

Observations Melville WEWS @ Wandi July 2020

The first Weekend Workshop after the Covid 19 suspension kicked off with **David Milton** being introduced and he proceeded to go through some technical aspects of multi axis spindle turning, in particular the importance of using slicing type cuts for this work as it reduces the cutting stress on the object and the finish requiring little, if any sanding. Despite some issues with the lathe speed, the demonstration illustrated the various ways a chisel cuts and slices timber.

The audience was referred, for further details, to a you tube presentation of 4 videos by Mark Silay on slicing techniques.

Setting up of the axis by use of thin polycarbonate templates predrilled, correctly numbered and hot melt glued to the ends was shown.

A simple rectangular piece of timber was then turned using a roughing gouge only on offset centres using profile templates as a guide.

Despite the low speed of the lathe a rough sculptural form of a person was made with a cleancut surface.

At the conclusion of the demonstration David was awarded a Merit Badge by David Rechter on behalf of the Melville group “in appreciation of his significant contributions to the Melville Group and the Woodturners Association of Western Australia”.



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Platter made, carved and painted by David





David Milton