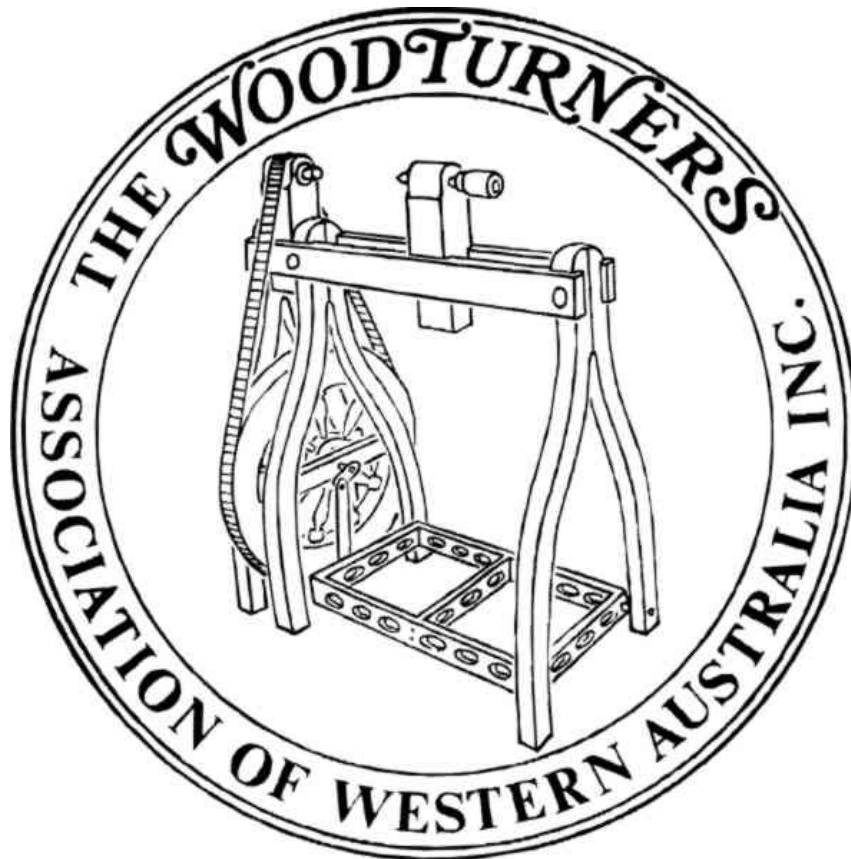


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Monday 8.00 to 12.00 noon
Tuesday 6:00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday 8:00am - 12 noon
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Presidential Ponderings

Greeting fellow members.

Another month gone by, it seems in your 'senior' years time fairly flies by.

This month we have had time to reflect and pass on our condolences to the families of members who have left us. Enough said.

We have the A.G.M. quickly approaching, so have a think of raising your hand to help your group by joining their COMs and also COM of WAWA. Without members giving something back, it is difficult to cater for members needs.

I did want to write about "Special Interest Groups", maybe next month.

Bruce

Registrar's Ramblings

We welcome the following new members ...

Harry Botting 3269	Mandurah	Returning:	
Peter Bernhardt 3270	Bunbury	Wally Longbottom 2474	Collie
Kerry Smith 3271	Mandurah		
John Oliver 3272	Melville		
Geoff Stapylton 3273	Melville		
Brian Gillon 3274	Melville		
Lindsay Nicholson 3275	Joondalup		
Shannon Clohessy 3276	Busselton		
Sam Houlding 3277	Mandurah		
Trevor Ball 3278	Mandurah		

A note to group secretaries and all members requiring a new name badge or cloth badge, please contact me for those items.

Also ... **PLEASE** remember to advise of **email changes**.

Barbara Jennings, Registrar

VACE

Norm Gratte, 1847 Melville

A member since May 2001, bringing with him invaluable skills as a long-standing Manual Arts teacher. From the start, Norm developed to become Melville's most valuable and appreciated member. He always willing to share his knowledge, and became a regular and much appreciated mentor to new members. He was also very forthright with constructive advice to fellow members, both at meetings and at a personal level.

Norm will be very much missed by everyone who knew him. Our thoughts are with his family.

Rob Shannon, 2897 Melville

Will be sadly missed by fellow members. Our thoughts and condolences to his loved ones.

Keith Alexander, 1771 Melville

A long-time active member of Melville and committee member for some years. Our thoughts and condolences to his family and friends.

News From the Groups

Avon

It is with sadness that we start these notes mentioning the passing of our esteemed member and Life member of WAWA, David Eyres. David has been a member of Avon ever since he came to Toodyay. I am not sure of when David actually came amongst us but he has passed on a lot of knowledge on over these years. He has instructed a lot of new members of our club over the years as well. David was a good turner and in later years when turning was too much for him he would stand and watch and just give that little bit of advice that improved one's turning. We christened him Grumpy, but only to stir him up, and we always got a rise out of him with this but he always gave as good as he go. I personally, as well as a lot of others, had a lot of great times with David. Even to demonstrating at Dowerin Field Days for a couple of years among other demonstrations. We will miss having him around.

Things have been quite busy with us demonstrating at the Moodyne Festival in Toodyay early in May. We had a good day with quite a bit of interest. Quite a lot of small items that could be turned fairly quickly were turned among other things and given away. One woman watching was given a Tea Light Candle holder and couldn't believe that it was for free. She came back shortly after with a cup of tea and large biscuit for the turner.

Then a month later we attended Northam Markets and demonstrated there. It was one hell of a cold morning and this affected the crowd numbers. It was still a good day. The Coffee van did better than we did.

One of our members who is shifting house soon has loaned his buzzer to the club and so our machinery is extended a little more. Our newer members are getting a bit more adventurous in what they are doing and going well. Great to see.

