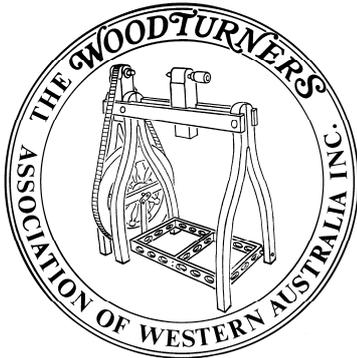


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Presidential Ponderings

I was rather hoping it wouldn't be me having to think of things to fill the first page of the newsletter for the next twelve months. I do appreciate the kind words of support and encouragement from so many people but I am not irreplaceable or indispensable and have no wish whatsoever to be president for life. So please think forward and let there be someone to hand over to at the next AGM.

The attendance figures for the AGM were much the same as for last year. It is pleasing that, in spite of the anomaly of the current president and the immediate past president being the same person, that all COM vacancies have been filled. Thank you to outgoing members Andy Philips and Chris Paplinski for their contribution and service to the association over the past two years. Thank you also to all the people filling appointed positions - without you it would be difficult to manage the association and provide the services to members that so many take for granted. The unconfirmed minutes of the AGM are included in this edition. Copies of the auditor's report and the financial statement will be distributed to the groups.

It was my very great privilege to present Norm Gratte with well-deserved life membership. I can't speak highly enough of Norm's contribution to the Association. Congratulations Norm.

The Special General Meeting immediately after the AGM, held for the purpose of amending the handbook policy for awarding Life Membership, afforded members the opportunity to discuss the proposal of changing the criteria so that length of membership should not be the primary criteria. After brief discussions, the proposal was passed. As stated during the meeting, this will not change the procedure for awarding life membership.

Well done to Wandi for a very interesting (and interactive!) workshop program. For those of you unable to attend, the snakes were something to behold! Congratulations to the accumulated points trophy winners and to Don Clarke and Rob Woodward as winners of the President's Trophy and the Keith Stout Memorial Trophy.

Registrar Barbara has advised me that she will present the number of financial members as of 31st October at the COM meeting on 9th November for endorsement. This will enable treasurer Norm to calculate the amount per member rebate to groups and prepare the cheques for distribution. As former treasurer Laurie explained at the AGM, there was a healthy surplus this year so the rebate will be greater than last year. The question has been asked - if there is such a healthy surplus why doesn't the committee reduce the membership fee? The answer is simply that the committee can't guarantee such a healthy surplus every year.

There was a good turnout for the Joondalup-Wanneroo workshop in October on what was supposed to be a spring day. A different venue to last year but that didn't detract from the very interesting demonstrations and presentation. Some very creative competition items made the judges' job difficult. Well done to the organisers.

A note on future competition items: as of February 2017, all competition items will have a description on which the judges can base their assessments. If not provided by the group, they will be applied by the competition coordinator, Bruce Jackson, with input from the COM.

With the end of the year approaching, along with various functions, parties, etc, please take care on the roads or on the water I really would like to see you all again next year.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and holiday period.

Andrea McCandlish, President

"He who asks a question remains a fool for five minutes. He who does not ask remains a fool forever." Chinese Proverb

Registrar's Ramblings

New Members

We welcome the following members to the Association:

Carol Middleton 2965	Bunbury
Brian Arthur 2966	Bunbury
Richard Sullivan 2967	Mandurah
Kalari Ronay 2970	Bunbury
Carol Burchell 2971	Gosnells
James Elliot 2972	Collie
Garry Ross 2975	Mandurah

A note to group secretaries and all members requiring a new name badge or cloth badge, please contact me for those items.

Barbara Jennings, Registrar

Vale

Buster Bailey, Bunbury

A stalwart of the Bunbury Woodturners who will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and condolences to families and friends.

Roving Reporter

Wandi Workshop & AGM

Saturday 17th September, 2016.

MC – Andy Phillips expressed a warm welcome to everyone in attendance and outlined a few matters regarding how the day was going to pan out. It was then over to Andrea to open the AGM for 2016 and this included several reports being presented, a Life Membership Award to Norm Gratte and the formation of the WAWA COM for the forthcoming 2016/2017 year was finalized. A number of trophies were also presented. At the completion of the AGM it was on to morning tea. Then Andy introduced Alan Williams as the first demonstrator for the day.

Alan introduced his demonstration topic as 'Embellishments'. Alan apologised for not having brought with him a number of items he had already completed to show everyone. Alan then explained his line of thought regarding embellishing. He advised how he believed it was very important to embellish an item as a means of changing an items appearance from something that was rather plain looking to something that was much more attractive. He considered embellishing an item just for the sake of it was not such a good idea. He also mentioned that it was not a good idea when you have a piece of wood with good grain and or colors to then embellish it for the sake of it. Alan also advised how he considered it was good if you could combine the two, some parts of timber piece embellished, other parts left as they are. Lastly Alan advised how embellishment could hide a fault in the piece of wood.

