

# TREEN TOPICS

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*Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.*

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

*Nowra Technology High School. Moss St. Nowra*

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### Tools and Techniques Weekend

This event is being held at the Sturt School of Wood at Mittagong on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February which will be very soon after you read this. Sturt's biggest annual event has everything for the aspiring or experienced woodworker. You can browse displays and sales by Australia's finest toolmakers including : HNT Gordon classic planes, Colen Clenton, Michael Connor Woodwork, Jim Davey Planes and Sharpening, Japanese Tools and Vesper Tools. In addition there will be specialist timber suppliers and a daily program of woodwork demonstrations by members of Studio Woodworkers Australia and Sturt's own teaching staff. You can check the full program on [www.sturt.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au)

### Bunnings Barbeque

The first of these for this year is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March and the second follows in April. Bunnings have extended the hours over which the barbeques have to be run so it will be necessary to run three shifts instead of the previous two shifts. The net result of this is that we need **MORE VOLUNTEERS**.

The club is on the verge of having to contribute money towards the construction of a large shed which will become a reality this year so the funds we make from these barbeques are very handy indeed. The sheet for volunteers will be passed around at this meeting so please be generous with a bit of your time and put your name down.

## Occupational Health and Safety

We are all aware that OH&S is at the forefront of requirements in any workplace and the penalties for non-compliance in the event of an accident are severe. Many of us have had training in the use of the machines in the men's shed and there will be refresher training from time to time in order to meet requirements. Word has been received from the Council of Woodworking Clubs through whom we are insured, that documented proof that our OH&S policy and procedures are in place must be presented for our insurance to be renewed. To put all of this in a nut shell, you can expect more training and supervision if you want to use the facilities at the shed.

## Kiama Wood Expo

This annual event can be seen in Kiama on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Unlike our Creative Moments, there is only wood on show at Kiama but nonetheless, it is always a very good display. There are some good craftspeople up there and it will be well worth a look.

## Nowra Show

John Daniel from Kiama Woodies and Peter Farrell (standing in for Peter Jackson) judged the woodwork section at the show. John is an experienced judge but it was my first go and I picked up a number of pointers which will be useful if I am called on again.

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## **Forthcoming Program**

Weekend 16/17 February	Tools & Techniques Show – Sturt School of Wood
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	General Meeting – Gordon Elford on Finger Jointing
Every Tuesday Night	Workshop – Wall Hung Tool Chest
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Workshop – Gordon Elford on Finger Jointing
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee Meeting
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Bunnings Barbeque
Weekend 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> March	Kiama Woodworking Expo
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	General Meeting – Tim Tyler on Spray Painting
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Workshop – Jim Davey - Sharpening



## Tassie Trip

In January this year Liesel attended the FanTAStic Girl Guide camp held at Launceston .

This was a great opportunity for us to have our first trip to Tassie.

Liesel and the other Guides from Huskisson flew down from Sydney and I was to follow by car to arrive there a few days before the camp ended.

I drove to Melbourne and stayed there overnight to be ready to catch the Sprit of Tasmania the next at 6 AM. I was about car 10 in the queue but was the very last car off the boat in Devonport. Story of my life!

For those who haven't taken the ferry to Tassie I would recommend a night voyage with a cabin, as once out of the heads it's a pretty boring 8 hours.

I won't bore you with the details of our site seeing trip but here are the woodie sites that we visited.

### **Scottsdale,**

The Forestry Eco Centre here is interesting but fairly small. There is a small café/gallery up the road, Scottsdale Art Gallery Café, they has good coffee and very nice woodwork.

### **Launceston,**

**1842 Gallery**, Corner St John and Cimitiere Streets Launceston.

Once again nice woodwork, worth a look.

The workshop is on site but the owner stated that he was a bit miffed with woodies getting ideas from his work???

Have look anyway, his moving brass clocks are worth the effort alone.

### **Huon Valley**

The **Wooden Boat Centre** at Franklin is worth a look but it won't take long.

**Enchanted Woods** had nice woodwork and they sell craft wood.

Nice friend staff— well worth a look

Keep heading South to **Geeveston**.

The **Forestry and Heritage Center** is good and this is where you can get your tickets for the Tahune Air Walk, not to be missed.

Some nice wood but just bits and pieces.

More importantly the Scollop pies at the bakers in Geeveston are great.

Whilst in Geeveston the **Southern Design Centre** is interesting. There is a resident pen turner and a good range of craft wood along with other crafts.

There are a number of other timber yards but we were not able to contact them on site, next time...

## **Strahan**

**Morrison's saw mill** on the wharf was interesting and the gift shop galley was inspiring. At the righthand end of the building was another supplier of mainly Huon Pine. They had a good supply of timber that was well displayed and seemed reasonably priced to me.

## **Stanley**

Went to **Wild Wood** and it was like Aladdin's cave. Lots of good wood of all types with good prices. The owners were most helpful and friendly.

Next time I'll fly down as its much quicker, cheaper and all of the timber suppliers will pack and send your new treasures to you.

Liesel and Bob

## ***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:***

*Bomaderry Bowling Club  
7.30pm Wednesday 7th March 2013*