The club has been approached to do a couple of small project for different people who needed something done, from the making of a simple handle for an antique butter churn to little fiddly draw knobs. It keeps one off the streets.

Well that is about all from Avon for this month. So keep safe turners.

Well that is about all from Toodyay for the time being.

The Tattler

Busselton Buzz

Hello fellow Woodturners,

Busselton woodturners have settled into our new premises and are enjoying the comforts of a spacious, safe workplace. A bit chilly at the moment.

A dust extraction system has been installed (with a remote), inside benches have been completed and a side fence with a gate has been erected. Barbara, Norm, Dave, Mal, Wayne and Chas worked hard to install the new ducting and associated bits - Thanks. The new fence has enabled us to securely store our Horizontal Bandsaw. A little more work needs to be done on this and a few other projects.

The Busselton Tennis Club have donated their old chairs to us - they are in reasonably good condition and replace our older plastic ones. Thanks to Phil for organizing this and Chas for collecting them.

Security/safety lighting has been installed along the entry driveway and building frontage. Great for when our meeting extend into the evenings.

Special thanks to The following:

1. Peter Knight for his kind donation of a Carbatec H/D Planer -Thank you Peter.
2. Nancy Launer for her kind donation of a storage shed - Thank You Nancy.
3. Henk Geering for work you completed on our Sandwich Board and Brochure.
4. Val Mazey who puts her heart into providing us with a delightful biscuit or cake to enjoy with our coffee on meeting nights - thanks Val.

Special Events

DEFIB Training - We enjoyed a night of training conducted by St John Ambulance on "How to use a Defibrillator. Sally from the local St John Ambulance unit taught and entertained us all. The night was well attended and appreciated by everyone.

Precinct Mingle - This was a social gathering of Woodturners, Museum members and Members from the Historical Society. All three groups occupy building in an area known as the museum precinct. We had a sausage sizzle, BYO and a good laugh haha.

Youth Training - We currently have a youth training programme. Chas Broadbent is teaching two student Woodturner Members. Both students are keen and their parents are encouraging. Great to see skills passed on.

Acknowledgement of Achievements

Some of our members have competed successfully in monthly competitions and we would like to say congratulations to them:

- Chas Broadbent, 3rd Place Advanced Manjimup, Walking Stick.
- Mal Alcock, 4th Place Novice Manjimup, Walking Stick
- Chas Broadbent, 3rd Place Advanced, Swan, Quaich
- Chas Broadbent, 4th Place Open, Swan, Quaich
- Chas Broadbent, 1st Place Advanced & Open, Collie, Platter
- Dennis Hadden, 2nd Place Advanced & Open, Collie, Platter

Thanks to all the Turners that worked hard and entered a piece in the competition.

Meeting and Demonstration Nights

We have had good numbers attending our meeting and demonstration night. The start time is now 4.00 pm, however we encourage members to arrive early and enjoy a cuppa, piece of cake and a yarn prior to beginning our night. Our recent demonstrations included:

10th March Phil Bussanich demonstrated the method of turning a Quaich

24th March Norm Byrne and Michael Weir showed the products, methods and advantages of using resin products.

14th April Chas Broadbent demonstrated the completion item the Vase

28th April Chas Broadbent demonstrated the different methods of sharpening tools and demonstrated WHY by using the tools

12th May Dave Porter showed different methods of turning different Pepper Mills. Dave clarified details with the aid of a slide show.

26th May Dennis Hadden kindly showed us how to turn a Platter out of an old piece of dusty Sheoak.

9th June Chas Broadbent & Norm Byrne demonstrated Precision Drilling.

Thank you to all the turners that demonstrate for the members benefit. Often these demonstrations require many hours of work in preparation. Thank you for your time and sharing your experience.

Our next meeting and demonstration night is Wednesday 14th July at 4.00pm. Bring a friend. Be safe.

Gary

Gosnells Gossip

Dave made a gavel. He was very happy. 'Twas a pretty gavel.
(Pretty....something.) Pretty good!

But Dave didn't make a block to hit it on so he couldn't make a good sound with it and he couldn't call the meeting to order. He was wondering what on earth he could do.



Just then Chris happened to walk by. 'Ah! Here's my chance!' thought Dave. This should make a nice reverberating sound! And it did!!!!



GRINDING

You can't turn a matchstick if you don't have sharp chisels. Using grinding wheels effectively and appropriately is the first step in approaching turning wood. Recently Owen O'Neill did a comprehensive assessment of our grinding tools. Owen is encouraging members to re-shape their bowl and detail chisels for example, on the Aluminium Oxide wheels, and to use the CBN grinder to finish off to obtain a very fine edge. Although the CBN wheel is well worn it is still usable and Owen has suggested remaining with the status quo while members get into the habit of using the right wheel for the right purpose. The CBN wheels are not cheap. Owen always willing to provide advice and assistance with sharpening. Excellent job, Owen.

Above: Owen at the wheel!

Gosnells AGM 7 July 2021

The Gosnells AGM was held on Wednesday morning, 7 July. There was a good attendance and the meeting was expertly chaired by Laurie Sutton and Kevin Cheetham. (pictured)

The main points arising from the AGM were:

Attendance through the year has consistent

As a result the club is financially sound

Several older lathes have been sold and the delivery of two new lathes is imminent

The present Office Bearers were unanimously re-endorsed and a new committee member, Brian Dynon was elected. The formal minutes will be presented in due course.



Brian 2

Joondalup-Wanneroo Wanderings

Relocation:

The Joondalup Men's Shed have moved into their new premises but there has been no attempt by the Joondalup City Council to negotiate for our group to integrate with them for co-location. The Council has told us to negotiate directly with the men's shed however feedback I have received is that there will be no room for us.

Planning is going ahead with the Northern Suburbs (Landsdale) Men's Shed and we have sent a letter expressing interest in co-locating with them in the new premises.