Alan then introduced a piece of timber that was rather plain looking and it had some sap lines in it. The piece of timber had already been sanded and Alan stated that this should be finished

before proceeding to the embellishment. Using a Dremel tool with a small cutting piece attached, Alan produced a textured finish by cutting small holes in the wood. The pattern was random and different size bits were used to make the holes. Starting off with the largest of the bits and moving down to the smallest one. Alan called this technique 'Stipling'. He advised that the best effect was random cutting of the holes in the wood as opposed to neat lines or patterns. Then using ebonizing fluid, home-made using vinegar and steel wool soaked in a glass jar, Alan advised that the use of this would blacken the wood. This effect was created by a chemical reaction with the fluid and the tannins in the wood. Some timbers have more tannins and so they blacken much more than others. The piece of timber Alan used was Marri and when embellishing the wood, he was trying to mimic the gum vein. He used milled cutters with tiny teeth to cut holes in the timber. Alan reminded us all that it was important to hold the Dremel firmly and when bringing it into contact with the wood to make sure the cutter did not run along the wood. Alan used a Dremel 400 which had a variable speed controls and a digital readout at the bottom of the handle.

Next Alan put some ebonizing fluid onto a piece of the wood then he proceeded to cut holes in the same area as the fluid using the different size cutting blades. This time he ended up with white holes against a black background. Alan advised how you can soon tell that the teeth of a bit are going blunt because the wood burns at the area of the hole and the cut is not neat. Next Alan put a circular saw blade on the Dremel and created an embellished finish by cutting small lines into the wood. Next a series of wire brushes were introduced and they tended to tear at the wood. The wood was mounted on the lathe. The tearing however did produce a very effective looking embellishment. He had the wire brush turning in the opposite direction as the wood on the lathe. This increased the degree of ripping of the wood. He also demonstrated how the wire brush effect actually enhanced the grain and growth rings of the wood. Next Alan introduced a Makita die grinder. The grinder was fitted with a tip which produced a textured spiral shape. The next item introduced was an Arbotec cutter which only had two teeth. This cutter created a very rough ripped texture. A chainsaw bit with four teeth was also introduced. Lastly using a cup burr Alan cut little nipple-like cuts into the timber and explained how this cutter burnt the shape into the wood. A very interesting demonstration.

The next demonstrator was Bob Malacari. Bob's demonstration was on 'Old School Joints'. Bob explained how he intended to work through his demonstration using old equipment. He advised that when he first took up wood turning that chucks were large in design and had bits hanging from them. You had to watch your fingers to avoid them getting hit by these large chucks. He also advised how he had learned much of his early wood turning using a face plate and that the holes left in the work by the screws holding it to the face plate were simply covered up with a piece of felt. The felt was glued onto the base of the job. He said how in those early days you had to work out things for yourself, how to hold work on the lathe. Today things have come a long way and methods have been introduced making things a whole lot easier than in the early days. Bob informed us that in the early days he read books. The origins of these books were from England as there were many professional wood turners, while Australia, at that time, had none. Then he explained how he had made his own chuck out of wood. Next he introduced the cup chuck. He explained how this was simple to use and how it's introduction made things a whole lot easier. He went onto to explain how he still uses the cup chuck today despite having purchased more modern equipment.

Next he explained how in the early days he used to make a lot of bobbins. He found in those early days how difficult it was to stop the bobbin from wobbling around when it was held on the lathe. He explained how he developed a technique using a drill chuck to stop the bobbin from wobbling. This involved making his own cup chuck with a morse taper. Next he explained how he made many face plates too suit the job he was doing. Sometimes the face plates he made had to be large in size. Next he explained how he taught himself to use paper glue joints to hold things together and how he still uses the same method today. The glue he continues to use is Bondcrete. Then Bob introduced a lathe steady that he had made and he explained how he used this when turning long pieces of timber between centres. Lastly Bob spoke about tools. He explained how he developed his own set of tools from the basic designs. He found that as he became more competent that he could modify his tools to suit a particular job. In particular he mentioned the bowl and detail gouges as being two tools he had modified to suit over the years.

He finished off by saying how he had developed all of these techniques and tool shapes before the introduction of the scroll chuck. A very interesting demonstration showing how tools, techniques and chucking methods had been developed over the years.

