

TREEN TOPICS

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Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

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January Meeting

This is the annual barbeque to begin the year and to catch up after the Christmas break . Dennis and Marilyn O'Keeffe have kindly made their home available for this event again and they live at 45 O'Keeffe's Lane , Jaspers Brush . It will be on even if it rains . If you need to check on anything give them a ring on 4448 6185 .

As usual you bring everything you need including food , plates , cutlery , drinks , chairs , table etc . Starting time is 5.30 to 6.00 PM .

November Meeting

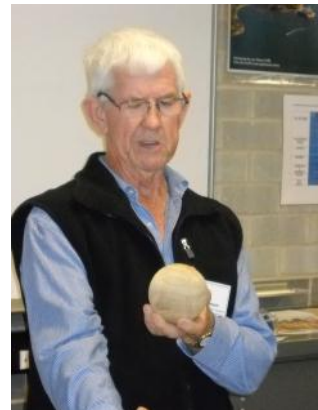
Greg announced that the new website is up and going and It can be found at www.shoalhavenwoodcraft.com.au . Several of our members have spent a considerable amount of time in putting this website together and their efforts are to be applauded . Mike Mulquinney in particular has done the bulk of the work in arranging the new format of the site . One who should not be forgotten is Geoff Spencer who single handedly created and maintained the previous club website over many years .

The new site will develop further as time goes by and you will be able to see photos of your show and tell items and things which you display at the exhibition each year .

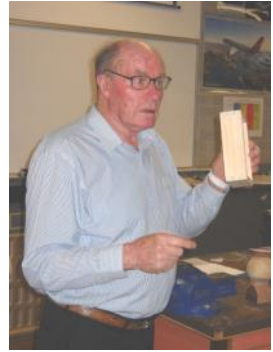
Gordon turned two large bowls which proved popular when they were raffled at the Linear Accelerator fund raiser at Bunnings . The camphor laurel wood for the bowls was donated by Margaret Martin .



Bill Turner brought along a spherical ball turned from fig and he proceeded to explain how he had made a shaped drive block which he employed to hold it during turning with the aid of Gordon's friction rubber idea .



Jim Houselander had a partially completed box featuring dovetail joints made with a dovetailing jig which Jim made himself . As a first go with the jig it seems to be working well .



Peter Jackson turned his first bowl for a long time and made a very nice job of it .



The outer rim was made from one timber and within it was another bowl made from contrasting coloured segments neatly fitted together .

Bob Turnbull was our speaker for the night on the subject of his CNC Router which stands for ‘Computer Numerical Control’ . A few of the more computer and electronically literate members were nodding their heads wisely from time to time as Bob reeled off a litany of highly technical terms but most of us poor old ordinary woodworkers sat there with our eyes glazed and looking awestruck at the complexity of it all.

However once you have seen the machine working it all becomes much more comprehensible and a lot of the stuff Bob fired at us makes sense . He explained that the computer uses xyz coordinates for the dots that it uses to draw the job given to it . The machine is mounted on rails on each of the x , y and z axes so that it can travel in the three directions . The smallest bit it uses is 0.8mm diameter and the work done is very accurate . Some samples of things done with it were passed around and were impressive . I liked the neatness of the routed printing and as Bob said , the variety of things you can do with it is limited only by your imagination .

There was no doubt that Bob knew his subject and his understanding of both the electronic side of things and the mechanics of the machine were evident . He is still experimenting with this ‘toy’ at this stage so we can look forward to even more interesting demonstrations later on as he learns more about it .

Following the CNC talk Bob proceeded to show slides of their trip to Port Macquarie . All of the group agreed that the timber they brought home was good value and that there is a wide selection available up there . There were also photos of a very large band saw that is used for slabbing logs and which they saw working . The trip was not all hard work though as they managed to fit in a trip out to Wauchope to see Timbertown .

Purchase of Jointer

As the only jointer at the mens shed is a small 6” one it meant that our new 14” thicknesser would be of very limited use so it was agreed some time ago to be on the lookout for a 12” jointer either new or second hand and it is pleasing to report that one has now been purchased . It should be here very soon and may be in operation by the time we start workshops in 2011 . It is intended to make the workshop on 22nd January an accreditation day for the thicknesser and one for the jointer will be at a later date .

