



THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2024

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, 302 De Haer Road Wandi.

AGM meeting opened 8:11 am.

PRESENT. 105 members as listed in the attendance book. 7 visitors

APOLOGIES. Max Heath, Des Pascoe, Aiton Sheppard, Milton Rundle, Adrian Bolton, Yvonne Pegrum, Ian Ludford (Treasurer), Willy Nelson, Barry Cobb, John Kennett, Eric Hartley.

Confirmation of MINUTES of 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Motion "That the minutes of the 2023 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

David Milton presented the Treasurer's Report (In the absence of the Treasurer), which is attached as appendix. Proposed: - David Milton, Seconded: Terry Holl "That the report be adopted". Carried

by majority on show of hands

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

David Milton presented the Auditor's report (In the absence of the Treasurer), which is attached as an appendix. Proposed: - David Milton, Seconded: Rob Snowden "That the report be adopted". Carried by majority on show of hands

Appointment of Auditor

Proposed "That Chris Ring be appointed Auditor for 2024-25" Moved David Milton Seconded Ross Crawford 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 George Murphy

New Nominations/re-elections (2 year term ends AGM September 2026)

Ian Ludford



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Matt Lanagan
Jim Parker
David Doye
Brian McLoughlin
Robin Campbell

Ross Crawford (Nominated from the floor at the meeting, term 1 year, ends AGM 2025)

Committee Members Continuing (terms end AGM September 2025)

David Milton, David Finch and Alan Kelly

All appointed to CoM for the period September 21st, 2024, to AGM 2025

Setting Annual Fees (under Rule 8)

- a. CoM has recommended that there will be no change to fees and charges for the 2024-25 year.

Moved Frank Evans Seconded David Finch "That Fees and charges remain unchanged for 2024-25 year."
Carried by majority on show of hands

PRESENTATION.

The President then presented:

- Life Membership Award to
 - Frank Evans
 - Lyn Poli
 - Alan Roberts
- Eneabba Award to David Milton
- The annual competition awards and annual trophies Including the Open Competition

CLOSE. The meeting closed at 10:00am.

President's report

Thank you all for your attendance today. The AGM is an important part of the calendar for our Association, both from a procedural governance point of view, but also the presentations of awards is a special time to recognize our members, their achievements and contributions throughout the year.

Again, our member numbers have remained pretty much static this year with 546 members currently on the books, just down from the 555 at the same time last year. We gain and lose around 100 members each year, so retaining some of these leaving members is an area worth focusing on.

This year we held our annual Exhibition at the Craft Alive Fair and it turned out to be a very successful venue. We had an excellent display area, good participation in the competition, with some truly magnificent pieces. The demonstrations were well received, both turning and embellishing, with many



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people expressing an interest in learning to turn. It will be interesting to see how many new members this translates to. Whilst being very successful, I think there are lessons to be learned to make it even better next year.

The competition in general has been reasonably well supported, with 410 entries in total, similar to last year. The highest number of entries was 69 for the hollow form at Mandurah. It just happens that this was the item with a good description, a photo, and a reference to a magazine article for further information. So it's no co-incidence that the new 2025 calendar also has more detailed descriptions.

We are fortunate to have a demonstration today from Robbie Graham, and master class tomorrow. Taking the opportunity to see world renowned turners when they are on our doorstep is something we as an Association need to foster.

The Association won't have our usual display and turning demonstrations at the Royal Show Heritage Pavilion this year. Whilst it is somewhat disappointing to see the potential end of this long-running promotion of the Association, there are numerous reasons why support is dwindling. However, members from various groups have been involved in displays at other venues such as the Royal Show Craft Pavilion and 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.

We have begun rolling out our new Member Management System, and hopefully by now most of you will have had the opportunity to log in and check or update your personal details. The next phase will be paying your annual fees via the system. This system should make a huge difference to the administrative burden in running our organization. But for those who are not up with doing everything on-line there will be facilities for your group officials to take payments and update your details as required on your behalf.

On the advocacy front we have continued to lobby the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions with respect to requirements for Processing Licences. When the Biodiversity Conservation Act came into force in 2019 it introduced a new requirement for these licences for anyone processing WA native timber for commercial purposes to have a licence (and this includes turning). Commercial includes anyone who ever sells their work, with no minimum threshold. The Association was involved in consultation back in 2020 where it was acknowledged that the new Act had unintended consequences in capturing the thousands of hobby woodworkers alongside the true commercial operators. Despite this, to this date, there have still been no changes made to the legislation to fix the issue. What we have now managed to secure is correspondence from the Office of the Minister for Environment that a review is underway and that the Department will not be requiring hobby woodworkers to hold licences in the interim. So, watch this space, but don't hold your breath!