The last demonstrator was introduced Paul Kenyon, the 'Snake Whisperer. Some people including myself felt the hairs on the back of our necks rise when it became clear that this man was bringing a large number of snakes, some poisonous into the community hall. I am not a fan snakes and I am sure there were many others inside the hall who felt the same way that I did. That being best to stay well away from them regardless of what type of snake they might be. Paul firstly introduced the king brown or mulga snake and said it could be found Australia wide. He said it was not actually brown at all and that it could grow to up to 2 metres in length. I seem to remember seeing a few in the Kimberley's that were even longer than 2 metres in length. He explained that its fangs reached 3.8 mm in length and that when it did bite something it was capable of injecting a lot of venom into the bite area. Next he introduced the tiger snake and advised us that this one was the most dangerous. Its venom was highly toxic and if bitten you would die a painful death. Its venom broke down your internal organs to such an extent as to make them incapable of functioning. He advised it had fangs of around 3.5 mm in length and that it too was capable of delivering a high level of venom to the bite area. Next one introduced was the most common of all venomous snakes, the dugite. Paul advised that this snake was also very dangerous and how it could move very quickly when it wanted too. He said its fangs were smaller than other snakes and they were 2.7 mm in length. Last of the venomous snakes to be introduced was the death adder. Paul advised how this snake was an ambush predator using camouflage to hide itself from its prey. He also advised that its rate of strike was the fastest of all venomous snakes, making very dangerous. To finish off Paul introduced a number of pythons. He had five in all, Stimsons, carpet, black headed and grey. He brought all of them out of their bags and people were invited to have photographs of themselves with these pythons wrapped around their bodies. I chose not to participate in this given my dislike of snakes. Some people however were very happy in the company of snakes. A very interesting demonstration on snakes. As a collector of wood from many areas I know how important it is too be aware of the likelihood of encountering snakes whilst collecting wood.

The day finished up with a raffle, followed by the competition results. Competition subject was a money box. Again the entries for the competition were of the highest standard. I tried my hand at judging competition items for the first time and learned to look at the pieces in a different light. The job of choosing the winners was not an easy one. The results were given, certificates and accumulated points trophies presented and another workshop day was over.

Roving Reporter - Keith Davies

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News From the Groups

Bunbury Bites

It is with regret that I announce the death of one of our members 'Buster Bailey'. Buster was a stalwart member of the club and he will be sadly missed.

During the last month or so work has continued with the movement towards the upgrade of the clubrooms. Work on this area needs to be completed by November 2017 as the club intends to hold its next workshop at the club rooms rather than travelling out to the Dardanup Community Hall as is usually the case. Discussion at committee level have been held on this and it is considered by all that it will be possible to hold the workshop at the club.

On Saturday the 8th October 2016 the club was supposed to be attending the yearly Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival however due to very heavy unseasonal rain in the area, organisers were forced to cancel the event. The club participated in a sausage sizzle outside Bunnings Bunbury in September of 2016 and raised over \$1100.00. The money raised will certainly be put to good use with the purchase of some new equipment. Members having been recently asked to submit wish lists for what they would like to see purchased by the club. A busy bee held recently at the club resulted in a full audit of club equipment being carried out, plus the installation of the new lathe boxes. Future events planned for the club are 'Seniors Expo' in November 2016 and the placement of a stall to sell wood turned items at the Bunbury Christmas Markets in late December of 2016.

Keith Davies, Club Secretary

Busselton Mumblings

We must be in the money in Busselton as two of our last few demonstrations involved turning money boxes. Chas started the money rolling with his full size football money box and Barbara followed with a Victorian post box money box. Both these demonstrations were intrinsically interesting to members as they demonstrated the use of other equipment with the lathe. Chas with the Arbortech, and Barbara with the Dremel.

Barbara utilised a Dremel fitted to its drill stand mounted in the lathe tool post to cut the letter opening (now the money opening) with a miniature router bit. It is necessary to remove the drill stand base to fit the drill stand in the tool post, and depending on the actual lathe a sleeve may be required to achieve a good fit. The advantage of this idea is that the bit can be moved in a controlled fashion using the drill feed mechanism. It helps to be able to use the lathe's headstock lock and dividing mechanism to establish the start and finish points for the cut. See attached photo for the installation of the Dremel as a router, and her trial model of the box. The Dremel was also used to create the half lock mechanism to fit the top to the box and to allow money to be removed. The headstock lock and dividing mechanism were again used in setting out the half lock mechanism. This mechanism was shaped using a miniature sander in the Dremel for both parts of the mechanism.

The planning for a future shift of the clubhouse to the Cheese Factory is proceeding smoothly between committee members and Council. Council's next step is to survey the site to determine the actual location of a future wood turner's shed.

Members are getting ready for the Busselton Show where some burl art and other pieces will no doubt appear. Dennis recently demonstrated a jarrah burl bowl so the pressure on burls is



on. The member's dinner is fast approaching (December 8th) and will incorporate a 'show and tell' for those with the readies.

Michael

Manjimup Matters

October has been a busy month for members, beginning with the annual Quinninup Market Day which is an annual event. Prior to the market, the area had received rain in excess of the average, leaving the venue absolutely waterlogged. The result was that a few stall holders did not even turn up. Despite this, the attendance was quite good and our members set up a small lathe and turned for most of the day. Our display of finished goods was well received.

The following week, we hosted a demonstration by visiting turner, Nick Agar from the UK. 28 people paid to see Nick in action – a disappointing number, which was below our break even point. We will have to give this serious consideration if we are asked to host a visiting turner again. Nick gave an interesting, instructive demonstration and as usual was very entertaining. The day finished around 4 p.m. with those who attended satisfied with what they had seen. The ladies provided lunch, morning and afternoon tea, once again doing a wonderful job. The demonstration was held in the Round House, which is a great venue. Unfortunately it may not be available to us for much longer, as it will become the Timber Museum in the plan for revitalizing the Timber and Heritage Park.

