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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WOODIES GROUP INC.

Woodchips



2011 Excellence Award

G Webb

## Highlights of September Meeting

We had a good turnout for the September AGM and our guest turner, Jack Butler (with his lovely wife Marj) from the Northern Beaches Club. 29 members plus our two guests. We also welcomed three new members.

Following a busy morning where we had 4 or 5 lathes going, the cooks managed to feed the ravenous horde.

Roger Wilson opened the meeting as John Powell, together with his criminal-in-arms John Harris, was in New Zealand watching the Rugby



and attending the 'Participation' even in Auckland.

Having gone through the announcements plus the coming

events, Roger handed over the



meeting to Jack to conduct the election of office-bearers.

We have some new names on the list this year, see John Powell's President report on page 2 for a full list.

Having resumed the chair, Roger finished the meeting and then handed it back to Jack for his demonstration.

Jack took us through his method of turning a goblet, with an introduction to various designs of goblets that he has made. He discussed whether to turn the inside first or the outside, he discussed various

## What's Happening

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 12.000 noon. Spouses included. Names please for booking.
28 January	Hands on Day
25 February	Max Donato – Making His Sailboats

## President's Report

I'm home again from a very successful trip to the "Participation" event held at Papakura, just south of Auckland in New Zealand. We travelled with John and Pam Harris who proved to be very good company. There were about 90 turners, both men and women, all "participating" in a huge hall. (see photos).

It was a most interesting experience with lots of ideas being exchanged and many discussions. The Kiwis are much more into decorating their pieces with pyrography, texturing and various colouring powders and solutions. They use these to add value to their sale items and their prices somewhat staggered us, but they seem to be able to sell their things fairly readily.

At the end of three days the items turned were judged and John Harris was the worthy winner of second place. Congrats again to John.

It's noted at the AGM, held while I was away, that I have been returned yet again as President. Other positions are as follows:---

Vice President: Roger Wilson.

Secretary: Les Dunn.



Treasurer: Ian Pye.

Guild Representative: Graeme Webb.

Editor of *Woodchips*: Rees Bunker.

Committee Members: John Crisp and Mick Hurley.

Congratulations to all these people and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

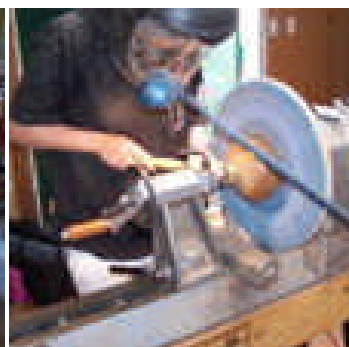
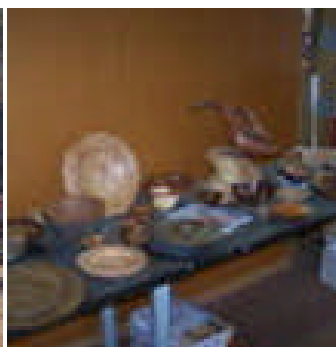
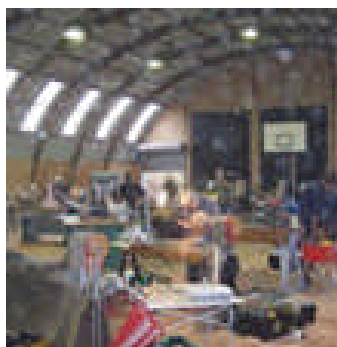
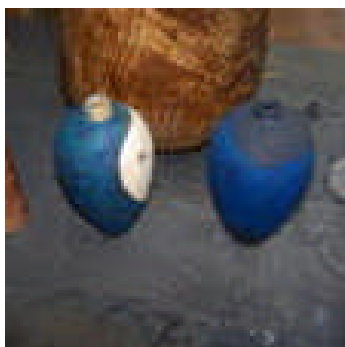
Bill, I would like to thank you for all of your support and hard work on the Committee over many years. Your editorship of the *Woodchips* has been great and your work when you were the Convenor and Guild Rep is much appreciated. We wish you well, and hope that you will still be a regular at the meetings.

A reminder to everyone to fill in your names on the sheet at the back of the hall if you are coming to the Christmas Lunch on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, at 12 noon, in the Mineral Springs Room, Mittagong RSL Club. We had a wonderful meal last year and good company, so I can highly recommend it.

I hope you are all building up your stocks of items for sale at the Arts Trail on the first and second week-ends in November.

Keep those chips flying,

John.



tools that will do the job. In his discussion of retaining the pith of the timber or not, he made a nice statement:

"I had the pith in the middle of the stem and it pithed right off".



A rewarding and enjoyable demonstration from a fine turner.



Mike Darlow did his "Mike's Tips" in the middle of Jack's demo as Mike needed to be off before the end of the meet-

ing. This month Mike discussed timber and why it splits or checks. He explained the three different axes on which timber moves, along the length of the timber, around the circumference of the timber and axially from the centre to the edge, and that the differences in rates of movement are what cause splits and shakes.