Timber for Sale

Margaret Martin has donated a considerable amount of camphor laurel and silky oak timber to the club . The timber had been accumulated by her late husband Alan who was a prominent member of the club . The timber is being made available to members at a significant discount . The price is \$3 per super foot for rough sawn timber and \$5 per super foot for dressed timber . Now that we are on the verge of getting the jointer and thicknesser going at the mens shed , it will be fairly simple to dress timber there . For people planning to make the coffee table at the Tuesday night workshop some of this would be a good and cheap option . See Warwick or Greg if you are interested .

Have a night out at Pirates of Nowrabeen

This is a charity auction /dinner to raise funds for the Nowra cancer care centre . It is being held on Saturday 19th February at Worrigea House beginning at 6.00PM . Entertainment will be provided by Nowra School Choir , Aiden Spencer , Pride and DJ .

Tickets are \$65 per head and bookings for tables of eight are essential .

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Australian Woodturning Exhibition

This exhibition is being held at Nunawading in Melbourne on 17 – 19th June and entries are invited and close on 27th May . There is a special category for novice turners and entries can be sent by post . Work can be sold or otherwise returned to the entrant . Two booklets outlining conditions and all other information will be available at the March meeting . In the meantime information is available at www.theaustralianwoodturningexhibition.com .

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 19 th January	General Meeting – Barbeque at Marilyn and Dennis O’Keeffe’s
Every Tuesday Night	Workshop – Coffee Table and other Projects Saturday 22 nd January Workshop – Machining Timber , Accreditation on Thicknesser
Wednesday 2 nd February	Committee Meeting
Wednesday 16 th February	General Meeting – Peter Farrell on Inlaying
Saturday 26 th February	Sharpening Workshop at Jim Davey’s Shed
Wednesday 2 nd March	Committee Meeting
Wednesday 16 th March	General Meeting – Doug Green on Finishing Outdoor Furniture
Saturday 19 th March	Workshop – Accreditation for Joints

CHRISTMAS BBQ 5 DECEMBER 2010

The BBQ was held under unpredictable weather conditions; it was difficult to determine if the rains would return or would there be bright sunshine for the first time in a week. The result was neither just an overcast day with storm clouds threatening; just the same we had a good day. The Girl Guide/Scout Hall at Huskisson proved to be a good venue, undercover with the kitchen attached to the main room and the toilets down the corridor. The big advantage in the Guide/Scout Hall over the facilities at Kangaroo Valley is that it is fully enclosed with the kitchen and the main hall side by side.

I would like to thank Sue and Liesel and all their guides and Margie for organising the catering I know it was appreciated allowing all our members to enjoy the BBQ without being stuck in the kitchen and missing most of the day.

I would also like to thank Heinz who provided the background music on his accordion, John Urwin from the Kiama woodies who donated a magnificent carved tray of biscuits to enhance the raffle prize and Billy Turnbull who brought along and demonstrated his Computer Controlled Router .

We also handed out two awards on the day one to Joan Roth and one to Norm Schultz.

Joan has been associated with the society since 1987 and has supported the society by providing her home as a venue for committee meetings, undertaking the catering for the Christmas BBQ and also the Creative Moments exhibition. Joan has always supported the society and the award was in recognition of this support.

Norm has been a member since 2003; Norm has supported the society since joining in particular he has assisted with all the Bunning's BBQ's. No matter what the weather or whatever his commitment for the day Norm always helps out and we know that the Bunning's BBQ's would not have been the success that they were without Norm.

Greg Clark

Corrections; All the members know Greg, its Bob's CNC Router not Billy's, However they enjoy it together. Also we wont tell any body that Bob had to mount Margarets sign on to her craft room door!





End of Year Get Together



Ramblings from the President January 2011

The New Year has arrived and I hope that all of our members and their families have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

The year that was 2010 proved to be a challenging year and the society has altered direction slightly by introducing the Tuesday Night Workshop and making a break from the traditional Christmas BBQ location of Kangaroo Valley to the Scout Hall at Huskisson.

The night workshops are a success and will be continued into 2011 and for the first time in a long while the committee has managed to map out the program for the whole of 2011. The change in venue for the Christmas BBQ proved to be a success with the hall, kitchen facilities and toilets all contained within the one building.

Bunning's has allocated three BBQ dates for the society in 2011 and these BBQ's will provide a boost to the society's funds. The Creative moment's exhibition is scheduled for September - October

and this provides the members with a venue to showcase their talents.

I would like to thank all members for their support throughout 2010 and I am looking forward to their continual support in 2011. I have personally learnt a lot in 2010 from the members of the society and this knowledge will enable me to undertake more ambitious projects with the knowledge and confidence to successfully complete those projects.

Greg Clark



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 February 2011*