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Bill BOTMAN (No. 277)

A shopping trip to Fremantle one Saturday morning changed Bill's life. On the way, Bill and Truss called into the Old Fire Brigade Hall in Melville to see what was going on. It was a woodturners weekend workshop. After shopping and lunch, back they came, and Bill was into woodturning and Truss her lace work.

Then at a Northam weekend workshop Bill asked if he could help and was given the task of running the competitions which he did for a number of years. When ever there was work to be done Bill was ready to help.

Like many other Melville members, he spent some time as an instructor in woodturning for the Melville Council. Always willing to share his knowledge with persons wanting to learn.

Bill had a great respect for machines, tools and gauges and if he saw someone misusing them could be quite vocal.

He became very adept in the use of the skew chisel and ardently recommended its use.

Lace makers will remember him for all the lace bobbins he made during his 20 years he enjoyed in WAWA.

We will all miss him, be at club level, shopping centres, weekend workshops or just as a friend.