

# TREEN TOPICS

September 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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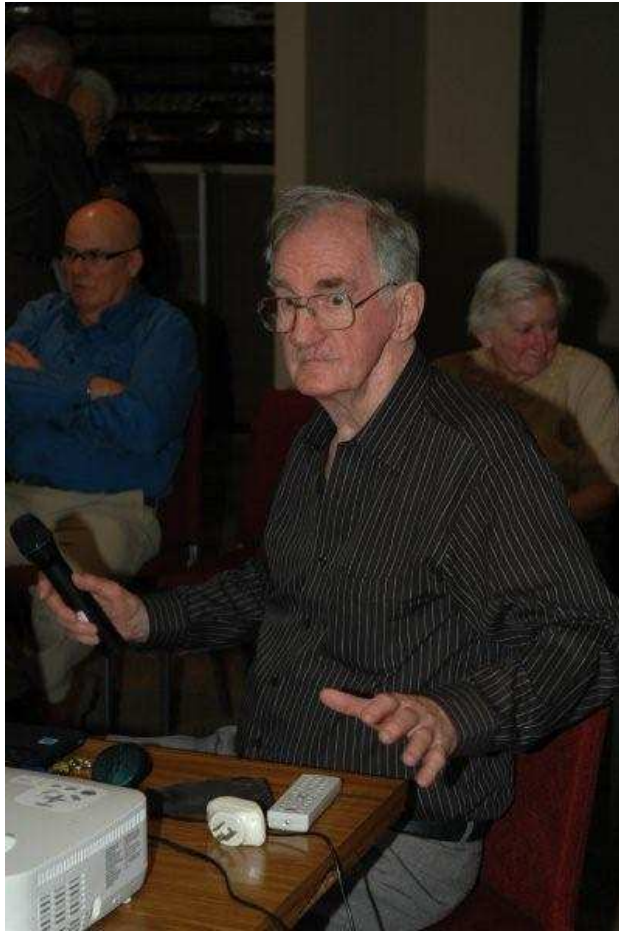
### **Ladies Night**

Well what a resounding success the ladies night turned out to be when it was held as a dinner function for the first time. The numbers that turned up were a good indication that the concept was a popular one. I counted 65 people there. The meal was good and reasonably priced and the guest speaker proved to be particularly interesting. All of these factors combined to make it a most enjoyable night.

One of the highlights of the evening was the awarding of the Len Arthur Memorial Award for 2009 and it was pleasing to see Shirley and three of her four sons there for the occasion. The recipient was Geoff Spencer who was a very worthy winner having been a foundation member, held various positions on the committee and edited the Treen Topics for something like ten years. His contribution to the club was recognised in 2006 when he was made a life member. Geoff responded to the award in his easy going manner.

Following the formalities Art Burrows, accompanied by his wife Barbara, gave his presentation on Egyptology and the woodworking tools which they used in those times. Art was the founder of the Australian Woodworker magazine in 1985. He used an interesting lot of slides to illustrate what he was telling us. It was obvious that he was very well informed on the subject and has spent a great deal of time in Egypt and in researching the topic. The number and quality of the tools which they had was meagre by our present day standards and it would have taken a long time to get work done, but some of the work still exists after 4500 years so that says something for them. Art was presented with one of Stuart's pens as a token of the club's appreciation.





Art Burrows preparing for his talk on Ancient Egypt

Greg Clark with Barbara Burrows



Piece of Ancient pottery found by Art

### Creative Moments

The count down is well and truly on now Exhibits have to be in on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> which is only EIGHT days after this meeting. ***Of at least equal importance is the date which your entry forms have to be in Jim's hands. This is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 5.00 PM, the day after this meeting. If you are not able to get it in the mail in time to be confident that it will be there on time, bring it to the meeting and give it to him there. Do not send the form for the items to go in the for sale section to Jim! Bring it on the day. Also do not send the entry fee to Jim but pay it on the day.***

We have been appealing to all club members to take part in the exhibition by putting some of your work on display. This is important for the success of the show and to demonstrate to the public and to prospective members that ours is a successful club and one worth belonging to. Remember that it is not a competition where your work is being judged in comparison with other people's work, but rather, an opportunity to show the world what you do.

How is the sale of your raffle tickets going? It is important that we sell as many of these as we can to cover the cost of the exhibition. Otherwise any shortfall comes out of our club funds which would reduce the amount we have to purchase equipment for the shed. If you are able, please ask for a second book.

The other important task which we should all share is the manning of the duty roster at the Art Gallery during the show. This only requires you to spend a few hours either in the morning or the afternoon and if everyone helps, then each person would only need to do one shift for the whole three weeks. A sheet will be passed around at the meeting asking for volunteers. Please consult your diary before you come to the meeting so you can put your name down for a date which suits you.

