

# TREEN TOPICS

August 2009



*Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.*

*Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm*

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### Annual General Meeting

The July monthly meeting was our AGM and it was pleasing to see all positions filled although it should be noted that there were no more candidates than were needed. All positions were declared vacant and Bob Turnbull was asked to act as the returning officer. The following members are the committee and office holders for the next twelve months:

President:	Greg Clark.
Vice President:	Warwick Robinson.
Secretary:	Peter Jackson.
Treasurer:	Gordon Elford.
Committee Position:	Daryl Roth, Bob Turnbull and Jim Davey.

The following additional Positions were also filled:

Editor:	Peter Farrell.
Publisher:	Liesel Turnbull.
Catering Officer Meetings:	John Goodger.
Catering Officer Workshops:	Terry Hoffman.
Librarian:	Stuart Graham.
Men's Shed Representative:	Don Parkinson.
Raffle Officer:	Ian Morrison.
Webb Master:	Peter Johnston.
Public Officer:	Greg Clark

## Show and Tell

This session was supposed to be bigger than usual to fill the rest of the evening after the AGM in lieu of a guest speaker, but only six members took part. However, what we lacked in quantity was made up in quality!!

Arnold Parrott brought along his well thought out jig for sharpening planer and thicknesser blades. (Look out Henry Brothers!) . The jig consists of a steel bar rail suspended between two wooden blocks mounted on a board. Another wooden block slides along the rail and to it is fixed a clamp in which the blade is held. The whole thing is clamped to the bench in front of the grinder and the blade can be moved back and forth across the grinder wheel. Arnold reports that it works very well and for anyone who uses the jointer a lot it would be well worth making one.



Daryl Roth was next up with quite a novel idea also. He printed photos of his grand children in A4 size, glued them to plywood and then cut them into jigsaw shapes to create a puzzle for the children.



Gordon Elford had the box which he made at the previous months workshop and which he had completed at home. A nice little box it was too. He also had the cedar box which he had partially completed last month with the internal spline in the mitre joint. In the finished product the spline end shows as a nice decorative feature. The lid had a multi coloured inlay which finished it well.

Cec Butler made a fruit holder from silky oak he got from Terara when we had the saw mill there. It has an A frame at each end with a slatted shelf suspended between them. In addition he had some home made sanding cylinders which he uses in the pedestal drill. These are ideal for doing the inside of curved surfaces.



Stuart Graeme has been able to get on with some other work since he and George finished their battle of the miniatures. He bought a tin of Ernie's Organoil finish and applied three coats to a camphor bowl but is still not happy with the finish it gave. He is open to advice on how to achieve better results with it.



A happier story was a camphor cutting board with rather pretty grain. This was finished with two coats of grapeseed oil which had worked well.



Number three was a very large turned goblet /chalice made from an unknown species of wood. The turning of this had been a risky business as it flew out of the chuck no fewer than five times, fortunately with no serious consequences for Stuart.

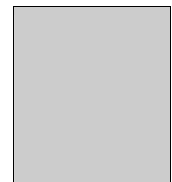
Peter Farrell showed a jig which he finds very handy for planing and sanding any workpiece from 2mm up to 150mm wide. It consists of a base with a fence along one edge and a second fence at an angle of about 30 degrees.



A triangular board slides against this angled fence and acts as a wedge to hold the workpiece against the other fence. A drawing of the jig is shown on the last page for anyone interested to make one.

### Annual Subscriptions

These were due in June so are now well and truly OVERDUE. As at the 5<sup>th</sup> August there were still fourteen members who have not paid. If the box has an X in it means that you are one of those fourteen. Please pay up.



## Creative Moments

We are now down to only five weeks before the exhibition begins on 25<sup>th</sup> September! Entries are to be delivered on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>. We need as many people as possible exhibiting there to make our club look as though it is active and progressing. As a club member you should also want to support it however you can and one of the best ways of doing that is to show your work. A strong showing of woodwork items demonstrates to the public that we are a dynamic organisation.

Remember that the sales area will be there for the full three weeks so there is much more chance of selling things than previously. Also there can be opportunities for you to take orders if someone likes your product.

George Viellaris is making a burl platter as the wood prize for the raffle so you can be assured that it will be really worth winning.

You will have received your raffle tickets in the mail by now, together with the documentation needed for your entries. Another way of supporting the exhibition and the club is to sell these tickets and ask for a second book. Please do your bit!!

## Ladies Night

This will be held at our general monthly meeting in August and to make it a more social occasion we are having dinner at the Bomaderry Bowling Club at 6.00PM. The menu consists of Pumpkin soup, Sirloin steak, Apple pie, a bun and tea or coffee. A special price of \$16 per head has been negotiated so it is quite a cheap night out. Gordon Elford will collect the money as you arrive. Following dinner we conduct the Len Arthur Award

presentation and hear Art Burrows speak on Egyptian Tools.

