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# WOODCHIPS

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

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Patrons: **Don & Bess Akrigg.**



**The Next Meeting**  
**Saturday 25 October,**  
**10.00 am**

Sam Shakouri's  
stunning dough-  
nut



## DIARY DATES.

### At Southern Highlands

- 27 September 08      Max Donato & John Powell
- 4 October              Bunnings B-B-Q
- 25 October             Anna Dawes & Bill Shean, Square Turnings
- 1-2 November         Southern Highlands Art Trail
- 22 November         Hands-On Day  
Joan Armstrong from Rainbow
- 13 December         Christmas Function

### Other

- 11-12 October         Woodturn 2008, Meadowbank TAFE  
Please book now.
- 1 Nov                    Trend Timber Sale Day
- 13-15 November      Hare & Forbes Open Day  
Do we want to organise some car pools?
- 20-22 Feb 09         Woodworking Hobbies Expo 09, Newcastle Entertainment Centre
- 14 Mar 09             Blue Mountains Club Challenge,  
Blaxland High School
- 12-14 Sep 09         Down Under Turnaround, Phillip Island, See Bill S.

## August 2008 Meeting

Last month we had one of the lowest membership attendance we have had in a long time. Which was a bit of a disappointment considering that it was also the Bi-Monthly Guild meeting.

Despite all of that, we had a great meeting.

John Powell got the meeting off to an immediate start by introducing Barry Belford, Guild President. Barry thanked SHWG for the invitation to come and for the early demonstration that had already seen. He mentioned the early attempts to get members to move around the regions for the Bi-Monthly meetings, with limited success. He also stressed the coming Woodturn 2008 and the need to get moving if members wish to attend.

He the handed the meeting back to John Powell.

### In the business section we covered:

**Art Trail:** This will be our next big event for 2008 after the Treasures in Timber Exhibition. It will happen on the weekend of 1/2 November. Our hall will be one of the artist's stations that people will visit as they move from studio to studion on the trail. We will need our best pieces on display. We will have a lathe operating. Need volunteers, pieces to display and a need to clean the hall before the weekend. It is essential that any objects you submit for viewing or sale must have a tag attached with your initials, an identifying number and the price. And you need to submit a list with the same information.

**Treasurer:** Ian Pye advised that we are currently financial with \$2,981 in the bank.

**Course:** next one is November 7&9th. See Bill..

**John Harris:** thanked every one for his award. Commented on the process of the awards.

### Main Activity

We were supposed to have Mike Cassidy demonstrate repetitive turning. However, he had to pull out at the last moment. So instead we had the John & Bill Show. John showed us how he made his knitting needles and the how he makes a up and down cornered bowl. Bill showed us how he makes his lidded bowls and a recent repetitive turning job he had had to do.



### Sam Shakouri

Sam Shakouri from Macarthur was present with his amazing segmented doughnut shown on the cover. He explained how he went about making them. He makes it from 288 individual pieces, glued into 24 rings each of which is staggered. He makes multiple jigs to turn and sand them. All up, a very intricate and time consuming project. Photos follow:



## August Show & Tell

There was a small Show and Tell so no discussion was made of the pieces.



Bill Shean: Lidded Bowls, Huon Pine and Jarrah Burls



Bill Shean: Lidded bowls, Casuarina & Myrtle



Bill Shean: Painted & Dremmelled  
Jacaranda Bowl

Unknown, possibly Jim Powells

Unkown

## DownUnder TurnAround 2008

If it is September in Phillip Island, than it is time for the DownUnderTurn-around. Now in it's 12 year, it is organized by Caroline and Bruce Talbot and Sue and Guilio Marcolonglo.

This year, four SWG members made the trek south for the event. Anna Dawes from Western, Sandy May from Southern and John Harris and myself from Southern Highlands.



John Harris, - hard at work



Anna Dawes & Sandy May

Attendees came from all of the various Melbourne based clubs, Geelong, Phillip Island, Mornington Peninsula, Sydney, Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Bega and New Zealand.

The Turnaround is an interesting week-end, similar to the Wagga Wagga event in March. There are no set programs. There are no demonstrators, There are no rows of seats with every one slowly dozing off in the heat.

No! The DownUnder is about turning. All weekend! All hours! All fun!

We took 2 lathes with us which meant that at any one time, half of us could turn while the other half went wandering



John Harris & Bill Shean on the lathes, Ken Wraight looking on.

looking at what other attendees were doing. And this is the really fascinating part of the DownUnder. You get to see and talk to some really wonderful turners about their work, their techniques, their tools and any thing else that interest you.

You take every thing with you that you need lathes, chucks, tools grinder, drill, sanders, lights, mats, even the garbage bag to collect your shavings. Basically they provide the room, power and a bandsaw. You do the rest.

There were two sellers of wood this year, and we managed to buy some lovely blackwood and bring it back.

Some of the notable attendees this year were:

- Vic Wood, well known turner and teacher from Melbourne.
- Louis Green, who will be one of the demonstrators at Woodturn 2008.
- Guilio Marcolonglo, who we know well from his Sydney demonstrations.
- Terry Scott, a fascinating and talented NZ turner.
- Brendan Stemp, an up and coming multi-axis and decorating turner.
- Ken Wraight, creative and with incredible attention detail.



Guilio Marcolonglo & Terry Scott

And you get all of this, plus 6 meals and a bed, for a mere \$150.

What a deal! The whole weekend, these people freely give their help to anyone who asks for it.

At the DownUnder, a silent auction is held of pieces bought to the event or turned at the event, the proceeds of which went to Multiple Sclerosis research. A raffle is also held with prizes donated by a number of sponsors. Between both activities, we raised over \$3,000. A Show and Tell table is open for any one to play what they do across the weekend. See opposite and below for the type of work presented. Dick Veitche's organic tubes are really amazing – bored into sidegrain of wet wood, then reduced to a thin-walled cylinder, they then move quite rapidly as they dry.



Dick Veitche's organic tubes



This was my 7<sup>th</sup> DownUnder and I (and my fellows from NSW as well) have already booked for 2009. Next year's will be held over the weekend 11-13 September. If you are interested in going, than ring Caroline Talbot on 03 59567300. Numbers are limited, so if you are really interested, do not leave it too late.

I hope to see you there next year.

Bill Shean

**Club Shirts, Jumpers, Jackets :**  
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.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

Our next day for raising money via the Bunnings sausage sizzle is Saturday 4th October.  
Peter Brett is our new Bunnings co-ordinator.  
See him if you can volunteer some hours that day.

**Help needed!!!!**

**Hall Cleanliness**

You probably noticed that the hall has had a bit of a facelift since our last meeting. As well as rearranging the lathes, we have also moved a lot of 'junk' out of the hall and either got rid of it or about to.

There is a stack of timber in the shed. Please check it out and take whatever you want. Whatever is not taken, will be going to the tip.

From now on, the rule re timber is: **If you bring it, you take it away, same day.**

**Elections**

Our annual elections for office bearers is fast approaching. They will occur at our October meeting when the AGM is held.

How about doing a bit for the Group by volunteering for one of the Committee roles. Ian Pye has been treasurer for a number of years and has added the role of President, U3A to his plate and would appreciate a volunteer stepping in as treasurer.

John Harris has relocated to Canberra and while he will continue to be a Group member and attend meeting, perhaps some relief from the Secretary role would be a good idea.

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