

Highlights of June Meeting



The June meeting was quite unusual in that we had a very large turn up for the morning session which included voting on the Excellence Award and then very few after lunch.

We also finished early and most had gone by 3.30pm.



The display was fabulous and all the pieces on display are shown on page 2. Every one seemed to spend a lot of time picking things up, feeling the bottoms of pieces and just checking out the quality on display.

Voting was done and the votes were counted by Roger Wilson who passed the results onto John Powell. The result of the Excellence Award will be announced at the opening of our

“Treasures in Timber’ at the Moss Vale Council Chambers on 3 August. Please come along and have a coffee and a biscuit.



The project was supposed to be team scoop making. But very few tools were bought along and there was not much enthusiasm for any work. So we had a quite relaxing day of coffee, cakes and social discourse.

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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

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What's Happening

- 18 July** **Third Saturday, not 4th. Richard Raffan.**
- 3 August** Opening of our 'Treasures in Timber' Exhibition at the Moss Vale Council Chambers. Runs until 28 August.
- 22 August** Hands-on Day – **Turn it, Bash it, Scrape It, Paint It, Surface Decoration Day.** Try Crispie's jig!!
- 4-6 September** Canberra Working With Wood Show
- 12-14 September** Down Under Turnaround, Phillip Island
- 26 September** Ornamental Turners & AGM.
Nominations needed.



2008 Excellence Award, J Harris

Show & Tell - June Meeting by Max Donato. Project for June was—Sphere or scoop



Bill Shean: Scoops in oregon and rosewood



Graeme Webb: Sphere in pine



Peter Brett: Olive scoop and scoop in huon pine



Max Donato: Scoops



Roger Wilson: Square bowl in liquid amber



Peter Herbert: Skeleton clock in cedar

Tales from the Travelling Treasurer

I am attaching the two pictures which I mentioned to you recently....I have reduced them in "size" and brightened them up but they might not reproduce very well. I won't be offended if you don't use them.

The saw and lathe were in a folk musuem in Saanen in Switzerland. I was not able to examine them very closely but you can see the metal band on the drive wheel of the saw to make it a heavy flywheel. The lathe looked good and certainly a great improvement on the pole lathes we have seen recently. Could be a way to get an infinitely variable speed drive eh?



Letter to Mr Wayne Swan, Treasurer of Australia

Dear Swanee,

Please find below my suggestion for fixing Australia's economy.

Instead of giving billions of dollars to banks that will squander the money on lavish parties and unearned bo-

nuses, use the following plan. You can call it the Patriotic Retirement Plan:

There are about 10 million people over 50 in the work force.

Pay them \$1 million each severance for early retirement with the following stipulations: ... Cont page 6

President's Report

Our last meeting week-end was filled with farewells for our long serving member, Peter Herbert. Several delicious and generous lunches were consumed with disastrous effects on waistlines, but a good time was had by all. We hope Peter settles in Queensland happily, but makes at least a few return visits.

The Treasurer returned from his overseas jaunts in time for these lunches but found the finances in a worse state than when he left. He has been kept busy ever since, and it looks as though we have increased our finances due to the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle while he was away.

Well done Crispy!!

Congratulations to Bill Shean on our successful application for the Wingecarribee Shire Council Grant.

I'm sure we'll all make good use of the variable speed motors we are now able to purchase.

One of the main items at our June meeting was the voting for the Excellence Award by all members of the group. Our display for the cabinet in the foyer of the Council Chambers will be set up on Friday, 31st July, and the opening of the display and presentation of the award by the Mayor, Duncan Gair, will take place at 5.00pm on Monday, 3rd August, followed by light refreshments. We would like as many members, and their families, as possible to attend this opening.

Keep the chips flying, John.



Treasurer's Report

With the end of June comes the end of the Financial Year and the final reckoning of the year's activity as far as the money goes. This will be covered in the 2009-2010 Financial Report for our annual meeting in September. In the meantime, June is just another month of regular activity.



