

# Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild Inc

## MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

December 2019

### Presidents Report

Merry Christmas everybody and I hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed our Christmas party. For the ones who couldn't make it the food was absolutely delicious and the drinks are all gone although we might have some water left in the fridge. Thanks to all the helping hands on the day.

Our congratulations go to John Tanner our "Woody of the Year". John has exceptional talents in many facets of woodworking and displays endless patience as instructor of many training courses. Also John is a nice guy to have around and contributes his time and effort to the Guild.

Thank you John Clements for another great woodworking challenge which was expertly juggled and narrated by you. We should make it an annual event seeing the quantity and quality of the works submitted. Our congratulations go to Bob Shelley, Nick Stone and David Smith for winning the three different categories respectively.

Thank you to Chris for making the effort to publish a December newsletter with all the pictures and comments from our last Show & Tell and Christmas Party.

Another Merry Christmas from me and a happy & wonderful New Year, and may all your wishes come true.

See you next year, Helmut



### WOODY OF THE YEAR AWARD JOHN TANNER



# CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

In all 19 entries were received for the 2019 Christmas Challenge, which you will recall was to produce something to hang on the wall using River Shea Oak. As the instigator of the Challenge, John Clement had the difficult task of deciding a winner — not easy given the high standard of the entries. Technically not all of the entries were items for the wall, but in the spirit of the Challenge, John agreed to accept them. He awarded 3 prizes :

**NOVICE AWARD** - Bob Shelley for his plaque 'Usta be a Tree'.



Bob hand filed a piece of River Shea Oak using a wood rasp to shape the tree, then set his piece into an open shallow box utilising the natural edge of the timber. He decided not to use any finishing material.

**NOT THE NOVICE AWARD** -

Dave Smith for his mirror with adornments. Dave used the lighter part of the River Shea Oak and retained the natural form of the outside of the timber to frame his mirror. He then turned gum nuts, split them in half and enhanced them with

hand carved leaves. He too decided not to use any finishing materials.



## WINNER OF THE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE AWARD

Nick Stone for Surfer Joe on a Board. As John pointed out when announcing the Award, there were so many great entries, however, he decided on this entry given the imagination and ingenuity displayed.

Congratulations Nick !





## OTHER ENTRIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE



Above - Paul Freestone's lazy susan. Paul also entered his tool box which technically didn't comply with the rules, however he said it was made with the offcuts of the lazy susan

Left - Len Newman's fire stoker



Above - Peter McDowell's spider in a web. All hand carved from River Shea Oak



Below and Right - Sue Page's wall plaques



## MORE ENTRIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE



Left - Ray Sepping's interesting adaption of a shelf

Right - Helmut's hallway clock with brass clock face. Helmut hid the battery in the r/h slat (very clever)



Right — Ann Salmon's toilet roll holder

Below right Chris Birks' clock

Left - Eric's tongue and groove wall panelling.



Above left - Gary Muldoon's plaque with leaves and gum nuts. The leaves are natural leaves glued onto a timber backing which he cut to the exact profile of the leaf, then lacquered to retain the natural colour and polished with a mix of natural wax and tongue oil to give a mat finish. Gary used a file to decorate the edge of the frame



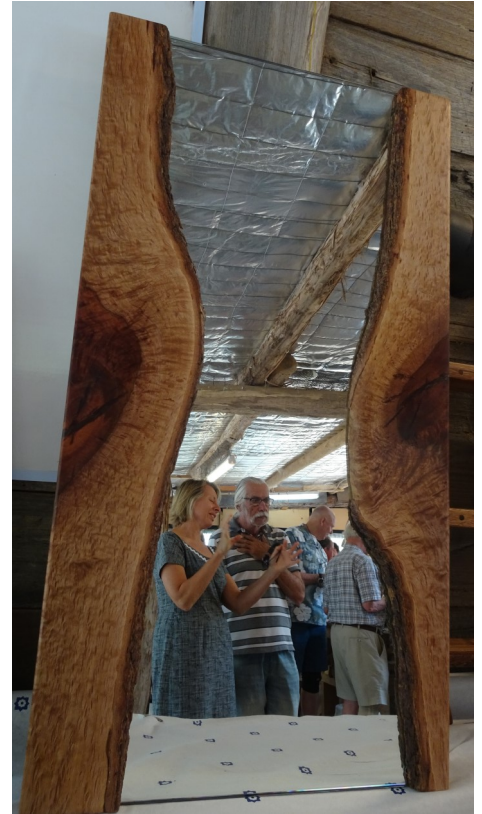
## EVEN MORE ENTRIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Right - Sharyn Morrison's mirror



