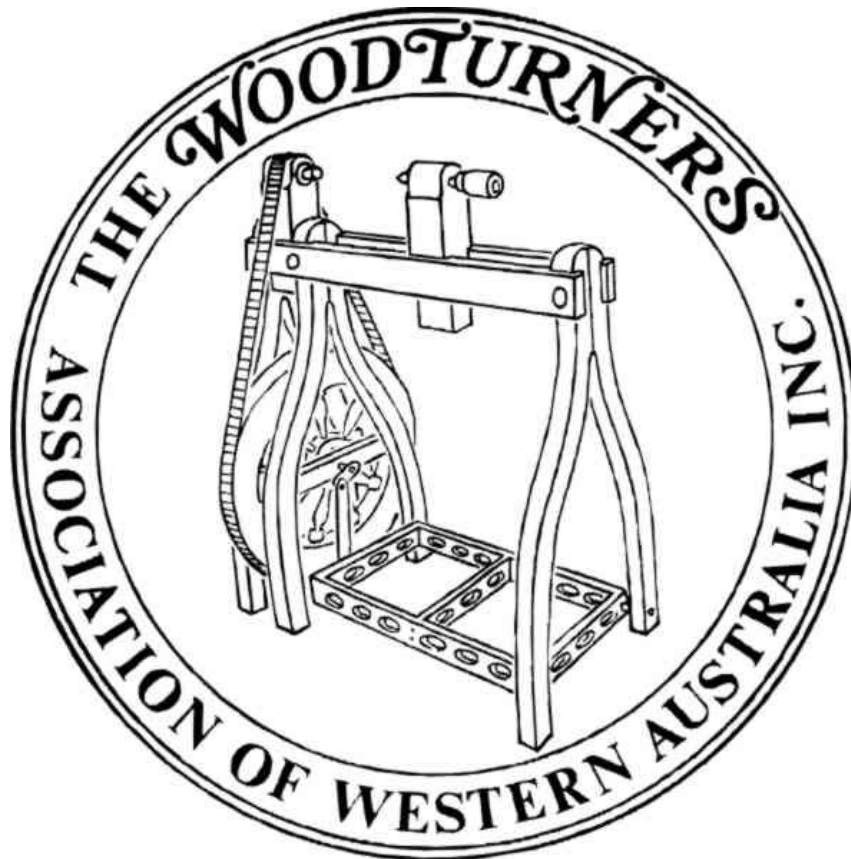


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Presidential Ponderings

Greeting fellow members.

Here we are. Another newsletter. Another Presidential Ponderings. I haven't got a lot of ponderings so let me tell you about my "Cone of Silence" brought about by mutual agreement.

The C of S I built inside my 7mx6m shed. The size is 4mx3m with timber frame and gyprock product Sound Check. The sheets are 3m long 1.2m wide 13mm thick. It took 26 to do the outside, then insulate on the inside plus ceiling and roof. Very happy to say it IS sound proof.

Bruce

Registrar's Ramblings

We welcome the following new members ...

Noah Hicks 3279	Busselton	Damon Sach 3288	Wandi
TJ James 3280	Mandurah	Terry Woods 3289	Joondalup
Robyn Rafferty 3281	Mandurah	Chris Lawer 3290	Melville
Tess Rafferty 3282	Mandurah	Gary Taylor 3291	Swan
Hayden Collins 3283	Busselton	Garvin Crozier 3292	Melville
John Colhoun 3284	Gosnells	Trevor Lowenhoff 3293	Melville
Lynne Sinclair 3285	Wandi	Richy Barry 3294	Melville
John Holland 3286	Bunbury	Allen Kelly 3295	Wandi
Dave Orrett 2387	Joondalup	David Von Felton 3296	Melville

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

News From the Groups

Avon

Well Hi to all from a very wet Toodyay.

The Avon Decent has just been held and records were broken. A very high river.

Well our convener attended the last Convener's meeting and it was confirmed that Toodyay will host the March Workshop next year. Unfortunately the booking for our hall has a lot of booking already and we were only able to book for the 5th March. We really do need the hall as we have a strong possibility of heat at that time of year. My apologies if this effects your plans. Being a small club it will take a lot of effort with everyone nose to the grindstone.

