



The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc)

Life Membership

Milton Rundle - 13

Milton Rundle became a member of this Association in September 1985. From those earliest days his contributions have been constant and dedicated to the furtherance of the Association's growth and integrity, first by supporting the Secretary and then taking on that very important position, which he held until September 1990. He also carried the position of Treasurer during that time and continues to the present time. During this time Milton played an active part in establishing the Association's Constitution. He was also instrumental in guiding it through to Incorporation.

During his time in Kalgoorlie Milton studied and became a fully qualified Accountant, which has of course been most beneficial to the Association. Milton went into Local Government, became Assistant Town Clerk Kalgoorlie, Narembeen Shire Clerk and is currently Assistant Town Clerk City of Perth. He has been very involved in the Scouting movement, is a King Scout and was Scout Master of City Beach Troup. He was very interested in oil painting until woodturning superseded that interest. He also plays an active part in his local Anglican Church and is a Life Member of the Kalgoorlie Boulder Community Fair, which he helped to establish many years ago and served it well for some considerable time.

In his duties with The Perth City Council Milton has for some time been involved with Ocean Gardens Retirement Village and The Leederville Gardens Retirement Village as Secretary to the Board.

Milton managed our second Exhibition of Excellence held at Allendale Square August 1992.

In presenting Milton with Life Membership, we acknowledge his contributions to The Association, its administration and management and his guiding influences financially.


President 1993

Presented by



Milton Rundle on making a gavel & plate

PROFILE OF A TURNER

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Milton Rundle attended the first meeting of WAWA in September 1985 at McQueen's Caravan Park Eneabba. He and 17 others (and 9 apologies) decided to incorporate the Association. He is thereby one of our foundation members and his number is 13. A year later he was elected to the Committee and has served continuously since holding office as both Secretary and Treasurer.

Born of Kununoppin in the eastern wheatbelt Milton spent his youth in Kalgoorlie. Eastern Goldfields High School introduced him to woodturning. He says it took him several weeks of manual art classes to make a circular breadboard only to see one of the instructors turn one up in minutes.

Milton's interest in wood continued with his first job as office boy at Millar's Timber Company in Kalgoorlie. He attended trade apprentice classes at night school for a couple of years learning 'theory and practical skills in woodworking. At this time he applied his skills to some "very amateur furniture and toymaking" using the rather less sophisticated hand tools available to him in those days.

He went to Darwin for six years in the 1950's and he returned to marry Norma at Kalgoorlie on 16 August 1952. Two years later they moved back to Kalgoorlie where Milton worked in retail grocery, the District Hospital and then the Kalgoorlie Town Council.

Back to night school and Milton qualified in accounting. This led to his promotion to Assistant Town Clerk of Kalgoorlie and later to be Shire Clerk in Narembeen. In 1966 he became Assistant Town Clerk in the City of Perth and he held that post until his retirement in 1994.

Milton and Norma had three sons, Cliff, Stephen and Peter and they now have 7 grandchildren. They are active in their Church and Milton was a King Scout and Scout Master of the City Beach Troop. During a 1983 holiday in New Zealand Milton saw displays of wood turning that really kindled his interest. On his return to Perth, he bought a second-hand Tough lathe and enrolled with TAFE at Vic Park. The class of 12 had two lathes and the instructor was a fitter and turner. Soon after he met Keith McQueen at the Royal Show...

Milton's administrative skills contributed a great deal to the sound establishment of the Association and to the smooth management we all enjoy today. He has been Treasurer since 1986 and was both Secretary and Treasurer in 1988 and 1989. He was closely associated with the two Exhibitions of Excellence promoted by WAWA and with the display as part of the Bi-Centenary Exhibition.

In 1993 Milton received the well-deserved honour of Life membership of the Association. He strongly supports the Association and its objectives and sees its strengths as a great hobby/pastime with weekend workshops giving a great opportunity for learning and for social contact with many partners participating. The willingness of the more skilled members to share their knowledge is another strong feature.

Milton he will retire from office with much goodwill and thanks from us all for a job well done.