

March 2008

# WOODCHIPS

Newsletter of the  
**Southern Highlands Woodies Inc.**  
Affiliate of the Sydney Woodturners Guild.

Web site, [www.sydneywoodturners.com.au](http://www.sydneywoodturners.com.au)

Patrons: Don & Bess Akrigg.



**The Next Meeting**  
**Saturday 26 April, 10.00 am**  
**At Charlton Hall.**

## **EQUIPMENT LEVY**

Due 1 January 2008  
\$25  
See Ian Pye

## **DIARY DATES.**

### At Southern Highlands

- 2 March 08** Burn, Bash & Bury Day  
Bring a piece to pyrography (burn), dremel (bash) or paint (bury) or any other surface decoration.
- 26 April 08** John H, Peter H, Bill S - Turn-A-Cube
- 24 May 08** Gary Light (maybe)

### Other

- 19 April** Sheep and Wool Expo Demo (more later)
- 28-30 March** Turn-Fest 2008, Kooralbyn, David Drescher-07 3808 7005
- 3 - 4 May** Albury Wodonga Wood show
- 13-15 June** Sydney Working With Wood show
- 5-7 September** Canberra Working With Wood Show
- 12-14 September** Phillip Is Down Under Turn Around  
Contact: Caroline Talbot 03 5956 7300
- 11-12 October** Woodturn 2008, Meadowbank TAFE
- 1-2 November** Southern Highlands Art Trail

## February 2008 Meeting

There was a fair bit of activity in the morning with 4 lathes being used. Good to see, but we need more activity in the morning so that any visitors we have get to see plenty of action.

We had around 24 members when we kicked off in February. We immediately handed over to Bruce Everett as he needed to leave early. More about Bruce later.

We also had Leigh Ferguson in attendance and he seemed to enjoy good sales. I know that all his 16 & 12mm P&N bowl gouges disappeared after some one noticed my P&N bowl gouge and it's grind.

**Treasurer:** Ian announced that Funds were around \$2,350 with most of the equipment levies paid. The equipment fund is back in credit of \$103.20. He announced that as from July, our lunch-time sausage is going to cost \$3 as cost have risen since we started our lunch about 5 years ago. We have shirts for sale with our new logo - \$40 each. Sandpaper @ \$3.50pm and we have some Velcro backed sheets coming.

**Moss Vale Show:** John Powell covered what we will need at the Show. Most importantly, any sale items must have a sticker attached to it identifying both the seller and the cost.

**Bill's Courses:** will be held again this year. First one was to be 7 & 9 March. Will be on the second weekend of each month if enough members want to have one. Bowl turning or spindle turning. 3 persons at most at each course. Cost is now \$110 for 2 days of 7 hours of instruction. Lunch provided. See Bill.

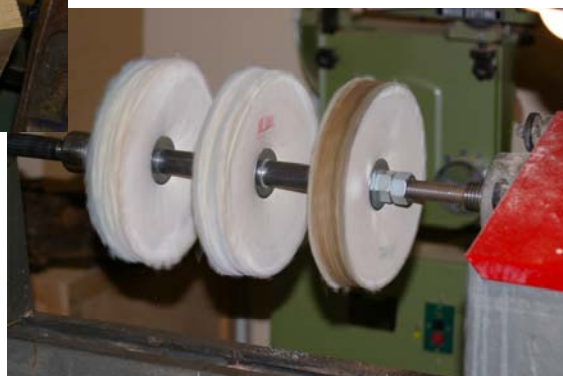
**Raffle:** Quite a few winners this month with the first prize being a pepper mill donated by Bruce Everett. Winners were Fred S, Bill S, Dennis Moulay and John Powell.

### Bruce Everett

Bruce showed us how to get a pepper or salt grinder completed. He took us through all the steps giving us the critical points where things do or don't go wrong. He was very particular when it came to measuring the length needed for the centre rod.

Bruce also had some interesting tools on display. These are multi-tools, ie a single handle that accepts a range of tools as long as they are the same shank size. He had 2, photos shown.

Bruce also demonstrated his polishing system made up of three mops mounted on a rod which he inserts in the headstock and supports in the tailstock. He uses three different polishes, one for each mop and works his way from the roughest to the finest. They act as a final sanding surface then polish and buff.



### Fred Schaffarczyk

Fred S then gave us a demo of his inside outside turning. He did two pieces working on the first one from both inside and outside ( he had a second piece already reversed to show the effect. Pictured is that piece, surprisingly this photo was taken at speed.

He then worked on a second piece when we were working into a hidden curve and it was a real drama as we waited for their first hole to appear. Well done Fred!!



**Club Shirts :** See John Harris. You can have logo made which you sew onto your own shirt, or he can organize a shirt or jacket or jumper.

## Moss Vale Show 2008:

We had a really good roll up for the Show this year. While we were fairly quiet on Friday, Saturday was very busy with people still coming in as we were packing up to go. And Sunday was between the other two days. We sold about \$900 of our displayed items. We distributed all of our brochures and look like getting a few new members out of the Show.

John Harris seemed less than enthusiastic about the music we played to accompany our slide show of our Show and Tell items from the last 12 months.



John Crisp at his ease!!!



Max Donato busy at the lathe



Peter Brett caught in the act



Our display, with Ian Pye's head dead-centre. Our screenshow.

This was very good event for us and one which has our face in the public eye. Congratulations to all those who helped out.

## February Show & Tell

This was conducted by Ian Pye



Peter Brett: Jarrah Platter



PB: Camphor laurel



PB: Myrtle Beech Box



John Crisp: Camphor Laurel



John Harris: Truck



JH: Turck & Flatbed



JH: Rosewood & Cedar



Ian Pye: Huon Pine



Max Donato: Birdcage Tower



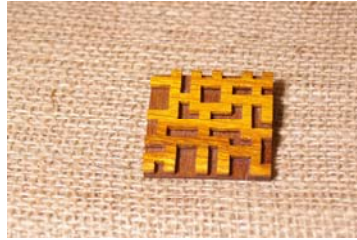
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## Sydney Working with Wood Show Competition

Once again there will be a competition at the Working With Wood Show in June. Last year, Max Donato, John Harris, Fred S and myself put pieces into the Show Competition. None of us did any good, but it was well worth the effort when we saw our pieces out on display.

Why not try a piece this year?

The competition entry forms are on the table and they show the dates by which you need to submit your entry. We can arrange for them to get into the Show, but you will have to get it here for some one to deliver.

Don't forget that Southern Highlands will be manning the Guild stand on Sunday 15th June. We also need to supply pieces to be placed on the Guild stand for display and sale.

Rules for entry of display and sale items will be announced next month.

### AWARDS

From the Show and Tell presented to the February meetings the following nominations were made:

#### John Page Award:

Max Donato      1 nomination      Ken Sullivan      3 nominations      Don Swinton      1 nomination

#### Excellence Award

Peter Brett:      Lidded Box in Myrtle Beech  
Max Donato:      Square Box  
John Harris:      Truck & Low Loader  
Fred S:            Embroidery Picture Frame

#### Excellence Award Judging Method & Timetable

We have been advised that we have the Gallery display case at the Moss Vale Town Hall in July and August again this year. Our display will be titled 'Treasures in Wood'.

And we need to put our best foot forward.

We wish to put on display those items nominated for the Excellence Award as well as any other items that members wish to display. So the Committee has decided upon the following procedure for the Excellence Award:

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