

Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild Inc

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

President's Report

Hi All

We are nearly in the second half of the year and the cold weather has set in with a vengeance.

Sitting around reading a book is not the best way to keep warm, working seems to be the best option and I recommend slabbing on Monday to get the circulation going.

Tilba was a resounding success in the exhibition section and on the sales table. The items in the exhibition were of a great variety, beautifully crafted with imagination. Our club stalwart John Tanner won with his outstanding carved boot and received the public adulations it deserved. Eric Simes, labelled as the young upcoming woodworker by Jeff, won 'Best in Show'.

Congratulation to both of you for your outstanding work and commitment to our club.

Our thanks also go to the Narooma club, Chris, Jenny & Rick from our club, who form part of the Tilba committee to make the show possible and such a success through their effort & hard work.

As we are in the mode of congratulations, I would like to thank all the helpers who produced sales items throughout the year and helped on the weekend on the tables. Thanks go to David who showed everybody who wanted to know how to carve and Peter who wanted to do some turning but could not proceed due to some safety concerns which I endorsed.

To quote "Banjo" Paterson, "there was movement at the station" relating to our quest for a parcel of land in Mogo. The council elevated our 'quest' from a 'very low' priority, suggested in the early draft of the "Mogo Village Place Activation Plan" to

'very high' priority. The council will vote on the plan on Tuesday and I will have the opportunity to address some council members in the morning to emphasise our ongoing commitment, enthusiasm and cooperation to start the project. My hope is to conclude all the negotiations and plans on the project this year to start building next year. Anyway, one always can live in hope.

Also, Tilba yielded some projects and timber offers we have to follow up.

Hope to see you around the workshop sometime, stay well, stay safe, Helmut



Dates for Your Diary

Next General Meeting - Saturday 2nd July at 1.00 pm following BYO lunch

Proposed Sales Days 2022 :

19 November - Hospital Handmade Market, Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay
Some Batemans Bay Village sales days, dates TBC

NOTE: Members seeking further information contact :

Secretary Eric Simes (02) 4471 5086

SHOW 'N TELL



Barry Fenning made this interesting piece using silky oak. It can be a wall hanging or a plant box, but I reckon a small fern sitting at the base hanging on the wall would show off the beautiful timber used. Barry also made this banksia scent holder



John Tanner has been creative again, this time using his many talents to carve this amazing old boot, using radiata pine. He used a Dremel as part of his tool kit. The photo does not do it justice, as even the base of the heel has been ground down slightly to emulate hard wearing.



We have such amazing talent within our Club, and this of course includes **Paul Nolan** who has made this imaginative suspended bowl. The base is made from a series of 14 veneers all glued together and clamped over a form to build the shape with a final veneer of Swirl Mahogany. The bowl and finial are turned using Japanese maple and the lid was then cut out. Paul drilled holes around the perimeter of the lid then using a scroll saw developed the intricate shapes and finished by hand filing. All pieces, including the finial were joined.



Helen Warland has been making the Moruya Jockey Club trophies with the help of Eric Simes. Basically she is using the left-over pieces of fine timbers from around the workshop, trimmed and then arranged them to form beautiful cutting boards. This board to the right is just one example. The Jockey Club have now requested another four pizza boards.



Eric Simes has made two folding picnic tables—one from Western Red Cedar, and this one to the left is Western Red Cedar and King Billy Pine. Eric shaped the centre folding piece to form an attractive finish to the tables. I think they were made for our sales table.

TILBA WOODWORKING EXHIBITION

Well, the Annual Woodwork Show at Tilba has come and gone again, and I am pleased to report it was bigger and better than ever with nearly 700 people visiting the Show. There were 58 entries in the Exhibition Hall, so many thanks to all EWG members who contributed. And, once again, our Club scooped the pool of Awards with John Tanner winning the coveted People's Choice Award for his carved 'old boot'. From the outset it was apparent this would be the winner due to the interest being shown by visitors, however there were many other worthy contenders for this Award, so congratulations to all. It was no surprise either when Eric Simes was Awarded the 'Best in Show' Award for his most beautiful hall table. The simplicity of the design and workmanship elevated this to the top of the list, winning over many other worthy contenders.

The Tilba Committee would like to thank all members who either contributed to the event by way of helping with sales tables, helping with the set up on Friday and dismantle on Sunday afternoon, and making sales table items and exhibition pieces. Thanks also to Peter McDowell who made the beautiful trophies which we had on display.

With the 26th Show complete, its not too early to start thinking about your entries for the 2023 show. Please enjoy the following photographic record of the event noting the diversity of the entries. I have not shown every entry which is not a reflection of the quality but merely a space issue in this newsletter.



People's Choice perpetual trophy and "to keep" trophy



Eric receiving his Best in Show Award



Best in Show perpetual trophy and "to keep" trophy



Eric's winning entry



John Tanner's winning entry. Unfortunately, John had to leave the Show early and was not present to receive his award.

TILBA WOODWORKING EXHIBITION Cont'd ...



The hard working Narooma Club's ladies taking entry money and selling raffle tickets.



2nd Raffle Prize - Dolls House created by Narooma Woodies, and in the foreground 3rd Prize, a serving platter created by EWG



Helmut's jewellery box with Huon Pine Lid



Peter McDowell's Splosh



Nick Hopkin's Rippling Mandella



Paul Healey's Lady with Hat (Bega Club)



Paul Healey's turned yellow box burl lidded bowl (Bega Club)

TILBA WOODWORKING EXHIBITION Cont'd ...



Sushi serving board made from Lace Wood (Bega Club I think)

Joe Nash's Coffee table using blackwood and recycled timber. The faults were filled with blue tinted resin — sounds awful but looked really great



Bob Kolderie's Gem specimen box. The inside of the lid was so special, but the top was also great



Eric's other table highlighting his inlaying skills

Don't forget annual subscriptions are now due—\$50 due 1st July



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