We have started the planning with a committee meeting before our Annual meeting and so have to get going. One of our members mentioned that we might get some sponsorship from Chalice mining and this will be followed up. Rob Pearce also suggested that we approach the manual arts teacher at our District High School and see if he is interested in having a excursion to our workshop one Wednesday Morning. This was unanimously accepted

We had quite a successful raffle recently and this raised \$603.00 for the club. At this time of year fire wood is a good bet in a town like Toodyay. We were fortunate enough that our member Rob Pearce has a good supply on his property and he provided the firewood for first prize. We had another four prizes

and we selected some items that were crafted by late member David Eyres that the family had given to us for this purpose. There was a lot of comments about these articles. We did have a busy day as one member was helping another who needs to shift into a new house before the end of August. He was working on drainage and at the moment working with machinery anywhere in Toodyay is a problem. Others on the sick list or helping relative in care. Makes life interesting with a small club.

At the conveners meeting while speaking with the Rep from Joondalup after he mentioned they could be looking for jet lathes our convener suggested that Avon might have one for sale. After consulting with a member of The executive the offer has been made for them to purchase ours if needed. If not will put up for WAWA for sale.

Then a quick Annual meeting with some problems as our current Secretary Treasurer has only just relocated to Perth and the records are still to be found. Current convener Max Heath was duly elected again. David Doye has taken on the responsibility of Secretary with Phil Perkins staying on as Treasurer. Terry Hood has accepted the position of equipment and safety officer. This was followed a better quality morning tea than the usual.

The Tattler

Joondalup-Wanneroo Wanderings

We held our annual elections for 2021-22 and have a new Convenor and Deputy Convenor. Other Office Bearers remain the same. Details are:-

- Convenor – Stuart North 0409 119 064 tynedale2@inet.net.au
- Deputy Convenor – Frank Visser 0400 935 401 opa@bigpond.net.au
- Secretary – Aiton Sheppard 0417 097 687 shepap@bigpond.com
- Treasurer – Brian Hancock 0439 515 001 bhancock0750@gmail.com

Aiton Sheppard and Stuart North will take on the combined roles of Scribe/Webpage for the Group. Both will need Ian Ludford's guidance in posting stuff on the WAWA Webpage.

Our 2022 Weekend Workshop competition item is 'A Childs Toy (mostly turned)'. We request that, after the competition these be donated by the entrants' Group, to a charity collecting Christmas toys for needy children.

We have a sub-committee working towards our 2021 Weekend Workshop on Saturday 16 October. It will be at the Ern Halliday Recreation Reserve, Hillarys again but we unsure if we will get the Commodore Dining Hall or the Basketball Stadium. I will confirm this and let you have the program as soon as possible.

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

Happy Turning from the Joondalup/Wanneroo Group

AITON SHEPPARD, Secretary

Manjimup Matters

I believe that the last time I reported for the newsletter was back in February and so I apologise for my neglect.

Since then of course we have hosted our weekend workshop and we thank all those who attended and entered their work into the competition. I had several locals (not woodturners) comment to me later that they had never seen so many people using walking sticks in one place at the same time. Thank you

also to the judges of the competition and to the demonstrators.

On the 21st July we had our AGM and have had a change of convenor from Age to Mal. Thank you Age for the last three years and Thank you Mal for taking up the reigns. We also had our treasurer step down. Thank you Helen for the last 10 years. I hope I can do the job justice.

We have had a slight increase in visitors to the Long Shed earlier this year as it appears that Western Australians are at last looking at their own state while borders remain essentially closed. The numbers have dropped off a little with the colder weather as the sunbirds travel north including a couple of our own members.

On the 5th August some of us took up an invitation to join the members of the Manji Men's Shed for morning tea and a tour of their well supported facility. The lady turners of course provided the morning tea treats of scones with jam and cream. I did take a couple of photos but with the wonders of technology the files have become corrupted and won't download, so you will just have to imagine how delicious morning tea was.

Dot Jacobs

Melville Mutterings

23th Jun – At last weekend workshop our novice member Chris Chai pulled off first and most popular novice awards. Well done Chris.

