

Observations Joondalup/Wanneroo WEWS June 2012

The following demonstration was by Tony Collins and **Graham Skews**, who turned bowls and lidded boxes “with a difference”. Tony explained that he had been in the concrete pipe business and took up woodturning after retiring, whilst Graham had been a coach and wagon builder, and had been turning for 4 years. Tony stated that the reference for his work was Jim Clewes type boxes, which can be found at woodturningonline.com. He showed eleven types of boxes including a staved barrel box. Tony showed how he cut the staves for the barrel with a sliding guide on his bandsaw, and how it was glued together. He mounted it in a chuck to cut a recess for the lid, then reversing, finished the bottom and shaped the centre. Tony then explained how the job would be completed, including sanding and finishing. Tony followed on by showing how he finishes the bottom of bowls, holding them in the chuck with expansion jaws. He then uses part of an old inner tube complete with valve mounted in the drill chuck. The rubber is cut to size and covered by velcro, and then sandpaper also cut to size to provide a soft flexible power sanding tool.