Training:

Training sessions continued with all seven trainees performing well. The sessions are well attended by our experienced members to assist Jim Parker and provide guidance to the trainees.

Safety:

A member reported that he was having trouble with the chuck unscrewing while turning a large unbalanced piece. This is often caused by the motor and spindle stopping quicker than the piece of wood, especially if dynamic braking is provided. Some lathes have a collet to prevent this and other chucks have a grubscrew that can be secured onto the spindle. In any case it always pays to have the tailstock brought up to the wood.

There is a tendency by turners to not tighten the lock-screw onto the tailstock quill and winding it so far out that it is no longer in the keyway. This allows the quill to rotate (especially if drilling) and the lock-screw to score the quill, resulting it becoming difficult to move. Personally, I see the lock screw as a safety device that should always be used.

May 2021 Meeting:

Graham Turner demonstrated making a Platter to WAWA specifications. Graham used his unique method of holding the wood with a spiked aluminium disk as this allows him to select the best alignment of the wood. Graham brings up the tailstock for additional support whenever possible. Using his well-honed skills, Graham had wood shavings peeling off in spectacular fashion.

The Competition item was a Vase and the results were:-

Novice: 1st Stuart North, 2nd Scott Chalmers and 3rd John Holsgrove.

Intermediate: 1st Aiton Sheppard and 2nd John Van den Bogert

Advanced: 1st Graham Turner, 2nd Jim Parker and 3rd Geoff Quesnel.

June 2021 Meeting:

Andy Hill demonstrated making the Precision Drilled Vase to a supplied drawing for next month's competition. Not having a drilling jig for the lathe, he marked out the positions and drilled the holes in a drill press. Andy showed methods for holding the wood and demonstrated excellent tool skills for shaping the vessel. Due to time limitations, Andy did not do the hollowing but discussed various hollowing methods.

The competition item was a Platter and the results were:-

Novice: 1st Scott Chalmers, 2nd Len Taylor and 3rd Lindsay Nicholson.

Intermediate: 1st Aiton Sheppard and 2nd John Van Den Bogert.

Advanced: 1st Dario Nardi, 2nd Geoff Quesnel and 3rd Jim Parker.

Well done to the winners and to all who entered into the competitions.

Happy Turning from the Joondalup/Wanneroo Group

Frank Visser

Mandurah

The Mandurah Woodturners were represented at the Pinjarra Festival at Edenvale on the June 5th/6th long weekend. It was great to see some of our younger members demonstrating their skills to a very appreciative public. Lots of interest was shown and information distributed. Due to a surge in membership Mandurah are hosting a second Novice Course starting on July 13th with 6 eager new woodturners.

The shed floor was recently painted with a nonslip coating after some areas were found to be very slick. A busy bee was organised and with 'all hands on deck' the job was achieved with great success



Terry Nicholls

Melville Mutterings

Group reporter's comment:- In regards to errors of dates of our previous Mutterings my typing ran aground, that's my excuse.

5th May – Due to COVID-19 restrictions our “hands on day” last week was cancelled, so our program for today was to continue with hands on to produce a vase as demonstrated by James Murray two weeks ago. As a result of COVID we only had 4 members attempting to turn their individual vases that produced a variety of designs using different techniques. This exercise presented interesting comments and results. Each member was required to finish off their vases at home and then presented them to our members the following week.

12th May – Today we had a visit from our local Commonwealth Bank representatives Grant & Andrea who announced that the bank donates to local communities and presented our group a cheque for \$500.

An intriguing demonstration was conducted by Syd Harvey which considering the coming winter season a nice warm blanket would be most welcomed. Syd began his demonstration by referring to YouTube site that he viewed which gave him the idea to turn his pattern piece. Proceeding on he started to turn beading along the piece using his own design beading tool. Using a carving pencil he drew lines across his pattern piece while it was still in the chuck, these lines were used to enhance the pattern then by using a pyrography tool burnt along those lines. Then using a fine point felt colour text pen Syd proceeded to mark his pattern design. Syd's skills in turning/producing a Indian Blanket pattern on a vase were beyond belief.

Keith Quayle presented our S & T of lolly bowls, finished vases from last week's hands on, a disc bowl, lined waxed lidded small bowls, carved wrens on a small bowl and a sea horse, and also variety of vases and bowls.

19th May -Pitta patter I run across the platter, so no need to guess this week's demo is a platter. Now this is defined by WAWA and “The Competition Organiser(s)” as an object that is no higher than 10% of its diameter.

I know this weeks' demonstrator has a strong preference for the Vicmarc 175 lathe so we are expecting a 350mm platter at least and perhaps with an offset element which he likes to play with. However, Rob, the Laguna was available for a less ambitious size platter.

26th May – Today we had three representatives from our local council Melville reviewing our premises for a decision on our future extension.

As a hands on challenge this week our members participated in turning their platters with anticipation on

producing some amazing results. Those who choose to turn were instructed by our most experienced members resulting in different styles. Members that turned were encouraged to finish their platters at home then bring them next week to submit to our hands on for constructive criticism.

2nd June – Today we heard some sad news that our esteem member Rob Shannon had passed away on Sunday 30th May after a short battle with cancer.

This week we experience going to the movies reminiscing the past as we watched on the big screen an AAW presentation in conjunction with MWT of WAWA(INC) brought to you by the Demo Com and in full stereo and colour of the must see video on “Sharpening” and also enjoyed the pop corn and Java’s. Quite a comprehensive and very intriguing video enjoyed by all. We all picked up certain individual sharpening information.

S & T was conducted by Kevin Luff beginning with a puzzle that when you removed the locking pin and lids it allows one to view the inside of the box, a series of lolly bowls, platters and a segment vase. Well done those who submitted their show and tell items.