We had a full bus for the Working With Wood Show in Sydney on 21 June and received \$440 in fares and raffle ticket sales. The account the bus hire and fuel will come in later.

We sent \$1,055 to the Guild for 43 memberships for

2009-10. There are still a few subs to be collected so if you have missed paying please do so this week. We have 4 new members whom we are pleased to welcome to the Woodies.

The payment to the Guild plus some expenses for the next BBQ put us in the red for June but still finished with a balance of \$3,286.75. This includes our Equipment Fund which is now \$1,290.74 leaving a balance of normal funds at approx \$1,996. We still have to pay for the bus and our rent is due in July so we will have some catching up to do in 2009-10.

Regards

Ian

Peter Herbert's Farewell

We had the largest roll up of members ever for a Friday, a total of 19 stayed for lunch. John Powell honored Peter by going through Peter's time with the inception of the S H W and his time spent with the S W T Group and wished him all the best in Queensland. Fred S arranged some entrees including two plates of deviled eggs prepared and donated by Sue S. Bill Dinning cooked and served an enormous pork and chicken baked dinner. Bill cooked it all including potatoes in his Webber at the shed. All this was followed with two magnificent pavlovas made by Judy Powell and also a beautifully decorated cake to top it all off. A great day was had by all.

At that luncheon, he was presented with a die cast model of his beloved 'Connie' in full QANTAS colours.

Then on Sunday, John Powell hosted a few people to his place for a smaller get together. Some photos of both events follow:



Excellence Award Nominees 2008-2009

June

1. Peter Brett: Pyrographed bowl, Celery Top Pine

2. Ken Sullivan: Wool winder, timber unknown

July

3. Bill Shean: Lidded bowl, Huon Pine and NSW Rosewood

September:

4. Bob Miller: Multi-timbered platter,

5. Max Donato: Lidded Musical Boxes,



October:

6. Fred Schaffarczyk: Bowl of fruit,



7. Bill Shean: Square platter, Huon Pine



8. Max Donato: Routered platter,



9. Ian Pye: Lamp, Huon Pine



November

10. Graeme Webb: Concave sided bowl, Aust Cedar



11. John Harris: Lidded finial bowl, Red Gum



12. John Crisp/Bill Shean: Collaborative bowl, Camphor Laurel



13. Fred Schffarczyk:

Bowl, Mellaleuca

January

14. John Harris: Winged bowl with up/down corners, Aust Cedar



15. Fred Schffarczyk: Sounding bowl, Camphor Laurel



16. Bill Shean: Square platter, Mahogany



17. Graeme Webb: Platter, Blackwood

18. John Crisp: Picture frame, timer unknown



February

19. Graeme Webb: Leather wrapped gavel and striker, timber unknown



20. Bill Shean: Gavel and striker, Pink Gidgee



21. Max Donato: Gavel and striker, Blackwood and brass



22. John Crisp: Gavel and striker, Blackwood

March

23. Ron South: Firetruck, Pine and Maple



24. Max Donato: Vase, Maple and paint



25. Bill Shean: Pyrographed square bowl, Casuarina



26. Ian Pye: Lidded bowl, Huon Pine & Aust Cedar



April

27. John Harris: 'Sea Grass', Aust Cedar



28. Ken Sullivan: Dark trembleur, timber unknown

29. Ken Sullivan: Light trembleur with cup on tip, timber unknown



30. Graeme Webb: Hollow form, Metrocarpa

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31. Max Donato: Japanese Dhow, Huon Pine



32. Joe Kinsella: Hollow form, Grass Tree Root



33. Graeme Webb: Bowl, Huon Pine



A Woodturning Woodie in Twenty Quick

Woodturner in question Fred Robjent

AKA Freddie R

AKA The Liberon Lad

Place of birth? Devenport in Tasmania (God's country). The family left there when I was about ten years old and came to the mainland.

Now residing? I now live at Willow Drive in Moss Vale with my wife Chris. Been there for about 59 years.

