

## TREEN TOPICS AUGUST 2015

### July Meeting

Not too much drama at the AGM as most of the incumbents remained in their positions in the absence of any serious competition for their jobs. Changes of note were Peter Jackson taking on the Secretary's job, Bev Simmonds picking up the Treasurer's job from Gordon and Jim Davey becoming Vice President. Laz has also taken on the job as librarian, so if you want to do some research, see him. Our library is a very good facility but it is very much underused. As promised, the AGM did not take long to get through and we then got on with more interesting things.

Gordon gave us a talk about finger joints and detailed a simple method of making them. Several sample joints which Gordon had cut on the day were passed around and the quality of these possibly helped to swell the numbers attending the Saturday workshop. On display were two small and simple shop made router tables with which the joints can be made. Provided you have the routers to put in them, there is very little cost involved. The procedure is very quick and once the operator is familiar with it, the joints for a whole box can be finished in half an hour. The workshop held on the following Saturday saw a good attendance of about ten members who all made a box and went home with the intention of making their own portable router table specifically for making finger joints. Some photos are shown below of the proud box makers cutting joints and at the end of the day.

### Betty Koblenz

Members were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Betty Koblenz, wife of Heinz recently. Betty grew up at Young and trained as a school teacher before embarking on travels to the UK and Europe. After returning home and commencing work she married Heinz. Over the years they had several trips to Germany and caravan trips within Australia. Betty was a great supporter of Ronald Macdonald House and travelled to Westmead by train each fortnight to assist in that worthy cause. She is survived by Heinz, their children Michael and Louise and two grandchildren. The sympathy of the members is extended to Heinz and family.

### Ladies Night

This important annual event will be held in lieu of the August general meeting. The venue is the North Nowra Tavern on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 PM. Charlie will give a brief talk on his workshop on turning goblets and lidded boxes. Raffle prizes will be much more feminine than the usual things we have so spend up on the tickets for your wife. Bookings can be made with Greg at home on 4447 8384 or mobile 0488 600 160.

### Creative Moments

Our big annual exhibition is underway at the Art Gallery in Berry Street. There are quite a few more exhibits than last year so there is plenty to see. With the show running for a full month and free entry there should be plenty of people through the door. Whether or not you have work on show, there are two ways in which you can still help to make it a success. Firstly, sell your raffle tickets and hand them in promptly. If you are able, take another book and sell them too. This money goes a long way towards paying the costs of running this event. Secondly, volunteer to take at least one turn manning the table at the exhibition. With forty plus members in the club, there should be more than enough to cover this job. Sadly this is not the case and some need to do multiple shifts because not everyone pulls their weight doing this

simple task. The combined organising committee have erected numerous signs on the roads entering Nowra so people will be aware that it is on.

### Bunnings Barbeque

The August barbeque was once again a financial success with \$910.10 being the net profit. A very worthwhile exercise indeed. There was a good turnout of members as usual although we were a bit thin on numbers for the afternoon shift. The day started fairly quietly with not too many hungry people around for the breakfast session but by mid-morning they began to turn up in numbers. Things remained busy right through lunch and it was mid-afternoon before it slowed down. I think people appreciate getting a good quality sandwich which is what we provide. Buttered bread, good sausages, a generous serving of onions and a choice of four sauces keeps them happy. Our reputation spreads by word of mouth and people come back when we are there.

From the club's aspect, the money that we earn from the barbeque [which amounts to several thousand dollars over the year], is the reason that we can afford to buy good machinery and quality tools for the shed. Without this source of income things would be much more difficult and we would not be in the happy position which we are. Keep this in mind when considering whether you can give a hand at the next one in October.



Gordon Shows How



The Box Makers



The Three Cooks

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Ladies Night – Charlie on Chisel Handle Turning

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Workshop – Charlie, Jim, Peter J – Chisel Handle Turning

13<sup>th</sup> August to 12<sup>th</sup> September

Creative Moments

Every Tuesday Night

Workshop – Various Projects

Every Thursday Morning

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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Committee Meeting

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Open Day at Shed

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

General Meeting – Jim, Bob, Peter F – Hinge Setting Forum

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Workshop – Jim, Bob, Peter F – Hinge Setting – Using the various methods