9th June - Today’s meeting had to be shortened and then cancelled due to a power failure. Our convenor Denis Tapley addressed the meeting that the committee had discussed a suggestion that our weekly fee be increased if our building extension is successful. A discussion by members proceeded on this fee increase and a motion was put and passed to increase the weekly fee to \$5 if needed. Members departed a little disappointed due to the power failure but all returned home hopefully to do some turning.

16th June – Our convenor Denis Tapley informed the group our esteem member Norm Gratte is not well and is in St John of God hospital Subiaco.

Also Kevan Harwood and Denis require people to help with their Christmas items, please refer to both with your help.

As our power is back on therefore the today’s demonstration was presented by David Rechter on turning a gum leaf bowl based on an adaptation of an Andrew Potocnik concept, combined with a tribute to our old friend Neil Scobie. There was elements of split turning, designed controlled hollowing, measured external turning, pin joining, and mechanical and hand finishing.

Once again a very intriguing and entertaining demonstration by David.

S & T was presented by Lex McLachlan of the following items:- a couple of artistic designed walking stick, a variety of bowls, a small bud vase, platters, a cone shaped bowl, and embellish vases. We have some amazing turner’s producing these items.

Robin H

SIG Notes— Embellishers



Attendances have been slightly down as people took the opportunity to head north in search of warmer weather. But for those that stayed behind we had several interesting days, refining shapes and learning more about pyrography, colouring and light carving. Samples of work shown.

Platter made by David Milton – carved and painted

A bowl with light pyrography by John Quatermaine



We have since set in place a schedule as follows:

9th July : we will make a Scobie leaf platter. This will involve basic turning and shaping with the use of a Proxxon or Merlin tool.



23rd July : we will look at extending this to make a gumleaf platter. Again using the basic turning and the same tools creating a different shape and perhaps add gumnuts as an extra to the platter.

13th August : we plan to make a hollow form turned from the bottom with a plug and then a small opening and shaping on the top to give the illusion of lips.

27th August We will continue with this shape adding some refinements.



10th Sept :We will turn and shape an erosion bowl from a Scobie design. This will introduce removing timber with a Dremel or similar.

24th Sept: We will continue with the erosion theme maybe using a vase shape

If anyone would like to join the group, you would be most welcome. We meet 2nd and 4th Fridays at Wandi, commencing at 9am and staying on for as long as you like. We usually pack up about 3pm.

PS: interested in resin? come join us as we are reintroducing resin to our group.

If you have an questions or require more information send an email to sievol1@bigpond.com or sms or call Robin on 0410 024 475.

SIG Notes—Segmenters

2021 PROGRAM

SLEDS. Make sleds for own table saws. Day to be advised. You will need to bring boards, guides and fittings that will suit your own tables as the slots may differ from the club saw. Syd will bring his router to enable slotting.

SHARPENING. Saw blade sharpening day (Ross is following up with Carbide tools).

EXHIBITION/OPEN DAY. Run an 'open day' to exhibit and sell the things we make. Syd proposed an 'art-style' exhibition. To be considered further.

COMPETITION DAY. Run a separate competition day for Mob members.

STUFF FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

Buy or sell stuff will be published in this section if you send Aiton the details, photos, your name, contact details and location.

Longworth Chucks, Indexing discs & Open Segment discs – Jon Braine, Halls Head, 0408092072.

Show & Tell



AEG COMPOUND MITRE SAW

Len brought in the AEG compound mitre saw he purchased after the last meeting. Syd thanked him and took the receipt so Len can be reimbursed.

The photo (right) shows Len and Bruce after installing the saw blade. A table needs to be made up for cutting segments. Our table saw will be set up mainly for ripping timber strips with the AEG used for cutting segments with a fine blade.



MEETINGS

Our regular meetings will be from 1000 to 2.00pm, alternating between Thursdays and Sundays with 10 days in between each. Syd will open the Melville clubrooms at 0900 for those who are able to get there earlier. Bring \$3 in gold coins, your own lunch to munch and your own cup. From time to time we will have a BBQ and will advise members to bring what they may wish to cook. Also bring any timber you want cut and any segments/rings you want to assemble.

2021 MEETING DATES

- JULY – Thursday 1, Sunday 11 and Thursday 22.
- AUGUST – Sunday 1, Thursday 12 and Sunday 22.
- SEPTEMBER – Thursday 2, Sunday 12 and Thursday 23.
- OCTOBER – Sunday 3, Thursday 14 and Sunday 24.
- NOVEMBER – Thursday 4, Sunday 14 and Thursday 25.
- DECEMBER – Christmas wind-up to be advised.

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Swan Snippets

4th May 2021 – We had a good turn out this week after our snap lockdown meant we couldn't hold a meeting last week. Noel Moyes entertained us all again while he demonstrated turning a hollow sphere, which could be used for potpourri, Christmas ornament, or the like. He started by explaining in order to have a perfect sphere the material diameter had to be the same as the length, marking 21% of the diameter from the sphere centre point. He also had a template so he could see when he'd made the perfect semi-sphere. Thanks to Noel for another entertaining and informative demo.

Today we saw a trivet, some pin cushions, a segmented bowl, a "flying saucer", a nativity scene set on a platter and a stunning segmented dodecahedron sphere.

11th May 2021 – Today's demonstration of next month's competition item of a platter 200-400mm in diameter, with maximum height 10% of diameter, was performed by Ian Moss. He started by handing around several platters which he has made previously, with different embellishments. The main incentive for today's demo was to show us how to embellish our platters, not how to turn a platter. Ian calculated how wide he was going to leave the rim, while leaving it fairly thick as he planned to demonstrate a few types of embellishment and would have to turn each one away as they were shown.

Ian started with a texturing tool, making a feature ring then painting it. Several other methods of embellishment followed including pyrography, using different cutters in an Arbortech machine and using a spray can while the platter is spinning.

