

TREEN TOPICS

January 2013



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Shoalhaven Woodcraft Society Inc.

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

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Dovetail Jigs for Sale

There has been a renewed interest in dovetailing during 2012 and for those who have not mastered the skill of cutting your own, here is an opportunity to pick up a purpose made jig at a bargain price.

Arnold Parrott has several of these which were well made by our late member Jim Houselander. You will recall that Arnold had one on show at the November meeting. Give him a ring on 4421 8864.

Forthcoming Program

Wednesday 16th January

Barbeque at Dennis &
Marilyn O'Keeffe's

Wednesday 6th February

Committee Meeting

Every Tuesday Night

Workshop – Wall Hung Tool
Chest

Wednesday 20th February

General meeting – Finger

Jointing – Gordon Elford

Saturday 23rd February

Workshop – Finger Jointing –
Gordon Elford

RAMBLINGS JANUARY 2013

I received a phone call in the early hours of Tuesday Morning, (9:15 AM, Bob) it was Bob enquiring as to where my contribution to Treen Topics was as he was leaving for Tasmania the next day and wanted to publish and print Treen Topics before he left; so at short notice and with the veil of sleep still in my eyes here we go.

The most important thing to remember for January is that there is no General Meeting on Wednesday 16 January 2013; we have a BBQ at Denis O'Keefe's place instead. The BBQ will start at around 1800 Hrs. and is self-catered so bring along whatever you want to eat and drink. Denis and Marilyn are great hosts and they have a magnificent veranda on the back of the house which provides the idea venue for a very sociable evening. Denis and Marilyn are located at 45 O'Keefe's Lane in Jaspers Brush.

I received a letter from Bunning's yesterday which informs us that our BBQ dates for 2013 are Saturday 9 March 2013 and Sunday 14 April 2013; both these dates are good dates and if the weather holds they should be fairly profitable for the Society. I will be requesting assistance at the February and March meeting so write them into your diary now. Bunning's has altered the rules for the BBQ for 2013 no big problem but the BBQ has to start selling by 0800 Hrs. and finish selling by 1700 Hrs. This change will alter the way we run the shifts.

The Development Application for the Nowra Showground Complex has hit a little bump in the road; council is happy with all the aspects of the Development Application except the one regarding the location of the new shed. We will be negating with council in January 2013 to resolve the issue regarding the shed location.

I will keep you informed regarding addition matters concerning the society throughout the year.

Greg Clark

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January Barbeque

This annual occasion is to be held once again at the home of Dennis and Marilyn O’Keeffe , 45 O’Keeffe’s Lane , Jaspers Brush on Wednesday 16th January which is our usual meeting night. It is to be self catered i.e. bring your own everything including food, chairs, cutlery, plates etc. Be there from 5.30 to 6.00 and if you need to speak to Dennis or Marilyn phone 4448 6185.

An Important Safety Reminder

The following account of an accident in a workshop is from Robert Jolliffe, one of our members from Wollongong. He has sent it to us as a reminder that we are all inclined to think that we can get away with taking shortcuts and ignoring safety procedures.

On a more important note I have always stressed safety and that you do not put yourself in a position where injury can be an outcome.

Today I made two pepper mills (X mas presents) and had 20 minutes to waste doing something while the lathe was out. I had a hard piece of Chinese Elm and perfect for a mallet.

The exercise should have been simple – shark jaws and live centre to secure the work. The timber was very hard and for some dumb reason I released the live centre to shape the end – wrong, shape the end as close as you can to the live centre then do a final trim only. The spindle gouge was barking and forcing a cut (remember my comments on forcing a cut) and pushed the piece out of the jaws. It struck be 20mm below the hair line above the left eye leaving a gash 30mm long. I was taken to Bulli hospital where the wound was glued together.

What went wrong :

- Face shield was still hanging on the hook.*
- Work piece incorrectly held – always use the live centre for as long as you can.*
- Should have reconsidered turning such a hard timber, or at least what the intention was.*

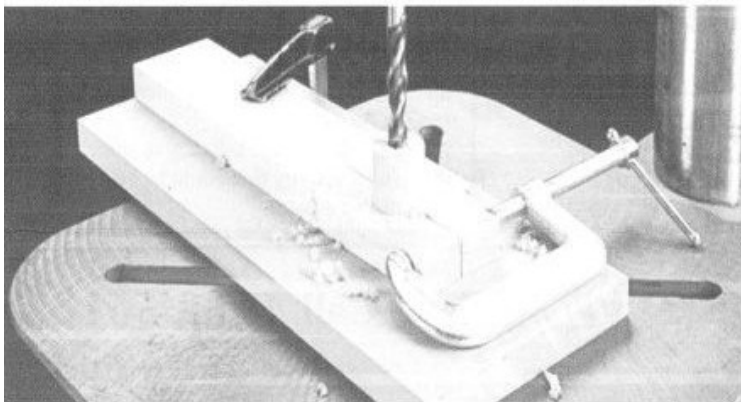
Never force a cut.

You have my permission to detail the events of this serious (could have been worse) incident at the meeting. It could hardly be called an accident – I was at fault.

THIS MONTH'S WOODWORKING TIP

Dowel Drilling Jig

Drilling a centered hole in a dowel can be a challenge. It's hard to get the drill bit centered and keep the dowel from turning as the hole is drilled. To make it easier, I built the jig shown below.



Build the jig by first drilling a hole the diameter of the dowel in a piece of hardwood. Then just cut a saw kerf through the hole from the end to make a clamp.

Using the jig is simple. Begin by centering the dowel under the bit. To do this, clamp a piece of scrap wood to the table and drill a hole to fit the

dowel. Then change out the bit to the size needed.

Next, slip the dowel into the hole in the scrap wood. Then slip the clamping jig over the dowel and squeeze the kerf together with a small clamp. Now you can clamp the jig in place and drill the hole in the center of the dowel.

Good Woodworking.

Thanks to Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild for this item!



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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:

Bomaderry Bowling Club

7.30pm Wednesday 6th February 2013