Almost seventy members and wives have already indicated they will go. There will be FREE tea and coffee available during the talk.

*Be aware there will be NO meeting at the high school in August!!*

## Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Ladies Night at Bomaderry Bowling Club plus Art Burrows

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Workshop on Turning. As there are only two lathes at the shed George will only be able to instruct two people at a time. This means that the prospective turners in waiting need something

else to occupy themselves in the meantime. It is suggested that you bring along your own project or, alternately, you can help make small boxes and clocks which the club may be able to sell at the exhibition.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – George Viellaris speaking on Turning

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Workshop on Turning continued

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Jim Davey speaking on Old and Unusual Tools

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Plane Tuning at Jim Davey's

## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**AUGUST 2009**

The new committee has had their first meeting and as expected everything ran smoothly. Peter Jackson and Jim Davey have both returned from well earned vacations and they are both keen to get to work.

As you will see from the report the Bunning's BBQ was highly successful and once again I would like to thank all concerned. In addition I would like to thank all those members who assisted with and attended the workshop in July.

We will have Ladies Night this month which will include a sit down meal at Bomaderry Bowling Club. The meal and meeting will be held in one of the back rooms of the club so we will not have to move after the meal. Peter has mentioned the menu above so I won't duplicate the information. Art Burrows and his wife have kindly offered to join us for the evening and provide us with a presentation on Egyptian Tools. Art and his wife are very knowledgeable on the subject and I am sure you will find the presentation interesting.

The creative moment's exhibition is rapidly approaching and the exhibition committee Gordon Elford, Jim Davey and Warwick Robinson are busy sorting out all the last minute details required to make the exhibition a success. Support the exhibition as much as you can as this is a valuable means to showcase the society.

A significant part of Ladies Night is the awarding of the Len Arthur Award for 2009. Warwick has arranged for the Display Board to have the recipients name place on the board and all is in readiness for the presentation.

**REMEMBER LADIES NIGHT IS BEING HELD AT BOMADERRY BOWLING CLUB NOT NOWRA HIGH SCHOOL.** If you forget and turn up to Nowra High School you know we will talk about you.

Greg Clark

## **BUNNING'S BBQ 25 JULY 2009**

The day started at 0700 Hrs with me breaking the ice of the back of the truck so I could start loading the supplies for the BBQ. For those of you who haven't seen the operation it is a bit mind boggling there is a large amount of supplies moved to the BBQ. Both the truck and the wife's car are loaded to the gunnels with all the equipment and supplies we need for the day.

John and Ian started the day doing a Stirling job on the BBQ followed by Peter and Gordon looking after the mid day shift and Stewart handing the afternoon shift. Margaret and Warwick looked after the customers buttering the bread and making the sandwiches. We had a couple of members who at short notice were unable to turn up but the other team members filled in the holes in the shifts by working extra hours. By the end of the day we were all feeling the effects of the extended day and not wanting to see another sausage ever.

The team cooked and sold 420 sausages and buttered and sold 38 loaves of bread. All this produced approximately \$750 for the society not a bad effort for the day. The feedback from the customers was very positive many coming back for a second sausage sandwich, but I think the best indication of the quality is that Bunning's staff come and buy the sandwiches. Bunning's staff have a sophisticated intelligence system operating they send out one of the girls from the front to sample the sausage sandwiches and if she thinks they are OK she lets all the staff know that they can purchase the product, if she indicates that they are no good then the other staff won't buy the product.

We had two occasions when we ran out of bread on the first occasion Margaret ran off into town to purchase more bread and on the second occasion Warwick did the same. While we were waiting for more bread we sold sandwiches made with crusts, the public was very supportive not complaining about the crusts or the occasional delay whilst we cooked more sausages.

We have not been allocated another BBQ day this year but we may be offered the opportunity to fill in if another club is unable to operate the BBQ on their allocated day. To undertake this style of short notice operation we will need a list of volunteers who will be able to assist. We will circulate a list at the next meeting to find out who can help a short notice.

Once again thanks to all who assisted with the BBQ and special thanks for extending your shifts to cover the manpower gaps and customer rushes on the stand.

Greg Clark

**WORKSHOP NOWRA MEN'S SHED  
18 JULY 09**

The theme of the workshop was to apply a finish to the dovetail box that was constructed at the workshop in June. There was a number of finishes offered brushed on Polyurethane, Wipe on Polyurethane, Danish oil, wipe or brush on Shellac and Quick 15 Varnish. The advantage of the workshop was that you could see all these different types of finish being used and make an assessment as to whether that would fit into your own personal finishing application. The decision to use one type of finish over another is often made on the basis of personal preference.

The boxes arrived at the workshop basically finished but as most people left the June workshop without gluing together their box there was a range of different styles of the final assembly of what was basically the same box. Gordon recessed the lid into the box and John did the same but added a strip of contrasting timber around the top which gave the box a visual lift. A quick look around the workshop showed the various finishes in operation, Terry turned up with a tin of Danish Oil that I think still had a pound shilling and pence price tag on it but it still produced a very pleasing appearance.