Members were left with a lot to think about for next month's competition. Thanks, Ian for a highly informative and interesting demo.

For Show and Tell this week there were several great finished pieces from the Neil Turner workshop including sheoak bowls, a sea urchin jewellery box, done with very interesting embellishment, along with some small lidded boxes. There were also some lovely pieces including a potpourri bowl from Jim McDonnell, a turned and carved lidded box and another lidded box showing an intricate Celtic knot design. Ted made a lovely cutting board with mezzaluna cutter from a piece of sheoak.

There were 9 entries in our vase competition, with the results as follows:

Novice – 1st – Mario Baldacchino, 2nd – Tracy Redwood

Advanced – 1st – Brian Kirkby, 2nd – Brian Mather, 3rd – Bruce Shephard

Well done to all the place getters and everyone who had a go.

18th May 2021 – Mary read a great little poem on woodturning, written by Viv Paust, whom she visited through the week.

Neil George demonstrated a double ended vase, or stethoscope for listening to pregnant mums, originally made by an Adolf Pinard. The drawing by Richard will be on our website soon. Using a blank of 270mm x 90mm Neil turned a spigot at both ends, using a chuck adaptor to hold the blank ensuring it was centred properly. Finally, the vase was parted off with a bit of a concave shape. With all the young folks producing grandchildren there's bound to be a use for this practical and fun piece. Thanks to Neil for a very good demo.

There were a few very good Neil Turner style vases and sea urchin jewellery boxes for Show and Tell this week. Also brought in for us all to see were various bowls, a delicate finial and a sassafras lidded box.

25th May 2021 – Today Robert Drinkwater amazed us all with his demonstration of multi-centred turning of "widgets". His jacaranda cube blank, with 3 lots of 10mm holes drilled, was held between spigots/timber inserts using those holes. Due to the nature of this turning he effectively turned three different grains of timber, using a skew, bowl gouge and parting tool. The larger tools avoided too much bouncing and with the rest a little above centre it was easier to avoid dig-ins. Robert reckoned it's helpful to be ambidextrous when turning the likes of his "widgets" from both sides. Using the skew-chisel he took

down the tubes to the required diameter. The parting tool was then used to tidy up between the cross struts. The finished piece certainly made a very interesting talking point and would be a real feature of any table. We all agreed Robert was a brave man to be attempting something so complicated for a demonstration. Hopefully a drawing for Robert's widget will be available on our website shortly.

There were a couple of hollow forms finished using Denis Tapley's liming wax method, a sheoak bowl, double ended vases inspired by Neil's demo last week and a lidded box. Robert's cousin, John, explained to us how he'd made the tiny wagon he'd brought in, using only a Dremel and some sand paper. Lots of interesting and varied items for show and tell.

1st June 2021 – The GGSFFD was deemed a success and the weather was kind to them given how bad it had been. Brian Kirkby announced the teams for the next TimTam challenge. Best wishes were sent to Joe Clark for a speedy recovery.

Ted Steward-Wynne entertained us all with his turning of a little bird inspired by Rudy Goh and Ted's recent birdwatching trip to Karajini. Firstly, Ted had drawn a diagram of his bird to get the dimensions and cut out a template. The blank used was 220mm diameter and the only tools required were a parting tool, bowl gouge, ruler and pencil. A cute little project to try at home. Thanks Ted.

Today we saw an array of fine pieces of turning, including a bud vase, an off-centre goblet, a salt and pepper set, a lidded box and a segmented bowl. Stan gave us a tip to keep our workspace clear after his fall and stint in hospital, while Malcolm showed us a tool to help drill holes in position on a piece of work.

8th June 2021 – The demo today of the next competition item of the Precision Drilled Vase was by Bruce Shephard. He managed to get the drawing blown up to the actual dimensions, which made life a bit easier. Bruce passed around a vase he'd completed earlier, which looked very impressive. Hats off to Bruce for demonstrating such a tricky piece. It'll be interesting to see how many entries we have next month!

Today's Show and Tell consisted of a marri bowl, a couple of sheoak platters, a lovely pair of Golden Mean callipers Andrea got for a bargain on Amazon, a vase, ebonised and then painted. Noel brought in some Evolution oil he recommended we try for a different finish. Finally, Don showed us his very impressive 1009-piece segmented bowl. He'd invested in an engraver for the base, which looked very neat.

Don then went on to give a short critique of all the entries, of which there were 12, in this month's competition of a platter. There was a variety of designs, including some which were laminated, painted, segmented and embellished with pyrography. The results were as follows:

Novice – 1st – Mario Baldacchino, 2nd – Tracy Redwood

Intermediate – 1st Neil George

Advanced – 1st – Bruce Shephard, 2nd – Brian Kirkby, 3rd – Brian Mather

15th June 2021 - Today, Mario Baldacchino, a recent member of our club, showed us how he put together his amazing segmented dodecahedron, which he brought in for show and tell a few weeks ago. It was evident Mario, as a carpenter, has a great deal of experience in working with wood and cutting wood accurately, given the complexity of the piece. He worked from a set of instructions Ted had given him, and these are available for anyone who would like to give turning a dodecahedron a try. Mario passed around a small trial one he'd made and then the large one from jarrah and pine, and brown acacia and beech, pieces that can easily be found in Bunnings. He showed us how he put the piece together using a lot of masking tape, clamps and glue. He recommended gluing the whole piece in one go as any inaccuracies wouldn't be readily fixed once the glue was set. Asked how he'd held his dodecahedron in the lathe to make it round, Mario explained he turned it between centres and also used jam chucks. He also showed us a hexagon and an amazing football, made before he had a lathe, using an angle grinder! At the moment Mario is working on an Aussie Rules football for a present for his grandchildren. I wonder how many of our members will be game to have a go at one of these? Good luck!

