

# TREEN TOPICS

JANUARY 2009



*Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.*

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

*Nowra Technology High School. Moss St. Nowra*

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### Mens Shed

The men's shed was officially opened in November at the Millbank Road premises in Terara. Negotiations for our involvement are continuing but one essential condition will be that you must be inducted and approved before you will be allowed to use the machinery there. There will be more on this as this year goes on and, all going well, we will be in there and working before too long.

### The Late Don Morgan

As we heard at the November meeting Don Morgan had passed away just prior to that date. A good representation of the club attended his funeral where a lot more was learned about Don who always assumed a modest profile at our meetings. He was a bricklayer by trade and was well known at the Nowra Players where he had been an integral part of the production team for a number of years in the role of set maker. He was also very popular at the hospital because of his donation of wooden toys which were always appreciated by the children.

### Club Publicity

A few of the committee spent some hours at Bunnings last year speaking to members of the public in an endeavour to make people aware of our club and to attract new members. There was a good deal of interest shown and it is intended to repeat this exercise when the opportunity occurs. Volunteers will be sought to help with this so please be prepared to give a hand. We may also demonstrate some turning or other facets of our work to

create more interest.

As a further means of publicising ourselves the committee has decided to have business cards made. They will have club meeting information on one side and there will be provision on the other side for you to write your name and phone number so you can be a contact for the person to whom you give the card. Each member can take several cards and collect more as required.

### Notices in Treen Topics

Members are welcome to place notices or advertisements in this publication. Just remember there is a three week lead time prior to your receiving it. In other words you need to advise Peter Farrell of your notice by the end of the previous month and he will be only too happy to include it for you.

### Creative Moments Attendance

All previous attendance figures were exceeded at last year's exhibition with over 1000 people coming in to have a look. This should be a good incentive to all of us to start thinking about what we will make to put in this year! If you take pride in your work it is a great opportunity to showcase it to lots of people and to sell things you have made.

### January Barbeque

This year the January barby will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 5.30 PM at the Shoalhaven District Tennis Association clubhouse which is in Nerang Road in Bomaderry. Follow the road past the end of the bitumen and you can not miss it. You need to bring everything including food, drinks, plates, etc. There are tables and chairs there but table cloths may be useful. Washing up facilities are also available.

### Free to a Good Home

If anyone is interested in obtaining some Jacaranda give Peter Farrell a ring on 44228177.

At the time of writing I have not seen it but I understand there are about five logs 1200 long and 300 or so diameter. It is located in Nowra.

## **CHRISTMAS BBQ**

There is not a great deal to say about the Christmas BBQ other than to say that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

A number of our friends came from the Kiama woodies and displayed their work both finished and unfinished. Both categories were of a high standard. I know our Treen Topics publisher Liesel appreciated the bowl of cherries that was donated by our friends from Kiama for the raffle. Once, our wives realised that the bowl of cherries was part of the raffle, sales tripled. I know Liesel is pleased with the prize as it now holds pride of place in her home.

It was good to see Geoff Spencer out and about once more. For those of you who do not know Geoff, he is a long term member of the society and despite medical problems has been looking after the Webb site for us. Geoff it is great to see you back and I am looking forward to seeing more of you in the future.

I must also thank all those members and their wives who worked in the canteen I know Daryl and Joan appreciated all the help that they received.

If the above sounds a little vague that is because I am writing this a month after the event. I like most of our members have had a hectic but enjoyable Christmas New Year period and writing reports was not high on the priority list of things to do.

Greg Clark





## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT JANUARY 2009**

Another year has started and I would just like to share with you what the committee and members have been up to and what we are going to do this year.

We have purchased the table saw and band saw from Keith Turner. The saw have been transported to the Nowra Men's Shed. The saws are currently being serviced and also safety checks before they will be available for use. In addition

to the maintenance and safety checks we are establishing safety procedures for the safe operation of the saws.

Safety procedures will eventually be established for all the equipment that is used in a woodworking workshop. The safety procedures are being developed in conjunction with the Men's Shed. Once the procedures are written we will be asking members to test the procedures so that we can iron out any bugs in our documentation and safety presentations.

In addition to the Safety procedures we are also drafting a Memorandum of Understanding between the Nowra Men's Shed and the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society. The Memorandum of Understanding will establish the rules that the two organisations will abide by in dealings with each other. Once the draft has been reviewed by the committee it will be made available to the members for comment. In addition to the above we have addressed the insurance issue and we will include insurance as part of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Preliminary discussions with the Nowra Men's Shed indicate that the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society will be able to utilise the facilities for workshops at least once a month. The intention is to set a theme for the day for example box making, and have members interested in box making actually manufacture a box. We want to get the sessions at the Men's Shed as much hands on as is practicable. This will not replace the workshops at member's homes but rather supplement them. In addition to the theme sessions we can also undertake training sessions for members who wish to improve their skills.

After the short notice display that our members provided at Bunning's last year we have been invited to utilise the BBQ facilities at Bunning's for fund raising. We have been given two dates, one in late March and the other in late July. We will need to get two teams of four volunteers to man the BBQ. One team to run the BBQ in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The BBQ has the potential to raise funds of \$600 plus for the day. The funds will assist the society in progressing towards expanding the workshop.

In addition to the above we will also be running our regular once a month meeting with emphasis on demonstrations rather than lectures.

As you can see we have a busy year ahead of us but it should be an interesting and exciting one. Don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the committee if you have a problem or would like clarification as to what we are doing. The committee is managing the society on behalf of all members.

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.*

***Your Committee***

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***Next Committee Meeting:***

*Bomaderry Bowling Club  
7.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009*