



The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc)

Life Membership

Noel Moyes - 138

Noel has been a member of the Woodturners Association of WA since 1987. During his 27 years he has been an extremely active member of the organisation and continues to be so, both in terms of leadership and commitment to the Association.

Noel was a COM member in 2009, at which time he also edited the WAWA Newsletter. He was instrumental in getting the initial WAWA webpage up and running in May 2009. He was the WAWA Membership Registrar & is one of the team setting up the audio-visual equipment at weekend workshops. He has regularly taken the photos of weekend workshop competition items for display on the website.

Noel has been a regular demonstrator both at weekend workshops and for the Swan Group; he is a role model for many aspiring woodturners.

Noel was convenor of Swan Group in 1990 and again in 2005 & 2006.

He has conducted beginners' woodturning courses in recent years, attracting new members to the Association. He has run the Swan Group monthly competition assessment & organised the competition trophy boards and certificates for winners in the various competition categories, for 3 – 4 years.

He is always willing to be of assistance, often transporting one of the WAWA trailers from one venue to another; he uses his skills for the maintenance of the trailers and in general is invariably there to "lend a hand" for those needing advice or items for their lathes. Noel was also instrumental in initiating and running Swan Group's "Demonstrators Course". This is a two-day course designed to give Woodturners the skills and techniques to demonstrate competently.

Submitted by Jim Clarke Number - 132 (Life Member) & Ted Stewart-Wynne – 961 (Swan Convenor)



PROFILE OF A TURNER Noel Moyes

Noel was born in Perth in 1941. He commenced his education at Mount Hawthorn Primary school then attended Perth Boys School completing year nine. He then started an apprenticeship as a Turner and Iron Machinist at the Western Australian Government Railways in Midland finishing in 1962.

He worked for Various Engineering Companies around Perth during which time he spend two years in the Army Reserve 11/44 Battalion. During these years (1961) he and Val were married. They have two sons and two daughters resulting in 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

In 1972 Noel started a Teachers Training Secondary Internship and graduated in 1974 with a Secondary Teaching Certificate. Noel was then posted to Mukinbudin District High School for 1975 and 1976. Then back to the city to teach at Kalamunda Senior High School. Eventually Noel taught at Guildford Grammar in 1987. While Noel attended the Qualification Teachers Course he saw a lathe and just had to have a go. The first item he made was a Jarrah funnel which still remains in Val's care.

It was about 1987 that Noel was first introduced to The Western Australian Woodturners Association when he met Colin Kleinig at his shop in Midvale and he started attending Woodturning meetings with the group which became the Swan group. He joined the Association in 1987.

Noel was Convenor for Midvale (which later became Swan) in 1990, 2005 & 2006. He was involved in demonstrator courses, demonstrating at weekend workshops as well as Swan group. Noel is the Swans Safety Officer. He also does some woodturning teaching at Mundaring Sharing when required. Fixing equipment and is an all-round happy to help person.

Noel joined the Association Committee in 2009 originally as the WAWA Newsletter editor as well as being instrumental in getting the initial WAWA webpage up and running in May 2009. Noel also helped out at weekend workshops with the Audio-Visual Equipment as well as any equipment maintenance required.

As Noel was a trades man and machinist the tools & gadgets required for woodturning sparked his interest and he loved to make many tools including a rose engine, ball making devices and sanding implements. Noel has turned many items over the years, including small furniture, coffee tables, various clocks, vases, pedestals, teddy bears, bowls and many many more. He has enjoyed experimenting with embellishment including resin and segmented wood turning.

Being involved in the Association for many years has not only been hugely satisfying to Noel it has also been a great social experience for both him and Val. Noel tells me he has only ever missed a couple of Weekend Work Shops over the 34 years. They brought their caravan so they had a mobile home to stay and enjoy the weekend events. Noel and Val love to have a chat and they really enjoy the companionship of other turners and their wives.

Having a go, trying something different also included building his own home in 1982. With the exception of a few trades Noel build his home which he still resides in.

Noel is a great asset to the Association and to the Swan group.

Written by Mary Byers 2021