

TREEN TOPICS

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Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

Showground Cottage

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March Meeting

This was our first general meeting to be held in the new shed, necessitated by our getting the old heave ho from the high school after a couple of decades of regular attendance there. The shed proved quite suitable for the purpose having ample room and chairs were brought out from the cottage for seating. Acoustics may not be the best on rainy nights but they don't happen that often and we will need to rug up on cold nights but that is up to the individual. Practical demonstrations will be easily accommodated and the cottage is close by for the cuppa afterwards. All in all, it is a most suitable venue.

After 15 years as treasurer, Gordon has announced that he will not be continuing in that position after the AGM in July. It was acknowledged that he has done more than his share over this long period and that he is well deserving of a break. The new person will find the books in good order and well balanced and Gordon has offered to give any necessary tuition. Someone has to take over so give it some thought and speak to Greg if you are interested in the job.

As a precursor to the sharpening workshop on the following Saturday, Jim gave a sharpening demonstration to show how quickly a blade can be touched up once it has been properly ground and sharpened. The second of these workshops, Plane Tuning, will be held on Saturday 18th April and is a natural follow on to the sharpening day. Sharp tools are a pleasure to use and make the woodworker's job so much faster and easier. If you have not been to one of these before, go along and you will learn so much. A sheet will do the rounds at the meeting.

If there is a problem with any of the machines or other equipment in the shed it is essential that other people know about it so that it can be fixed. Otherwise the next person who wants to use that machine will find it still in that unserviceable condition. There is a yellow book in the shed which is there for such things to be recorded. If everyone cooperates by noting down any problems, repairs can be affected in the shortest possible time and the system will work to the advantage of all of us.

David Hire was first up for Show and Tell with a carved Scottish terrier dog. The carving was well done with the breed of dog easily identifiable. David had bought the dog while on a recent trip to America.

Heinz had a twelve sided wooden bucket about 250mm diameter and 300mm high. It was well jointed which it needs to be to hold water. He also had a chisel which featured a homemade wooden handle. Whether it made the journey out to Jim's for the sharpening day is not known.

Guest Speakers and Topics

It is surprisingly difficult to keep coming up with topics of interest as the highlight of the monthly meetings and even more difficult to find someone to present the talk. We also try to follow up these talks with a workshop on that particular topic on the Saturday following the meeting. If there is a subject which interests you and which would make for an interesting night, let one of the committee members know so that we can see what can be arranged. Similarly, if you know of someone who could be approached to give us a talk, let us know. Normally the subject is on woodwork but exceptions can be made if it is likely to be of general interest to the members. Suggestions will be welcomed.

Ladies Night

This will be held on Wednesday 19th August. The restaurant where it was held last year has closed down so suggestions are invited for a new venue. As an important event on the calendar it warrants your consideration. Any ideas will be welcome.

Wood Screw Exhibition

This annual exhibition will be held at Tilba Tilba on the weekend of 6th and 7th June in the village hall. There is an entry fee of \$2 and there is usually some good stuff there. There will also be demonstrations of CNC routing and other interesting things so it is worth the drive. Phone 4471 8696 or 4473 9696 for more information.

Official Opening of Showground Cottage

This milestone event will be on Friday 17th just a couple of days after this meeting. Beginning at 1000 hours, all members and wives are invited to come along and join the official guests and the members of the other two organisations. Finger food will be served so be a part of this momentous occasion. **If you are going it is important to let Greg know for catering purposes.**



John giving a helping hand to Beverley during a recent Tuesday night workshop.

BUNNINGS BBQ 11 APRIL 2015

I crawled out of bed on Saturday morning to find it was raining; a quick look at the weather forecast had me a little happier with the forecast saying it was clearing showers. The Ute was loaded on Friday night so all I had to do was drive it to Bunnings. I arrived just before 0800 Hrs to find that Norm wasn't there; this is a first; Norm is always there ready to work and giving me a lot of lip about being late. The shoe was on the other foot today and I had my revenge.

We were set up and selling our first sausage sandwiches by 0815 Hrs. Norm was on the plate, Gordon was buttering bread, Terry was assisting Gordon, Peter was handling enquiries and Margaret was on her way into town to pick up the rest of the bread order.

