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## **Observations Avon/Swan WEWS March 2014**

**Ted Stewart-Wynne**, was introduced.

Ted was demonstrating a Robert Sorby Pro-Edge Sharpening System.

As with most of the recently developed sharpening systems, the technique is different to the use of a bench grinder partly due to the slower speed and partly the less harsh grinding medium – both kinder to your tools. As Ted proved with this interesting demonstration, when it comes to doing things better, there are many different ways to achieve “better”.

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## **PROFILE OF A TURNER**

**Ted Stewart-Wynne – 961**

Ted is retired, having lived in Hovea in the hills for 20 years, before (downsizing) to Karrinyup. He is a member of the Swan Wood Turners Group, having been the Secretary and subsequently the Convenor.

He is passionate about woodturning, having joined WAWA in around 1990. He likes to think out of the box (or round) when designing items to turn, ensuring fluid & well-proportioned forms. His favoured woods to turn are she oak & olive, & when available sandalwood. His favourite tool is a radiused skew chisel. Many of his turned items relate to the kitchen, as other hobbies are cooking & vegetable gardening!

He is currently wood turning tutor at Mundaring Adult Creative and Learning Centre, (formerly Mundaring Sharing) & runs two 2-hour classes, weekly, during school terms, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Ted started teaching these beginner’s courses in February 2014. The lessons are designed with handouts regarding safety, workshop set up, and basic woodturning equipment requirements. Many students return for second and third terms indicating the usefulness of the lessons.

Many of the students, of which several are women, go on to become active and excellent turners, joining the Swan Group. The course has proved popular and is also attended by Swan members needing further tuition. Due to Ted’s enthusiasm and commitment the management of the Mundaring Adult and Creative and Learning Centre has made many improvements to the woodturning facility. Better lathes and a pro edge sharpening system have been purchased and built in a dust extraction system has been installed.

The Swan group are always happy to have Ted as a demonstrator. He makes turning look easy and he is always happy to share his information, techniques, and new ideas. He is, a quiet achiever, always ready to help; when there is something to be done, he gets on with it, but never seeks glory. Ted is a valued member of the Swan Wood Turners. Keep making shavings Ted. 2021