## Treasurer's Report

During September we purchased our new lathe and additional chucks which we brought back from the Wood Show in Canberra. These items were purchased with our Wingecarribee Shire grant but as the grant funds have not been received at this stage, our accounts do not look so



healthy...we expect to receive the funds in October.

We also purchased some hollowing tools from the UK and Fred R has bought a fantastic new electric frypan for the kitchen.

We ended the month with a balance of \$2359.20.

Ian Pye

## The Prime Minister Is My Shepherd

Julia is the shepherd I did not want  
She leadeth me beside the still factories  
She restoreth my faith in the Liberal party  
She guideth me in the path of unemployment for  
her party's sake  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the bread-  
line  
I shall fear no hunger for her bailouts are with me  
She has anointed my income with taxes

My expenses runneth over

Surely, poverty and hard living will follow me all the  
days of my life

And I will live in a rented home forever

I am glad I am Australian

I am glad I am free

But I wish I was a dog

And Julia was a tree.

AMEN!!!!!!



## Show & Tell - August Meeting

August project was a 2-timber handle



**Col Hayman:** Maple & Cedar



**Bob Miller:** (left) Cypress & Kauri (right) unknown & Celery Top Pine



**Roger Wilson:** Huon & Walnut



**Graeme Webb:** Bowl –Oak & handle - Oak & Aust Hardwood



**Fred Robjnt:** Blackbean



**Les Bell:** Bowl –Huon & Cup-Unknown



**Graeme Webb:** Box, Macrocarpa



**Keith McCutcheon:** (left) Bowl, Blackwood (right) Bowl, River Redgum



### THE BATHTUB TEST

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director, 'How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalised.'

'Well,' said the Director, 'we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub.'

'Oh, I understand,' said the visitor. 'A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup.'

'No.' said the Director, 'A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?'

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



**Keith McCutcheon:** Bowl, River Redgum



**Reese Bunker:** (left) Bowl, Huon (right) Bowl, Blackwood



**Peter Jackson:** Handles - (l) Walnut & Radiata (r) Walnut & Beefwood



**Terry Duffy:** Inside/out Vase, Qld Maple



**Terry Duffy:** l to r: Vase, Syrian Cedar Inside/out Vase, Unknown



Vase, Oregon & Maple



**Graeme Webb:** Dish, Camphor



**Terry Duffy:** l-Handle, Syrian & Elm r-Handle, Huon & Red Cedar



**Terry Duffy:** Handle, Mahogany

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



**Terry Duffy:** Laminated Box,



**Bill Bailey:** Bowl & Pill Box, English Elm & Silky Oak  
elm & Pine



Spark Plug Spanner, English



**Janet Duffy:** Handle, Red Cedar & Oak



**Bill Bailey:** Handles: Chisel &  
Screwdriver, Cedar & Silky Oak



**Peter Gerlach:** T Handles: Spade & Fork, Sassafras &  
Tallowood



**John Harris:** Handles, Spindle, Huon & Rosewood



Bowl, Blackwood & Rosewood



Skew, Braz Mahogany & Rosewood



**Max Donato:** Handle, Apple & Redgum



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



**Fred Robjent:** Platter



**Alex Walker:** Fish Push Sticks, Rosewood & Kwila



**Ian Pye:** Bowl, Aust Cedar



**Graeme Webb:** Raw Edge Bowl, split, Plum



**Ian Pye:** Lidded Bowl, Camphor & Aust Cedar



**Graeme Webb:** Bowl, Oregon & Pyrography



**Bill Bailey:** Plate, Pine & Pyrography



**Fred Robjent:** Bowl, Myrtle



**Jim Powell:** Plate, Fijian Mahogany & Pyrography & Paint



**Roger Wilson:** l: Bowl, Norway Maple



m & r: Wine Bottle Coaster, Myrtle & Penny



**Jim Powell:** Poker work



**Roger Wilson:** Bowl, Leylandia Cypress & Texturing & Paint Texturing Tool



**Mick Hurley:** Bowl, Jacaranda

One word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adj, adv, or prep the word is .. . .

## UP

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are officers UP for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss UP) and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is blocked UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP !

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with (UP to) a hundred or more.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP !

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## Arts Trail 2011

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The Arts Trail is now only two weeks away. We will be hosting on the weekends of 5/6th & 12/13th November.

Remember, we will be setting up on Friday 4th Nov. On that day, the following Friday and on Tuesday the 8th, the Hall will not be open for woodturning activities. Cleaning and set up only! 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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### Library

Check it out.

Book, videos and DVDs.

Small fee for a month's viewing or reading.

**English Woodturning, October edition  
of our subscription.**

## 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.

## 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 & President's Challenge Awards from August Show & Tell

### August Meeting

#### John Page Award:

Terry Duffy (2 votes)

#### Excellence Award:

John Harris for carved bowl.

#### Presidents Award (2 timbers handle):

Roger Wilson (1 vote), Bob Miller (1 vote)

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



**Les Bell:** Goblets, Tassie Oak and Ash



### Editor's Note:

This is my last edition of Woodchips, Reese Bunker will be taking on the role from here on.

Thanks to every one who has assisted me while doing the role, it has been both a privilege and a pleasure.

Regards

Bill Shean