

# TREEN TOPICS

MARCH 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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### Club Logo

The present club logo is a circle with “Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society” around the perimeter and then within the inner circle there is a silhouette of a tree against a dark background. This has served the club well so far and may continue to do so well into the future but some questions have been raised about its suitability. Apparently the “crowded” nature of the logo presents problems if it was to be woven say on a shirt or when it is reduced to a small size as on a business card. Another criticism is that it is not easily recognised as being associated with woodworking.

No doubt some of the older members will be aware of the history of it but we want to see if anyone can come up with a suitable alternative. Feel free to sketch any ideas you have and pass them on to Greg or one of the committee. Even if you do a verbal sketch which someone can convert to a drawing would be helpful. A decision on this is holding up several related issues at the moment so it is important that it is resolved very soon. Ideas please!!, lets have a discussion at this meeting and see what bright ideas there are.

### Members Contributions

There have been quite a few valuable contributions by members in recent times. Some of them may not seem very significant nor may they take a lot of time but their making of a better club is undoubted. They help to share the load amongst more members which lessens the burden on the usual few willing horses and they also provide the member concerned with some well deserved satisfaction. Greg has mentioned a lot of the names in his report so I will not repeat them here but participating in the many ways will make this a richer club and you a happier member.

Two which involve more than member's time are from Kit Tanner who donated two bandsaw blades for the workshop and from Stuart Graham who has again donated more of his pens to be given to guest speakers as a mark of appreciation.

As a follow on to the first paragraph we are looking for a volunteer to act as the caterer for workshops at the shed. Don't let the title put you off. It is not as onerous as it sounds. All that is required is for you to ensure there is a supply of tea, coffee, sugar etc for morning tea and to boil the urn just the same way as John Goodyer does at the monthly meetings at the

school. When there is to be a barbeque lunch there will be rolls, sausages etc as well. All expenses will be reimbursed promptly by Gordon.

### March Meeting and Workshop

Our guest speaker will be one we have heard before but this time on a different topic. Gordon is telling us about the rose engine he has made recently. I always thought they grew on thorny bushes but then my turning knowledge is very limited. With a bit of luck he will go on to explain what it is used for and broaden my education.

Then on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Kit Tanner is going to hold workshop two on bandsaw box making. This will involve finishing the boxes which were started last month. As Greg mentions in his report there will be other activities to entertain those of us who are not involved with Kit or those who are waiting for their turn with him.

### Egyptian Tools

Kiama Woodcraft Group has invited us to a presentation by Art Burrows on Egyptian tools at their meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Art is from Australian Woodworker magazine.

### Club Library

The library which is now housed at BobTurnbull's work premises (Coastal Phones & Data) has a steady trickle of visitors who are beginning to appreciate the value of such a facility. There are all sorts of books and magazines there which are invaluable when you are looking for that hard to get information. It is much more comfortable to use now and Bob will even shout a cup of coffee if you want it.

### Forthcoming Program

- Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Barbeque at Bunnings
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Turning Design with Bill Turner and/or  
Brian Byrne
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Sharpening Workshop at Jim Davey's

### **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT MARCH 2009**

The first workshop to be held at the Nowra Men's Shed has been held at it was a great success, the second workshop will be held on Saturday 21 March 09 with the Bunning's BBQ being held on Sunday 22 March 09. This will be a very busy weekend for our members.

Charlie Francis has resigned as Secretary and Public Officer for the society. We will be sorry to see Charlie leave the society. The committee has asked Peter Jackson to temporarily fill this position until the AGM in July. Peter has graciously agreed to the request and will be a valuable addition to the committee. We will be appointing a new Public Officer for the society.

The club's Dust Extractor and Air Filter are being installed at the Nowra Men's Shed. The installation should improve the air quality in the shed and provide a safer environment for our members attending workshops.

The new society banner will be completed by the end of February and this should help to raise the societies profile when we attend public functions like the Bunning's BBQ.

If this report sounds a bit shaky that is because I am writing it in February as I will be away for the early part of March. I am travelling to Adelaide and then across to Melbourne and back home. Hopefully I will have a few stories to tell you on my return.

Greg Clark

#### **WORKSHOP NOWRA MEN'S SHED 21 FEB 09**

For all intents and purposes this workshop was a roaring success. There were twenty one people at the workshop with a mixture of Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society and Nowra Men's shed members in attendance. This is the largest number I have ever seen at a workshop and they all appeared to be enjoying themselves. The interaction that was going on between the people was great to witness.

Special thanks to Kit Tanner for instructing and guiding the members through the intricacies of bandsaw box making but also for his generous donation of the two bandsaw blades consumed during the workshop. Thanks to Don Parkinson, Allan Spearpoint, Paul Warren and all the other members of the Nowra Men's Shed for making sure that the Shed was ready for the workshop. Thanks to George Viellaris for demonstrating woodturning to the people who were waiting for their turn to use the bandsaw. Thanks to Gordon Elford for cooking our lunch on the BBQ and thanks to Doug Shanks who is building the boat at the other end of the shed for the loan of his bandsaw.

Peter Jackson gave a slick safety brief on the use of the bandsaw and it was obvious by the way Peter delivered the presentation and assisted members with the use of the machine that he has a wealth of experience in this area and we will be utilising more of Peter's experience in the future.

The bandsaw was giving us a great deal of trouble when we first arrived until Bob Turnbull notice that it was running in reverse. We managed to rectify the defect and the bandsaw behaved itself from that point on. But it was not all bad news as Kit was able to set a club record for the only person to cut out a bandsaw box on a bandsaw running in reverse.

With the big bandsaw in full use we had to stop and start with its use as we placed the fence on the saw and after a few cuts removed it again. Stewart Graham came up with the brilliant idea of fitting the small bandsaw with a fence and uses it to cut off the end off the boxes. This idea worked OK but the little GMC bandsaw was struggling to make a straight cut. Despite the problems with the little bandsaw this was still a good idea.

All the feedback I have had on the workshop has been positive and that was great to hear but we can do better. It was difficult to manage a large group like we had but rather than limit the numbers to the next workshop we will run more activities so that people will not be

all trying to use the one machine at the same time. The shed is big enough for us to run three separate activities at the same time. The next workshop will be to allow us to complete the bandsaw box and apply a finish to the box as well as have wood turning being undertaken and possibly wood carving all at the same time.

For those members who were unable to attend this workshop you have missed out on a great day but it is anticipated that we will hold many more of these workshops in the future.

Greg Clark



Kit Tanner



Kit shows Mike & Demetrio finer details.



Various Stages of making the box.



Cutting on Bandsaw improves when motor goes the right the way.



Members who attended the Kit Tanner Workshop, all had a great time.

*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> April 2009***