

## TREEN TOPICS May 2010

### Guest Speaker at May Meeting

Brian Pickett from Greenwell Point will speak on his collection of slightly over 5000 hammers which featured on the Collectors program on the ABC a while back . Please note that he has another appointment and will be leaving at 8.00PM so *it is important that we are ready for him to start at 7.30 precisely!*

### April Meeting

It was good to see Geoff Spencer at the meeting . Geoff is a life member and the recipient of the Len Arthur award last year and we do not often have the pleasure of his company these days.

Half a dozen members volunteered to do some maintenance work at the PCYC on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We will hear how they fared at this meeting.

Bill Turner knows of someone with a Nova TL lathe for sale for \$800. If you are interested see Bill.

David Hire had a sample of unidentified wood of which he has a surplus and is willing to sell some to anyone interested.

To begin Show and Tell Bill Turner recounted an adventure he had on the train at Unanderra the previous week . He then showed a bowl made from the trunk of a grass tree . He reported that it chipped very easily during the turning process and produced a black powder in lieu of shavings. He also found it hard to apply the finish and eventually gave it three coats of good old Danish oil.

Gordon Elford, who never fails to show something, had found himself at 11.00AM that morning with nothing for S&T so he got busy. He arrived at the meeting with an attractive clock made from some nicely figured and heavy bull oak finished with danish oil.

Garry Usher produced photos of an old hut he is well on the way to restoring in the wilds of the Yalwal hills.

The hut is situated near Yarramunmun Creek and he has made good use of bush rock and bush timber to make the three rooms very comfortable. A large rock fireplace with several camp ovens and old cooking utensils make a great feature and no doubt produce

good food .

### Creative Moments 2010

Our three reps this year are Gordon as treasurer, Jim as registrar and one of our newer members John Knowles on the committee. Thanks for your commitment John. Fiona Hackett from the spinners and weavers is chairperson.

It will be held from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October . Jim will be telling us what we are doing for our raffle prize . The exhibition will be open to All members so let's hope that everyone does take part . Entries need to be something you have made during the last year and predominately out of wood . You may show up to ten items in the exhibition and as many as you like in the takeaway sales section. With four months before it starts there will be a reminder in this bulletin each month for you to make things to show .

### Annual General Meeting

This important event is two months away so it is time to start thinking about who you want on the committee and especially what you can do to help the club including becoming a committee member. In place of a guest speaker we are having a giant show and tell in which we want everyone to take part.

Anything of interest including woodwork, tools, jigs or something you have picked up in some remote corner during your travels will do .

### Australian Scrollsaw Exhibition at Kiama

The Australian Scroll Saw National Exhibition is to be held this coming weekend in Kiama. Even if you are not into scroll sawing it will still be worth taking your wife for a Sunday drive and having a look to see the best of this craft in the country.

### Bunnings Barbeque

The next one of these money making ventures is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June ( Monday of the June long weekend ). There will be a sheet sent around at this meeting asking for volunteers to help. These BBQs are our main source of funds to buy machinery for the shed. Without them our facilities would be nowhere near as good.

## Something Funny

Bob & Liesel Turnbull's 2year old Grandson was heard to remark to his Dad 'Can you get me the Doctor!' when asked 'the what?' he pointed to the hammer. When asked why he called it a Doctor he said' Cause it fixes things!' Taking after Grandad already!

## Night Workshop

At last we have a project to move onto when the stools are completed. It will be a tote of the tool carrying kind. A suitable design will be provided unless you want to use your own. It should be a fairly simple job but we usually say that at the beginning before we realise just what is involved!

## Classified Ads

- 1/ Allwood Specialty Timbers, 8 Geary Place,  
North Nowra .  
Phone Phil Gould on 4423 3295,  
mobile 0437 998 977  
This **Wood Sale** is for the whole month of May.  
You must state that you are a member of the  
Shoalhaven Woodcraft Association .  
40% off timber shorts  
10 – 30% off all cabinet grade timber  
Specials on job lots and pack lots
- 2/ Central tablelands Woodcraft --  
**Craft on Show** 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Bathurst Showground  
All handcrafts included with an emphasis on Woodcraft  
--- Cash prizes  
More information from [woodies@lisp.com.au](mailto:woodies@lisp.com.au)
- 3/ Gippsland Woodcraft Group **Open Day** --  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Woodcraft supplies and woodwork for sale .  
Demonstrations of woodturning , scrollsaw work, carving,  
furniture restoration and timber slabbing ,  
Maffra – Rosedale road Nambrok  
Phone Beth 5116 5167 , mobile 0437 358 226 or

Graeme 5174 5368

- 4/ **For sale** – Makita Thicknesser model 2012  
from deceased estate ( near new )  
Capacity 12" x 4" - \$650 or near offer  
Contact Norm Phillips 4423 5821

Forthcoming Program

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May Night workshop – Stool making and other projects and each Tuesday

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May - General Meeting  
Nowra High School – Brian Pickett speaking on his collection of over 5000 hammers

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Workshop on cutting veneers with the new Hammer bandsaw including accreditation so you are allowed to use it.

21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May Australian Scrollsaw Exhibition, Kiama

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Committee Meeting  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June Bunnings Barbeque

**RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT MAY 2010**

The working Bee at PCYC was a success although I think the PCYC management underestimate the full scope of the task. We started by fixing trim around the office window, moved to fixing kitchen cupboards, painting toilets and cleaning out under the stage; it is amazing what is collected over the years. The PCYC was very appreciative of our efforts; the thanks that we received from PCYC for our time was both warm and sincere.

I would like to thank the team; Gordon, Peter, David and Terry for all of their work. I have a list of a number of small projects that we have been asked to complete; I will progress these tasks as time and materials become available.

When Terry, Peter and Gordon started painting they went straight for the ladies toilet, I not sure wether that was because the ladies toilets were the most in need of painting or they were just curious but either way they did a great job. David proved to be very resourceful and his experience as a handy man proved useful as we went about fixing cupboard doors and the like.

The working bee managed to lop or remove all the trees overhanging the building, mulch the gardens, clean out all the gutters, paint the toilets, clean out under the stage, clean out the kitchen and remove a lot of accumulated equipment that was either broken or no longer required. The work was undertaken by a number of community groups and individuals with people arriving throughout the day. It was a community project and it was good to see the community get behind the task.

I have noted from Peters input to Treen Topics that he has covered most of the upcoming events but we will need nominations for the Len Arthur award for 2010.

The Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Len Arthur Award will be awarded annually to a member of the club who have has demonstrated and promoted the ideals of the club.

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Nomination for the award will be taken from the membership with the committee making the final decision on the recipient of the award. The nominations are available for past and present members.

Greg Clark

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### ***Your Committee***

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### ***Next Committee Meeting:***

*Bomaderry Bowling Club  
7.30pm Wednesday 2nd June 2010*