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Journal of the Wits Woodworking Association

◀Tom Howden making a rolling pin at Hobby-X 2025

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Next meetings – Woodturners – Monday, 5th May 2025 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Video on turning thin-walled bowls by Tomislav Tomasic.

Main Club meeting – Wednesday, 14th May 2025 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – AGM + Making dowels with a table saw, including tapered dowels – by Graham Swallow.

News

Monday, Monday, 7th April 2025 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – New range of Wize carbide insert turning tools was demonstrated by Steven Barrett.

Wednesday, Wednesday, 9th April 2025 from 18h00 at **Made in Workshop** – Product demos by UPAT – Bessey, Stabila, fischer and Milwaukee agents.

Calendar of Events for 2025

Hobby-X 2025 - 1 -4 May, 09h00 to 17h00 daily at the Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit.



WWA AGM – at the Main club meeting, Wednesday, the 14th May 2025, 18h00 at Made in Workshop.

Spring Challenge - Date to be announced, probably in September or October. A competition to make and bring a wooden item for the kitchen. This can be turned or “flat-work” – cutting boards, spoons, rolling pins, salad bowls, pepper-mills, trivets are examples of things you can make.

Toy-makers’ Braai Saturday, 22nd November 2025.

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**.

Check all this with Henry...

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.



The WWA is sad to announce the passing of John Speedy. John has been a member since the beginning of the club, and was made a life member for his contributions to the club over the years. John was renowned for pushing the envelope in turning techniques, which he regularly demonstrated to the club. He was also a regular demonstrator at AWSA symposiums. He was an accomplished teacher. Many turners started their journey with a class with John.



The pictures below stretch back 10 years, documenting some of John's demonstrations at WWA turner's meetings.