Occupation now or in previous life? I'm retired now but in an earlier life was a Jackeroo for two years on the 1200 sq.mile cattle station "Oban" in Queensland. After Queensland I went to the "Blue Circle" cement works power station in Berrima as a leading hand turbine operator, qualifying for my Steam and Boiler Tickets. When the power station closed down I multiskilled and obtained my Trade Certificates for Boiler making and Welding. I was with "Blue Circle" over there at Berrima for a total of 38 years.

Interest in turning began when/how? I had my first taste of working with wood while at school and I found that I really enjoyed it and that enjoyment stayed with me over the years, so much so that when I retired I bought myself a wood lathe and started turning.

Have you had any turning tuition? I have had some tuition. I had a couple of days with Richard Raffin and a week with Frank Bollins in Oyster Bay. Time very well spent believe me.

Do you have a workshop or area as such? I share half of a two-car garage. The car has one half and I get the other.

Do you have a lathe? I do have a lathe. A Taiwanese MC900 that came from Hare and Forbes over there in Parramatta. Had it about 12 years I suppose.

What other machinery do you have? A band saw, Triton work-bench, a drop saw as well most of the usual woodworking hand and powered tools that you find in most workshops.

Preferred turning tool? The spindle gouge and Crisp's deep hole borer.

Favourite turning timber? Rosewood and Huon .



Preferred Finish? LIBERON and Shellawax on the pens.

Has your turning been influenced by anything/body? I would say Bill Shean and by the various demonstrators that have visited us here in the Highlands.

Do you have a preference in turning i.e. bowls spindle etc.?
Definitely spindle work.

Do you have a favourite piece that you have made? There is a mahogany standard lamp and table set that I made some time ago. It stands about 2-metres high. I would say that that was my favourite piece.

What has been your most difficult/intricate/failed piece?
Acrylic pens that chip. Very frustrating.

Is there any particular aspect of your turning you would like to improve? The lot.

Is there any particular project that you wish to accomplish at some time? I would like to make a perfume atomizer at some time.

What do you like and\or dislike about woodturning? The dust.

Is there a particular benefit you feel you have gained from the craft? The camaraderie with my fellow woodies.

Do you have any other interests apart from woodturning?
The company of the grandchildren and participating in the various landcare projects at the Moss Vale Golf Club.



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Meetings:

4th Sat each month, 10.00am –
4.30pm

Every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

President: John Powell , 48 712 714

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Secretary: John Harris, 62 582 701

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We're on the web
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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.

Pay when ordering.

Old Editions of Woodchips.

Did you know that our Woodchips can be found in full colour on the Guild's website.

From May 2006 to current date. Check it out.

Equipment

We now have a 'dremel' kit and a pyrography machine. Both available for borrowing.

Cost is that you add something to one of the kits, eg a burr or sanding mandrel, or something.

Library

Check it out.

Jimmy Clewes DVDs bought at the Show.

Book, videos and DVDs.

Small fee for a month's viewing or reading.

Presidents Challenge 2009

January: Plate or platter

February: Gavel

March: Inlay, colour, texture

April: Trembleur, hollow form

May: Lidded bowl

June: Sphere or scoop

July: Letter opener, knife

August: Lamp, candlestick

September: Segmented work

October: Goblets

November: Pens

December: Christmas Ornaments

These are the projects for the theme of Show & Tell for each of the 2009 meetings. This should also produce a range of items in the Excellence Award.

John Page & Excellence Awards

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- 1) They **MUST** retire. Ten million job openings - Unemployment fixed
- 2) They **MUST** buy a new Australian car. Ten million cars ordered - Car Industry fixed
- 3) They **MUST** either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed
- 4) They **MUST** send their kids to school/TAFE/university - Crime rate fixed
- 5) They **MUST** buy \$100 WORTH of alcohol/tobacco a weekand there's your money back in duty/tax etc

It can't get any easier than that!

P.S. If more money is needed, have all members of parliament pay back their falsely claimed expenses and second home allowances

If you think this would work, please forward to everyone you know. If not, please disregard.

Yours sincerely,

The Whole Country