### **Annual Subscriptions**

These were due in June so are now well and truly OVERDUE. As at the 2<sup>nd</sup> September there were still three members who have not paid. If the box has an X in it, it means that you are one of those tardy three. Please pay up.



### **Forthcoming Program**

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

George Viallaris speaking on Turning Design

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Entry forms for Creative Moments due to Jim by 5.00PM

#### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Workshop on Turning continued. Those not involved in the turning workshop are going to make one of the planing / sanding jigs shown in the last Treen Topics.

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Deliver exhibits for Creative Moments 9.00 until 11.00AM

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Official opening of Creative Moments at 6.00PM

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Collect exhibits from Creative Moments 3.00PM

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Wattyl Paint man speaking on spray painting (We hope)

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Plane Tuning at Jim Davey's Shed

### **Club Logo**

Believe it or not, the design of the revised club logo has been decided and a black and white copy of it will be displayed at this meeting. The coloured version should follow possibly as soon as next month. Once that is available the club's business card and new letter head can be finalised.

### **A Smile Does Wonders For Us**

Little Johnny was in the garden filling in a hole when the man from next door looked over the fence. Interested in what his young neighbour was up to, he asked:

“What are you doing Johnnie?”

“My goldfish died” replied Johnnie tearfully without looking up, “and I just buried him.”

The inquisitive neighbour said, “That is a big hole for a goldfish isn't it?” Johnny patted down the finished mound and replied “That's because he's inside your mongrel cat!”



WOODTURNING TRAINING – NOWRA MEN’S SHED  
19 SEPTEMBER 2009

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

Members on standby to fill vacancies Cec Butler and Greg Clark.

**WORKSHOP NOWRA MEN’S SHED  
22 AUGUST 09**

The theme of this workshop was basically to get some woodturning training underway. George Viellaris has kindly offered to conduct training the training and there were a number of members who would like to take advantage of the training. Unfortunately Graham and Warwick had to withdraw at the last minute so Jim slotted in. The training ran smoothly but George did comment that at times he was very busy. We will talk to George and the students after the training is completed in September and determine what our future requirements are for woodturning training.

Although the workshop was basically about woodturning there were a number of other themes going on in the background. Gordon demonstrated a simple but very effective overhead pin router for making

Christmas decorations and Jim instructed Don in the use of the old style Griffin Dovetail Jig, I know Don was appreciative of the instruction and we can expect to see many dovetail boxes made now that he is confident in the use of the jig.

Special thanks to George for his efforts in conducting the training and to Terry for again organising and delivering the catering.

Greg Clark

## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **SEPTEMBER 2009**

It doesn't seem all that long ago when I sat down to write the report for the August Treen Topics but there has been a fair bit going on in the society and at home.

I have managed to refinish the dining room table that my Great Grand Father made sometime before I was born; the table is made from English Oak and presented a few problems with the refinishing. My Grandmother used boot polish to maintain the table, this sounds a bit harsh but you have to remember this was fifty plus years ago and furniture polish was not readily available to the general public and what was available was expensive hence the boot polish.

I kept looking at the table and wondering how I was going to strip off all that wax since it was clogging any and all abrasive paper I tried to use, and the compound curves particularly on the legs meant it was difficult to get a scraper onto the job, then along came Ernie the Organoil rep who gave us the presentation in June. Ernie suggested I use kitchen scourers to remove the built up wax. Two scourers later and a lot of elbow grease I had removed about half a kilogram of wax and then I started sanding. Once I had completed the sanding I moved onto the finishing; you guessed it, it has been finished in Organoil and looks pretty good, ready for another fifty years.

Ladies night seemed to go off well any feedback I have had regarding the evening has been positive and we are looking at holding another one sometime early in the new year possibly March or April we are researching possible guest speakers, we will keep you informed of our progress.

George is doing a Stirling job instructing members in woodturning techniques at the workshop, all the students are benefiting from his instruction. We will run more classes in the near future so if you missed out on this round do not despair there will be another chance latter in the year.

There is another round of grant applications available so we will be applying for another grant to allow us to purchase a descent breaking down bandsaw, something that will be very useful for workshops and general members use.

As I write Warwick has just rung and told me that we have been given Sunday 13 September as another BBQ at Bunning's so I will have to swing over into BBQ mode and work out what we need in the way of supplies.

Greg Clark

**BUNNING'S BBQ  
FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2009  
ROSTER**

Morning 0800 – 1100 Hrs	Midday 1030 – 1330 Hrs	Afternoon 1300 – 1600 Hrs
Warwick Robinson	Peter Jackson	Liesel Turnbull
Graham Wiseman	Gordon Elford	Stuart Graham

Note:

We are handling food so wash hand regularly, only handle food whilst using tongs or wearing gloves. Change the gloves as often as you feel you need to as your hands will sweat inside the gloves.

Fatigue will be a problem if you feel like you need a break then please take a break. We will be setting up a couple of chairs outside the tent so that you can sit down whilst you take your break.



*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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009*