



Highlights of November Meeting

Our last monthly meeting for the year started with a sunny day and a good roll up of 23 happy Woodies . There was much jovial discussion but some lathes were humming . We were delighted to have our Patron Don and his wife Bess among us .

John Powell opened the meeting at 1 pm . John read the apologies and noted that " John Crisp was absent"

The Treasurer was absent therefore no report . John reminded us that the " By Hand & I "and "Woodchips " magazines are available on the net. Also all sanding must be done in designated areas and we now have three dust extractors to protect the health of members .

The Plaza sales yielded \$ 500.

We have a council grant for the purchase of a good band saw . For the first time we have two recipients for our annual "John Page " award , Jim Powell and Bob Miller were equally rewarded for their efforts throughout last year . Very well done fellows !



Bill Shean was missed due to an illness, get well soon Bill .

Roger Wilson presented a segment on Band Saw Safety . Ron

What's Happening

- 22 January Balls, Bells and Birdhouses
Col Hayman, John Harris & Roger Wilson
- 26 February Hands-On, spinning tops
- 18-20 March Moss Vale Show, set up Thursday
- 26 March 13-Steps to Making a Bowl, Bill Shean
- 23 April Hands-On, Team Bowl Making
- 30 April Black and Coloured Sheep Assoc, Robertson
- 28 May Freddie S, Make a Wall Hanging in 2 or more woods
- 17-19 June Sydney Working With Wood Show, bus on Sunday
- 25 June Richard Raffan



2010 Excellence Award
P Brett



Bill Bailey: Doll, radiata



Rees Bunker: Bowl, leylandia cypress



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Steve & Alex Walker: Doll, Chinese elm



Fred S: Pair owls, Pacific maple



Ron South: Family dolls, various



Experimental wagon wheel, radiata



Ken Sullivan:
Segmented Christmas ornaments
Bowl, Myrtle



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John Harris: Green turned bowl, beena



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President's Report

Well the festive season has been and gone. I hope everyone had a happy and relaxing time. From all reports the members who attended the Christmas luncheon enjoyed themselves very much, many saying that it was the best meal they had ever had at the RSL.

Fred S., our Rep, and I attended the Sydney Woodturner's Guild AGM on 29th November. The office bearers are now:-

President. Warren Rankin.

Secretary. Chris Dunn.

Treasurer. Greg Crocker.

Vice President. Alex Bendeli.

We are expecting a visit from the Guild members at our July meeting when we will



be voting on the entries in the Excellence Award.

Other events coming up in the near future include the Moss Vale Show on 18, 19, and 20 March, and The Black and Coloured

Sheep Association's day at Robertson on 30 April. These events give us chance to make some more pocket money to finance our hobby so mark your calendars.

NO SANDING notices are scattered around the hall to remind us that sanding must always be done using the dust extractors. This is an important health issue so is beneficial for everyone.

Best wishes to everyone for a great 2011 progressing in, and enjoying your hobby in the company of good friends.

Keep the chips flying,
John.

Treasurer's Report

The Christmas period did not incur any significant transactions. The only news of significance relates to proposed changes to the annual levy for the Equipment Fund and the annual membership contribution to the Guild. Rather than pay these separately, I believe the method will be to collect a single payment of \$50 from each Southern Highlands Woodie to cover both. I also believe the payment will be due in April.

I'll be absent from 27 January until mid-March working at the International Airshow at Avalon in Victoria. Ian Pye, our erstwhile Secretary and immediate past-Treasurer, has kindly volunteered to look after the coffers until my return. Thanks Ian.

Cheers,

Les Dunn, Treasurer

November Highlightscont

South also contributed to the safety aspect of band saws and Ken Sullivan completed this segment by rounding off with the importance of safety .

Ken then presented his method to craft very fine segmented and intricate Christmas ornaments . A beautiful result ,however very time consuming to achieve .



ONE

Recently, when I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets.

I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

'We don't have half dozen nuggets,' said the teenager at the counter.

'You don't?' I replied.

'We only have six, nine, or twelve,' was the reply.

'So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?'

'That's right.'

So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets
(Unbelievable but sadly true...)

TWO

I was checking out at the local Walmart with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those 'dividers' that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed.

After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the 'divider', looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code, she said to me, 'Do you know how much this is?'

I said to her 'I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today.'

She said 'OK,' and I paid her for the things and left.

(She had no clue to what had just happened.)

THREE

A woman at work was seen putting a credit card into her floppy drive and pulling it out very quickly. When I inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM 'thingy.'

(keep shuddering!!)

FOUR

I recently saw a distraught young lady weeping beside her car.

'Do you need some help?' I asked.

She replied, 'I knew I should have replaced the battery to this remote door unlocker. Now I can't get into my car. Do you think they (pointing to a distant convenience store) would have a battery to fit this?'

'Hmmm, I don't know. Do you have an alarm, too?' I asked.

'No, just this remote thingy,' she answered, handing it and the car keys to me.

As I took the key and manually unlocked the door, I replied, 'Why don't you drive over there and check about the batteries. It's a long walk...'

(PLEASE just lay down before you hurt yourself !!!)

November Highlightscont

The raffle was drawn by Bess and won by Ron South , Ian Pye, Max Donato and Jim Powell . (Jim had a day to remember). John Powell conducted show and tell , thanked kitchen staff and closed the meeting .





SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

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: Lidded bowl

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 **October** Show and Tell were:

Keith Buchanan 2 nominations

Graham Dickman 1 nomination

Roger Wilson 1 nomination

Excellence Award

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

Bill Shean: Carved bowl, jacaranda

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Bill Dinning: Fluted Edge bowl, Camphor laurel