

Highlights of October Meeting



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Woodchips

A roll up of thirty members sure tested the space in our club house on this sunny morning . Our line up of lathes had shavings flying everywhere .

Roger Wilson was at the helm while John and Jane Powell were checking out the scenery in four states .

After lunch Roger mentioned the windfall coming to us from S W G at the rate of \$ 10 / head per paid up member end Sept. and informed us that it was already spent on some equipment for the hall.

Roger reminded us that Oyster Bay had open days on 27th and 28th of November .

" By Hand & Eye " and " Woodchips " are available on the Internet and members downloading these will save on our expenses .

Bill Shean will continue to provide his turning teaching classes .

Roger outlined our intended system of " demonstrating the item for the following month Presidents challenge " . Roger high-

lighted again the importance of bringing your items to the club on Friday 4. 11. 10 for sale on 5th and 6th of November.

More volunteers are needed for our Corbett Plaza sale day , also put your name down for the Christmas luncheon at Mittagong R S L on 11.12.10. Roger discussed some wood finishes .

Bill Shean and John Harris highlighted and explained the merits of a range of chucks . It was a good session prompting a fair amount of interaction .

Next were a wide range of reversing chucks , those available of the shelf and the limitless variations born by your imagination .

Bill presented examples where the use of 10 mm plastic bread boards were very useful and inexpensive yet very effective when fitted to Cole jaws for any size . Cont ..p5

What's Happening

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| 27 November | Roger Wilson – Bandsaw Operations
Ken Sullivan – Christmas ornaments
Joan Armstrong – Rainbow of the Southern Highlands. Toys needed. |
| 11 December | Christmas Party. Mittagong RSL Club |
| 22 January | Balls, Bells and Birdhouses
Col Hayman, John Harris & Roger Wilson |
| 25 June | Richard Raffan |



2010
Excellence Award
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Show & Tell - October Meeting Project for October was a turned toy or game



Max Donato: Salad bowl and servers, Huon pine - Lidded bowl, ginkgo biloba & pottery



Roger Wilson: Bowl, Myrtle



Ken Sullivan: Button, Purple heart



Roger Wilson: Bowls, Pennsylvania ash & Myrtle



Col Hayman: Board game, Huon



Bill Bailey: Toy, Pine



Graham Dickman: Bowl, Myrtle



Ian Pye: Lidded bowl, Huon & Aust cedar



Ron South: Truck, Camphor laurel



Bob Miller: Clock, English elm



Keith Buchanan: Money box bunny, unknown

Bob Miller: Vase, Jackaranda



Show & Tell - Septembercont



Bob Miller: Clock stand, English elm – Cup, saucer and spoon; Huon, Hoop pine, cypress & Monterey pine

John Harris: Yo-yo, Rosewood



John Harris: Sugar bowl, Myrtle; Platter, Camphor & Rosewood.; Measuring Spoons, PNG Rosewood & cedar



Bill Shean: Natural edge bowl, unknown; Needle cases, Blackwood, Rengas & Celery top pine; Lidded bowl, Jackaranda & ash



Bill Shean: Lidded bowls, Huon - Carved edge bowl, Jackaranda



Bill Shean: Carved edge bowl, Jackaranda - Square pedestal platter, Myrtle - Carved edge bowl, Camphor laurel

President's Report

I have heard reports that the Arts Trail week-end was successful but will leave it for someone who was present to report on it in full.



Painting of the hall was in full swing prior to the Arts Trail, and the results are great. Thanks again to those who contributed.

Our stall in Corbett Plaza last Sunday went well. Early buyers were mostly locals and the tourists came later. We took \$570 so some members have extra pocket money for Christmas, and the club has some extra too. Thank you to those members who gave up their time to help. It's always seems to be the same group of willing helpers who volunteer, perhaps next year more members will come forward to help for a few hours.

A reminder that the Christmas Luncheon on 11th December is fast approaching. We

need your names at the November meeting as the RSL needs numbers well ahead of time.

We have a busy meeting on Saturday 27th. We need your toys and items for raffle

prizes to present them to Joan Armstrong from Rainbow of the Southern Highlands, a charity for terminally ill children. Joan will be here at 2.00pm. We also have the presentation of the John Page Award, and Ken Sullivan will be showing us how to turn some novel Christmas decorations. Finally Roger Wilson will talk on safety issues with the bandsaw.

Wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and of course, a wonderful year in 2011 with lots of turning and companionship at the Woodies.

Keep the chips flying,

John.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasury has had a busy month. The Arts Trail exhibition over 6-7 November yielded sales to the value of \$962.50, with the Group taking 10% commission. This was disappointing, not because of the excellent standard and variety of the Woodies' craftsmanship, but we all appreciate that our Shed at Harbison isn't exactly easy to find, despite efforts to maximise signage to lure & guide visitors to it. On the positive side, the public side of Shed received a facelift, with gutters cleaned, downpipe replaced, exterior walls and window frames painted and a safety rail fitted to the kitchen steps.

Sales at the Corbett Plaza stall in conjunction with Phase 2 of the Arts Trail on Sunday 21 November got off to a flying start even as we were setting up. However, sales had virtually stalled by lunchtime, with members having a very relaxed afternoon.

Sales amounted to \$570, with \$513 returned to members. Unfortunately there was an \$11 discrepancy in the takings, resulting in our group making only \$46 for the day's efforts.

Significant items of equipment acquired during the month were a Scheppach linisher and a Hafco mobile dust extractor. The latter will permit the flexibility of sanding at any of the lathes and at the linisher.

Approaching the end of the month, we have a balance of \$2692.74. I urge those intending to attend the Christmas Lunch on 11 December to pre-pay the Treasurer \$40 per head as soon as is practicable.

Kind pre-Seasonal felicitations,

Les Dunn

Well the Arts Trail for 2010 has come and gone.

In earlier reports, both the President and Treasurer mentioned our sales figures which were a little down on last year. However, given how poor Saturday was, visitors were very few and far between, our final overall numbers were about as good as could be expected. But we need to work on how we boost those numbers.



What was really good was how many members were in attendance at some time throughout the weekend. This is the first time I've seen Ken Sullivan put up with us for a whole weekend, I only hope his recovery is proceeding ok.

Our range was excellent, as can be seen from the photos and many visitors complimented members on the quality and range of work . We just have to work harder to fill our range a little more each year. Candlesticks and lidded bowls are on the President's Challenge for 2011.



We had lathes going all weekend and I had the indexer and router in place to add a bit of variety. We missed Bruce's air-brushing and pyrography that he did last year, it added to the variety.

As Les has said, our hall may be a little out of the way for some people, so we might need to rethink our venue for 2011.



October Highlightscont

Bill went on to point out how the Jacobs chuck can be used in a myriad of ways and home made mandrels made from brass rods are easy to use and kind to your sharp tools .

The raffle was won by Ron South , Bob Miller and Bill Shean (by default) .

Ron conducted show and tell in his now fa-

miliar excellent style .

After tea John Harris gave a quick demo of how to turn an Ernie Newman doll , it is next months challenge .

Rodger thanked Judy Powell , John Crisp and Freddy R for our afternoon tea and also the painting crew for a job well done .



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Meetings:

4th Sat each month, 10.00am – 4.30pm

Every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

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Presidents Challenge

2011

January: Any face plate turning

February: Birdhouse

March: Bowl incorporating pottery

April: Identical pair of ???

May: Candle stick

June: Anything using 2-3 woods

July: Box

August: 2-piece tool handle

September: Textured, Carved or

Burnt

October: Goblet

Nov: Christmas ornament

These are the projects for the theme of Show & Tell for each of the 2011 meetings. This should also produce a range of items in the Excellence Award.

Note that the order may change as demonstrators are finalised.

John Page & Excellence Awards

John Page Awards Nominations

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

Bob Miller 4 nominations

Peter Jackson 1 nomination

Roger Wilson 1 nomination

Excellence Award

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

Ian Pye: Tetrahedron Bowl, Silky oak

Graeme Webb: Bowl, purpleheart

Bill Dinning: Button, Blackwood

Brave Man

Fred was in trouble! He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really upset. She told him 'Tomorrow morning I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in under 10 seconds'.

'AND IT HAD BETTER BE THERE!'

The next morning Fred got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out of the window and sure enough, there was small box gift- wrapped in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, she put her robe on, ran out to the driveway and picked up the box.

She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scales.

Funeral services for Fred have been scheduled for Friday.