Jim again proved himself to be a craftsman with the stand of finish he was applying to a lid panel of bird's eye maple. Jim was meticulous in the sanding and dusting between coats and was rewarded with a brilliant finish. The workshop was a great experience with a free exchange of ideas amongst the members, I know I learnt a lot and I hope the others did also.

Greg Clark

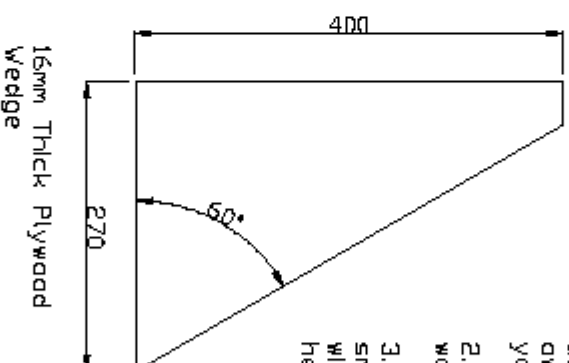
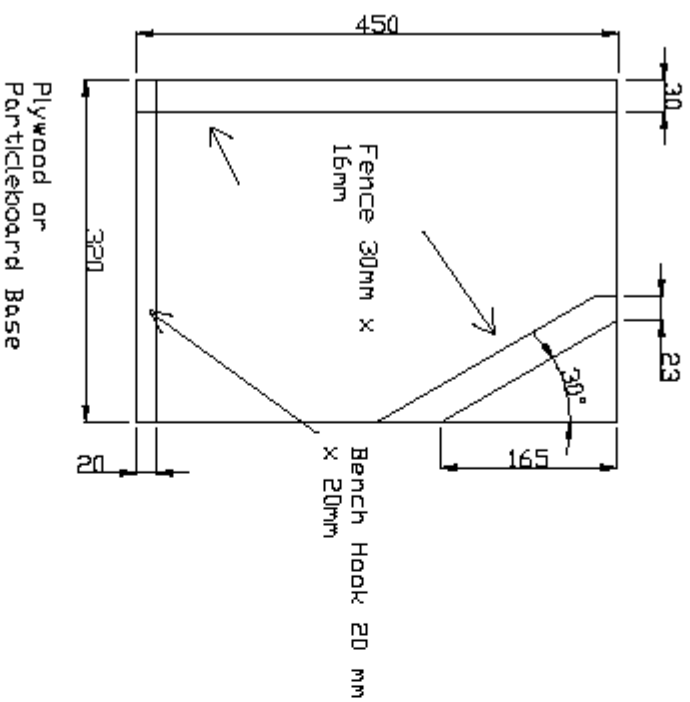


Men's Shed Workshop July09





# SANDING & PLANING JIG



## Notes:

1. Dimensions are nominal, adjust them to suite your own needs or the materials you have available.
2. This jig can hold a workpiece from 2mm to 145mm
3. A larger base and/or a smaller angle on the wedge will allow wider boards to be held.

Drawing Not to Scale.

All Dimensions are in MM.

Originally Drawn by Peter Farrell.

Sheet 1 of 1.

GJC 5 August 2009.

**WOODTURNING TRAINING – NOWRA MEN’S SHED**  
**22 AUGUST 2009 and 19 SEPTEMBER 2009**

NAME	DATE & SESSION	DATE & SESSION
Graham Wiseman	22 August 2009 Morning 0900 -1200 Hrs	19 September 2009 Afternoon 1230 -1530 Hrs
Peter Johnston	22 August 2009 Morning 0900 -1200 Hrs	19 September 2009 Afternoon 1230 -1530 Hrs
Cec Butler	22 August 2009 Morning 0900 -1200 Hrs	19 September 2009 Afternoon 1230 -1530 Hrs
Wayne Worrall	22 August 2009 Afternoon 1230 -1530 Hrs	19 September 2009 Morning 0900 -1200 Hrs
Warwick Robinson	22 August 2009 Afternoon 1230 -1530 Hrs	19 September 2009 Morning 0900 -1200 Hrs
Gordon Elford	22 August 2009 Afternoon 1230 -1530 Hrs	19 September 2009 Morning 0900 -1200 Hrs

Members on standby to fill vacancies Jim Davey and Greg Clark.

*The Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc. was formed in 1987 and is Comprised of persons interested in understanding woodcraft and developing skills in its many and diverse forms.*

*The aims of the Society are to:*

*Foster an understanding and appreciation of woodcraft  
Provide mutual advice, help and a problem solving forum.  
Collaborate with other craft groups in the Shoalhaven.  
Involve the families of “woodies” in social activities.*

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***Next Committee Meeting:***

*Bomaderry Bowling Club  
7.30pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009*