Lex McLachlan informed the members that as the Royal Show is on this year we will need some members to participate.

This week's demo Ray Robertson took us on a journey of the "Natural edge bowl".

Firstly Ray revealed how to remove a spigot off the bottom of bowl by using a saw. Moving on he proceeded to turn his bowl using a centred pre- drilled hole which allowed him to shape a spigot on the natural edged banana bowl and then reverse the bowl and shaped the inside taking care to preserve the natural edge. A well thought out demonstration.

We had a visit by Kate Mair, a Melville councillor who addressed the members regarding our proposed building extensions and referred to the current council budget that look encouraging to go ahead.

S & T consisted of seven platters that were entered in last weekend workshop as well as pull along Christmas toys and lolly bowls.

30thJun - Today's meeting was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

7th July – Well everyone was able to join in the appreciation of participating in our hands on exercise (due to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions) consisting of following Denis Tapley's instructions of turning a simple car for young children.



Photo 1:- New member Bev Schwikkard attempting turning a simple toy car.

Photo 2:- Finished car

It was encouraging to see our new members turning their individual cars.



14th July – Tributes to both Keith Alexander and Norm Gratte were delivered by Denis Tapley and David Rechter. It was encouraging to see 50 of our members attending today to pay their personal tributes to both past members. A minute silence was observed.

A suggestion by a member was to have an annual Norm Gratte award for new members that entails their contribution, skills etc. finally criteria to be decided by our committee.

Our meeting today involved a “Variety Day” where members were able to bring their tips, tricks, jigs and ideas for improved outcomes in woodturning. Ideally members ideas, questions and comments were encouraged and discussions were held. Hopefully our members picked up some useful information or provide it to someone else! Denis Tapley presented a sanding disc screwed on a bar with a wooden section to hold several pieces of abrasive paper.

Don Quayle demonstrated his self-designed band sander that has adjustable sections. David Rechter presented his designed grind skew tool for using on the inside of a bowl. Also his cutting and disc sanding for a Proxon.

Michael Head presented a number of tools such as hole saw on the end of a pipe and a hand made centre steadier. Ian Ludford brought his self-made indexed attachment that can be used on a lathe that hasn't a index part, as well as a sanding idea that fits on a pen for sanding toy wheels. Ray Woodcock explained his sanding support table.

George Kieliger spoke on preparing all types of wood for turning, especially bowls from a half sawn tree bough. David Finch presented his buffing apparatus that had three buffing discs on a threaded bar that fits in the head stock.

David Bradley presented our S & T today of huge number of submitted items.

21st July – Our skilled newest member Chris Chai was awarded First place for novice and most popular at last week's Weekend Workshop.

This week was a demonstration on “Novelty, secret ring holders” performed by Frank Dymond beginning with an explanation his collection of small jewellery boxes and portions.

Frank then gave a talk on Fibonacci numbers that are strongly related to the golden mean ratio.

Continuing on, Frank presented featured caricature holders then proceeded to turn a prepared ring holder that he had hollowed out. Starting his turning Frank shaped his holder using a spinal gauge chisel, then proceeded to turn a lid from the piece still in the chuck. Followed on by turning a ring holder stem that fits into the holder. A very informative and interesting demonstration by an expert.

S & T was conducted by Ian Ludford of entries to last weekend's workshop as well as toy cars, jewellery holders, decorative small boxes with a finial, and a couple of bowls.

28th July – Another “hands on day” brought out those turners who enjoy turning toys for children. Milton Rundle showed us and instructed all on turning a Cup and Ball toy. We had 5 members testing their turning skills in producing a cup and ball toy. These cup and ball toys will be for our Christmas toy program.

4th Aug – Our group AGM was held today. Our current convenor Denis Tapley presented his report for the past year.

Elections were conducted and the following positions were filled:-



Convenor:- Robyn McLean
Deputy Convenor:-Frank Dymond
Secretary:- David Milton
Treasurer:-Robert Snowden

Committee members:- Chris Ellis, Syd Harvey, Ian Ludford, Bernard Boycott, David Recther, David Finch, Denis Tapley, James Murray.

