

# TREEN TOPICS

June 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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### An Important Topic - Accreditation



Peter Jackson gave us a comprehensive coverage of this subject at the May meeting and then followed up with a practical day at the Mens Shed on the following Saturday. Why is it so important? Because if something goes wrong these days someone has to be responsible. Accreditation is a recognition that someone is competent to carry out certain things, in our case, the operation of woodworking machinery. We are using dangerous equipment on a daily basis which can inflict terrible injuries in a split second. Therefore the more aware we are of these dangers the less likely they are to occur.

Insurance companies are notorious for their reluctance to pay up when accidents occur so the fewer excuses we can present them with the better. On a more practical angle the day at the shed was excellent. We are inclined to think that we know almost everything about the tools and machines we have in our sheds and that we use regularly. When you have a group discussion and share the knowledge and experience of others it brings home to you that perhaps you do not know as much as you thought. I took home quite a few ideas which can improve my work and the techniques which I employ. I am working through them and I will benefit from them. *The other major persuader for us to gain accreditation is that anyone who has not been accredited will only be able to use the facilities at the Mens Shed under the supervision of someone who is accredited.*

Peter was ably assisted in the instruction at the shed by Warwick Robinson, Jim Davey and George Viellaris and not forgetting the barbeque chef John Goodger. My advice is to be at the next one. You will enjoy it.

While we are on the subject of the shed it was great to hear that Terry Hoffman has volunteered to take on the Catering Officers job when we have days at the shed. Thank you Terry.

### Subscriptions Are Now Due

Here we are in June already and our annual subscriptions are due this month. \$25 will give you a year's membership and access to all we do. Two dollars a month is fairly cheap for the range of knowledge, advice, workshops and social contacts available. Your prompt payment will bring a smile to Gordon's face. You will also be asked to fill out a renewal of membership form which needs to be done each year. These will be available at the meeting.

### Show and Tell

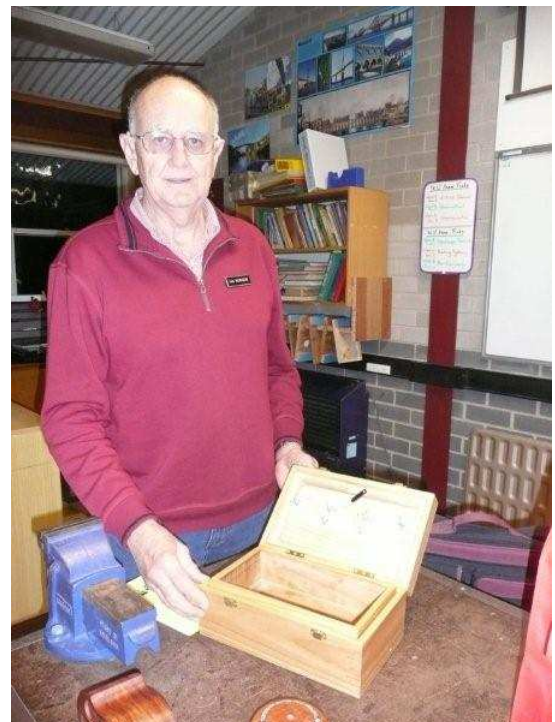
Bill Turner brought along a home made tool for marking turnings with decorative textures. It is a good demonstration of Bill's inventiveness. He also had a bowl shaped piece in grey gum with an opal inlay on the top. Bill said the opal flakes are fragile and require careful handling.



Gordon Elford seldom fails to bring something and this time he has made a lap desk featuring a handsome inlay.

Ian Morison does an excellent job conducting the raffle each month and to help facilitate this he has made a special box for the purpose. It contains compartments for the tickets on their special board and the money.

In addition he had a bowl out of bloodwood with interesting gum veins as a feature. It was finished with three coats of estapol.







Warwick Robinson showed a piece of crown moulding he has created from five pieces of timber. Each has a different profile and each is stepped out to form the crown shape 90mm high. It will give Warwick's kitchen an aristocratic touch.

Peter Jackson has had a busy month. In addition to preparing all the OH&S material he found time to make three pieces. He continued with the bandsaw box making by doing one at home out of Blackwood with two drawers and neatly done at that.

Another of his interests is rifle shooting so he made a screwdriver with a well fitted Blackwood handle for adjusting rifle sights.

Finally he produced a marking gauge with the cutter held with a wedge and brass strips on the wearing face. All of his finishing is done with canola oil and lots of hand rubbing.

Garry Usher is doing well for a new turner. He brought along an ironbark burl bowl and two bowls made from rough barked apple. He is sensibly tapping into the wealth of turning experience which the club members have and his knowledge will increase rapidly as a result.

In what may have been the grand finale of the Stuart V George miniature turning saga George carefully displayed a very slender goblet. It was 20mm high , 2mm dia base , 1mm thick stem and the cup 3mm high x 2mm dia .

### Bunnings Barbeque

The second of our two dates allocated for this year is on 25<sup>th</sup> July. We need about eight volunteers to man the stall for four hours each. A sheet will be circulated at this meeting for members who are able to help out with this task. It should prove to

be a good money spinner so please help if you can.

### Club Logo

At long last this has been resolved. We are not able to show it yet as the finished version is still not available but the following description will give you a fair idea of what it is like. The two outer circles with "Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society" will be retained. Then all that will be within the inner circle is the silhouette of a hand plane. It is believed that this will be easily recognised as a woodworking symbol by the average person.

