed a Novice Course in woodturning for six new members. This was carried out in six (6) sessions, with senior members coordinating and assisted by other members each night. The standard of the work produced was of a high standard. The end of the course will be celebrated at a "Graduation Night" on 20th September with fish and chips, and drinks. The Nov-

ices will be presented with Certificates, and show the work they completed during the course. The evening will finish with a quiz, and reverse raffle with suitable prizes. It is planned to run another Novice Course in July next year.

The group held a very successful Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Mandurah, on the WA Day weekend of Monday 4th June.

On Thursday 28th June, Jack deVos visited our group and demonstrated the turning of one of his seed pods. This was a very informative demonstration followed by a lengthy Q & A session.

A number of our members attended the Perth Wood Show and took away a few prizes. Maurie Munro was successful with his large segmented sphere on a stand, which won the Out of The Woods "People's Choice" category. This prize was presented to Maurie at our next meeting by Len Starkey, representing the Fine Woodworking Association of WA.

The group had an excellent attendance for our AGM on 23rd August, resulting in a number of new committee members, which augers well for our future.

We had a good turnout of members for our demonstration at Bunnings on Saturday 1st September, and may get a few new members resulting from the numerous enquiries received.

John McQuade

Manjimup Matters

At our AGM, I was elected as our Conveyor to take over from Graeme Quaife, who has been our leader for the last

three years. It is with some trepidation that I take over the reins, as these are very big shoes to fill. Graeme has made a very significant contribution to our group, and is currently enjoying a well deserved holiday in America with his wife Helen. On behalf of the members, a very big thank you to Graeme. I am indeed very fortunate that all the other members of the executive have stayed on in their current roles.

We are indeed fortunate that we will have the services of Graeme Priddle demonstrating at Manjimup on 10th of October. Organisation for this event is now well under way with many woodturners indicating their attendance. Because of the strong interest in this event, the demonstration will be held in the Town Hall. I have included just a few examples of this very talented woodturners work for you to peruse.



The total cost for the day is just \$20, and includes lunch, with morning and afternoon tea. All WAWA members are welcome to join us on the day.

On the 6th/7th October we are showing some of our wares at an Art Exhibition

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in Manjimup. All in all a busy time for us.

*“Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results.”
- Albert Einstein*

Age (Adrian)

Melville Mutterings

31st July – No group meeting today, as we had an open full day workshop with Neil Scobie, the well known woodturner/furniture maker. In excess of 60 people attended. Neil started the day by producing a pair of seed pods, involving inside out turning sanding and carving to finish the item. After morning tea he produced an “Eroded” Hollow Form (or an embellished bowl to run of the mill members), which involved finishing with mini carving and sanding tools to produce a slightly out of shape item with fluted outside walls. Following lunch he undertook Free Standing Sculptural Forms. Initially shaped on the lathe and again finishing with an assortment of mini tools/sanding devices. The day concluded with Neil showing his concept of a “Suspended Form” in the appearance of a tulip shaped vase, supported by three turned/sanded wooden legs. An excellent presentation in a easily understood quiet manner. It no doubt gave all present plenty of scope for thought in future creations, and a reason to attend the Wood Show and extend their workshop “must have” mini tools.

6th Aug – A special day when nine WAWA members attended a full day “Hands On” workshop under the guidance of Neil Scobie. Many tips learned, with a lot of “one on one” assistance. A great quantity of shavings and sawdust created with everybody’s results credit-

able, and unanimously voted as a very successful day.

8th Aug – Normal club day with a demonstration by our regular annual “Melbournian visitor” Max Synon from the Northern Woodturning Club, showing his way of creating attractive ladies pendants, incorporating an element of off set turning.

15th Aug – Monthly “Norms Hands on day”, with the challenge to produce a small platter from materials provided. The usual good participation from the 37 members present with creditable results achieved. Thanks to Norm Gratte for the effort he puts into organizing these days, which result in improvement of members skills and generates plenty of comment and discussion on methods adopted to achieve results.

22nd Aug – AGM day with the usual business involved and a capable committee appointed to handle Group affairs for the coming year. At the conclusion, our recently acquired new VL175 lathe was uncrated and assembled.