Our next event will be the Cherry Festival, held annually on the second Saturday in December. This seems to get bigger and better each year and as long as the weather is favourable, should round the year off nicely for us, prior to our club Christmas function on Wednesday 14th December.

The Manjimup members wish all WAWA groups a happy and safe festive season. Best wishes for 2017.

Quote of the month: "To teach is to learn twice" – Joseph Joubert.

Yvonne Pegrum

Melville Mutterings

24 Aug – Last minute change to the scheduled programme today but Geoff Saw either volunteered/conscripted (??) to demonstrate his method of creating a cheese platter which struck problems in the final few minutes but his method was well demonstrated & he finished the session by producing a knife incorporating an acrylic handle to complete the item. S & T was well handled by Bill Power.

31 Aug – Today's programme started with a demo by Syd Harvey incorporating a small Celtic knot in the body of a pen. Syd emphasized that careful cutting of the slots for the inserts to achieve a neat knot was essential. David Milton then gave us a presentation on his life's experiences from childhood until his present lead into "practicing retirement" & covering a variety of jobs over the years. S & T was capably presented by Neil Piper.

7 Sept – Ray Robertson today demonstrated embellishment in the form of inlaying NZ Paua Shell in small rebates in the lids of small lidded boxes secured by raisins. A very effective result, S & T was capably handled by Boyd Perry one of our newer members who is showing great promise.

14 Sept – Norm Gratte showed his technique for turning seed pods (Dutchman's Pipe, Native plants etc) & figured imagination shapes) in the early opening stages which were then embellished on the inside of the opening casings with pyrography resulting in a very attractive presentation. Norm also cut the base to present the pods in an off centre position which further presented the items very pleasingly. Bruce Cabbage undertook S & T with a good showing of members creations.

21 Sept – Hands on Day with a difference in that the topic was embellishing in a variety of forms. Syd Harvey organized the overall programme arranging for equipment covering pyrography, Dremel/Proxon, Scroll sawing & Margaret Gratte guided members through art painting secrets/techniques. Overall good interest displayed by members. S & T concentrated on items created using the equipment brought in.

28 Sept – Ray Woodcock presented his method of creating Christmas Bell decorations utilizing inside outside turning procedures. Ray explained the detailed stages involved emphasizing the necessity to ensure extreme care in preparing the materials which are then fitted to a cradle jig to enable turning the inside stage of the item before turning the material (4 pieces) to complete the outside. The concept was well explained but unfortunately the item highlighted the need for extreme care in preparing the material prior to turning. Ray will undoubtedly create some method to overcome the problem & present the item for S & T at a later date. Today's S & T was handled by Russel Nash.

5 Oct – Quarterly General Meeting day with a number of issues discussed, some resolved & others to be investigated & information reported back as necessary for further consideration. At the conclusion of business Ian Ludford, recently returned from a stint overseas visiting his family, gave us an address on his post school activities which included a number of overseas appointments in various countries in his field of oil & gas activities. Very interesting from extremely hot to very very cold places. No S & T today

12 Oct – Frank Dymond demonstrated his novelty Christmas decoration in the form of a dog comprising a turned round head (solid timber) and round body slightly larger which was then cut in two & hollowed to enable a small gift/chocolates/sweets to be enclosed but both halves then able to be pushed back together. - similar to a lidded box project. The project was completed by fitting ears, feet & tail & a black button nose with provision for hanging in a Christmas Tree. Attractive item, well presented & detailed explanation by stages & not without inconvenience as Frank had only experienced a vaccination "shot" in his right shoulder only a day before. WELL DONE FRANK !!! S & T was handled by Bill Power.

19 Oct – Hands On Day again!! But under the guidance (Control ??) of Frank Dymond challenging members to create the split/hollowed dog Christmas decoration he undertook the previous week. The subscriber had to leave early but activities appeared enthusiastic prior to leaving & I was unable to see the final results but have every reason to believe that they would be very acceptable (AS ALWAYS !!!) & will grace family Christmas Trees in the next few weeks.

26 Oct – Some confusion with today's programme but finally resolved & Bill Power undertook a hastily prepared demo of creating a small timber mallet which, despite the necessity of returning home to collect the necessary "bits-n-pieces" prior to commencing the overall result was well presented with a number of members stating their intention of making one themselves for use. S & T was presented by John Mitchell.

2 Nov – Today David Rechter gave a detailed demonstration on his approach to creating an attractive desk clock from sheoak with a an embellished front ring created by the use of a ? rotary wheeled cutting tool resulting in an attractive "rough" finish far, removed from the usual highly polished smooth finish most of us strive to create. S & T was capably presented by Joe McMinn.

Rodney U

Swan Snippets

Show and tell of a difference was held in September when each member was asked to bring in an item they had turned when first becoming a wood turner. This was interesting especially to new members as it demonstrated that everyone starts and the more they turn the better they get. We also had show and tell of any turned item found in our homes not necessarily turned ourselves. This produced a collection of some quite old pieces. Show and tell each week is always a conversation starter as we gather around the table to see what members have been

making.

