



THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2023

WELCOME. Jim Cameron as MC welcomed all to the meeting on behalf of Alan Kelly Convener of the Wandi Group to the Wandi Community Centre, De Haer Road Wandi.

AGM meeting opened 9:06 am.

PRESENT. 95 members as listed in the attendance book.

APOLOGIES. Matt Lanagan, Ian Ludford, Yvonne Pegrum, Bob Stevenson, Andy Hill, Dot Jacobs, Des Pascoe, Glenn Donovan, Andrea McCandish, Lindsay Dunning, Milton Rundle, Dave McLoughlin, Alan Kelly, Willy Nelson.

Confirmation of MINUTES of 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Motion "That the minutes of the 2022 AGM are a true and correct record of the meeting"

Proposed: Brian Fowlie, Seconded:- David Doye Carried by majority on show of hands

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Barbara Jennings gave the President's Report, which is attached as appendix.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kerri Nicholls presented the Treasurer's Report which is attached as appendix. Proposed: - Mary Byers, Seconded: Ross Crawford "That the report be adopted". Carried by majority on show of hands

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Kerri Nicholls presented the Auditor's report, which is attached as appendix. Proposed: - Kerri Nicholls, Seconded: David Milton "That the report be adopted". Carried by majority on show of hands

Appointment of Auditor

Proposed "That Chris Ring be appointed Auditor for 2023-24" Moved Kerri Nichols Seconded Terry Holl Carried by majority on show of hands

ELECTION of COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT (CoM).

Returning Officer Norm Hoskins made the declaration of the following nominations received. Declaration that the nominations be accepted was approved by meeting attendees by show of hands.

Nominations:

President Barbara Jennings

New Nominations/re-elections (2 year term ends AGM September 2025)

David Finch



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Alan Kelly

David Milton

Ross Crawford (Nominated from the floor at the meeting, term 1 year, ends AGM 2024)

Committee Members Continuing (terms end AGM September 2024)

Ian Ludford, Lex McLachlan, George Murphy, Jim Parker, David Doye, Matt Lanagan

All appointed to CoM for the period September 2023 to AGM 2024

Setting Annual Fees (under Rule 8)

- a. **"That the Annual Fees for 2023 -2024 be increased to \$80"** Moved by Jim Cameron.
Seconded by Rob Snowden. **APPROVED** Carried by majority on show of hands.
- b. **"To increase Weekend Workshop entry fee to \$10 effective 1st January 2024"** Moved
by Mary Byers Seconded David Doye. **APPROVED** Carried by majority on show of hands.

PRESENTATION.

The President then presented:

- Life Membership Award to Ted Stewart Wynne, member number # 961, from Swan Group
- the annual competition awards and annual trophies.

CLOSE. The meeting closed at 10:07am.

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Special Purpose Financial Report INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for year ended 30th June 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	33,455	28,354
Nomination Fees	1,915	1,430
Late Payment Fees	290	80
Weekend Workshops	3,647	3,940
Royal Show	1,000	1,000
Name Badges	80	55
Bank Interest	1,773	605
Advertising	1,450	650
Donations	572	35
Trailer Registration Reimbursed	277	269
Training Expenses Reimbursed	2,400	5,575
Equipment Sales	300	-
Lottery West Grant	10,910	-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>58,069</u>	<u>41,993</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Advertising & Promotion	185	178
Audit Fee	380	350
Bank fees	59	-
CoM Meeting Expenses	1,200	1,260
Equipment Advance	3,501	9,998
Equipment Purchases	384	1,274
Equipment Repairs	-	680
Exhibitions and Fairs	1,200	880
Gifts	-	100
Hall Rent/Hire	2,166	2,447
Insurance	6,341	5,544
Library Books & Journals	-	77
Monogram Badges	-	677
Postage	271	110
Printing & Stationary	549	195
Prize Monies (Members)	8,230	5,840
Prize Monies (Inter-Club Competition)	3,000	3,000
Registration (Trailers)	524	509
Repairs & Maintenance (Trailers)	610	271
Storage (Trailers)	600	2,336
Subscriptions	369	331
Towing (Trailers)	853	552
Training	4,968	5,996
Travelling Expenses	1,138	579
Trophies	901	741
Website Expenses	282	335
Weekend Workshop Catering & Other Expenses	671	884
Other Expenses	77	-
Lottery West Grant Disbursements	9,376	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>47,835</u>	<u>45,144</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) transferred to Members Accumulated Funds	<u>\$10,234</u>	<u>(\$3,151)</u>

Woodturners Association of WA (Inc)

2023 AGM President's report

Thankyou all for your attendance today. The AGM is an important part of the calendar for our Association, and whilst I hope that we can get through the procedural parts of the meeting fairly expeditiously, the presentations of awards is a special time to recognise our members, their achievements and contributions throughout the year. Consequently, I'll try to keep my report reasonably brief.