29th Aug – Roy Lundy demonstrated his method of creating a goblet, intending to use some very recently cut timber, using a screw cup chuck. However the timber was so wet it kept moving in the chuck, so Roy changed to dry Jarrah and started again. Some good lessons on methods and techniques was learned by all present.

5th Sept – Scheduled demonstrator today, Neil Piper, was stricken with illness and at short notice an amended presentation was given by George Walker and Bernie Dixon on life experiences. Both were very interesting and varied, with George taking an intended “short term” job with CBH, intending to join the merchant navy later. The “short term” lasted

in excess of 40 years, with steady progression to responsible and varied positions involving some off-shore postings. Bernie traveled widely throughout the State, principally involving forest/bush regeneration in areas of power line networks and power stations etc. At the same time he took the opportunity to expand his interest in tree species and collect specimen plants and seeds, quite a few of which have been propagated in his backyard.

12th Sept – Today's demonstration was given by Bill Benbow, showing his approach to pepper mills. Well presented Bill, with a couple of variations to the generally accepted technique, and still achieving the intended results.

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Swan Snippets

Hi Everyone

Winters over, our numbers have been down a bit, but with the advent of spring, interest should pickup.

July 10th Brian Kirkby showed how to turn a square edge bowl the safe way (how boring! Where's the challenge?) by glueing four paper jointed sacrificial strips on the outer edges. The item is then turned as a round bowl. The strips can then be removed to reveal a square bowl; this could be altered to create an oblong or shape of choice.

July 17th Clem Stewart turned a flat platter suitable for art deco or painting of any type, useful if you have a wife or friend who is into art.

July 24th Having now a new storage

shed, we spent the day moving our gear into it, with the help of all members plus half a dozen trailers. Thanks men.

July 31st Ian (Fred) Moss made a large platter with suitable dimensions to do some router work around the rim. This he accomplished after negotiating a large crack through the middle - well done!

Aug 7th Jim McDonald entertained us all by showing how to make a mushroom shaped tooth pick holder. Useful if you have teeth!

Aug 14th Our monthly night meeting was held. Ted Stewart-Wynne made a gavel and striker, so be ready for some "here come d Judge" jokes. August competition had only three entries,
Intermediate Mike Howard
Open 1st Bruce Shepard
2nd Brian Kirkby

Aug 21st We had a Russian flavoured demo, with Jim McDonald making a set of Babushka dolls. Nice fit Jim!

Aug 28th We held a show and tell day, which was very successful, as there were half a dozen tables of great ideas - very informative.

Sept 4th John Attwater turned a chess set piece, the King. A very classic and elegant design. Well done John.

Sept 11th If you want a boiled egg, see Matt Koch as he made an ornate egg timer with a 3 minute sand timer. September competition results,
Novice Mike Oliver
Intermediate Mike Howard
Open 1st Bruce Shepard
2nd Joe Clark
3rd Ted Stewart-Wynne

Bob Jones

Toodyay Tattles

Gooday from the Avon woodturners

The Avon group has been going along nicely, and just recently a few of our members had a trip to York for their Show, and demonstrated there for the day. One of our new members made a foot massager while turning at the show. Good on you David. There were quite a few different items made through the day, and a lot of interest was shown.

We have just recently picked up a couple of new members, and so our club is starting to have a reasonable membership again. We would like to welcome Roger and Michael to our midst. Michael is also into blacksmithing.

Welcome back to our beloved Convener Andrew, from his trip north. He made a trip away for some of the cooler months.

Our Toodyay show is rapidly coming up, and the spinning wheel is coming along nicely, and should be ready in time to display it in a window somewhere in town, before the show on the 13th October.

In the last WAWA notes I mentioned that we had purchased a new mini lathe complete with variable speed and reverse switch, but in a very short time the variable speed switch packed up. This of course can happen with new gear, but it was disappointing that it took so long to get parts and have it repaired. This meant that we only had the one lathe going at York Show, as well as being one short at the shed on Sunday mornings.

Anyway folk that's about all from the Tattler for this issue, so will say cheers from Toodyay.

