

May, 2010



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

# Woodchips



2009 Excellence Award, R South

## Highlights of April Meeting

A cool but sunny day saw our members arriving steadily this morning. Our lathes lacked the hum of activity prior to lunch, lots of chatting around the tea and coffee pot. Lunch was served early at 11.45 and the hungry lot grew to 26.

Roger got the meeting under way at 12.30. John Powell was present but still resting to overcome the difficulties of travel thrown into chaos by a volcano no less. Good to have you back John, we hope you managed to enjoy the forced extension to your stay in England. Ian presented his treasurers report and proudly announced "we are still in the black". Roger examined some items mentioned in Woodchips also suggested a range of tools needed to bring the range back to strength.

With our constant search to keep costs down we shall have a trial run to supply the Woodchips magazine in print and through email to all members happy to receive it on the net.

Ian suggested an increase to our raffle tickets to \$ 2 ea.....soon?

Freddy R and Gar-nett did a demo with our new bowl



saver, due to some difficulty an extension ( about a meter long ) was used to persuade the cutting end to get through. However a large knot stopped the process.

Mike did a segment on wave shape turning , followed by actually turning a sample to illustrate the concept .

Mike explained in detail the method and tools to use for cove turning very effectively in an entertaining way.



John Harris performed show and tell as eloquently as always . John highlighted each item with a great deal of detailed analysis. Afternoon tea was called by Roger and thereafter the enthusiasm had waned for some group turning and the day was closed.

The day had been well presented by Roger.

By Fred Schaffarczyk

## What's Happening

- 22 May** John Krook, Blue mountains Woodturners, Lattice work and ornamental turning.
- 18-20 June** Sydney Working With Wood Show.  
Bus on Sunday 20, G Webb the driver
- 26 June** **Excellence Award**  
Hands-On Day
- 3-5 September** Canberra Working With Wood Show

**Show & Tell - April Meeting** Project for April was a deep hollowed vessel



**Graeme Webb:** Deep hollowed vessels in blackbean and silky oak. Bowl in camphor

**John Harris:** Carved bowl in liquid amber



**John Harris:** Red Gum DHV

**Graeme Webb:** Bbowl in Japanese cedar

**Jim Powell:** pencil box



**Fred R:** Pot pourri in cryptomania, shaving soap in huon pine

**John Harris:** Platter PNG walnut

**Bill Bailey:** lolly jar in cryptomaia



**Bill Bailey:** Lolly jar and beer steins

**Roger Wilson:** pen in osage orange

**Ian Pye:** tetrahedron bowl in silky oak



**John Harris:** Ear ring stands in rosewood **Roger Wilson:** pen in osage orange

**Bill Shean:** Lidded bowls in jarara burl and rosewood, jarrah burl and platter in osage orange

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## Show & Tell - April Meeting ...cont

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**Bob Miller:** Triple candle stand in cypress, lidded toothpick holder in jacaranda and Sydney blue gum , vase in cypress



**Ian Pye:** Bowl in jacaranda



**John Harris:** Pair of ear ring stands



**Mike Darlow:** Watch stand



**Garnet Anderson:** Pair of bowl blanks removed with a bowl saver

## President's Report

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We had another successful day at the Black and Coloured Sheep Association's day at the Robertson Hall. Many thanks to Fred R., Fred S., John and Pam Harris, Bill Bailey, Sam McGrath, and Roger Wilson for their help and support on the day.



- 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November – Studios in Moss Vale, Berrima, Bundanoon, Canyonleigh, Robertson and surrounding areas.

This means we will be participating in the first week-end of the Arts Trail. This is the third year of this event. We were told that it would take about four years for it to really take off, so the fact that it has already grown to the extent that it needs to be split into two areas and week-ends shows that we are on a winner.

I believe Sam McGrath was another successful entrant at the Moss Vale Show. Belated congratulations Sam. Sorry to be so late, but the grapevine was a bit slow in keeping me up to speed.

A big thank you to Max Donato for organizing another recruitment drive and fundraising stall in Corbett Plaza on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. This is a good opportunity for you to make some petty cash to help finance your hobby, so now is the time to start making some items for sale.

This year the Southern Highlands Arts Trail will be held over two week-ends :

- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November – Studios in Burradoo, Bowral, Mittagong and surrounding areas,

Keep those chips flying,  
John.

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## Treasurer's Report

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Dear Committee,

It's my turn to disappear this month and I will be missing the May Committee meeting and our Saturday program. Here is the monthly statement and details of expenditure...you will note that there is no income for April as it was not banked until May (No, I didn't use it for my fares to NT).

We received \$38.50 in commissions from sales at the Black and Coloured Sheep Day at Robertson on 1 May plus \$7 in donations.