Reference was made by our convenor regarding competition items as per email from secretary David Milton and suggestions are to be submitted as soon as possible.

Denis Tapley reported on quotes of the existing concrete pad removal, new concrete pad and electrical requirements for the proposed shed that were quite high. It was recommended that further quotes maybe required and reviewed by the building committee.

David Milton presented a video on a range of international woodturners skilled items they had produced over sometime. Quite an interesting video enjoyed by all.

11th Aug – Our new convenor Robin McLean addressed the members on the current situation of the shed issue reported that at our last meeting a discussion with a couple of Melville councillors and an architect resulting in progress of the shed concert slab removal and new slab to start within the next few weeks.

Robin requested a volunteer to become our “Court Jester” to tell jokes at our meetings.



Silvio Moriconi was our demonstrator today of turning a pattern bowl. Silvio is one of our new but highly talented turners who has wowed us with his segmented and symmetrically patterned bowls, vases, urns and platters. His designs and attention to pleasing patterns are distinctive and a standout always. It was a very intriguing demonstration and encouraging to see the skills of a competent new member. Well done Silvio on your very first demonstration.

Photo:- Silvio turning his vase

S & T was presented by Syd Harvey of the following items:- Salt & Pepper grinders, bowls, jewellery stand, lolly bowls, a segmented vase, two segmented platters, a segmented pot-puri bowl, a few ball & cup toys.

18th Aug – Our convenor Robin McLean announced that as the Wood Show was cancelled, the Perth Royal Show will now take over for this year’s open competition. Robin also announced the dates for our Christmas Toys presentation (8/12/21), Christmas Luncheon (9/12/21) at Fremantle Sailing club and the group’s start date (5/1/22).

As our members are a versatile lot today’s program was rescued by our esteem member David Recther who conducted a presentation on “Presenting “. Talk about a play on words, but David did a fine job considering such short notice.

This presentation covered the way one should prepare and how to deliver a demonstration when called upon.

S & T presentation was conducted by me (Robin Howarth)

Robin H

SIG Notes—Segmenters

Meeting 1st August

Syd welcomed everyone and apologised for there being no power to plug points. Consequently we were unable to use power equipment (other than kitchen stuff). This has been reported to the City of Melville and will hopefully be fixed by the time we next meet. The saw blades he has ordered from Toolmart for the compound mitre saw should be delivered soon. The table saw blade needs sharpening.

Trevor Flynn and John Townsend have been laid low in hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery so we can welcome them back when they are well. Anyone who is unable to drive should let us know as we may be able to co-ordinate lifts with members who live nearby.



Projects brought in by Roger Smith

WEBSITE

All members should remember that Ian Ludford has provided a special 'Segmented Turning' page for a gallery of our photos photos and notices of stuff for sale or wanted. We will have to put stuff on ourselves and Aiton will try to learn how to do this. Members should email him the original photo files and details to be included. Ian offered to help if Aiton has difficulty.

Fund raising by retailing on the website was discussed but there are too many hurdles and administrative complications. This may be looked into again.

CRYPTIC TOY PROJECT

Problems with this topic were the main things that were discussed. Everytime we tried to go around the table or discuss anything else someone interrupted to raise a complaint about the cryptic box. So I will try to summarise all that here and then deal separately with the "Around The Table" matters below.

The body of the toy will comprise 16 segments to make up rings with an o/d of 70mm which agreed to be a size suitable for small hands and allow a sufficient i/d for 'surprises' to be put in for the kids to find. Noel said that a segment length of 13mm will give the required diameter.

Ian has investigated PVC piping. Bunnings stocks 1m lengths of Holmans pressure pipe DN32 which slides nicely into a DN40 pipe. Tim had some ordinary 40mm PVC which also fits into a DN40 nicely. Both these guys are happy to cut off some for those who want to use it. How to use this in the project needs to be worked out.

There was discussion about keeping flat facets or rounding off the outside of the box. Folks can do either.

Stencils to do lettering and numbering are not available. A variety of leather punches and other punches are available but there was concern about stamping rings without breaking the segments apart. Perhaps this can be done before assembly when flat facets are preferred, otherwise the rings should be bored and held on a specially made spindle for security.

