

# 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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**JANUARY BBQ 19 JANUARY 2011**

The January BBQ was held at Marilyn and Denise's home at Jaspers Brush. The weather was overcast with light rain but that didn't dampen the hospitality or our spirits. Marilyn's and Denise's home has a significant area which is under cover. The more I see of Denise's and Marilyn's home the more I like it.

Last year Dennis was building an outdoor pizza oven; this year the oven was finished and operating. There was what appeared to be an endless supply of pizza with all sorts of delicious toppings coming out of the oven; we didn't really need to bring our own food as the pizza was very filling.

Stuart and his brother Stan brought along a number of pull along toys. The original were over 40 years old and the copies which were only made this year; it was hard to tell the difference. Stuart and Aileen had a race along the veranda but I think Aileen is a little more nimble than Stuart and won the race by several meters and also several minutes.

The evening was such a relaxing event that I was sitting down talking to people when everybody started to leave around me and I realised it was getting late and I would have to leave.

Many thanks to Marylyn and Denis for opening their home to us and supply such wonderful hospitality.

Greg Clark



## February Program

16th Feb—General Meeting - Inlay, Peter Farrell  
Nowra High School

26th Feb - Sharpening Workshop - Jim Davey's Shed

16th March : General Meeting : Veneer/ Vacuum Bagging  
Warwick Robinson Nowra High School

19th March: Workshop Demonstration of Vacuum  
Bagging Warwick Robinson,  
Nowra Mens Shed

20th April: General Meeting: Finishing , Doug Green  
Nowra High School

23rd April: Workshop, Different Types of Finishes  
Nowra Men's Shed

23rd April: Bunnings South Nowra

## **WORKSHOP SATURDAY 22 JANUARY 2011**

The theme for this workshop was Timber Processing and machine accreditation. We had arranged on the preceding Friday to pick up a second hand planner from a workshop in the hinterland behind Richmond. This doesn't sound like much but when you consider that the planner is a large heavy machine weighting in excess of 500 KGs this was quite a feat.

The planner was transported from Richmond to Nowra on Friday that left us with the task unloading and positioning the planner in the workshop on Saturday. We had utilised an engine hoist to load the planner and again it was utilised to unload the machine at the Men's Shed. The machine was maneuvered into position and then the process of checking the machine to see how it had survived the moving commenced. We had to make adjustments to the table alignment and the electrical system needs to be updated but other than these minor problems the planner works well.

Once the job of installing the planner was completed we started on accreditation, we managed to update the certification on the Hammer Bandsaw and also complete the certification of the Thicknesser and the Planner. In addition to the accreditation we also managed to fit in a break for lunch.

After lunch we started processing some of the timber donated to the SWS by Margaret Martin; it was impressive to see how the machines work and how much figure is in the timber; as the grain pattern is only revealed when the timber is dressed.

The planner is a 12" wide with two knives fitted to the head; this means that timber has to be moved slowly across the cutter head to get a smooth surface. The Thicknesser is 15" wide with a helical head and works extremely well particularly on cranky grain. The finish off the Thicknesser is outstanding and the noise is significantly less than a normal knife fitted machine.

We now have the ability to process timber boards from rough saw to fine timber and I think you will all agree that this is a significant step forward.

I would like to thank Jim for firstly locating the planner and then arranging for its transport back to Nowra and I mustn't forget Terry as his expertise with the BBQ is nothing short of outstanding. In addition I would like to thank David for undertaking the checking of the electrical system of the Planner. Great work guys.

Greg Clark



**Ramblings from the President  
February 2011**

Time fly's when you are having fun, it only seems like yesterday when I was drafting Ramblings for January and here we are in February already. So I should give you an update on what has happened in January.

The 12" planner has been transported from Sydney and installed in the men's shed quite an involved evolution but it was completed successfully. We are having the electricians on the planner updated so that it is safer to use. The planner is operating safely at the moment but it requires a no volts breaker to be fitted and a longer power cable. Special thanks to Jim, David and John for their efforts with the planner.

We have completed a preliminary survey of the land being offered for the new shed. The land is flood prone with a 1 in 100 flood level of 5 meters. You will all agree that this is a significant amount of water; Terra would all but disappear under a flood event of this magnitude. We have requested additional information from council regarding the flood level. Thanks to Warwick and John who have assisted with this project.

The altar for the chapel at Jim De Silver Farm has been completed and Warwick and I delivered the altar last Friday. Anthony Nolan the coordinator of the farm was extremely grateful for the work we had done. We will produce a report on the altar later this year. There were a significant number of design and construction challenges overcome during the project that will make a report worth while. Special thanks to Warwick, Terry, Billy and Bob who all participated in the project. The chapel will be dedicated by the Bishop early April 2011 and the Woodies will be given an invitation to attend.

We have continued with the removal of timber from Margaret Martins. Margaret has kindly donated the timber to the society and we are putting it to good use as we are making coffee tables as a workshop project. If you were to visit the men's shed on a Tuesday night you would see a flurry of activity with the timber being planned and dimensioned ready for use. Special thanks to Peter for moving the timber when the temperature has ranged from Hot to Extremely Hot when the timber was being moved.

Well I must go it is getting late and I have to go to work tomorrow. See you all at the meeting in February.

Greg Clark









Jim and Susie celebrating his 59th birthday



Warwick and Colleen also celebrating his 59th birthday

## ***Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.***

*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 a 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.*

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

*Bomaderry Bowling Club  
7.30pm Wednesday 2nd March 2011*