

# TREEN TOPICS

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*Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.*

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

*Showground Cottage*

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## April meeting

Our second meeting in the shed was reasonably well attended and once again proved comfortable enough with chairs brought out from the cottage which is easily done. Remember to take the chair that you use for the meeting back into the cottage as you go in for supper at the conclusion of the meeting. This will save someone being burdened with the task of lugging a whole lot of chairs back.

Our speaker on the night was Warwick Robinson who spoke on using a vacuum bag for veneering. Warwick has been using this technique for some time so is familiar with the subject and is aware of many of the potential pitfalls. This procedure is particularly good for larger veneering jobs which are impossible to clamp except around the perimeter. Small things such as box lids can be clamped fairly easily but larger items will be more successfully done with the vacuum process. He uses Titebond 2 to glue the veneer to the substrate. The glue can be applied evenly over a large area with a sponge roller. It is a good idea to wrap the glued job in thin plastic before putting it in the vacuum bag. This keeps the inside of the bag clean. There is a fair monetary outlay to set yourself up with the equipment, but if you have the need, then it would be well worth your while to do so.

John Knowles impressed everyone with a nice chair which he had recently made. He had been down to Kyneton in Victoria where he fashioned the chair under the guidance of a local craftsman over six days. The whole project was done using hand tools for everything except drilling the holes. It features very slender lines with a contoured seat out of Fiji Mahogany. The spindles for the back rest were made from pin oak and shaped with a draw knife. Legs, arm rests etc were rock maple while two mirrors were used to drill the holes at the required angle. It is a job John can be proud of and will hopefully display at this year's exhibition.

Steve Sheaves came with another two segmented bowls made from merbau and silky oak. The smaller one was lidded with a nice handle and knob on top while the larger one was about 300mm diameter and was made from 336 pieces. Steve is becoming quite expert in this area.

Charlie Hillen showed us a standard lamp he had turned from pine and painted black. It is about two meters tall and he turned it in three segments. There is a series of beads along its length and it could probably be called a traditional Victorian standard lamp. I think it may be the one I saw wearing the blue ribbon at the Nowra show.

Gordon Elford kept to the Anzac theme with a small monument he had made for a friend and, in the process, gave us a very interesting history lesson. Mounted within the monument was a "Dead Man's Penny". This **Memorial Plaque** was issued after the First World War to the next-of-kin of all British and Empire service personnel who were killed as a result of the war. The plaques were made of bronze which explains why they were called the dead man's penny. Almost 1.4 million were awarded and 450 tonnes of bronze were used in their manufacture. Also within the little monument were two miniature books which were carried by many of the soldiers. One was a prayer book and the other a hymn book and between them they had 1600 legible pages. Gordon used his imagination to good effect in doing this job.

### May Meeting

This meeting Mel is going to be talking about inlay and marquetry. She and Peter Johnston did a marquetry course at Sturt School of Wood last year and judging by the couple of boxes they displayed at the Creative Moments exhibition, they learnt quite a bit about it. A nice piece of inlay or marquetry can turn a plain box into a very attractive one and it is a skill well worth learning. The talk is to be followed by a workshop on the following Saturday.

### Bunnings Barbeque

The next one is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June so the sheet will be going around at this meeting. The response by volunteers has been excellent in the past and the rewards for our efforts can be seen in good machinery and tools at the shed. Please help if you can.

### Mother's Day Demonstration

Laz led a team doing demonstrations at Bunnings just prior to Mother's day. He was doing some pyrography and other members were doing their thing. All of this is good publicity for the club and keeps us on the right side of Bunnings. Thanks to all those who took part and gave their time.

### Makers Cottage Official Opening

On the 17th April the Makers Cottage was officially opened. This day was only possible due to a lot of hard work by a few members of the Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society, Nowra Mens Shed, Nowra Spinners and Weavers.



### Guest Speakers and Topics

**This item is repeated from last month because no one responded to it. Surely there are a few ideas out there!!** 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.

For Sale

## Jet Benchtop Oscillating Spindle Sander \$350

Comes with an extra large sleeve + sleeves that came with it . The bench that it's attached to is included.



Also have a variety of turning timber , some exotic stuff and box making boards if some one wants to make me a reasonable offer .

Contact Don 0412218695

## Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	General Meeting – Mel Allen on Marquetry & Inlay
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Workshop – Mel Allen on Marquetry & Inlay
Every Tuesday Night	Workshop – Projects of your Choice
Every Thursday Morning	Workshop – Projects of your Choice
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Committee Meeting
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bunnings BBQ
Weekend 12,13,14 <sup>th</sup> June	Timber & Working with Wood Show Sydney Olympic Park
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting – Ideas Please

## ***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*