Check out Carl Jacobson's video on YouTube.

2021 MEETING DATES

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.

Aiton

Swan Snippets

22nd June 2021 - Neil, standing in for Brian, reminded us of our AGM on the 3rd of August, with all positions being open. We also need some ideas for competition items for 2021/2. Brian Kirkby gave all the TimTam challengers a reminder to wear eye protection next week. They'll be turning a very delicate little bird box, drawing S13 on the Swan website.

Today Richard Barkman demonstrated turning his foot massager, drawing DL37 on the WAWA website. This piece would be very useful in honing skills with a spindle gouge and the long point of a skew. Turning between centres, Richard marked the blank off using a template, then callipers for the dimensions. A second template was used for the grooves, with pencil lines for the peaks. Richard used dividers to mark where to go in with the skew to ensure everything was evenly spaced. Using a 40 deg. skew instead of his usual 30 deg. one meant there was more wood left in the centre of the massager making it more robust. After sanding, the massager was cut off using a Japanese pull saw and would be finished with Richard's favourite Livos oil.

Bruce brought along his precision drilled vase from his demo a couple of weeks ago for show and tell. We also saw an occasional table, a mortar and pestle, a mother and child mushroom, an off-centre she-oak bowl and a finial topped lidded box.

6th July 2021 – We all want to wish Bernard a speedy recovery and are looking forward to seeing him back at the club soon.

Neil George demonstrated turning a hair pin set out of she-oak. He started by drilling a hole through the centre of his blank with a Forstner bit. Neil planned to get three sets out of the one blank so had made two grooves to mark each ring. Using a spindle gouge and bowl gouge, he trimmed the blank down to size, putting a cove in the middle. The face was trued up, given a quick sanding then the ring was parted-off and turned around to fit in a jam chuck. After a bit of a tidy up and another quick sanding, the ring was finished. For the pin Neil demonstrated his skill with the skew as he brought down his blank to the desired diameter and shape. The pin was held in a wooden chuck to avoid working too close to the jaws, with Neil working towards the fine point at the tail stock end. What a great idea for those of us who know someone with long hair!

There was a cute little roundabout from Mario, a plinth, a Peruvian Pepper foot massager, a couple of little bird boxes, an ibis, lime waxed bowls, a pair of tiny candlesticks, a garlic press from bushy Yate and a very thin platter. Looks like a few of us have been busy during the latest lockdown.

13th July 2021 – Today Ian Moss demonstrated the next competition item which is a hollow vessel, with a maximum height of 300mm with the diameter being no less than twice the hole size. Ian's pieces are usually about 150mm high, or so. He brought in some hollow forms he's turned previously which wouldn't comply with this competition's specification. Ian always starts his projects by doing a drawing

for guidelines. If it looks good on paper chances are the finished piece will look good too. He faced off his blank and showed us how he usually turns and hollows his piece in stages to ensure it remains strong and steady towards the base. Most of the outside shaping was done using a bowl gouge, starting with the neck area. The blank he used today was a piece of cape lilac. Next Ian drilled a 30mm hole using a Forstner bit, followed by a modified spade bit to avoid having the hole made by the point at the bottom. For hollowing Ian used the outrigger style tool with a HSS tip. He worked his way around the interior shoulder, checking the thickness regularly. Basically, the thinner the wall the cleverer you are as a turner!! To get rid of the sawdust Ian had a small compressor. Using various types of callipers, he checked the wall thickness regularly. The flexible curtain rod attachment for the outrigger tool is a great way to keep an eye on the thickness too. It's necessary to constantly turn the tip around to make sure it's cutting and contacting the correct spot. Ian showed us how he used his laser tool, which can be altered to any required thickness. He also showed us his Vermec hollowing tool with a bush and gate arrangement to hold the tool in place and limit vibration. It was more successful with larger pieces with bigger openings. Hopefully we all got inspired to have a go at a hollow form for the next competition.

There was a large, full sized bird box, a potato masher, a foot massager, a "flying saucer", a very interesting bowl within a bowl and Neil brought in his finished hair pin from last week's demo for show and tell.

