

Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild Inc

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022

President's Report

Hi All

The month is nearly over and I haven't done what I want to. Our workshop days are slowly getting into some sort of a routine and people are busy with projects. Easter is not far away and we need sales items for the Durras market which is always a good income producer for us.

At the moment we are working on a community petition for the Eurobodalla Shire Council where we can address the Council directly. Hopefully this will progress in some more meaningful dialogue to further our endeavours for a piece of land to build on. In writing the petition I reflected on the last twenty-seven months since we lost our shed and it became clear what a difficult & unusual time we lived through. Not sounding too pessimistic but the near future has it's challenges as well but hopefully with more success on the shed front.

We inherited some bullnose roofing which we will install over the deck in front of our kitchen. The address 'we' is used loosely as Peter Mc is installing the structure with some willing helpers. Last Wednesday the foundation for the uprights were

installed and on the following Monday the uprights were installed including the connections to the existing roof. With all the rain, having the roof will be a great addition to our shed. Probably, it will never rain again when the roof is on.

Today we also went all out and invested in a very cheap compound mitre saw to replace that uniquely designed thing we had before which was a challenge for shorty's like me. Also, the radial arm saw is operative now but we still have to decide if it is a safe tool for us to use.

We will start again to introduce attending members to the machinery on the floor for their safe operation as we did before. This was requested by the members which is important to promote safety and competency.

Hope to see you on Saturday for our monthly meeting, cheers Helmut



TILBA WOODWORKING EXHIBITION

Don't forget to mark in your diaries the annual Tilba Woodworking Exhibition to be held over the June long weekend, June 11 and 12. As we have depleted sales stock at present, and the Durras Easter markets will be held again this year, the Club will be asking members to contribute sales items for both events. Both functions are great fund raisers, so let's not waste the opportunity to sell heaps of stock. We will also need high quality pieces to enter into the Tilba Exhibition, and entry forms will be sent to members by email in the coming weeks.

As usual, we will be asking for volunteers to assist with helping at our sales table and also running the event over the 2 days. Please consider volunteering your time and advise back to Chris Birks by email if you can assist, nominating which day and whether you will assist in the a.m. or p.m.

Many thanks, The Tilba Committee (Rick Stanford, Jenny Barnes, and Chris Birks)

SHOW 'N TELL

Trevor Fletcher has made a scaled model of a Trebuchet (catapult) which threw large stones/rocks at one's enemy in medieval times. After watching a Viking movie Trevor warmed to the idea of making a catapult himself. From various pieces of scrap wood (mainly Qld Kauri Pine from under his work bench) Trevor designed this scaled model and even used wooden pins and nails to authenticate the construction. Trevor then finished the model with a homemade mixture of stain. The stain was made up by dissolving steelwool (grade 000) in vinegar, straining the mixture, then thinning with water to obtain the desired colour finish before painting the catapult. Well done Trevor.



Malcolm McDonald has made two cutting boards from leftover material that had accumulated in his workshop.

The hardwood used are a mixture of Gidgee, Blue Gum, Red Gum, Spotted Gum and Iron Bark. Malcolm finished the boards with "U Beaut" food friendly mineral oil.

As only **Nick Hopkins** can, he has come up with another intriguing sculpture this time using AA Marine grade hoop pine plywood. The hoop balances on a plinth turned from the same plywood offcuts. The diameter of the piece is 915mm.

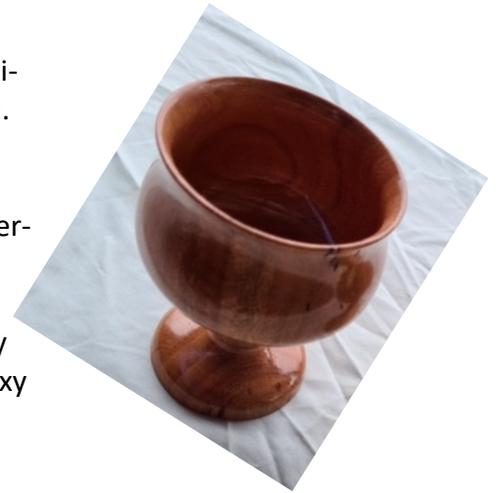
Nick has also sent a 15 second video clip so we can see the sculpture in motion. This clip is attached to my email. Please take a moment to have a look - it is very special.



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Pete McDowell made two very delicate goblets from pieces of Banksia. Pete started by turning a large 10 inch piece of Banksia in his lathe to make a bowl, but after a very dangerous split in the wood showed up there was a change of plan and the two separate goblets resulted. Very finely turned and finished with epoxy inside and polyurethane outside.



Pete McDowell also turned these fine vases - perhaps from the spoils of the same piece of Banksia ??



Pete decided to make half a dozen WW11 Jeeps. He used a collection of coloured timbers for the various detailed parts to the Jeep. After much painstaking work on detail and by the sixth Jeep Pete was "Jeeped" out, so that was the end of production for now. The Jeeps were finished with Organ Oil – Hard Burnishing Oil.

These Spurtles were turned by **Pete McDowell** from a piece of local Spotted Gum. The Spurtle is a Scottish wooden kitchen tool designed to stir porridge, soups and stews. These are finished with Eco Oil.



PROJECTS

When Peter McDowell is not turning on his lathe, he is hard at work enhancing our workshop. As we get donations of fine or exotic timbers, it has become hard to store them adequately, so Pete got it into his mind to build a mezzanine area suspended above the bench area and bandsaws. It will keep the timber in very good condition safe from the weather fairly easy to access. It's a bit hard to identify from this photo. Thanks Pete!



MEN AT WORK

Now I know this looks like the guys just standing around chewing the fat ... BUT no, this is serious work going on here, well, anyway one guy is seriously working, the other appear to be "supervising" ! Anyway Malcolm got right into digging the holes to house the supports or uprights for the new secondhand corrugated iron bullnose cover to give members shelter from the weather for the outdoor dining area. If the rain holds out long enough, it may just be finished for the next time you attend the workshop.



Work commences
Wednesday 23.3.22



Despite the best efforts
of the weather, work
continues on Wednesday
20.2.11



Sharpening Handtools Workshop

I will be running a half day workshop to introduce members (maximum of 5) on how to sharpen flat hand tools including planes, chisels and spokeshaves. This includes the instruction in the correct use of the Scheppach Sharpening Station, the Veritas Sharpening Guide and the Diamond sharpening equipment. This knowledge is essential for keeping your hand tools in proper condition.

I am planning the workshop in April. If you are interested, please let me know.

Cheers, John Tanner

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LOST AND FOUND

Did anybody leave a navy blue apron at the workshop recently ? If so go to the Lost Property Office at the workshop (exact place yet to be determined) and report to the Lost Property Officer (yet to be nominated) next time you are there - Good Luck !

Dates for Your Diary

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

Proposed Sales Days 2021 :

Saturday 16th April	Durras Easter Markets
June 11 & 12 (Long Weekend)	Tilba Woodwork Show,

NOTE: Members seeking further information contact :

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