Our convener told us a bed time story with the assistance of wooden whistles for the train, duck and bird in his story. A part of his show was juggling the microphone, his notes and the wooden whistles.

Our weekly demonstrations have been interesting and informative.

A golf ball in a cup by Bruce Shephard. A cup similar to an egg cup was turned with two side wall peep holes, the diameter of the inside of the cup was measured and turned to be a couple of millimetres larger than the golf ball. Then the golf ball was inserted under pressure while the edge of the cup was supported by a clamp. Bruce has previously made these items for a golf club as trophies.

Ian Moss demonstrated the turning of a vase. He produced an urn which he had been commissioned to make so his vase was turned in the same shape as this urn using a drawing which helped in marking and keeping the shape as he turned. He also had a vase which was almost complete and in Ian style he had used cord and paint for detail and expression.

Turning of a burl was a demonstration by Allen Murten. He along with the group enjoyed the turning of his selected burl into a bowl. The shape of the bowl continued to change as the burl was reduced to round. Creating the bowl and the thickness of the walls was a challenge. The twisted and multi-directional grain gave a fascinating activity to the surface of the wood.

Another take on turning a burl was demonstrated by Ian Moss. Drilling a hole into the burl allowed the wood to be mounted on pin jaw chuck. The bottom of the bowl could be turned and a double spigot made for the burl to be turned around, held in a chuck for the hollowing of the bowl. When all the finishing had been completed, Ian then lightly held the bowl against a face plate on which some non-slip rubber matting had been attached. This then allowed Ian to finish off the bowl by removing in a concave cut the spigot which had held the bowl. A lovely natural edge burl bowl. Perhaps the beauty of burl wood is enhanced by the fact that it's something we can't mass produce on a whim.

Stan Nolan demonstrated making a ball and cup game. Stan had a sample game that was quite different to the one drawn on the website drawings. Stan's sample was one based on the style that was around in the 1800's, it had a much longer handle and was quite ornate with more coves and beads. The procedure for turning it was the same as the modern one with the cup being hollowed out first then turn the handle before parting off.

The turning of Magic Wands was Chris Allen's demo. His wands were handcrafted with ease and humour. Visiting the dark side - two styles were demonstrated. The question remains is the wand actually magical or does true magic must come from within the wizard? Smooth enjoyable demo.

The turning of a lamp stand was demonstrated by Joe Clark. Lovely curves, beads, coves and steps made the stand a very interesting piece. Even the wood gave this item character with the different colours, cracks and knots. A technical drawing was followed and a hint was given to how the drawing could be held behind the wood during the turning to allow ease of following the measurements by eye.

A very interesting talk on cybercrime was given by David Cook (a lecturer from Edith Cowan – School of Computer and Security Science). He opened our eyes to the dangers we face should we not do more to protect ourselves with using safe passwords both on our computers and routers. Many issues were discussed as well as he provided some insight into how

[RailFest at Bassendean](#)



crooks can obtain our personal information with free wifi, blue tooth and travel access to our financial information. Seniors are targeted more than any other age bracket so we need to keep up with technology and how to safe guard against crooks.

Congratulations to Don Clarke who was recently presented with the WAWA Keith Stout Perpetual Trophy by Mr. Bruce Jackson. This caps off a remarkable year for Don who also took out the Open category, the Advanced category and the Most popular category.

Swan Group Competitions Winners:

Money Box Advanced: 1st Ian Moss. 2nd Bob Nichols. 3rd Bruce Shephard.

Burl Item Advanced: 1st Ian Moss. 2nd Joe Clark. 3rd Brian Kirkby. 4th Bruce Shephard.

The Swan Club has been busy with demonstrating in the public eye, with participation at the York Agricultural Show, Perth Royal Show, Railfest Bassendean and the Big Dream Expo Claremont.

Mary Byers

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Wood turners branch out

FINER POINTS: Rodney Cocks looks on as Jack Pallas, left, shows Steven and Bradley Cocks the finer points of wood turning. Picture: LISA TROW

KWINANA has a new branch of the WA Wood Turners' Association thanks to Wandi resident Rodney Cocks.

Members meet at the Wandi Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month.

The Safety Bay Senior High School teacher is no stranger to woodwork.

A former teacher, he now passes on metalwork and jewellery-work skills to his students in designer technology subjects.

Wandi's woodturning club is open to all ages and is part of the WA association "because it is so strong."

"We can draw on so much of its expertise and it is an instant catchment for successful grants," Mr Cocks said.

Association monthly workshops are conducted around the metropolitan area.

Until the Wandi branch was opened, only three Kwinana residents were a part of the association which boasts a membership of 680.

Mr Cocks believes the nearest branches are Mandurah, Melville and Kenwick and that Rockingham's club caters only for the over 55 age group.