Next Jim did a short critique on all the items entered in this month's competition, which was the precision drilled vase. There were 8 entries in total, 2 novice and 6 advanced. The results were as follows:

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

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

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

20th July 2021 – Congratulations to Mary for getting a 3rd in Intermediate and Brian a 2nd in Novice at the Gosnells Weekend Workshop for their Precision Drilled Vases. Unfortunately, the Wood Show has been cancelled again this year due to Covid but the WAWA competition is still on. Thanks to Neil for organising a visit today from Ken Wyatt.

Two of our ladies, Tracy and Bonnie, did today's demonstration of a coffee scoop as per Richard Barkman's drawing. Tracy was first up and demoed the scoop. Using a skew, very proficiently, she turned her blank down to a diameter of 45mm, having first drilled a hole at 60 deg, to hold the handle. She then shaped the outside of the scoop. Once the tailstock had been removed, she used her spindle gouge to drill out the centre and hollow out the scoop. The face was trued up with a couple of passes with her gouge before parting off. A jam chuck was then made using the waste and the bottom of the scoop was tidied up. Great job Tracy.

Next it was Bonnie's turn to make the handle to fit the 6mm hole in the scoop. Holding her piece of She-oak in pin nose jaws with the tailstock up for stability, she too showed her very capable use of the skew as she turned the handle down to the required dimensions, adding a bead top and bottom for interest. Bonnie turned the shaft to the correct size to fit the hole of the scoop, then with a Japanese saw removed the handle. A tiny bit of adjusting was required to make the perfect fit. Well done to Tracy and Bonnie, I know Ted was very proud of his students!!

Ken Wyatt arrived to have a look at our Club and to stress the importance of connecting with people with a common interest, especially once we've finished our working lives. He seemed very impressed with the various pieces of work on display and was presented with a pair of messaging sticks, turned by Ted.

Show and Tell this week consisted of a Tassie oak burl bowl, an embellished bowl inspired by Neil Scobie, and a 4-sided bowl, as per Brian Kirkby's demo at the Gosnells WEWS.

27th July 2021

Brian Mather passed around a few pieces of his work and showed us how he does the inlays in his bowls and lidded boxes. Today he was working on the lid of a box he'd already completed with inlaid rings. Holding the lid in the chuck by a spigot he used a parting tool to take the blank down to the required size to fit the base neatly then hollowed the inside with a bowl gouge so it could be reversed chucked. He marked the centre of the inside of the lid so it could be easily re-centred when it was turned around to be finished off. Working on the top of the lid Brian marked where he wanted to put his first inlay and excavated it out to a depth of about 3mm. Putting in another chuck he turned a disk to fit, from a contrasting wood, leaving it about 3mm proud. The inside of the inlay piece was then excavated to leave a ring of the required size, then parted off. It was then superglued into the top of the lid. This process was repeated for the remaining pieces of inlay. Lastly, he turned a small handle knob to be attached to the finished lid. Using various contrasting woods Brian produced a very interesting and attractive piece of work.

After the girls' demo last week there were a couple of coffee scoops, a pair of lovely Tassie Blackwood bowls and an amazing ship's wheel on the table for Show and Tell.

3rd August 2021 – As today was our AGM for 2021 our convenor gave his report then handed over to Ted Stewart-Wynne, the returning officer, to proceed with the election of office bearers for the next 12 months. Once all the official business was settled the teams for the next TimTam challenge were finalised.

Our demonstrator for the afternoon was Neil George, who chose to show us how to turn a Lucet Fork, which dates back to Viking and Medieval times. It's similar to our French knitting but with only two forks and the braid will not unravel when cut. The first thing Neil did was to paper join his she oak blank between two pieces of pine. There were also two holes drilled in the blank to help keep the tension on the cord after it has been woven. Neil then drilled out the centre and proceeded to turn the inside shape of the forks. He then shaped the outside and the handle, being careful to remember how deep the inside of the forks were. When he was happy with the shape the piece was sanded and parted off. It was then time to split the paper joins to expose the fork. Another fine demonstration from Neil who keeps coming up with new and interesting projects for us to try. Thanks Neil.

