

# Highlights of September Meeting



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

# Woodchips



2009 Excellence Award, R South

Being September, as well as our normal Club activity, the Annual General Meeting and election of officers was on the cards.

As well, we had the guys from the Ornamental Turners were in attendance and showing off their incredible machines.

Interest was high in the OTA and once again Alf Jordan



gave us an explanation of what they do and how they get their various cuts. Tim, one of their newer recruits, really had some marvellous equipment and showed real precision in his designs and cuts. He emphasised that constant sharpening of his cutters was essential and had made a gynomoscope which enabled him to set the exact angle needed for sharpening. See photo at right.



They seem to have lifted their equipment standard since last we saw them,

We may even see a few engineering marvels appear from the John Crisp Jig Manufactory.

In the AGM, conducted by Alf Jordan, we had some



old faces re-elected a some new faces appear.

John Powell remains as President. Roger Wilson steps in as Vice President.

Ian Pye remains as Treasurer.

Peter Brett has replaced John Harris as Secretary.

And John Crisp, Fred Schffarczyk and Bill Shean remain as Committee Members.

However, John Harris does not get off scot free from continuing his Committee work. He will take on the role of events co-ordination and arrange our meeting demonstrators and activities .

Welcome to Peter and Roger!

## What's Happening

- 24 October** Jim Powell / Ian Pye / Ron South
- 31 October -1 November** Arts Trail.  
Items for sale at hall on Friday 30th Oct.
- 28 November** Peter Brett - Pyrography  
Guild Bi-Monthly Meeting will be held at Southern Highlands
- 12 December** Christmas Meeting. Hands On. Christmas Decorations
- 23 January** Hands On Day -  
President's Challenge is 'Turned Picture Frame'  
See John Crisp for advice.
- 24 February** Mike Darlow, Design

# Show & Tell - September Meeting

Project for September was either a lamp or a candle



**Bill Shean:** Lidded bowls in Rosewood, Mahogany, Redgum & Walnut, and Myrtle



**Bill Shean:** Lidded Bowls in Mahogany, Huon Pine, Cedar, Myrtle and a bowl in Huon Pine and Padauk



**Bill Shean:** Lidded bowl in myrtle and huon pine

**Bill Bailey:** Bottle in meranti and cutting board

**Peter Brett:** Segmented bowl in oak



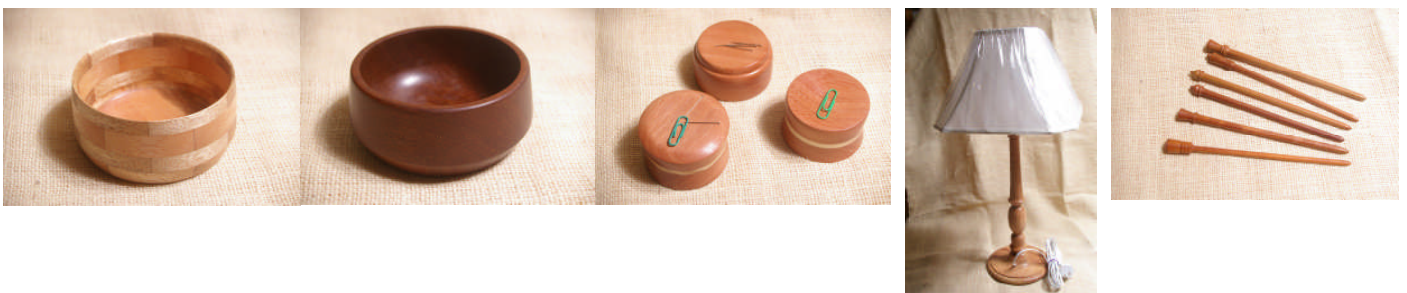
**John Crisp:** Skeleton clock in Huon Pine

**Bob Miller:** Box in hardwood

**Ian Pye:** Bowl in ginko

**John Harris:** Cloak pin in Wenge

**Max Donato:** Lidded bowl in Maple



**JMax Donato:** Segmented bowl in Maple, bowl in beena, magnetic paperclip holders in Meribau

**Ian Pye:** Lamp in Silky Oak

**John Harris:** Cloak pins

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## President's Report

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It was our AGM last month and we have some new people on the Committee. I would like to welcome Roger Wilson



to the position of Vice-President, and Peter Brett as Secretary. I also welcome John Crisp to the Committee.