Show and Tell saw some interesting pieces including a burl vase with gold paint for embellishment, a hollow form from a lovely piece of sheoak, Ian's lidded box with finial, finished from his demo at our workshop and a vase finished with liming wax. Our visitor Gerald, brought in some wood to see if anyone could recognise it as Quandong, which grows readily on his farm.

Elison

Wandi Waffles

Demonstration Reports

Thu 22 Apr 2021. Allan Williams ran a training and assessment session for members who wanted to be qualified to use the club band saw. Allan went through the safety precautions for bandsaw use, reminding attendees that it was club policy for the bandsaw user to have a spotter in position to turn off the machine in the event of problems. He then talked about blade replacement and set-up of tracking and tensioning. After demonstrating the procedures, Allan ran an assessment session for attendees, where each was required to remove and reinstall the blade, set up tension and tracking and then adjust the roller bearings to ensure that the blade was correctly set up for safe operation.

This was a useful session, and several members from the Monday morning and Wednesday evening groups were registered as competent bandsaw users at Wandii.

Thu 6 May 2021. In anticipation of the competition at the Collie WEWS (**Competition Item: Platter, 200-400mm diameter, height maximum 10% of diameter**), Jim Cameron ran a session providing attendees with various methods of creating and/or securing a spigot for turning a thin platter. Jim pointed out that the problem was that some methods would cut so deeply into the platter that there might be insufficient wood left to finish the job. He said that the most obvious method was to start with a thick blank, and then turn the platter down from there. His concern about this technique was that it was very wasteful of wood. He then talked about an old method of holding the platter in position using just the tailstock quill and a steb drive in the headstock. The last two methods he discussed involved either using hot melt glue, a paper joint, or short woodscrews to secure a sacrificial wooden block to the platter to turn into a spigot; or using a pre-manufactured metal spigot which could be fastened to the platter blank using one of the three methods.

Competition Results

SWAN Group WEWS, 17 Apr 2021: A Scottish Quaich

Novice Division:

3rd George Murphy

4th Graham Ding

Mandurah Group WEWS, 15 May 2021: A Vase:

Intermediate Division:

2nd: Simon Rollinson

Novice Division:

2nd: George Murphy

3rd: Nico Louw

Congratulations to Simon, George, Nico and Graham.

Urn for Former Member Arthur Smith

In April, Kylhan Townsing contacted the group with a view to getting one of our members to turn a funeral urn for his partner's grandfather, Arthur Smith. Before he passed away, Arthur was a keen turner and a member of the Wednesday group, and he often spoke fondly to his family about his time

at Wandi. After asking around, Jim Cameron agreed to turn the urn for Arthur. Jim's first attempt went awry when the olive blank he was hollowing developed a large crack. Jim went back to the drawing board and on his second attempt turned a beautiful urn in mulberry with a cape lilac lid. Jim used an innovative method of fixing the lid to the base by securing a 50mm plumbers threaded joint on the neck of the urn and its corresponding piece in the lid. This very secure joint ensured that in the event of any unforeseen accidents Arthur's remains would remain safely inside the urn. On Wednesday evening, 2 May 2021, Kylhan came to the Wandi Workshop and Jim presented him with the urn. Kylhan was delighted with this excellent example of the woodturner's craft and looked forward to presenting it to Arthur's widow and family. The attached photograph shows Jim presenting the urn to Kylhan.



Wandi AGM

This will take place as usual on the third Thursday in July. We need to start thinking about nominations for Committee members and the group executive (convenor, secretary and treasurer). At present, we only have six committee members, which is too few for the task.

Photos from the Groups



Busselton
Left: Barbara Jennings demo of the precision drilled vase.
Left below: defibrillator training
Below: more work done in the new workshop



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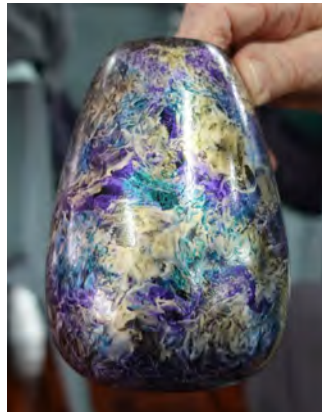
Joondalup / Wanneroo

Left: sharpening tools
Right: training



Mandurah Weekend Workshop

Competition items—top: advanced, middle: intermediate, below: novice
Bottom row, L to R: Ian Moss's duck family, Rudi Goh's experiment with colour, Rudi's string painting technique



PROFILE OF A TURNER

Derek Martin member 194

Derek was born in London in February 1930, and grew up in Tottenham North London. His schooling was a bit hazardous because of the war. Surviving the blitz, bombs, incendiary bombs, oil bombs, land mines, buzz bombs and rockets. All were dropped close by but only the last of the rockets caused his home to be damaged. Leaving school, he worked as a boy in a tinsmith making autoclave bodies for 11 months. He then applied for a job as a laboratory assistant at Thorn Electrics, processing chemicals for fluorescent tubes, which was very much in its infancy. As this laboratory was preparing to move further out of London and expanding production, he decided to apply for a lab assistant post at Wright Fleming Institute of Microbiology. The idea of working for a hospital was more in keeping with his ideals. The pay was less and fares would add to weekly costs! He worked there making vaccines, whooping cough, typhoid, cholera to name a few.

In 1942 he joined the Scout Movement and has been a member ever since, holding many positions from Scout Master to Chief Commissioner of Western Australia, and is now a Life Member. During the war with all the men enlisted, the Patrol Leaders ran the troop; they were 15 or 16 years old!

In 1948 he was called up for National Service, two years in the army. Fortunately, after his basic training was complete and because of his experiences he was drafted to a pathology laboratory. This experience opened his eyes to another side of microbiology, diagnostic. Returning to Wright Fleming Institute at the end of his service, it was back to vaccines! In order to qualify it was necessary to expand his horizons. Four years of night school enabled him to become an Associate of the Institute of Medical Technology.