For Show and Tell this week we saw a small resin and timber lidded box, a small vase from an unknown timber with a very interesting grain, a coffee scoop and a foot massager. Brian M brought in his finished inlaid lidded box from last week's demo and Brian Kirkby brought in a small rice bowl from green Longun. There was also a nicely turned vase with some interesting painted embellishments.

10th August 2021 – Brian announced our in-house Lucet Fork competition for 21st September.

Ian Moss demonstrated the next competition item of a hollow flask today. Ian prepared a drawing for his flask and a job plan. He glued his drawing onto his blank, with centre lines drawn on, then cut off the excess leaving enough for spigots at either end. Firstly, Ian turned the outside from the centre, going with the grain. The ends were turned to round, being careful not to run into the outer diameter of the main body. Next, he turned the spigots to be held in the chuck and using a spindle gouge turned a small bead on the base, then shaped the neck of the flask. With a face plate and non-slip matting Ian held his flask with the tail stock up so he could bore out the centre. Using a parting tool, Ian made a groove then, with his bowl gouge, removed the rest to about one third of the depth for the jaws to fit. The piece was turned around and held in the chuck and the centre bored out from the other side. About a 2mm counter bore was made for the centre plate to sit in. This was repeated for the other side. Holding the flask by the spigot Ian would drill out the centre of the next with a 25mm Forstner bit. As ever Ian made this item look very straight forward.

There were several hollow forms, a couple of lidded boxes, including a burl one, a good-looking salt and pepper set, two very finely turned bowls and a finial.

There were 7 entries for the hollow form competition. The results were as follows:

Novice – 1st – Mario Baldacchino

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

17th August 2021

The demonstration today was of a Hobo reel, by Keith Bleach, which featured hollow ends to hold hooks, sinkers, etc., with threaded brass fittings. Keith used a blank approximately 250 x 50mm with a spigot either end. Using a bowl gouge to shape the reel and handle he then demonstrated his skill with a skew as he turned it to a lovely smooth finish, with little need for sanding. Once Keith was happy with the main shape he drilled out the centre with a spade bit, then used a Robert Sorby tool to scrape out the inside for the brass insert to fit snugly. It would be glued and turned to a neat finish. Keith stressed the importance of using a parallel threaded fitting. He showed us how easy it was to turn brass as he turned his other fitting to round, cutting some keyways into it for the glue to grab onto. Keith's used beeswax to finish his reel. Thanks to Keith for a very entertaining and fun demo. A drawing of this simple but very useful gadget will be prepared by Richard Barkman.

For Show and Tell there was a square edged bowl, a couple of lovely hollow vessels, an offset chuck platter, a small finial topped box, a large jarrah burl bowl and Keith's finger bowl!

4th September – York Agricultural Show



Above Left: Bruce with the table of items for sale and Richard starting work on thumb tops.
Above: Shelley's table full of her work.



Our noisy neighbours

Richard and Brian keeping the cup & ball sets and thumb tops production line going.



It was a very cold Saturday morning (2C) when six members headed to York with two lathes and all the usual demonstration gear. Fortunately, it became a fine and sunny day with a good attendance. Our usual spot next to the Exhibition Pavilion had its usual neighbours – the poultry competition But we're used to the noise now.

We attracted a steady flow of interest with a possibility of some new members for the Association but it was mostly the kids standing awestruck as cup & ball sets and many thumb tops were produced. A lovely day at a laid back, friendly country show.

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PROFILE OF A TURNER

Chris Allen member 1840

After retiring as a carpenter with Western Power in 2000, Chris began woodturning lessons from Eric Walker at Colin Kleinig's business in Farrell Rd, Midvale. After his four lessons he was invited to attend a Swan Woodturners Group meeting. When he saw the fantastic pieces on show, he almost decided to give it up. He would never be that good. At that stage he didn't even have a lathe, but after attending a few more monthly meetings, he joined in March 2001, bought his first lathe and was hooked.

Around the same time Richard Barkman joined and later they went on the committee together. In 2007 he took on the Convenor's role and one of the highlights of Chris's time was working with Richard to put together the Swan Woodturners' 25th Anniversary Exhibition in Midland. They also worked together writing up procedures for club activities, and were a great team on the barbecue at the Weekend Workshops for a number of years.