### Annual General Meeting

This is being held in July at our general monthly meeting. There will be nomination forms available at this meeting if you want to nominate yourself or someone else. Please do not stay away in case you are landed with a job! The AGM business is expected to be over fairly promptly so we are having a giant show and tell to fill in the remainder of the evening. Bring along some of your work, any tool of interest (which could be your favourite tool) or a jig which you find helpful.

### 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. A special price of \$16 per head has been negotiated so it is quite a cheap night out. Following dinner we will adjourn upstairs to hear Art Burrows speak on Egyptian Tools. Readers of the Australian Woodworker will be aware that Art is the assistant editor of that worthy journal so he is well versed in all things to do with woodwork. A sheet will be passed around at this meeting to get an indication of numbers so make sure you discuss it with your wife before you come.

### Creative Moments

Have you started making at least one thing for the exhibition yet? I am about to begin my first item and I am aware that time is starting to become critical. There are only about fourteen weeks to go and if you work as slowly as I do you need to get cracking. We need as many people as possible to exhibit to make our club look as though it is active and progressing.

Remember that the sales area will be there for the full three weeks so there is much more chance of selling things than previously. It is a good opportunity to pick up a few dollars for your labours.

George Viellaris is making a burl platter as the wood prize for the raffle. Thank you George.

### Southern Highlands Woodies Group

Garry Usher has been in touch with this club which appear to be largely

turners. They have a couple of things coming up which may be of interest to some of our members. If you are interested contact John Powell at [douglas.lodge@bigpond.com](mailto:douglas.lodge@bigpond.com) .  
27<sup>th</sup> June Hands on – Team scoop making and 18<sup>th</sup> July Richard Raffin demonstrating.

### Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Guest Speaker Doug Green plus Organoil Rep on finishing

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Workshop on box making

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – AGM plus giant Show and Tell

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Workshop on finishing boxes

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

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Workshop on Turning

### Tools for Sale

Geoff Spencer Clearance Sale all reasonable offers considered Ph: 4422 7659

2 Makita Routers – 1 fairly new (new price \$335).

Medium/Large bench-top Pedestal drill.

Makita Thicknesser 300mm on stand.

Belt sander.

Orbital Sander.

Large Range of cramps.

Spokeshave style Cabinet Scraper.

Jars and Jars of screws, nails, bolts etc.

Home made bandsaw.

Dust extractor.

Grinder.

Electric Welder.

Electric stray painter.

12v battery charger.

Makita Electric Saw 235mm (new price \$285).

Triton Saw bench and router top.

Steel frame heavy workbench approx 8ft X 3ft.

Large set spanners, sockets etc.

100mm angle grinder.

Garden tools including 2 large wheel barrows and branch chipper.



RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION  
SHOALHAVEN WOODCRAFT SOCIETY INCORPORATED

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporated Act 1984)

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name of applicant)

Of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

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(Postal Address)

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Telephone Mobile

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Email Accept Newsletter by Email YES / NO

\_\_\_\_\_herby  
(Interest in Woodcraft eg turning, cabinet making, carving)

Reapply to become a member of the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Incorporated. I agree to be bound by the rules of association for the time being in force.

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Signature of applicant Date

Office Use Only	Signature	Date
Approved / Not Approved		
Amount Paid		
Badge Made		
Treen Topics Mailing List Updated		
Treasurers Address List Updated		
Members Welcome Kit Dispatched		

## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

JUNE 2009

It has been a little quieter this month but still busy. Peter Jackson and his wife Dianne have but in a marathon effort in preparing all the notes required to support the Safety brief given at the last meeting and to allow for the running of the Safety Workshop at the Nowra Men's shed the following Saturday. I am guessing that the majority of members were unaware as to how much work was done behind the scenes preparing to deliver the briefs. We now have 27 members who have completed the Safety Brief and 11 members who have completed the authorisation training on the machines that are available for our use at the Men's Shed. This is a good effort for a club of approximately 40 active members. For those members who missed out on the safety brief or the authorisation training we will be running more sessions in the future.

John Goodger has indicated to the committee that he will not be standing for a committee position at the annual general meeting. John first joined the society in 2001 and has served on the committee for a significant length of that time. On behalf of the members I would like to thank John and his wife Joyce for their efforts in supporting the society. Although John will no longer serve on the committee he will still remain an active member of the society. It is comforting to know that if we need assistance with activities of the society John will always be willing to help.

The creative moment's exhibition is approaching and it has been some time since a turned item was offered as the SWS contribution to the raffle. George Viellaris has been asked to turn an item suitable for the raffle. In addition to George volunteering his time Gary Usher generously offered a figured piece of timber for George to turn, unfortunately the piece was found to have some cracks which make it unsuitable to turn. The generosity of George in donating his time and Gary for donating timber needs to be acknowledged.

The next Bunning's BBQ is scheduled for July 25 and we will need volunteers to run the BBQ. We will need approximately 8 people 3 to do the morning shift (8-12), the afternoon shift (12 - 4) and a further 2 to help with the midday rush (11 - 1). If you can spare the time place your name contact number and shift preference on the sheet we will be circulating at the next meeting.

Geoff Spencer is currently clearing up his garage and has offered a large number of items for sale. Geoff is unwell and will not be able to utilise the tools again. I will keep in touch with Geoff and let you know of his progress.

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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009*