Sadly, we lost some special friends and colleagues through the year, and we will all miss their involvement in our woodturning community. In particular I would like to make mention of three of our Life Members no longer with us – John Lathwell (member number 36), Neil Piper (member number 285) and Noel Moyes (member number 138).



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One of the disappointments of my term as President is that we haven't made as much progress as I would have liked in succession planning and recruitment of new faces amongst the executives at a group level and for COM. We've had a partial success in that we have a nominee for President this year, but we need to make sure that three years in a row does not become the default term for this office. Hence, we need to be targeting our next President now, which is usually done through the Vice President's role.

Looking back over my two years as President I hope that I have helped to continue moving the Association forward. I am grateful for the support of the COM and particularly our Secretary, David Milton so I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions. I would also like to make special mention of retiring COM members Lex McLachlan, and our Immediate Past President Bruce Jackson.

2025 will be the 40th Anniversary of our Association and I look forward to it being a memorable one.

Thankyou all

Barbara Jennings
WAWA President.

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**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2024**

Income and Expenditure Statement

Balance Sheet

Independent Audit Report

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Special Purpose Financial Report INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT for year ended 30th June 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	37,826	33,455
Nomination Fees	1,745	1,915
Late Payment Fees	180	290
Weekend Workshops	5,692	3,647
Master Classes	2,705	-
Royal Show	1,000	1,000
Name Badges	45	80
Bank Interest	4,708	1,773
Advertising	1,400	1,450
Donations	35	572
Trailer Registration Reimbursed	286	277
Training Fees	1,100	2,400
Equipment Sales	100	300
Lottery West Grant	829	10,910
TOTAL INCOME	<u>57,651</u>	<u>58,069</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Advertising & Promotion	1,102	185
Audit Fee	400	380
Bank fees	55	59
CoM Meeting Expenses	-	1,200
Equipment Advance	7,500	3,501
Equipment Purchases	1,363	384
Exhibitions and Fairs	1,433	1,200
Gifts	150	-
Hall Rent/Hire	2,123	2,166
Insurance	7,543	6,341
Master Class Expenses	1,858	-
Monogram Badges	512	-
Postage	212	271
Printing & Stationary	347	549
Prize Monies (Members)	8,265	8,230
Prize Monies (Inter-Club Competition)	3,001	3,000
Registration (Trailers)	479	524
Repairs & Maintenance (Trailers)	-	610
Storage (Trailers)	-	600
Subscriptions	608	369
Towing (Trailers)	390	853
Training	1,248	4,968
Travelling Expenses	999	1,138
Trophies	1,067	901
Website Expenses	1,044	282
Weekend Workshop Catering & Other Expenses	750	671
Other Expenses	356	77
Lottery West Grant Disbursements	3,943	9,376
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>46,748</u>	<u>47,835</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) transferred to Members Accumulated Funds	<u>\$10,903</u>	<u>\$10,234</u>

THE WOODTURNERS ASSOCIATION of WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Inc)
Special Purpose Financial Report
BALANCE SHEET
as at 30th June 2024

<u>Members Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Accumulated Funds b/fwd	546,350	509,154
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	10,903	10,234
Adjustment - Group Assets		
Cash	20,123	21,643
Plant & Equipment	(2,434)	5,319
<u>Total Members Funds</u>	<u>\$574,942</u>	<u>\$546,350</u>
<i>These fund are represented by:</i>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank - Current Account	46,826	42,062
Cash at Bank - Debit Card	2,381	1,141
Petty Cash & Floats	75	-
Term Deposits	120,578	115,870
Supplier Store Vouchers	450	-
Cash held by Groups (Note 1)	148,245	128,122
Sundry Debtors	60	150
Prepaid Insurance	1,313	1,105
	<u>319,928</u>	<u>288,450</u>
<u>Non Current Assets</u>		
Plant & Equipment (Notes 1 & 2)	255,546	257,980
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>575,474</u>	<u>546,430</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Sundry Creditors	532	80
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>532</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>\$574,942</u>	<u>\$546,350</u>

Note 1.

The increase/(decrease) in cash and plant and equipment held at year end by the WAWA Groups has been adjusted through Members Funds.

Note 2.

Plant & Equipment is valued at Firesale values.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Members of The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc)

Scope

I have audited the attached special purpose financial report comprising the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet of The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc) for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

The Association's Treasurer and Committee of Management are responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Members of the Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc). No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the Members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to Members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under the Association's constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the Members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards applicable to the audit of special purpose financial reports. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, but did not extend to examination of the accounts of the individual Group members, instead relying upon the annual returns and reports submitted by each of those Group members of the Association. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report gives a true and fair view.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report of The Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc) gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2024 and its financial performance for the year then ended.

Yours sincerely



Chris Ring
Accountant

19th August 2023