Funds at end of April totalled \$4,030.71 of which the Equipment Fund is in credit to the tune of \$1,849.89

Ian



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### From Col Hayman

Once again, The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words. The winners are:

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while

drunk.

5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller

..... More next month

## Excellence Award 2010

### June is the judging month for the Excellence Award for 2010

As you know, the Excellence Award is based on the items presented at the meetings since July 2009 up to this May meeting.

Our inaugural winner was John Harris for his beautiful carved Camphor Laurel bowl.



Last year was then won by Ron South by his firetruck in an absolute landslide



Following each monthly meeting, the Committee reviews all pieces shown at Show and Tell and considers whether a piece has that something 'extra'. Has it shown a level of quality of completion, or design or execution which lifts it above our normal submissions. If it does in the eyes of anyone of the Committee, that piece is nominated for the Excellence Award.

All items nominated by the Committee for inclusion in the competition will be returned to the June meeting. At which time, all members present have an opportunity to nominate their preferred pieces.

This year, all members present will be able to vote on their three preferred pieces. You will not have to vote which is the best of those three, just nominate the 'best 3' of those shown at the meeting.

Whichever piece receives the most votes, will be deemed to be the winner.

If a draw occurs, the drawn pieces will be redisplayed and a further vote taken as to which of the drawn pieces you wish to nominate as the winner. Again, the most votes determine the winner.

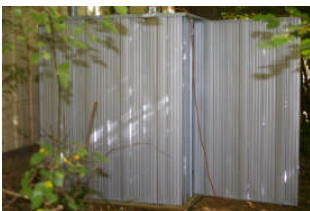
The winner of the 2010 Excellence Award will be announced at the opening of our 'Treasures in Timber' exhibition in the Moss Vale Council Chambers on Friday the 30th July. All items from the Excellence Award will be displayed for the whole of August in the Display Case in the Council Chambers. The Mayor will be opening our exhibition on the afternoon of 30th July and at the same time will make the presentation of the Award for 2010.

All members are invited to the opening and award presentation.

If you wish to have any of your pieces displayed in the Display Case, you may do so. It is not limited to the Excellence Award pieces. Please bring them to the June monthly meeting and leave with John Powell who will arrange for them to get to the Council.

## The Dust Extractor Shed

Our dust extractor has now found a home in it's very own shed outside the back wall.



The hardy Tuesday team set it up on the Tuesday before our last monthly meeting. And on the Friday the beast was actually moved in and connected.

A few photos of the structure, the extractor and those responsible follow.



## A visit by the Southern Highlands Woodies to the Black and Coloured Sheep Association

### Woolfest 01 May 2010.

Well the weather was very kind to us at about 8 am as we prepared to set up camp for the days activities, perhaps the weather could even be described as balmy for Robertson, even if it was the first day of May as Bill Bailey, John Powell, John Harris, Fred Robjent, Fred Schaffarczyk, Roger Wilson and Sam McGrath prepared for the hordes that would pass by our humble demonstrating area and display area.

As things were unloaded from the trailer spectators began to arrive and some people from last year who were there, to assist the wool ladies get things set up, were keen to see how the woodies were going to manage to erect their shelter for the days activities, and as Bill, John globetrotter Powell, John Harris and the two Freddie's had the new super-duper, whizzbang almost self erecting canopy up in seconds, with military precision and to the amazement of the onlookers, we managed to erect it so fast that some people blinked and missed the event, still for those people, there is always next year.

So with the canopy up it was down to serious stuff like where are we going to put the lathes for maximum benefit for the throng of people that will be watching the demonstration? Well once the lathes were positioned and power was connected it was connecting and master tact for the day was Sam McGrath who held the audience attention with his turning, and he even managed to assist Roger with a few tips for his pens.

Local draw card Bill Bailey had a large crowd around his lathe when he was in full swing churning out honey dippers, and shavings flying in every direction, and when Bill was away from the lathe he was making sure that passersby were channeled in the direction of the woodies, so they could be amazed at how Roger managed to get those little square bits of timber to a round shape so quickly.

Fred S was not at the lathe demonstrat-

ing as he was keen not to get a relapse of the previous coughing complaint he was suffering earlier in the year, but was always close by to offer words of encouragement to those busy on the lathe or assisting the elusive John Powell, and offering explanations to curious buyers at the sales table.

Fred R was also seen making some of his signature pieces but was lamenting that he had left his favorite tool at home, the multi function speed bore bit, but was very busy from time to time at the sales table extolling the many virtues of his preferred finish LIBERON, to all who would listen.