The Tattler

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Joondalup/Wanneroo Journal

Group AGM

The new committee for Joondalup/Wanneroo was elected on 13th August as follows:

Convenor: Graeme Skews
Deputy Convenor: Charlie Totten
Secretary/Treasurer:
Doug McDiarmid
Safety Officer: Frank Visser
Committee: Tony Collins
Barry Cobb
Ron Van Velzen (&
Comp Co-ordinator)

Tony arranged a timber acquisition day, when a new area was to be cleared for additional holes at the Yanchep golf course. Trees available were casuarinas, WA Christmas tree, eucalypts etc.

At the September meeting, Charlie demonstrated making a hollow sphere, which is something I have not yet attempted.

Competition results:

13th August: An item with a fault as a feature:

Novice: 1st Bill Couzens. Bill's jarrah burl bowl with clear epoxy filling the holes, was a magnificent item for a new turner.

Experienced:

1st Graeme Skews
2nd Barry Cobb
3rd Graham Turner

10th September: Hollow form of two or more parts, rejoined. Most entries hid the joins in grooves or in the base, but a few featured the joins with different timbers

1st Geoff Quesnel

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2nd Graham Turner
Equal 3rd Charlie Totten
Graham Skews

Coming events:
The Joondalup/Wanneroo group competition on 8th October will be "An item featuring hollowed spheres (70mm OD)"

We will be demonstrating it at the Royal Show on 30th September.

Andy Hill

From the Webmaster

I am starting a web page for the Swan Group, and have placed a link to the Mandurah web site.

If any groups wish to publish any details or pictures of their group activities, please let me know.

Noel Moyes

Editor's Epistle

Since taking over as editor of the Newsletter some 15 months ago, I regularly have a considerable number of emailed versions returned to me, as undeliverable. In most cases this is because members have failed to advise of a new email address, or because there is a typographical error in their email address. Consequently, if any member is aware of another not receiving the Newsletter, then perhaps you can suggest they contact me (as per the details on page 2), and ensure their details are correct.

Another problem experienced by a few members, is they receive the covering note with the emailed version, but not the attached PDF file. Although not being able to explain the cause of this situation, I have found the simplest solution is to send the PDF file individually to the member in question (obviously you need to let me know if you hear of other people receiving the Newsletter, and advise me of your non-delivery).

David Rechter

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Competition Results

21st July - Gosnells Matching Pair of Candle Sticks

Novice

- 1st Colin Moth
- 2nd Michael Head
- 3rd Peter Price
- 4th Colin Smith

Intermediate

- 1st Derek Beer
- 2nd John Gardiner
- 3rd Robbie Norton
- 4th Mike Howard

Advanced

- 1st George Parke
- 2nd Chris Davis
- 3rd Jim Hill
- 4th Chris Sioulas

Most Popular

- 1st Chris Davis
- 2nd Derek Beer
- 3rd George Parke
- 4th Chris Sioulas

Open

- 1st George Parke
- 2nd Derek Beer
- 3rd Colin Moth
- 4th Jim Hill

15th September - Wand Gavel & Striker

Novice

- 1st Nat Goh
- 2nd Colin Moth
- 3rd Kevin Cheetham
- 4th Peter Price

Intermediate

- 1st David Rechter
- 2nd Bernie Dixon
- 3rd John Gardiner
- 4th Owen O'Neill

Advanced

- 1st Frank Evans
- 2nd Bruce Shephard
- 3rd Joe Clark
- 4th Andy Hill

Most Popular

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- 2nd Colin Moth
- 3rd Bruce Shephard
- 4th Joe Clark

Open

- 1st David Rechter
- 2nd Frank Evans
- 3rd Nat Goh
- 4th Bernie Dixon

**2012 WOODSHOW
WAWA COMPETITION
WINNERS**

ADVANCED



1st Ian Moss



2nd George Parke



3rd Norm Gratte

INTERMEDIATE



1st Robbie Norton



2nd Derek Beer



3rd Michael Head

NOVICE



1st Nat Goh



2nd Harry Butler



3rd Rob Page

Turnfest 2012

Last March, a number of turners from WA joined with hundreds more from all over Australia, to be part of Turnfest's gala 10th anniversary program, on the Gold Coast.