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 HAND AND MACHINE YARNS**

Woodturners Association of Western Australia (Inc)

Annual General Meeting 2016 President's Report for 2015/16

The AGM seems to have come around much quicker this year than it did last year ... but that may be because it has such a busy and interesting year. Unlike the previous year, the Committee has been down two members after retiring members were not replaced at the 2015 AGM. I am very pleased that is not the case this year as it means not only more people to share the work but more people contributing ideas and views. The members of the Committee have worked enthusiastically and cooperatively on many issues that affect the interests and operations of the Association. I commend their dedication and diligence in keeping the wheels turning smoothly.

As with last year, no decisions affecting the running or governance of the Association have been made without proper and thorough discussion. Even minor discretionary expenditure has been discussed and minuted before proceeding unless it was of an urgent repair or replacement nature.

Our membership still wanders between about 490 at the start of the year and 550 at this time of year when membership renewal is due. However, it appears we did not lose quite as many members as in previous years though retaining new members beyond their first year does seem to be something we need to work on.

I am pleased to report the Association has a healthy set of books, financially, and that we again have an unqualified audit report. As seems to happen every year, some groups need to tighten up on their reporting in their annual returns. This year's annual returns took up a great deal of the treasurer's time in chasing up missing auditable components and the Committee is looking into options for standardising the way the groups keep their financial records to make it easier for the group treasurers. Ultimately, six groups met the audit requirements and the others were sorted eventually after much work on the part of the treasurer, Laurie Sutton.

Some of the notable matters the Committee has dealt with in the past year include:

- Changes to the Group Challenge - the Group Challenge conducted as part of the 2015 competition year was regarded as success as the number of entries rose by about 25% on 2014 numbers. This year, rather than a prize for most points earned we are trialling a method of calculating a dollar value per point earned which should distribute the prize money across more groups. Later today, the prizes will be distributed to the participating groups. I am advised that the number of entries from February to August this year nearly equalled the number for the full competition period in 2015. Also with regard to the workshop competition, the period of competition is now September to August so that trophies can be awarded at the AGM.
- Royal Show 2015 - another successful and enjoyable commitment only made possible by good planning and cooperation between the groups to provide demonstrations over eight days. Many thanks to Norm Gratte for liaising with the RAS and doing the necessary organising.
- Wood Show 2015 - another significant cooperative effort that is a major promotion of WAWA to the public. Thank you to all those who provided items for display. A big thank you to all who helped in organising and setting up the display and competition.
- Visiting turners - Thanks to the Collaboration Group, we were fortunate in being able to have a workshop and two hands-on tuition days with Guilio Marcalongo from Victoria late last year. While others are booked for this year and next year, much of the organisation took place months ago. Thank you to all the groups and their members who have taken on the arrangements for staging these workshops for the benefit of all WAWA members.
- Trailer Maintenance Day - In January the Committee met at Wandi to check the WAWA trailers and the contents. All members volunteered to attend but our southern members were stopped by road closures due to the horrendous Yarloop bushfire. It was a useful exercise which resulted in a lot of unused items being removed from the trailers and an accurate audit

of the contents completed.

- Demonstration and Judging Workshops - earlier this year, Norm Gratte and David Rechter planned and undertook the delivery of demonstration and judging workshops at different locations to maximise the accessibility to the whole WAWA membership. Those attending found the workshops useful and informative. I thank Norm and David for the effort they put into delivering these workshops for our members.
- Shopping Centre Group - last year I reported that the Committee had provided this group with a \$2000 facility to enable the group to book floor space in some of the bigger shopping centres. I'm pleased to report this year that the trial was a financial success and will be continued for another year.
- Associations Act 2016 - some parts of this Act came into force on 1st July this year and affect every incorporated body. While many of our existing financial and governance practices meet the requirements of the Act there are many that don't. In addition, our constitution will require careful review and probably considerable re-writing to suit our operating environment. Several members of the Committee have attended workshops or seminars run by the Department of Commerce in the lead up to the Act coming into force so we were prepared. This will be an important ongoing matter for the Committee to pursue to ensure the Association meets various deadlines.

These items represent only a small part of the work of the Committee during the year. I thank all the members for their contribution, their enthusiasm and their support during the past year. I take this opportunity to thank Andy Philips for his contributions and am sorry to see him leaving the Committee. Thanks also to Chris Paplinski though Chris has now taken on the competition photography. I also thank those members who have re-nominated and continue to serve the Association. Another group of people, who don't get a lot of attention, are those who have volunteered in appointed positions but are not members of the Committee. The librarians, Rosalie Sutton and Mike Phillips, the Returning Officer, Derek Martin, the Royal Show coordinator, Norm Gratte, the Shopping Centre coordinator, Brian Fowlie, our very own badge maker, Kevin Cheetham and others such as David Rechter who plan and organise many of the visiting turner workshops. I thank you all for contributing to providing the members of WAWA access to opportunities to improve their skills and knowledge in woodturning.

Andrea McCandlish

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The advertisement features a collection of woodturning tools and equipment. On the left is a green and white Woodfast Midi Lathe. In the center is a Skilton Bowl Sander with a black handle and a blue base. To the right is a Robert Sorby ProEdge Sharpening System, a large metal machine with a red base. Below the sander is a Robert Sorby Turnmaster Set, which includes a wooden-handled tool and several small metal components. At the bottom left is a Teknatool Nova Quick Change Infinity Chuck, a silver metal component with a black handle.

