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### **Observations from Mandurah WEWS May 2013**

A surprise demonstration by **Jim Hill**, on embellishment of bowls and platters.

He showed examples of his work inlaying in both she-oak and jarrah burls, with contrasting wood or ceramic tiles. Jim showed rings cut from the inside of bowls, and the special tool and the method he uses. Executed with patience and accuracy, Jim showed how he measures and marks out the position of the insert, cuts the recess, and fits the insert to the recess. Jim showed a paperbark bowl with an insert glued to the top edge and demonstrated how he tidies up with scrapers and skew. He also showed how to cut, fit and glue an insert into jarrah, and then finished off until all the components are level.

An interesting and informative demonstration, with plenty of ideas to enhance our work.

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First demonstrator was **Jim Hill** with a lidded box with copper insert under the finial. Jim passed round several examples of his work. First Jim showed the vacuum chuck he had made and explained how it works using a special face plate and showed its holding power. Jim makes the lid first using a spigot to hold it while he shapes the underside of the lid with the recess for the bottom to fit expansion jaws of the chuck. After reversing in the chuck Jim removes the spigot and cuts recess for the copper insert then drills to fit the finial, tidies up the edges, sands and polishes. Fitting Cole jaws to the lathe Jim mounts the lid with underside out, power sands and polishes. He then showed how he makes the copper inserts using a male mould in the chuck and pressure from the tailstock to shape and trim the edges. After making the bottom of the box, power sanding and polishing, Jim assembles the completed box.

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### **Observations Manjimup WEWS March 2019**

We started with a very interesting demonstration by **Jim Hill** making measuring scoops - yes but not those standard run of the mill things. These had special offset handles, a real challenge for the average turner. Of interest were the jigs Jim used to hold the scoops making it easier and safer to turn them. I will bet there are a number of happy ladies and gents once these are mastered. Morning tea was next on the agenda with some lovely fare for all to try.