

July, 2011



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Woodchips

Highlights of May Meeting

June was a very well attended day, with 26 members and 7 visitors present. No doubt our special demonstrator, Richard Raffan, had drawn a few extra members and visitors. We had also had a visit the



day before on the Friday from some Macarthur members, 2 of whom have joined us.

Lunch was extra good with an early course of soup served before the normal main course.

John opened the meeting with some brief comments but then moved quickly into his introduction of Richard Raffan.

Following lunch, Mike Darlow had his 'Mike's Tips' session and this time spent some time on tool handle design, How big they should be, good features to include, how to drill out the handle and then how to make it and finally insert the tool.

Most of the day was spent with Richard who demonstrated boxmaking techniques, both end grain and cross grain. As per normal, he has a very good technique which involves us all and always gives us something to consider.

What's Happening

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| 23 July | Hands-On, Team Bowl Making. Visit from SWG Bi-Monthly Judging, 2011 Excellence Award |
| 29 July | Opening 'Treasures in Timber' Display
Presentation of the Excellence Award, Mayor of Moss Vale |
| 27 August | Pyrography—Kerry Bunker,
Texturing/Carving—Harris/Shean/Others |
| 24 September | AGM and Jack Butler, goblets |
| 22 October | John Crisp, Indexing on the Lathe, routing on the lathe |
| 5-6 & 12-13 November | Arts Trail - see page |
| 26 November | John Harris, Earring, Ring & Chain Stands |
| 10 December | Christmas Meeting |



2010
Excellence Award
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Show & Tell - May Meeting May project was a Candle Stick



Roger Wilson: Bowls-(l) Jacaranda & Aust Cedar, (r) Thuyra & Silky oak



Fred Haeusler: Pen-Rock maple & Cherry



Ken Sullivan: Broaches, Teak & Rosewood



John Harris: Tas oak, Rosewood, Oregon, Beech, Braz mahogany



Paul Bruce: Carved bowl, White mallee



Peter Gerlach: Candle holder, Myrtle & Hoop pine



Max Donato: Shallow dish, Blackwood & Ash

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President's Report

Unfortunately, due to gale force winds, we were unable to hold our stall in Corbett Plaza on Saturday. Sorry about that, but it was just too dangerous to put the marquee up; we tried, but if it hadn't been for Max holding on for grim death it would have blown away and taken the concrete blocks with it.



While you're at your calendar also mark Saturday, 3rd September, to remind you that the bus will be going to Bungendore, the Canberra Working with Wood Show, and, as usual, the scrumptious afternoon tea at John and Pam Harris' house. Please put your name on the list on the table at the back of the hall.

Those of you with items nominated for the Excellence Award please remember to bring them along to our July meeting so they can be voted on, then put in the Council display cabinet. Also don't forget to mark your calendars to remind you to come (with your wife/partner), to the Council Chambers by 5pm on Friday 29th July when the Mayor will present one of you with the Excellence Award. He will also open our Treasures in Timber Display. There will be refreshments after the presentation.

Plans for the Arts Trail are going well and the Agreement to Participate has been given to the Council.

We have decided to give a third award annually, - this time for the best item made specifically for the President's Challenge each month. The Committee will vote on these items each month, together with the Excellence and John Page Awards.

Keep those chips flying,
John.

Treasurer's Report

We finished the financial year with a balance of \$5,070.17 which is an increase of \$376.32 on the balance at the beginning of the year. We are still finalising the accounts for 2011-12 so these figures are subject to revision but unlikely to change very much.

Membership numbers reached 51 for last year but a few members have moved away and are unlikely to renew. On the other hand, we have some enthusiastic new members who are making their presence felt. 2011-2012 should be a good year.

Les Dunn and Ian Pye

Some Funnies

Subject: The dying priest

In Canberra an old priest lay dying in the hospital. For years he had faithfully served the people of the nation's capital.

He motioned for his nurse to come near. "Yes, Father?" said the nurse. "I would really like to see Prime Minister and the Treasurer before I die", whispered the priest.

"I'll see what I can do, Father", replied the nurse.

The nurse sent the request to Parliament and waited for a response. Soon the word arrived; Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Treasurer Wayne Swan would be delighted to visit the priest.

As they went to the hospital, Julia commented to Wayne, "I don't know why the old priest wants to see us, but it will certainly will help our images and might even get me re-elected Prime Minister. After all, I'm **IN IT TO WIN IT**". Wayne agreed that it was a good thing.

When they arrived at the priest's room, the priest took Julia's hand in his right hand and Wayne's hand in his left. There was silence and a look of serenity on the old priest's face.

Finally Julia Gillard spoke. "Father, of all the people you could have chosen, why did you choose us to be with you as you near the end?"

The old priest slowly replied, "I have always tried to pattern my life after our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." "Amen", said Julia . "Amen", said Wayne.

The old priest continued, "**Jesus died between two lying thieves; I would like to do the same.**"

Arts Trail 2011

The Arts Trail this year will run across more than a single weekend. We will be hosting on the weekends of 5/6th & 12/13th November.

We will be setting up on Friday 4th Nov, on that day and the following Friday, and on Tuesday the 8th, the Hall will not be open for woodturning activities. Once set up we will not be pulling the stands and display down until the last day.

So make sure you have all your goods ready for sale, a list of all your goods with a number for each item.

Below is the list that I published last year of things we were missing in 2009, think of which of these you can make between now and the

Honey dippers **Candle sticks and holder** **Ear ring stands** **Necklace and chain stands** **Bird houses**
Wall hangings **Picture frames** **Clocks** **Ring stands** **Spurtles** **Dibbers** **Teaspoons** **Butter**
knives **Lamps** **Needle Cases** **Cake knives** **Breadboards** **Keyrings** **Pedestal bowls** **Sugar**
bowls **Olive Forks** **Bread knives** **Heat Stands** **Pyrography Items** **Carved Items** **Toys** **Boxes**
Mirrors **Rolling Pins**



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Meetings:

4th Sat each month, 10.00am – 4.30pm

Every Friday, 9.30am-12.30pm

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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.

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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

None to announce this issue as both April and May were included in the June issue.



Bill Bailey: Paperweight, Pine, Meranti, Cedar & Oak



Col Hayman: Lidded bowl, Huon & Cedar



Max Donato: Lidded bowl, Blackwood & Apple



Graeme Webb: Salt & Pepper Shakers, Jelutong & Gidgee



Graeme Webb: Candle holder, Macrocarpa