What you will probably not be aware of is we had sausages frozen from the last BBQ not usually a problem since we pull them out of the freezer a couple of days before the BBQ and place them into the fridge so they have thawed out in time for the BBQ. This time we had 250 sausages which went into the fridge as a block and a lot of them weren't thawed by the time we got them to the BBQ. This is usually not a big problem as we use them first but on Saturday we were still using them when our first rush of the day happened. We ran out of cooked sausages and the customers had to wait until fresh sausages were cooked.

Now this was the time that our midday shift of Warwick, Kynie and Richard arrived; Warwick was put to work at the front counter, Kynie assembled the sandwiches and Richard had to come and rescue me from the plate. There was fifty plus sausages on the plate at the time all had been frozen and they we all over the plate it took the two of us 15 minutes to get the situation under control and then I happily handed over the plate to Richard. This BBQ was Kynie's first and usually I won't bring a first timer onto the midday shift but knowing Kynie and her background I was confident she would cope with the rush and she did.

We had another three rushes and then our afternoon shift arrived. Steve and Jim had come down from the open day and Roger had been relaxing at home. Jim went to the front counter; Steve assembled the sandwiches and Rodger helped Richard on the plate. The midday shift had only just started when rush number four arrived without warning and the afternoon shift went into high gear. Steve struggled for a few minutes and then settled down into a routine and survived rush four and subsequently rush five.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help at the BBQ and to Margaret who purchased all the supplies and stayed all day to help. We managed to make a profit of \$995 for the day. The next Bunnings BBQ will be held on Saturday 6 June 2015 so if you can help out please do as this is our major source of funding for the society.

Greg Clark

RAMBLINGS APRIL 2015

It's now April and no I didn't manage to write up Ramblings for March. On a personnel note I have been away attending the Classic Wooden Boat Festival in Goolwa SA in late February; a great event but unfortunately it was 40 degrees on Saturday and 38 degrees on Sunday and that was on the edge of the river so the crowd numbers were down significantly. We returned home and then I left for Melbourne to see the Avalon International Air Show down in Victoria; again another great event and thankfully the temperatures were nowhere near the 40 degrees the weekend before. After returning home we were again on the move heading for a family wedding in Berri in South Australia. While we were there we took the opportunity to visit the mother in law who is living out on the edge of the Nullarbor Plain. We travelled over 10,000 kilometres with at least 4,000 Kilometres towing a 1.5 Tonne boat. As you can see it has been a hectic February and March. The information above is just my excuse as to why there were no Ramblings for March.

Now to the society's business, we have three new members David Koopmans, Mathew Tranter and Steve Maritz; it is always good to get new members as each person brings their expertise and experience to the group. Please make them feel welcome when you meet them.

The official opening of the new facility known as the "Makers Cottage" will occur on Friday 17 April 2015. The opening will be a chance to thank the people who have supported the development of the facility. There has been a significant amount of State Government funding, and a lot of assistance from Council and a number of local businesses which have got us to this point.

The development of the shed is an ongoing project with Laz looking at installing windows between the clean workshop area and the machine area; the windows will improve the safety of the workshop and assist with reducing the dust in the clean wood work area. We will be requesting quotations over the next few weeks for the installation of the retaining wall and associated concrete around the shed. The new top for the work bench is being constructed; mainly by Jim; the new top will be a significant improvement over the current bench top. The members who attend the Tuesday Night workshop have all been undertaking a lot of the small tasks associated with setting up a new workshop and we are grateful for their help. The next set of tasks will be the construction of shooting boards and jigs that will allow members to manufacture boxes more accurately and easily. As you are aware we have moved our general meeting to the new shed and this seems to be working, I will keep you advised of the progress. I think I have said enough for this month so I will finish here.

Greg Clark

The new Saw Stop



As mentioned in the last newsletter the club has purchased a new table saw. Why not come down to the shed, complete the training, and experience the joy of using a top quality saw.

Jim and Warwick refurbishing the clubs workbench during a Tuesday night workshop.



Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 15 th April	General Meeting at Shed – Warwick Robinson - Veneer Vacuum Bagging
Friday 17 th April	Official Opening of Club Cottage & Shed. All Welcome.
Saturday 18 th April	Workshop – Jim Davey on Plane Tuning
Every Tuesday Night	Workshop – Projects of your Choice
Every Thursday Morning	Workshop – Projects of your Choice
Wednesday 6 th May	Committee Meeting
Wednesday 20 th May	General Meeting – Mel Allen on Inlay
Saturday 23 rd May	Workshop at shed – Mel Allen on Inlay

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:

*Nowra Showground Cottage
7.30pm Wednesday 2nd July 2014*