The Woodturners Association of Western Australia

Annual General Meeting

Unconfirmed Minutes

Held at Wandi Hall DeHaer Road Wandi at 9.20 am 17th September 2016.

1. **Welcome:**

2. **Present:** Andrea McCandlish (President), Peter Cunnington (Secretary), Barbara Jennings (Registrar), Laurie Sutton (Treasurer), David Doye, Andrew Phillips, Bruce Jackson, Chris Paplinski, Barbara Jennings, and 98 members.

3. **Apologies:** John Marcon, Frank Dymond, Max Heath, David Eyres, Chris Davis, Don Clark, Jim Scarfe, Graham Quaife, Kevan Hunt, Peter Povey, Derek Beer, Dennis Haddon, Mike Miller

4. **Confirmation of 2014 AGM Minutes:** Proposed: Brian Fowlie Seconded: David Rechter that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the proceedings. Carried.

5. **Presidents Report:** Andrea McCandlish presented her President's report which was received with acclamation.

6. **Treasurers Report/Auditors Report:** Laurie Sutton presented the Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report. Proposed: Peter Manchee. Seconded: Keith Devereux that the Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report be accepted. Carried.

7. **Appointment of auditor.**

Proposed: Andrea McCandlish Seconded: Peter Cunnington that Chris Ring be appointed Auditor for 2016/17 financial year.

Election of Office Bearers:

Andrea McCandlish advised no nominations for President with the position now vacant.

Andrea McCandlish offered to stay in the Presidents chair for another year. The Returning Officer, Derek Martin, asked for a proposer from the floor.

Proposed by Joe Clark. Seconded: Peter Manchee. Carried

Nominations for vacancies on the Committee from the floor --- Joe Clark and Jim Cameron.

Proposed Noel Moyes Seconded; Kevin Cheetham. Carried.

Following members elected to Committee of Management for two year term – Barbara Jennings (Registrar), Peter Cunnington (Secretary), David Doye, Laurie Sutton, Jim Cameron, Alex McLaughlin, Joe Clark.

Following members to complete their two year term at the AGM 2017 - Colin Rutherford, Norman Hoskin, Bruce Jackson.

To serve as President for a further year as per rule 11. Sub.5b of the constitution - Andrea McCandlish. The position of Immediate Past President is therefore vacant thus giving the Committee of Management eleven members.

8. **General Business:** None.

9. **Presentation of Certificates and Awards:**

Andrea McCandlish awarded a certificate of Life Membership to Norm Gratte.

Wood Show Prizes: Bruce Jackson announced the winners and placegetters for the Wood Show competition held in August. Certificates and prize money were distributed to those present.

Novice

1st Bernard Boycott

2nd Graham Turner

3rd Dominic Italiano

Intermediate

1st Syd Harvey

2nd Harry Butler

3rd Colin Rutherford

Advanced

1st Ivan Morro

2nd Robbie Norton

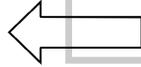
3rd Bruce Jackson

Meeting Closed 9.55 am

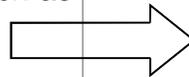
A Selection of Photos



An interesting mobile phone gadget developed by David Weiderman. Don't ask me how it works ... I don't have a smart phone!



This interesting contraption has been built from scratch by John Gardiner. It uses a Dremel as a router to cut enhancements and is suitable for small cylindrical items such as pens.



It's inbuilt indexing coupled with an adjustable drive gearing mechanism produces various types of enhancement. A possible future attachment would be a pyrography pen to burn patterns.



How cool is this??? Unfortunately, no information about the construction came with the image.

Results of WAWA Group Competition for Weekend Workshop Entries

Avon	10
Bunbury	15
Busselton	17
Collie	8
Gosnells	12
Joondalup-Wanneroo	22
Mandurah	73
Manjimup	0
Melville	47
Mundaring	0
Swan	27
Wandi	0

**TOTAL
ENTRIES
231**
Each point
earned \$6.50
for the group

Situation Vacant
Roving Reporter

Our Roving Reporter has jagged an assignment in Queensland leaving us in need of a new scribe for 2017.

Would suit someone who attends most of the weekend workshops or, alternatively, two or three people who could liaise to cover all the workshops.

This position fills an important role in keeping members informed about what goes on at workshops they are unable to attend.

Please contact the Editor for more information.

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Technical Desk

Blast from the Past - Finishing Wax Recipes from Newsletter 128 (2007)

Flakes of Carnauba. (Carbatec or Timbecon)

Block of Beeswax. (Fremantle Markets)

Bottle of Vegetable Turpentine (Bunnings)

Place equal quantities of Flakes and Beeswax in a container, stand container in a pan of water and heat water on stove until waxes are liquid.

DO NOT ALLOW TO BOIL!

When waxes are liquid add turpentine to make one of the following consistencies:

PASTE WAX

2 turps to 1 wax

Allow mixture to cool in old baking tray or tin

When the paste mixture is cool pour into a can or can small jar.