He met Doris at Wright Fleming Institute and married two years later when they were able to find two rooms with use of bathroom; housing being in short supply.

He came to Australia in 1956 having successfully applied for a position with Public Health Service (W.A.) He worked in the department of microbiology at Royal Perth Hospital for 32 years rising to Chief Technologist for the last ten.

Scouting has taken up most of his spare time and he has had the privilege of being made a member of the Order of Australia for his services to Scouting in 1995.

Derek held a licence as a Lay Pastoral Minister in the Anglican Church for many years.

He became a member of the Western Australian Woodturners by joining Melville group at its inception in September 1986. Since joining he served as convenor from 1997 to 1999 and as a member of the Groups Committee for many periods, contributing to suggestions for improving the groups' function.

Actively demonstrating at club meetings over a long period of time and contributing items to the Annual Silver Chain confectionery bowls for residents of aged care facilities within the Melville area.

Through family connections, providing laser templates/items to assist members in their toy projects for underprivileged children.

Derek was, successively, vice president of WAWA (2006-2008), president (2008-2010), and past president (2010-2012). He has also been returning officer for the Association's annual election of committee members for many years.

Prior to joining WAWA Committee, Derek & Doris were video librarians for five years. Attending most of the weekend workshops. All the videos were on tape. When DVDs became available the Martins privately purchased a machine that would transfer the tapes to discs. This enabled a more simplified identifying system for the library.

During his time as president, he was instrumental in re writing the Convenors Handbook which consisted of indexing, collating, re writing, photocopying and assembly all done at his home with the help of his wife

Doris. Another reform that Derek implemented during his period of leadership was the ways groups could access funds for equipment.

WAWA held an Exhibition of Excellence in 2006. Held in the Perth Town Hall in Hay Street. It lasted for 7 days. Jim Stitfall and Derek were there every day. Over 100 exhibits were collected, listed and labelled. Many many hours of work before, during and after the exhibition. The exhibition was a great success and a DVD is available showing items on display.

In summary, Derek has been a valuable and active member over the years, contributing significantly to the successful and steady progress of the Association. He has been one of WAWA's quiet achievers.

Noel Moyes, Member 138

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 Railways in Midland finishing in 1962.

He worked for 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 Teachers Training Secondary Internship and graduated in 1974 with a Secondary Teaching Certificate. Noel was then posted to Mukinbudin District Senior 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 a 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 this time 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 bought 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.

Both Profiles Written by Mary Byers

Competition Items for 2021

February 20th — Melville

A money box in the form of an animal with all components turned and at least one part incorporating a spherical form. May be embellished

March 20th — Manjimup

A usable walking stick with handle and shaft both made from timber. Handle may be carved and/or turned. May include metal joiners or ferrules.

April 17th — Swan

A Quaich (Scottish Drinking Vessel) made from a single piece of timber, including handles. Inside bowl diameter 90-100mm. May be embellished.

May 15th — Mandurah:

A Vase, Min height 200mm to max height 400mm. May be functional or decorative.

June 19th — Collie

Platter, 200-400mm diameter, height maximum 10% of diameter.

July 17th — Gosnells

Precision Drilled vase as per attached details. Make to dimensions (mm), judged on measurements criteria.



August 13th, 14th, 15th — Wood Show

Open, artistic competition

August 21st — Bunbury

Hollow vessel, maximum height 300mm. One piece of wood – no joins. Hollowed from the top – diameter of hole no larger than 45mm. Vessel diameter minimum twice opening.

September 18th — Wandi (AGM)

A turned hollow flask. Overall height, including stopper, 150-200mm. All other measurements to be in proportion to maintain balance of design.

Side inserts are required and inserts and/or stopper may be different wood. Side inserts and stopper must show some form of embellishment.



October 16th — Joondalup-Wanneroo

Matched pair candlesticks

November 20th — Busselton

Oval picture frame, may be natural edge or embellished. Maximum 300mm in largest dimension.

Competition Results— Mandurah Workshop

Don't forget that each entry gains a point for your group

Competition Item: Vase min height 200mm, max 400mm, functional or decorative

Novice

1. Silvio Moriconi (Melville)
2. George Murphy (Wandi)
2. Brian Mather (Swan)
3. Stuart North (Joondalup)
3. Nico Louw (Wandi)
4. Scott Chalmers (Joondalup)

Intermediate

1. Dario Nardi (Joondalup)
2. Simon Rolinson (Wandi)
2. Kerri Nicholls (Mandurah)
3. Jim Parker (Joondalup)
4. Terry Nicholls (Mandurah)

Advanced

1. Denis Tapley (Melville)
2. Colin Truscett (Gosnells)
3. Colin Valli (Collie)
3. Lynsay Dunning (Mandurah)
4. Bruce Shephard (Swan)
4. Trevor Flynn (Collie)

Open

1. Denis Tapley
2. Colin Truscett
3. Colin Valli
3. Lynsay Dunning
4. Dario Nardi
4. Bruce Shephard

Popular

1. Denis Tapley
2. Trevor Flynn
3. Silvio Moriconi
4. Tania Emmerson (Mandurah)

Competition Results Collie Workshop

Competition Item: Platter, 200 to 400mm diameter, max height 10% of diameter

Novice

1. Chris Chai (Melville)
2. Brian Mather (Swan)
3. Lyndsay Nicholson (Joondalup)
4. Scott Chalmers (Joondalup)

Intermediate

1. Jim Cameron (Wandi)
2. Dario Nardi (Joondalup)
3. Jukka Lehtonen (Gosnells)
4. Kerri Nicholls (Mandurah)

Advanced

1. Chas Broadbent (Busselton)
2. Dennis Hadden (Busselton)
3. Jock Macfadyen (Bunbury)
4. Russel Nash (Melville)

Open

1. Chas Broadbent
2. Dennis Hadden
3. Jock Macfadyen
4. Russel Nash

Popular

1. Chris Chai
2. Frank Evans (Mandurah)
3. Chas Broadbent
4. Jock Macfadyen

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters

Gosnells Weekend Workshop

Saturday 17th July
Southern River Community College
Anaconda Drive, Southern River