For a first timer to Turnfest, the event was mind boggling, with such a vast choice of local and international turners featured. All together, there were 36 different presenters, contributing to a program which entailed 5 sessions per day, over 2½ days, with a choice of 8 demonstrations per session. A number of demonstrations were repeated over the event, just to ensure participants could witness the skills of as many of the brilliant turners, as possible.

The following is just a short taste of some of the excellent demonstrations:

Terry Scott – Manta Ray, with wings up and down

Cindy Drozda – Finial box

Jimmy Clewes – Painted Platter & Square oriental box

Brian McEvoy – two piece hollow forms with spectacular embellishments

Guilio Marcolongo – Scallop box

Tom Wissing – Large platter

Eli Avisera – Off-centre decoration and Platters of Jerusalem with gold and copper

Graeme Priddle – Sculptural multi-centre turning

Neil Turner – when, where and why to embellish

Kip Christensen – Inlaid box with chatter work

J Paul Fennell – Turning hollow forms with home made tools

Al Stirt – Turned and carved square platter

Sharon Doughtie – Burning techniques and design

Stephen Hughes – laminated bamboo oblong box with sacrificial sides

Jack De Vos- the making of his Tricuspid Pod

Vaughn Richmond – wood and art in full colour

Ken Wraight – a high tolerance Phoenix box

Binh Pho – brilliant piercing and decorating techniques

In summary, Turnfest was an absolute enthralling few days, and something that every woodturner should attempt to take in, on at least one occasion.



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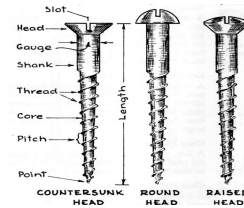
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The Technical Desk

Joseph P Hegney

The Humble Wood Screw



The traditional or 'cut thread' wood screw has a tapered thread, plain shank and a slotted head, and is driven by a screwdriver with a flat tip. The most common head type was the countersink.

The modern screw, *on the left in the above photo*, or rolled thread, has a thread diameter that is greater than that of the unthreaded shaft, a little proud of the shaft; it has fewer yet coarser and sharper threads than the traditional screw. Accordingly, it tends to hold better and can be **used with a straight pilot hole**. In many situations can be used without drilling a pilot hole due to its sharp threads and steep lead angle. When working with plywood, particle board, MDF and the like, it's hard to go past the modern screw.

Some modern screws may be threaded along the entire length, hence may be mistaken for coarse-threaded drywall, self-tapping metal or carcass screws.

Gauge - describes the thickness of the shank, and ranges from 0 to 24 (*the higher the gauge the thicker the screw*). The most common sizes for woodworking applications are in the range of 6,8,10 & 12.

Length- is measured from the tip of the screw to the surface of the material into which it is driven.

Head shapes – are available in a variety of shapes: flat, round, oval, fillister etc. depending on application.

Driving method – perhaps the greatest advance, *brought about by the development of the 'Power Driver'*.

The Phillips head was originally developed for the automotive industry and compared with the conventional slotted head, the cross in the head is easier to locate with a pointed screwdriver bit. The driver doesn't slip out of the cross as it does out of a slot, and when the screw is tight the driver will simply 'cam' out of the head in order to prevent over-tightening, *particularly with a powered screwdriver*. This may be a disadvantage when driving in a fixing screw.

The Pozidriv drive design- now in widespread use for wood screws- is designed not to cam out. There are four additional contact points in the head recess and the driver is distinct from the Phillips.

While the Phillips driver will normally work on a Pozidriv screws, Pozidriv drivers are likely to tear out the head of a Phillip screw because they cannot engage fully in the recess.



The photograph above shows the Slotted, Phillips and the Pozidriv drivers.