Our member numbers have remained pretty much static this year, losing and gaining around 100, to finish the year with 555 members. Attendance at Weekend Workshops has been mixed, with some well attended, and others unexpectedly poor. The reasons for some of these poor attendances largely remains a mystery despite us trying to get feedback from members through surveys and the like. If you don't tell us what's broke, it's very difficult to fix it.

Likewise participation in the competition has been mixed, some well supported, others not so much. Why is this? Is it the competition items themselves? But these come from you, the members, via your groups. Do members not see value in participating in the competition? The Competition group have finalised the program for next year and we look forward to better participation.

Following the loss of the Woodshow in WA we have tried several venues for holding our annual Exhibition and Open competition, and last month we held this year's at the new Melville clubrooms. Our visitor numbers were well down so this is obviously something which we need to do more work on. The competition entry numbers were also quite light on this year, but combined with the group displays it was still an impressive display of the skills of our members.

Our STEP training has fallen away in the last 12 months, but we now have several courses in the pipeline, so I encourage you to take these opportunities to share and improve your skills. Even the most advanced turners are still learning.

We were fortunate to have a demonstration from Nick Agar earlier this year in Busselton, and able to share this with members from other groups. We also have demonstrations and

a master class from Stephen Hughes lined up for next weekend. There are still places so take this opportunity to see a world renowned turner in action.

Members from various groups participated in displays at events such as the Royal Show, Beyond Tools and Timbecon events. Individual groups also participate in many events in their local areas, all of which help to raise awareness of our Association, potentially gaining members, as well as providing a community service.

One of the highlights of this year was seeing the Melville group move into their new workshop. This was the culmination of much hard work and lobbying over many years from the Melville committee, and is a credit to their persistence and willingness to work with their local government to get their support. With Melville City council support, not only do the Melville Woodturners have a fantastic new facility, but this will also benefit the wider Association membership and local community.

Other groups don't have such a secure home. The Swan group are now embarking on their journey to settle into a new location. Thanks to the efforts of their committee they have been able to secure a new meeting room for demonstrations, after being forced to move out of the Senior Citizens centre. This same committee is now working feverishly to secure storage areas for their equipment, and to enable resumption of their hands-on activities.

The Joondalup group have been renamed to the Northern Suburbs group as part of their search for new premises. With a move out of the Joondalup local government area likely the new name provides a more inclusive and representative description of the group to help with negotiations with potential new landlords.

The Association website continues to develop under the guidance of our webmaster Ian Ludford, with visitation increasing. We get enquiries from potential new members, people looking for someone to complete specific projects, and other enquiries. Hopefully members are finding it useful as a resource. The COM is now looking for ways to take the website to the next level, and this may involve seeking outside professional help.

Mary Byers has been working on the history of the Association and groups. Bunbury Manjimup, Wandi and Swan are now completed ready for the website. We're still looking for other groups to provide their input, and also profiles of members for the newsletter. I

would like to Thank Mary for her work on this project because it's vital that we record this information before it gets lost. 2025 will be the 40th Anniversary of the Association and what better way to celebrate that than to be able to share where we have come from.

Sadly we lost some special friends and colleagues through the year, and we are all the poorer for their loss. It is a sad fact that our Association is made up predominantly of more mature people and one of the reasons why we need to work at attracting younger generations to the mix to ensure that the experience of our older members can continue to be passed on before it is lost.

The COM has worked well as a team, shared around roles and have small groups, rather than individuals working in some areas like the competition which shares the load. Unfortunately we are still struggling to attract new people to step forward, not just at a WAWA level but within the groups as well. The Woodturners are not alone here but we all need to remember that if you want the organisation to flourish then people need to be prepared to contribute.

As I start a second year as President of our Association I would like to look back at the year just gone. I took on the role somewhat reluctantly last year when we were struggling to get nominations for the Committee of Management and President. But since then I have found that the position is not that onerous, mainly because of the support of the COM and particularly our Secretary, David Milton and retiring Treasurer Kerri Nichols. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions and I look forward to working with them again over the next year.

Thankyou all

Barbara Jennings
WAWA President.