

# TREEN TOPICS

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*Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.*

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

*Nowra Technology High School. Moss St. Nowra*

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### February Meeting

This will be the first of our regular monthly meetings at the high school in 2010 in what should be another year of interest and increasing knowledge in our woodworking skills .

It is hoped that the induction packs will be given to all members this month. This pack contains all you need to know about the club plus the safety requirements for club activities, and is a document which will be given to new members from now on.

Remember the item about wearing your name badge in the previous Treen Topics? Make the box on the front table your first stop when you arrive on Wednesday night. For those newer members who do not have one, we will be taking your names and arranging one for you by the March meeting.

The guest speaker will be Bob Turnbull on making a sled for your table saw. He will be supported by Peter Farrell who also has one of these very effective and handy things.

### The Club Library

This valuable but under used resource is housed at Bob Turnbull's premises off Central Avenue in South Nowra.

It contains lots of books, magazines and videos on most aspects of our craft and if you have not had a look at it before, you may be surprised at how useful it can be.

The good news is that Greg has almost completed a data base of the library's contents so you will be able to look up an index instead of

having to browse through every shelf to find what you are looking for. He expects to have that completed about the end of February.

### Machinery Grant

As Greg mentioned last month, we received a grant of \$4790 courtesy of the federal government for the purchase of woodworking machinery. With this we are going to buy a good bandsaw, an oscillating edge sander and a bobbin sander. All going well these new units should be in operation at the men's shed by about April.

On top of these purchases the Committee is considering using some of our own funds to buy a jointer and a thicknesser. More on this anon.

### Night Workshop

The first of these is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> which is the Tuesday after this meeting! The first project is to be a stool and plans and the cutting list will be tabled at the meeting. Remember you need to bring your own tools and safety gear. There will be a lot more information given at the meeting for those people who intend to take part.

### Nowra Show

For anyone who intends exhibiting woodwork at the Nowra show on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February, a wink and a nod in Gordon's direction at this meeting might be helpful.

He and two members of the Kiama club are the judges for this section of the annual show and it is rumoured that he enjoys a good bottle of single malt.

### Kiama Woodwork Exhibition

There are two significant events coming up at Kiama, both of which will be well worth a look. Firstly their Wood Exhibition is on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of March at the Masonic hall Kiama.

The other one is the Australian Scroll Saw National Exhibition to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May. I think this has been held at Albury previously so this is much closer to home.

## Carving Lessons

A man named Enn Muller conducts carving lessons at Albion Park Rail throughout the year if anyone is interested in either learning a new skill or improving on what they already know.

The lessons are held on Monday evenings from 6.00 to 9.00PM or on Fridays from 10.00AM to 1.00PM. They are conducted in parallel with the ten week school terms. Tools and timber are supplied.

The cost for a ten week term is \$200. This is paid as a \$100 deposit then \$20 per week until the \$200 figure is reached. There is also a charge of \$50 for timber.

Mr Muller can be phoned on 4257 1107.

## Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 17th February	General Meeting – Bob Turnbull on making a Table Saw Sled and their benefits in your workshop
Saturday 20th February	Workshop on making a sled or a project of your choice
Tuesday 23rd February	Night Workshop 6.00 to 9.00 – Stool making
Wednesday 3rd March	Committee Meeting
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kiama Wood Expo
Wednesday 17th March	General Meeting – DVD viewing of the Geoffery Hannah Cabinet
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Sharpening workshop – Jim Davey's shed
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Night Workshop continues
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Committee Meeting
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	General Meeting – Peter Farrell on Drawer making

## **For Sale**

The table saw at the Mens Shed is for sale owing to a better one being procured. It has a 3 phase motor, 250mm blade, cast iron table. A steal at \$100. See Greg or Don Parkinson.

## **BUNNING'S BBQ 26 JANUARY 2010**

What can I say about this one, not much the day was HOT and the customers were few and far between but we still managed to sell almost 200 sausage sandwiches and I lost count of the number of drinks. We were able to bank \$443.50 for the club which we would not have had available any other way.

Special thanks to the crew, the morning crew consisted of Ian on the grill, Margaret making the sandwiches and Warwick taking the money while the afternoon crew consisted of Norm on the grill, Dianne making the sandwiches and Peter taking the money. They all did a magnificent job under very hot conditions and they all deserve our thanks.

I think I will bring a deck of cards for the next mid week BBQ so we have something to do while we are waiting for the customers. The next scheduled BBQ is Monday 14 June 2010, that's right the Monday of the June long weekend; at least it will have cooled down by then.

Regards Greg

## **JANUARY BBQ**

For all of the members who did not go; you missed a great night. Dennis and Marilyn are very hospitable people and they have a magnificent home nestled in the farm lands at Jasper Brush. The highway is close by but not too close; you have to strain to hear the traffic noise if any, but you do get to see the car lights streaking down the highway in the distance at night.

We had a very pleasant evening sitting on the veranda and under the trees in the side garden, enjoying the conversation without a care in the world. Dennis provided tours of his workshop located in the old dairy milking shed and Marilyn provided tours of the house.

To Dennis and Marilyn; on behalf of the members we would like to thank you for a wonderful evening the venue and hospitality were terrific.  
Greg Clark



Georges Document Box



Dennis demonstrated his bandsaw resaw jig at the Barbeque

## **FOR SALE**

Keith McKiernan has some timber for sale.

Jarraah Burls 9” in diameter and 2.5” - 3” thick,

Jarraah Slabs 4” thick,

and Jarrah Stake 20 mm x 40 mm.

Keith wants \$5 per kilogram for the burls.

Keith can be contacted on (02) 4443 4562.

## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **FEBRUARY 2010**

We have hit the deck running this month with a successful committee meeting early February. There was a total of twenty two individual items requiring discussion and decision and we made it through with a definitive plan to move the Society ahead.

We have finally completed the database with all our members’ details; this has been a large commitment since the database covers the Society membership from 1987. The database is as accurate as we can make it and that is in no small measure to the diligence of Gordon Elford. Gordon maintained a manual record of our membership for a significant amount of time which formed the basis for our current membership database.

For those of you who are interested we have had a total of one hundred and eighty five members over the years but our current membership is forty. In addition there are still four members who joined the society in 1987. The membership has remained fairly constant over the years at about forty.

Stewie is currently in the process of mustering and reorganising the library. We expect to be completed by the end of February and we will

produce a list for Treen Topics so that all members can see what books and DVD's we hold.

We intend to hand out a Members Manual to all our members starting with the February meeting. This manual is the result of a lot of hard work on behalf of Peter Jackson and Bob Turnbull. Peter wrote the manual and all the other equipment related safety briefs and Bob is utilising his time and resources to print the manual for us at cost.

We will be spending the grant money ASAP but we realise that the night workshops will require access to planners and thicknesser and we are currently investigating the purchase of these machines utilising the money we have raised from the Bunning's BBQ's.

The workshops are enjoyed by all who attend so if you want the night workshops as a permanent fixture turn up and participate.

A word of caution you will have to be patient with our first night workshop until we can refine the processes required to run a successful workshop.

Greg Clark

### **PASSING OF BILL LOVELL**

It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of Bill Love  
Bill passed away early February 2010.

Bill was a long term member of the society joining in 1990; our thoughts are with Bill's relatives and close friends at this difficult moment.

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010