SWAN GROUP
WEEKEND WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER 2012
NEW VENUE
Swan Districts
Senior Citizen's Association
1 The Avenue, Midland
(adjacent to the oval)

Co-ordinator Bud Cooke
 Convenor : Ian Moss
 M C : Jim Stitfall
 Safety Officer : Swan Committee

 Competition Item : Egg Timer
 Trade Supplier : Mayama Gems

PROGRAM

8.00 am Set up: All hands please
 8.30 am Registration & Fellowship
 8.50 am Welcome and announcements
 9.00 am *Demonstration — Doug McDiarmid — Cutlery Handles*
 10.00 am Morning Tea - members please bring a plate
 10.30 am *Demonstration — Jim McDonnell — Lace Bobbins*
 11.45 am President's Forum
 12.00 noon Lunch - Hamburger & Salad \$6.50 per serve
 12.45 pm Raffle Draw
 1.00 pm *Demonstration — Noel Moyes — Split Turning*
 2.15 pm *Demonstration — Ian Moss — Owen's Oregon*
 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea
 4.00 pm Show & Tell, Competition Results
 4.30 pm Pack up - Lots of willing hands please

10.30am Ladies Program: Trish Ramsay – Painting on Wood

*** A USED TOOL SALE WILL BE HELD – you price it & we will sell it! ***

*** RAFFLE: Several Prizes - \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5 ***

BUSSELTON GROUP
WEEKEND WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2012
Churchill Park Hall
Adelaide Street, Busselton

M C : Chas Broadbent
Theme : Nautical
Competition Item : Hollow Turned Urn with Lid (Grecian Style)
Maximum Height - 300mm.
Trade Supplier : Mayama Gems

PROGRAM

Saturday 17th

8.00 am Set up
8.30 am Registration & Fellowship
9.00 am Welcome and announcements
9.15 am *Demonstration 1 — Frank Evans — Boat Mug Holder*
10.15 am Morning Tea
10.45 am *Demonstration 2 — George Walker — Suspended Compass*
11.45 am President's Forum
12.00 noon Lunch - Salad Roll \$5.00
1.00 pm *Demonstration 3 — Chris Smith — Stingray*
2.00 pm *Demonstration 4 — Dennis Haddon — Ship's Bell*
3.00 pm Afternoon Tea
3.30 pm Show & Tell, Competition Results & Raffle Draw
4.00 pm Close

Please Note: There will be no organized dinner on Saturday night. Please make own arrangements

Sunday 18th

From 9.00 am Open house at the Busselton Workshop
(rear of ArtGeo, in Queen street)
12 noon Lunch - Sausage Sizzle
1.00pm Close

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(Note: This does not mean I am giving up my passion for woodturning, but as I will likely be confined to a wheelchair and have limited use of my right arm, I am trying a borrowed mini lathe. Viv P.)

Burls

A note from the Bunbury Group

30 top quality burls are available for sale from \$30 to \$70 each, with the proceeds being donated to a local church.

Contact Les Davies 0406 279 681

Diary Dates

Weekend Workshops 2012

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)

WAWA Christmas Dinner

8th December 2012
\$27.50 per ticket
To be held at the RAAF Association
Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek
Bookings: Derek Beer 9394 0565

WAWA Shopping Centre Displays 2012

Oct. 22nd - 27th	Southlands Shopping Centre
Nov. 5th – 10th	Melville Shopping Centre
Nov. 20th – 24th	Centre Point Midland
Dec. 11th – 16th	Coventry Square Markets

The following people may be contacted
regarding Shopping Centre Displays:

Brian Fowlie	9310 3161
Neil Piper	9399 3723
Geoffrey Saw	9354 1562

Annual Association Fees

Members are reminded that annual fees are now due, and need to be paid by 31st October, both to avoid a late charge, and to ensure your Group receives it's full equipment rebate next year.

The fees have been set at \$55.00 for 2012/2013.

If paying fees electronically, please refer to the following details:

Account Name: Woodturners of Western Australia
BSB Number: 306-035
Account Number: 419869-6

Please include your name, membership number and group:
eg. J Citizen 1378 Swan

In some Groups, there is a designated person who will collect and receipt cheques or cash, on behalf of the Registrar. Alternately, fees may be posted directly to:

Peter Povey
32 Chelsfield Street
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