Globe trotter Powell was well entrenched at the sales table for most of the day, but it was noted he was missing a couple of times, and upon investigation he was found lurking in the tea room where he was feasting on the many treats that could be found within, and telling all and sundry about what a great piece of equipment our canopy was and how the bloke who thought we should purchase it was simply magnificent, and ahead of his time.

John Harris was also kept busy between keeping an eye on our turners and the book keeping methods of Mr Powell, who sometimes was simply overwhelmed by the number of shoppers at the table, and the recording of sales. John was also kept busy answering questions from the general public about things that we should have had on sale etc.

Bill and Joan Dinning were very busy admiring the stalls and Bill had a box full of dibbers for sale, complete with poetry attached, and proved very popular with some of the shoppers.

Fay Powell, Pam Harris, Leonie Wilson and friend as well as Jean and Gerry Harris were also very busy in the tea rooms sampling the cakes and slices, as well as scouting around all the stalls looking for that elusive bargain or must have item.

It was also thought that there were not as many wool stalls this year and the general public visitors were down as well, but surprisingly enough on our last couple of visits to the Woolfest our sales were lucky



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## Black and Coloured Sheep Association Woolfest .....cont

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to make the \$100. for the entire day, but this year much to the delight to all that were there we managed to make over \$400 for the day and we even asked Pam Harris to tally the takings for the day to help us make sure we had not made a mistake, no doubt our very thorough treasurer, Ian Pye, will have a full financial run down at the next meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Well as you can see from the article above we had a financially successful day and a thoroughly good time chatting and socializing with all that we met on the day, and I think it fair to say we will be back in 2011.

PS. The writer is also of the opinion that the Woodies are beginning to develop a reputation as capable turners and now that we are in the public eye more often we are becom-

ing a sought after group, for some where, that people can buy some thing unique, and as a result the sales are con-

tinuing to grow and as a result we are in constant need of more items for sale so please make an attempt to turn something for the sales table and receive the financial benefit from it. Please note that any monies you receive from the sale of your goods does NOT have to be declared to the Minister of Domestic Affairs.



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## Images from the UK by John Powell

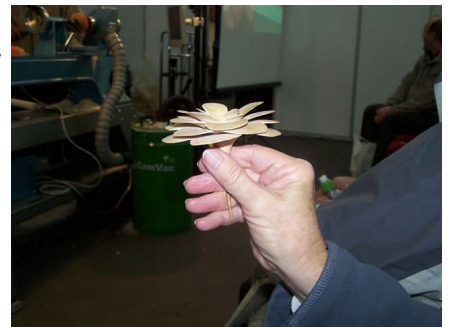
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Some shots from the Woodturners show at Alexandra Palace, London. Thought they may be of interest.

Our very own Mike Darlow in full flight at the Show.



This French gentleman was demonstrating how to make roses at the Alexandra Palace Show. They are made from the roots of the Strawberry Tree. The timber is saturated in water and the layers of petals are very thin. The individual petals are cut with scissors, and as the timber dries the petals turn back. The stem is turned separately with a funnel shaped top and the flower is attached with glue.



Richard Raffan was also there representing Oz.





## 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

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**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 web-site. I just sent the last few month's worth to go up on the web. So the missing editions should be there.

### Trend Timbers Move

Trend Timbers will be moving:

15 Railway Road North  
Mulgrave NSW 2756

This is one street over from their previous address.

### 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 2010

**January:** Turned picture frame

**February:** Bowl with 3 feet

**March:** Pr duplicate candlesticks

**April:** Deep hollowed vessel

**May:** Bowl with "??"

**June:** Reassembled wall hanging

**July:** Cutting board

**August:** Cup, saucer and tea spoon

**September:** Dinner plate

**October:** Turned toy or game

**November:** Ernie Newman Doll

**December:** Christmas Ornaments

These are the projects for the theme of Show & Tell for each of the 2010 meetings. This should also produce a range of items in the Excellence Award.

## John Page & Excellence Awards

### John Page Awards Nominations

Nominations for **February** Show and Tell were:

Jim Powell 2 nominations

Ian Pye 2 nominations

Bill Bailey 1 nomination

### March

Ken Sullivan 2 nominations

Bill Bailey 1 nomination

Bob Miller 1 nomination

Graeme Webb 1 nomination

### Excellence Award

Nominations for **February** Show and Tell were:

Bruce Everett: 3-legged mallee burl bowl

Ian Pye: 3-legged western red cedar bowl

Ron South: 3-legged camphor bowl

Roger Wilson: 3-legged bowl in mahogany and rosewood

Bob Miller: pot pourri in Fijian mahogany

Graeme Webb: 3-legged lidded bowl

### March

Ken Sullivan Candle sticks

Graeme Webb Candle sticks

Ron South Excavator

John Harris Candle sticks

Bob Miller Picture frame & stand