HARD BLOCK:

1 turps to one wax

Allow mixture to cool in old baking tray or tin

When the block mix hardens break it up into useable pieces.

We also have the following recipe from Jim Waters (446) of a different version of a finishing wax.

50 gm Carnauba wax flakes,

100ml.gum turpentine,

6 teaspoons strong shellac,

3 teaspoons talcum powder.

Melt the wax in a pan of water, add strong shellac, stir in slowly.

Stir in gum turpentine, then stir in talcum powder.

Allow to cool.



Busselton Weekend Workshop Program

**Saturday 19th November 2016
Churchill Park, Adelaide Street, Busselton**

Theme: Let there be Light!

Convenor & MC – Dennis Haddon

Safety Officer – Dave Porter

Competition – Table lamp. One for novice & intermediate, matched pair for advanced

Trade displays – Mayama Gems, wood sales - Busselton Group will have she-oak available

8.00 am Set up

8.15 am - Registration and Fellowship

9.00 am - Starting announcements & Welcome (Mayor)

9.15 am - Demo 1 – Chas Broadbent (Creating flutes)

10.15 am - Morning Tea

10.45 am - Demo 2 – Frank Evans (Mystery turning)

11.45 am - Presidents Forum

12.00pm - Lunch (salad roll - \$5)

1.00pm - Demo 3 – Joe Hegney (Cabriole leg)

2.00pm - Demo 4 – Barb Jennings (Lantern)

3.00pm - Afternoon Tea

3.30pm - Show and Tell Competition Results Raffle Draw

4.00pm - Close

***Note no organised dinner – make own arrangements

Sunday 20th November 2016

From 9:00 am – Open House at the Busselton Workshop

(rear of ArtGeo, Queen St, additional parking Marine Tce)

Informal demos

12.00pm – Lunch (sausage sizzle - \$2)

1.00 pm – Close

Competition Results

Wandi September 2016

Competition item: money box

NOVICE

1. Rob Woodward
2. P Briggs
3. Jim Ronald
4. Bob Hammett

INTERMEDIATE

1. B Watson
2. David Doye
3. R Robertson
4. Lynsay Dunning

ADVANCED

1. David Rechter
2. Ivan Moro
3. Viv Paust
4. Col Rutherford

MOST POPULAR

1. Rob Woodward
2. David Rechter
3. P Briggs
4. Ivan Moro

OPEN

1. David Rechter
2. Rob Woodward
3. P Briggs
4. Ivan Moro

Accumulated Points Trophies 2016

NOVICE

1. Lynsay Dunning
2. Graham Turner
3. Garry Watson

INTERMEDIATE

1. Colin Rutherford
2. Colin Smith
3. = Mick Smith & Harry Butler

ADVANCED

1. Don Clarke
2. Norm Hoskin
3. Bruce Shephard

Presidents Trophy

Don Clarke

Keith Stout Memorial Trophy

Rob Woodward

Joondalup-Wanneroo October 2016

Competition item: burl item

NOVICE

1. Vicki Gates
2. J Fraser
3. Bernard Boycott
4. Jon Braine

INTERMEDIATE

1. Mick Bishop
2. R Robertson
3. M Head
4. L Freeman

ADVANCED

1. George Parke
2. Barbara Jennings
3. Frank Evans
4. Norm Hoskin

MOST POPULAR

1. George Parke
2. Ian Moss
3. Brian Kirkby
4. Frank Evans

OPEN

1. George Parke
2. Barbara Jennings
3. Frank Evans
4. Norm Hoskin

Congratulations to all winners and place-getters

Please note Bruce Jackson has resumed as competition coordinator and all enquiries should be directed to him until further notice.

Diary Dates

Competition Items for 2016 - 17

September 17th—Wandi (AGM)

Money box

**October 15th—Joondalup-
Wanneroo**

Burl item, no restrictions

November 19th—Busselton

Table lamp

1 for novice & intermediate

Matching pair for advanced

February 18th - Melville

March 18th - Manjimup

April 22nd- Swan NOTE: this is the
4th Saturday due to Easter

May 20th - Mandurah

June 17th - Avon

July 15th - Gosnells

August 19th - Collie

September 16th - Wandi & AGM

**Competition items will be published
in the next edition. They will be
distributed to groups as soon as
finalised by the COM.**

WAWA Shopping Centre Displays 2016

Armadale City - 31st Oct to 5th
November

Waterford Plaza - 7th to 12th November

Phoenix Shopping Centre - 28th Nov to
3rd December

The following may be contacted for
information or if you would like to join the
display/sales team.

Brian Fowlie	9310 3161
Neil Piper	9399 3723
Geoff Saw	9354 1562

Events Scheduled for 2017

Neil Turner at Melville (mid-year)

Wood Show 1st weekend August

Liam O'Neill (venue TBA) Saturday
5th September

Royal Show last week of
September

REMINDER!

The new points accumulation for
competition begins at the AGM in
September 2016 and runs till
August 2017.