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◀ Toy car donated at the 2025 braai – maker unknown.

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Next meetings – Wednesday, 10th December 2025 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Tools for sale and swap – bring your unwanted tools. Woodworking quiz and free borewors roll

There will be **no turners meeting in December 2025**

Woodturners - Monday, the 5th January 2026 - from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop**. Herman will demonstrate making spatulas.

Main Meeting – Wednesday, the 14th January 2026 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop**. Safely using the bandsaw, table saw and associated health issues like dust collection and eye protection.

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Woodturners – Woodturners – Monday, 3rd of November 2025 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Appreciating bottoms – designs for the bases of turned pieces. Demonstration by Trevor Pope. Trevor showed different options for finishing the bases of a pot. He also showed how to reverse a pot onto a jam chuck to finish the base.

Main Club meeting – Wednesday, 12th November 2025 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Router jigs – Graham Swallow showed how to make a router jig for repetitively cutting slots for a wine rack. The picture on the right shows Graham holding up a template. The picture below shows Graham cutting a slot with a straight edge as a guide.



Toy-makers' Braai Saturday, 22nd November 2025. A total of 1482 toys were donated to the three charities. Toy-makers of the year were Steven Barrett and Kim who made a total of 381 toys. We set a target of 1500, which we almost reached. Alistair would like to set a target of 2100 toys for 2026. Many thanks to all those that contributed.

Metabo bandsaw raffle – Anesh Polly did the draw for the winner at



the braai. Graham Swallow was the winner.

Calendar of Events for 2026

Summer Challenge – Postponed to the Main club meeting at **MiW** on the 11th February, 2026. A competition to make beforehand and bring a wooden item for the kitchen. This can be turned or “flat-work” – cutting boards, spoons, rolling pins, salad bowls, pepper-mills, and trivets are examples of things you can make. Bring and braai. More details to follow.

Hobby-X 2026 – Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit – 30 April to 03 May 2026



Reminder – New WWA Account number with **FNB** – **63026931287** – please add this to your beneficiaries list. Please make sure that your payment can be identified by adding your **name**, perhaps cell number and **reason for payment**. Annotations such as “annual subs” or “WWA shirt” without your name are not helpful – Anesh will not be able to trace your payment. Please note that the **Nedbank account has been closed**.

Access times for **Made in Workshop** for WWA members :

MiW access control for WWA members – all current paid-up members who have attended a meeting have been issued with a bar code sticker to be used to gain access. Please remember to bring your bar code, so you aren’t delayed at the entrance.

MiW times for WWA members are as follows

Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9AM to 12AM. However please take note of the following: WWA members CANNOT just arrive at **MiW** and use machines unless they have booked them with **MiW**. This refers to the bookable machines such as the panel saw, thicknesser/planer, drum sander, spindle moulder as well as CNC machines of any kind. This applies only to the woodworking machines. The other machines require the purchase of a membership at the monthly (30 day) rate – which is a good rate anyhow. Machines such as the bandsaw and the Triton router table need no booking. Henry also requires that all the major machines may only be used if the WWA member is familiar and fully understands the importance of the correct and safe use of these machines. Speak to Graham regarding training and qualification to use machines.

MiW is a **Maker Space**, which means that members are able access the machines which are included in the list above. Access to the other machines and facilities is subject to additional fees as mentioned above. While **MiW** will provide assistance and training where necessary, members are responsible for providing materials and performing the work themselves. Members need to be skilled and competent to use the facilities to do the work. For example, if you wish to use a CNC machine, you will need to manually program the tool path on the machine or import it from a design tool that generates the tool path for you. There may be a steep learning curve, but that is part of the challenge.

Bookings can be made during office hours of 8h00 to 17h00, weekdays by contacting one of these numbers:
Henry – 083-269 9505; Josh – 083-768 7853; or Trenton – 081-365 6039

Schedule for Regular Events

1. Second Saturday of month at 9h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Herman – all things turning related – 083 631 0501 [hermanpotgieteresq AT gmail.com](mailto:hermanpotgieteresq@gmail.com)
2. **Show & Tell** meetings are held at Hardware Centre every Friday Morning at 09:30. All WWA members welcome. Contact Eugene on 0824953394 or eugene@antlerfin.co.za

This list is subject to change, so please consult your *Crosscut* each month for any updates.



Toy-makers annual braai 2026

