

TREEN TOPICS

FEBRUARY 2009



Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

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November Show and Tell

It seems a long time ago now but Gordon and Peter Jackson had items for show and tell which are worth reporting .

Gordon showed us photos of a turned cube which was done by a master craftsman who worked where Gordon served his apprenticeship . It would take some very logical thinking to try to work out how it was done so Gordon is working on doing that . Watch this space !! He then presented a box with fancy inlay on both sides and a rather nice turned box .

Peter had a small box made from blackwood and huon pine featuring splined corners .

Hand Cut Dovetails

Peter Farrell gave a short talk on why and how he developed his chisel guide jigs for hand cutting dovetails . Unless you are highly skilled with a handsaw , the advantage the jigs have over freehand sawing is that the joints are consistently square , vertical and at the correct angle which gives a closer fit and therefore a better joint . The method is by no means quick but gives satisfying results . He then proceeded to the workshop where he demonstrated how it is done .

Guest Speaker for February

This month we have with us Ken Jones the shipbuilder who will be speaking on model ship making . This is a branch of woodwork that most of us are not familiar with so it will be interesting to hear what he has to tell us .

Bandsaw Box Making Workshop

Kit Tanner is the man to conduct this workshop and who is better qualified ? He has specialised in this aspect of woodwork for some time now and we have all admired his boxes at the Creative Moments exhibition . A group of us attended a similar workshop at Kit's home a couple of years ago where he showed that it is not all that difficult to make a good box . However these skills are not perfected in the making of a few boxes , but like all things it takes practice practice practice . This will be held on Saturday 21st February at the mens shed and a sheet will go around at this meeting for people intending to be there .

Bunnings Barbeques

The opportunity for the club to gain some publicity while making money at the same time was detailed in the January edition of this bulletin . We have now been allocated two dates for running the barbeque at Bunnings and we really need to make the most of it . The first is Sunday 22nd of March which is the weekend following next months meeting while the second is Saturday 25th July . We need eight volunteers to run it with four on the morning shift and four for the afternoon . A sheet will be sent around at this meeting so please make yourself available to help if at all possible . Greg will give more information this meeting .

Tilba Woodwork Exhibition

This is an annual show which is held at Tilba on the long weekend in June and it is open to outsiders for the first time . There are categories for turning , toys or games , furniture and boxes . Entries can be sold with a 10% comission and there is a \$100 prize for the best entry with \$50 for second . If anyone is interested see Peter Farrell for more information .

FOR SALE ANTIQUE 3 WHEEL BANDSAW

Bearings Rebuilt - New 2HP Motor Single Phase
Overall Height 1650mm—Width 1450mm
Throat 540mm Depth of Cut 185mm
Phone Ralph 44212912

Club Logo

We are considering changing the club logo and invite your suggestions . The current one has the green tree (if it is in colour) against a dark background which seems to have little to do with wood-working . Those who are artistically inclined may like to do some sketching and present them for consideration . The committee thought that something more aligned with say a woodworking tool would be more recognisable . All suggestions will be welcome .

Carbatec Agent at Halls Creek

Save yourself that long trip up to Sydney if you want to get that special tool . Jim Davey is now an agent for Carbatec and is prepared to give you good service . You will find the prices attractive . Jim can be contacted on 4447 8790 .

JANUARY BBQ

There is not much to say about the BBQ other than all who turned up had a good time. I didn't undertake a head count but there was between 30 and 40 members and their families in attendance. It was good to see so many members and their families turn up on what can only be described as a stinking hot day.

The facilities at the tennis courts are great with under cover BBQ area and a comfortable shed with kitchen facilities attached. The fans in the shed were getting a work out at the temperature climbed into the high thirties.

Special thanks to John his wife Joyce and Don for organising the facilities and undertaking the clean up after. The Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society continues to flourish because of the willingness of the members and their families to assist with the running of the events. Without the members and their families support the club would cease to exist.

Greg Clark

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 2009

The first committee meeting for 2009 has been completed and it is prudent to let you know what we on the committee are up to. We are going ahead with the production of business cards for the society, this will allow us to have something to hand out to visitors and potential members if they request contact information about the club.

The judging for the Nowra show will have been completed by the time you read this. Daryl substituted for Warwick as a judge since Warwick was unable to undertake the task at the last moment due to injury. Special thanks to John Hanrahan and John Daniels from the Kiama Woodcraft Group for joining the judging team. The two Johns provide the impartiality to the judging that would not be there if the judging was only undertaken by our own members.

The band saw and table saw are being wired with no volts circuit breakers to allow for safer operation, this is expected to be completed by the time you read this report. The memorandum of understanding between the Nowra Men's Shed and the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society is currently being reviewed and hopefully it should be available for signing in the near future. The first workshop at the Men's Shed will be on 21 February 09 and the workshop will be on bandsaw boxes with Kit Tanner running the workshop.

We are currently stockpiling supplies for the Bunning's BBQ scheduled for Sunday 22 March 09. We are purchasing supplies that are on special in an effort to maximise the profit from the BBQ.

Work is currently underway on production of an introduction pack for the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society and a pamphlet that detailing the club that we can hand out to the public.

We will be fine tuning the workshops so that everybody who attends gets a hands on experience. We are considering running a workshop on box making one month where everybody who attends the workshop goes home with a box and the following month at the finishing workshop brings the box back and applies a finish to the box. We will keep you informed of these workshops.

The members who were at the January BBQ saw some preliminary sketches of a possible change to the club logo. The committee has been discussing the possible change and will open the discussion to the members at the February meeting. We will need ideas from the members and approval from the membership before any change is made.

Don Parkinson has informed us that the Nowra Men's Shed will be holding a Garage Sale at the shed on Saturday 7 March 09. In addition to the surplus tools that will be on sale Shirley Arthur will be selling the last of Len's timber. Shirley will be kindly donating the proceeds of the sale to the Men's Shed. The members of the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society will be given an opportunity to purchase the timber before it is offered to the general public.

See you all at the February meeting.

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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Men's Shed Rep: Don Parkinson

Next Committee Meeting:

Bomaderry Bowling Club

7.30pm Wednesday 4th March 2009