Convenor/M.C: Alan Andrews
Safety Officer: Peter Povey

Trade Suppliers:

Rod Cox P Square Agencies

Allan Williams

Ray Woodcock

Program

- 8.00 – 9.00 am Registration Fellowship and Announcements
- 9.30 – 10.30 am **Brian Kirkby** demonstration: Square Edged Bowl
- 10.30 – 11.00 am Morning tea
- 11.00 – 12.30 am **Denis Tapley** demonstration: Box with Short Stem & Finnial
- 12.30 pm Presidents Forum
- 12.45 – 13.45 pm Lunch: Burger and choice of soup \$6.50
- 13.45 pm Voting Closes
- 13.45 – 15.30 pm **Frank Evans** demonstration: Goblet with a Barley Twist
- 15.30 pm Afternoon tea
- 16.00 pm Competition results and Raffle

Clean up *Hope you enjoyed the day and have a safe trip home*

Trailers to be collected for Bunbury

Bunbury Weekend Workshop

Saturday 21st August

LESCHENAULT LEISURE CENTRE, Leisure Drive AUSTRALIND WA

<https://goo.gl/maps/qHBvVehSwwoxdPZK8>

Turn off the Forrest Highway at Paris Road, Australind – second turn right into Leisure Drive – turn left into the Leisure Centre – the Hall is on the right-hand side of the Buildings.

Convenor: Les Beauglehole

MC: Bardy Gardiner

Competition Item: Hollow vessel, maximum height 300mm. One piece of wood – no joins. Hollowed from the top – diameter of hole no larger than 45mm. Vessel diameter minimum twice opening.

Traders: Myama Gems

Entry \$5 Lunch \$6 soup and roll

Program

8.00am Registration

9.00am Welcome and Announcements

9.05am Demonstration – Dennis Tapley

10.30am Morning Tea

11.00am Demonstration – Frank Evans

12.15pm Presidents Forum

12.30pm Lunch – soup and roll

1.30pm Hands On Demonstrations - Embellishment ideas

2.45pm Afternoon Tea

3.20pm Competition Results/raffle draw

4.00 pm Closing Comments and Pack Up – Many hands make light work.

Trailers to be collected and returned to Wandii

Diary Dates

Competition Hosts 2021

FEB 20—Melville at Wandi
Money Box in form of animal, must incorporate a spherical component

MARCH 20 - Manjimup
A usable walking stick, handle & shaft made from timber

APRIL 17- Swan
A Quaich (Scottish drinking vessel), inside bowl 90 to 100mm D

MAY 15— Mandurah
Vase, 200mm min H, 400mm max H

JUNE 19—Collie
Platter 200 to 400mm diameter, max H 10% of diameter

JULY 17- Gosnells
Precision drilled vase, description has been circulated

AUG 13 to 15— Wood Show
Open, artistic competition

AUG 21- Bunbury
Hollow vessel, max H 300mm, see attached details

SEPT 18- Wandi
Turned flask, H (including stopper) set 200mm, side inserts, details have been circulated

OCT 16- Joondalup-Wanneroo
Matched pair of candlesticks

NOV 20- Busselton
Oval picture frame, max 300mm for largest dimension

WAWA Shopping Centre Displays 2021

Dependent on current health restrictions

Phoenix Park Shopping Centre—
22-27th November 2021

Brian Fowle 9310 3161

Geoff Saw 9354 1562

Neil Piper 9399 3723

REMINDER!

The points accumulation for competition commencing at the AGM in September 2020 and running till August 2021.

*THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
INC*

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2021 - 2022

NOMINATION FORM

1..... Membership No.....
(Nominating Member's Name)

Wish to nominate

..... Membership No.....
(Name of proposed office bearer)

To be elected to the office of **PRESIDENT*** **COMMITTEE MEMBER***
*Cross out whichever does not apply

At the election to be held on Saturday 18th September 2021

I second the Nomination

Name of seconder.....Membership No.....

..... (Signature of Seconder)

I, the undersigned, hereby declare I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not have a criminal conviction for an offence involving fraud or dishonesty as described in section 39 (1) of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

I accept the nomination and agree to serve if elected.

..... Membership No
(Signature of proposed Office-Bearer)

Date.....

NOMINATIONS CLOSE WITH THE RETURNING OFFICER: 5.00pm, 31 July 2021

NOTE: I will accept Nominations Forms by Email provided that they have been validly executed.

Returning Officer:- Rod Cocks 25 Valle Court, Wandi WA 6167
Email:- craftimports@iinet.net.au

*WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF
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**ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR 2021 -2022**

Notice is hereby given that at the A.G.M. of WAWA on Saturday 18th September 2021, an election will be held to appoint a new Committee of Management.

Nominations for the vacant positions must be lodged with the returning officer by 5.00pm. by the 31st July 2021.

The following officers retire as at the A.G.M. 2021

President:

Bruce Jackson (who will become the Immediate Past President)

Committee:

*Jon Braine
*Andrea McCandlish
David Milton
Kerri Nichols
*John Atkins
*Jim Cameron

The retiring committee members marked * have indicated they will not be standing for re-election.

Continuing committee members for 1 year:

Barbara Jennings to AGM 2022
Alex MacLachlan to AGM 2022
Andy Hill to AGM 2022
Ian Ludford to AGM 2022
Glenys Hough to AGM 2022

Rod Cocks
Returning Officer