Above - Barry Fenning's plaque for our workshop

Below - Peter Brotherton's clothes hook (silky oak timber)



Left - Nick Stone's body surfing hand plane

### *Calling for a Volunteer*

The next sales day for EWG will be the Eurobodalla Agricultural Show on 25 and 26 January at the Moruya Showground. For many years now Woodys member Brian Barker has been a co-ordinator of the Show, but for personal reasons is stepping down from that commitment. Brian has asked if there is anyone in our Guild who would like to step into his shoes and help the Show Committee in the Wood-working Section. I am sure Brian would be happy to have a chat if you are interested, but require more details as to what the position involves. This Show is a major contributor to our fund raising efforts, and so it is in our best interests to have an 'insider' on the organising committee. - not to mention the free entry to the show !

### *Dates for Your Diary*

#### **Return to Workshop 2020 -- 13th January**

Workshop Days Each Mon & Wed Mogo

Workshop Toy Days 1st & 3rd Wed Mogo

Workshop Demonstrations 2nd & 4th Wed Mogo

**Next Monthly Meeting — Sat 1st February,**  
Mogo

#### **Proposed Sales Days 2020 :**

Eurobodalla Show, 25 & 26 January Moruya Show-ground

Remainder TBA

**NOTE:** Members seeking further information  
contact **Secretary Eric Simes (02) 4471 5086**



# SHOW & TELL

John Tanner has been working on this remarkable model of a locomotive over many months, and we knew it was going to be special, and we weren't disappointed. You may recall seeing the 'work in progress' version in the October newsletter. The attention to detail is amazing and we hope to see it at both the Moruya Agricultural Show and Tilba in June. John has provided the history of the model below, and the timbers he used.



## **1863 Thatcher-Perkins Locomotive**

The 1863 Thatcher-Perkins locomotive was named in honour of its designer, and was built at the end of the wood-burning era at the B&O yards in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. This was the first 10 wheeler (4-6-0) locomotive designed to haul passenger trains over the steep grades of the Allegheny Mountains

## **Woods used in this Model (mainly from the off-cut box)**

- Huon Pine (boiler, bogies)
- Celery Top Pine (tender deck)
- Silver Ash (wheel cranks)
- Blackwood (various detail)
- Jarrah (cabin and tender, funnel, bogie wheels, main wheel rims and hubs, main light)
- Red Gum (boiler fittings, steam valve and sand chest)
- Tas Blackwood (various trim and small components)
- Qld Black Bean (wheel arches)
- Qld Walnut (various small parts)
- Aus Oak Dowel (axles, pins etc)
- Bamboo Skewers (main wheel spokes, small pins etc)





## SHOW & TELL, cont'd



Nick Stone, under the guidance of Peter McDowell, turned two sets of 3 Banksia bowls using the Bowl Saving Tool and technique. One set of bowls was turned across the grain and the other turned with the grain. All were finished with triple E and Shellawax.

Nick also presented a Body Board and Body Surfing Hand Planes. Both are made from Paulownia with recessed Australian Red Cedar accent strips. To finish these boards, Nick used his famous homemade secret recipe

Rick Stanford showed us his hand made pine dovetailed trinket boxes with ply handles. Both boxes are finished using clear polyurethane.



Sue Page showed us her ring box with a swivel lid made from a tree branch and finished using bees wax.



## SHOW & TELL, cont'd



Robert Kolderie presented a large Jem Stone box which has multiply trays and compartments for his many stones. Robert used White Cedar for the sides and base, and lined the inside lid using Huon Pine veneer. The top of the lid has an inlaid design consisting of Lapis Lazuli, Rhodonite, Rose Quartz and Opals. The box is finished using shellac and a top coat of polyurethane.



Helmut Delrieux presented his tea box made using Australian Cedar with Gidgee inlays, and finished with Kunos Oil

Many thanks to Rick Stamford for taking the photos of the Show N Tell and Linda Walker for getting the descriptions of the entries. I tried to get to the meeting, returning from Sydney that morning, but was diverted via Cooma due to the closure of the Kings Highway, so didn't get to Mogo in time.



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM  
YOUR EDITORS, MAL AND CHRIS**

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