Our outgoing Vice-President, Peter Herbert, has been much missed since he moved to Queensland. Thank you once again Peter for all that you did for the Woodturners, both locally and with the Sydney Guild.

I would also like to thank John Harris for the many years of hard work he has put in as our Secretary. Your efforts have been much appreciated and we will make sure that we do not lose your valuable experience and input.

I'd further like to remind members of the forthcoming Arts Trail week-end on 31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please make sure that you fill in an Arts Trail Sales List, (available in the hall), and have all your sales items clearly tagged with a number and price and your identification mark.

If you can give some time over the week-end at the Hall, either turning or selling items, it would be much appreciated. A Roster List will be up at the back of the hall.

Finally, don't forget that we need toys and items for raffle prizes to present to Joan Armstrong of Rainbow of the Southern Highlands at our November meeting. This meeting is a Bi-monthly meeting when we have a visit from the Sydney Woodturners Guild members.

Keep the chips flying,

John.

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## Treasurer's Report

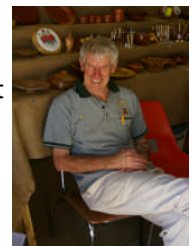
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The main financial activity for September was the handling of the grant from Wingecarribee Council for the purchase of equipment.

The grant provided for the purchase of three variable speed motors. As we had purchased one of the motors in advance we were able to purchase some additional items including the Woodfast Midi Lathe (with variable speed motor), 2 chucks with inserts, 2 drive centres and 2 stebcentres, blu max grinding wheel and diamond dresser.

The other big event for September was our most successful barbeque at Bunnings. From this we made a

profit of \$504.80. Thanks to John and Joyce for their organisation and to the all the workers who battled through the day. This time the profit went into our general funds which are still running below the \$2,000 which is our desirable balance figure. However, we finished the month with a sound total balance of \$2,717.49 including \$1,253.74 in the Equipment Fund.



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## Letter to the Editor

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Well after talking and planning for 12 months the long weekend had arrived along with all the necessary materials to put a polycarbonate sheet roof under the deck so as to give some more useable area out side during the rainy days.

Well, Dear Wife has volunteered to help put up the sheeting and as Dear Wife is more vertically challenged than Hubby extra scaffolding was required for both of them to be able to reach the battens to screw the sheeting to.

So all the tools are in place and off we go, however after installing about 3 sheets Dear Wife expresses some reservations about one of the planks used in the scaffold, after reassurance from Hubby that "she'll be right",

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## A Woodturning Woodie in Twenty Quick Questions

### Woodturner in question Graeme Webb

**Place of birth?** The Southern Highlands. Right here in Bowral in the old hospital that was near the BP servo. Been here in the Highlands all my life.

**Now residing?** I now live in Mittagong with my wife Jeanette, daughter Vickie and son Jason.

**Occupation now or in previous life?** My first trade is electrical. When I left school I entered into an apprenticeship with my uncle. I was with my uncle for 7 years and then moved to the Integral/Illawarra Electricity for the next 15 years before entering into 8 years of self-employment. I have been back with Integral for about 5 years.

I found that I had a great interest in welding and boiler making, so much so that I went to TAFE and completed the 4 year trade course. So I now have a second trade as a boiler maker/welder.

**Interest in turning began when/how?** My interest in woodturning goes way back to primary school when I was eleven years old and we used to go every Wednesday morning up to Sturt. This carried over into High School.

**Have you had any turning tuition?** Apart from the tuition I had at school I've had two days with uncle bill at Bargo.

**Do you have a workshop or area as such?** Yes I do. It started at first at the house but I now have a large shed down the back.

**Do you have a lathe?** I have an older model Teknatool TGL1000 that came via my uncle Phil.

**What other machinery do you have?** All the usual wood working tools plus metal working equipment such as a metal lathe, welders, grinders etc.

**Preferred turning tool?** The scrapers at the present but I hope to master the skew chisel some time soon.

**Favourite turning timber?** I haven't used a great variety but I would say Australian Cedar and Huon.

**Preferred Finish?** At the present Triple E and Shellawax.

**Has your turning been influenced by anything/body?** At

the moment I am just getting on with the basics with whatever timber is available but I have been impressed by the work of my peers.

