

TREEN TOPICS

July 2015



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Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

Showground Cottage

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June Meeting

A cold and wet night on the third Wednesday in June was not conducive to going out to meetings, especially one being held in a tin shed. Nevertheless, about twenty hardy souls ventured forth and found that it was nowhere as uncomfortable as imagined from the warmth of home. In a few cases the second state of origin match would have played a part in their non attendance but those who did go enjoyed the night.

The speaker on the night was Charlie Hillen who gave an informal talk about spindle turning. No one in our club is better qualified on this subject than what Charlie is as he works as a professional turner and was apprenticed to George Hatfield. George has had a long career in turning, lecturing both here and overseas and was Associate Editor of the Australian Woodworker Magazine for many years. The talk at the meeting was followed by a workshop on the following Saturday where there were twelve participants all of whom learnt a thing or two that they did not know when they arrived.

Steve Sheaves began show and tell with a handle which he had made for one of his turning chisels. On advice from Charlie, he makes them all slightly different so that each tool can be identified just by looking at the end of the handle.

Jim Davey was up next with a well-made ramped shooting board. The ramping allows the whole of the plane blade cutting edge to be used instead of the same small section as occurs with a flat shooting board. A good shooting board allows very accurate and square boards to be produced with parallel sides. They are a must for every workshop and something you can make yourself.

Bunnings Barbeque

Saturday August 8th is the next one. We made good money last time and will hopefully do that again. Greg will be calling for helpers at this meeting. The proceeds from each one of these improves the collection of quality tools available for our use at the shed so give a hand where possible.

Annual General Meeting

The July meeting is our AGM and there are vacancies for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The good news with the treasurer's position is that it is for the club's financial activities only and will not include Creative Moments finances. That makes it a much simpler job so have a serious think about it. In fact we need people in all of the above positions so help out by nominating for one of these. Feel free to nominate for any of the positions on the committee. New thinking is always a good thing.

Once the formalities of the elections are completed, Gordon is going to address us on how he makes finger joints. Then on Saturday 20th there will be a workshop where Gordon will show us how it is done down at the shed. Put your name on the sheet if you want to go.

Creative Moments

At long last we know that Creative Moments is to be held at the Art gallery from 13th August to the 12th September. The official opening will be at 12.00 noon on Saturday 16th. This good news followed on some excellent work by our three representatives on the organising committee in John Knowles, Jim Davey and Gordon Elford. The status quo from previous shows will continue rather than the undesirable proposals which we were offered earlier. That is, there will be a 15% commission on all sales as before and Eftpos will be available at no additional charge.

Alan Stasiukynas has accepted the position of treasurer for Creative Moments. This is welcome news and thank you for this contribution Alan.

We now have about four weeks until it begins!! Volunteers are needed to man the table at the gallery so please help out where possible. If we all pull our weight it makes it easier and fairer for everyone. It is also important to sell as many raffle tickets as you can because that money goes a long way towards paying the cost of running the show.

We also need to paint the plinths prior to the exhibition and there will be one or more working bees to do this. There will be a sheet going around at this meeting. Please help if you can.

New Address

Ever since the formation of the club we have had PO Box 2163 Bomaderry as our postal address. Now that we have a home that we can call our own we are changing the address to **27 West Street Nowra 2541**. This will save the cost of the PO Box which is \$100+ each year and it saves the inconvenience of going to the Bomaderry post office to collect the mail. Over the next eight months or so you will see the address change on our stationary and wherever else it appears. Make a note of it now so that you know what it is.

Ladies Night

This important annual event will be held on Wednesday 19th August which is our usual meeting night for the month. It will be held at the North Nowra Tavern and a sheet for intending diners will be passed around at this meeting. For anyone not going to the AGM, bookings can be made with Greg Clark. It will commence at 6.00 PM and the expected cost is about \$18 per head. Jim will be giving a short talk on the making of chisel handles in advance of a workshop on that subject on the following Saturday. The other important highlight on the night is the presentation of the Len Arthur Award for 2015.

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 15th July

General Meeting – AGM & Gordon Elford on Finger Joints

Saturday 18th July

Workshop – Gordon Elford – Finger Joints

Every Tuesday Night

Workshop – Various Projects

Every Thursday Morning

Workshop – Various Projects

Wednesday 5th August

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 19th August

Ladies Night – North Nowra Tavern
– Jim Davey on Chisel Handles

Saturday 22nd August

Workshop – Jim Davey – Chisel Handles

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.*

Your Committee

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Next Committee Meeting:

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