Doing demonstrations and helping with Hand's On gave Chris the satisfaction of helping new members, and he has enjoyed teaching some of them at home in his workshop.

The camaraderie during meetings and while participating in the demonstration stalls at various events is what keeps Chris coming to the club. There is always something new to learn, new techniques to try and new members to meet. Swan Woodturners has made his 21 years of retirement both a rewarding and busy time.

Chris is a valued member of the Swan Woodturners.

Written by Mary Byers

Chris having received his Merit Award



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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— Gosnells Workshop

Competition Item: Precision Drilled Vase, to specifications

Novice

1. Chris Chai (Melville)
2. Brian Mather (Swan)
3. George Murphy (Wandi)
4. Michael Alcock (Busselton)

Intermediate

1. Dario Nardi (Joondalup)
2. Jukka Lehtonen (Gosnells)
3. Mary Byers (Swan)
4. Ken Morgan (Collie)

Advanced

1. Ivan Moro (Gosnells)
2. Denis Tapley (Melville)
3. Dennis Haddon (Busselton)
4. Ray Robertson (Melville)

Open

1. Ivan Moro
2. Denis Tapley
3. Dennis Haddon
4. Ray Robertson

Popular

1. =Jock Macfadyen (Bunbury)
Chris Chai (Melville)
2. Ivan Moro
3. Dario Nardi
4. Jukka Lehtonen

Competition Results Bunbury Workshop

Competition Item: Hollow Vessel, Max H 300mm, to specifications

Novice

1. Lindsay Nicholson (Joondalup)
2. Tania Emmerson (Mandurah)
3. Glenys Hough (Bunbury)
4. Chris Chai (Melville)

Intermediate

1. Dario Nardi (Joondalup)
2. Jim Cameron (Wandi)
3. Les Beauglehole (Bunbury)
4. Kerri Nicholls (Mandurah)

Advanced

1. Frank Evans (Mandurah)
2. Jock Macfadyen (Bunbury)
3. Denis Tapley (Melville)
4. Brian Kirkby (Swan)

Open

1. Frank Evans
2. Jock Macfadyen
3. Denis Tapley
4. Brian Kirkby

Popular

1. Denis Tapley
2. Frank Evans
3. Tania Emmerson
4. Jock Macfadyen

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters

Wandi Weekend Workshop & WAWA AGM

**Saturday 18th September
Wandi Community Centre Pavilion
302 DeHaer Road, Wandí**

Convenor: George Murphy
MC: Jim Cameron
Safety Officer: Nico Louw

Competition Item:

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.

Trade Supplies:

P-Square Agencies; Bruce Jackson Timbers; Ray Woodcock Tools; and Allan Williams Tools.

Programme of Events

8.00am Registration and Fellowship

9.00am Welcome and Announcements

9.05am WAWA AGM

9.30am Demonstration: **Times Square?** by David Rechter

10.45am Morning Tea

11.15am Demonstration: **What's in the Square?** by Jim Parker

12.30pm Timbecon demonstration

12.45pm Lunch: BBQ Hamburger, cost \$6.00

1.45pm Demonstration: **What Square?** by Russel Nash

3.00pm Afternoon tea

3.20pm Competition Results

3.30pm Raffle Draw

4.00pm Closing comments – Pack up (many hands make light work)

Trailers to be picked up for Joondalup-Wanneroo workshop

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 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.

*WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Pavillion Hall, Wandi Community Centre

DeHaer Road, Wandi

AGM Order of Business

Welcome Address

The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows —

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting;
- (b) to receive and consider:
 - (i) the Presidents annual report on the Association's activities during the preceding financial year;
 - (ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year presented under Part 5 of the Act; and
 - (iii) the Auditors report of the review on the financial statements.
- (c) to elect the president of the Association and other committee members;
- (d) to appoint an Auditor of the Association in accordance with the Act;
- (e) to confirm or vary the subscriptions and other amounts (if any) to be paid by members.
- (g) Any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these rules that may be conducted at the annual general meeting.
- (h) presentation of awards