**Do you have a preference in turning i.e. bowls spindle etc.?** Bowls and Boxes.

**Do you have a favourite piece that you have made?** Probably my own designed and made chisels and handles.

**What has been your most difficult/intricate/failed piece?** Most of my pieces have been difficult because mostly it's the first time for each technique/tool/finish. My gavel and striker was an intricate piece and I performed the old 'turning right through the base' trick.

**Is there any particular aspect of your turning you would like to improve?** Hollowing and finishing in general but also be more creative.

**Is there any particular project that you wish to accomplish at some time?** I have some ideas for some segmental work. Wait and see.

**What do you like and/or dislike about woodturning?** I like the challenges and using the different tools and machinery. Like every one else I hate the dust.

**Is there a particular benefit you feel you have gained from the craft?** Meeting my fellow woodies.

**Do you have any other interests apart from woodturning?** I suppose that it would be metal work, cars, bikes and motor sport. Also working with a computer.



## Show and Tell ....cont



**Sam McGrath:** Bowl in Jackaranda



**Jim Powell:** Toothpick holders in pine



**Graeme Webb:** Tiled trivet in Camphor, lidded bowl in Rosewood



**Graeme Webb:** Tiled trivet in camphor, bowl in Myrtle, segmented bowl in oak and others



**Mike Darlow:** Bowl



**Mike Darlow:** Container and bowl



**Ian Pye:** Lamp in PNG Rosewood and segmented bowl in Blackwood



## Letter to the Editor .... cont

sheeting continued and good progress was being made, and they both were pleased.

Soon after, Hubby had to go to the end of the sheet that Dear wife was holding up, to install some screws, and he warns Dear Wife that he is about to stand on the same plank as Dear Wife, so that she is not alarmed by the downward trend of the plank, no sooner had Hubby finished issuing the warning when with an almighty CRACK the plank that Dear Wife was worried about, failed, Dear Wife jumps the 600mm to the ground while Hubby does a half pike with two and a half twist with a difficulty of 6 off the remainder of the plank and over the saw stool head first through the tomato patch and lands face down bum up in the pittosttorom hedge, Dear Wife does the right thing and checks Hubby is still intact and he informs her that all is well, and gets to his feet, dusts himself off, and roars with laughter at the way the events had unfolded, leaving Dear Wife with a puzzled look on her face, wondering just what was so funny, at this point she was not amused and as expected informed Hubby, "that we are not amused", and despite this little setback another plank was pressed into service and the job completed by lunch time, where they both enjoyed a giggle about the way Hubby was so unceremoniously dislodged from the plank.

Although Dear Wife would struggle to make 50kg's wringing wet, the moral to the story is, make sure Dear Wife has her own plank to stand on!!!!



## SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

### Meetings:

4th Sat each month, 10.00am – 4.30pm

Every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

**President:** John Powell , 48 712 714

**Vice-Pres:** Roger Wilson, 48 623 175

**Secretary:** Peter Brett, 48 713 104

**Treasurer:** Ian Pye, 48 623 750

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**We're on the web  
Sydneywoodturners.com.au**

### 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 pro-

## John Page & Excellence Awards

### John Page Awards Nominations

#### September

Max Donato 2 nominations

Peter Brett 3 nominations

Jim Powell 2 nominations

Bill Bailey 1 nomination

### Excellence Award Nominations

#### September

**Peter Brett** Segmented bowl in oak

**John Crisp** Skeleton clock in Huon Pine

**Graeme Webb** Rosewood sugar bowl with pyrography

**Bill Shean** Lidded bowl in Huon Pine and Myrtle with indexed decoration

**Ian Pye** Bowl in Ginko

## Arts Trail 31 October & 1 November

We are participating in the 2009 Arts Trail as we did last year. As well as demonstrating our great hobby, we also have the opportunity to sell some work and make a few dollars to buy that much need extra bowl gauge or skew chisel you so desperately need.

Items for sale (or display) must be at the Hall next Friday, 30 October. Each item must be labelled with your initials and a number and the price. You also need to supply a list showing every item including it's number and price.