

# *Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild Inc*

**MEMBERS NEWSLETTER  
MAY 2022**

## **President's Report**

Hi All

We had planned to go on a short holiday to celebrate an eighties birthday which was postponed twice already due to covid. Now the birthday boy has covid and the celebration is cancelled again. In the meantime, he has already turned eighty-one and we hope to get together before he turns eighty-two. One hopes that we get to some normality again sometime soon.

Not much happened in our quest for some land to rebuild. We are awaiting a council meeting where our case gets discussed and hope that something tangible comes out of it.

Two weeks ago, Eric, Peter M and myself visited Dorothy the wife of our late member Warren to itemise and discuss the sale of his workshop items. Ninety percent of the tools and machinery are of excellent quality and we will purchase them for

the Guild. Some items we will offer to the members for donation to the Guild. There is also a good collection of timber which we can store under the roof of our shed.

As I was holding a box-making course at my place, Eric completed the steps from the top carpark onto the deck which will make it much safer to enter & exit the workshop area. Thank you, Eric, for your effort.

Tilba is approaching fast and we require helpers to assist transporting our sales stock to the hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon. Also, helpers for Saturday and Sunday to run the sales tables. Some committee members are on long-term holidays in this particular period.

I am also physically not available for the next two month due to some medical treatment in Sydney. This does not mean that I am not contactable in that period, just the opposite, I need something to do in my spare time. So please keep me informed of anything I can do remotely. Please help and assist the depleted committee for that period to keep things going.

Stay safe and well, Helmut



# SHOW 'N TELL



**Peter Brotherton** writes ....Some time ago our daughters saw some hanging wooden ornaments and promptly said “Dad you could make something like that”. So, being an obedient dad, I decided to have a go and scrounged my workshop for odd pieces of timber that I could use. Attached are the photos of my results but I think the operative words are “something like that”.

The Timbers used were - for the bodies NG Rosewood, Merbau and Ash - for the spindles River Red Gum, Swamp Mahogany, Jarrah, Southern Mahogany, Silky Oak, Tassie Oak, Iron Bark, Black Bean and Sassafras. The finish is EEE and Shellawax.

While making the decorations I found I needed a steady for my old Record lathe. I tried to buy one but could not find a suitable type so I had to revert to making one.



Lathe steady



**Paul Nolan** made these very attractive salt and pepper grinders for our sales days. He used pencil pine, and purchased the crushgrind mechanisms from Pop’s Shed although they should be available through any of the woodies parts suppliers — about \$20 each.

Local Specialist, Dr Singh, approached EWG to see if we could replace the legs of an old but cherished table in the form of elephant heads. **John Tanner** took on the project, ably assisted by **Rhona Jason-Smith**, and produced these replicas carved from radiata pine. I understand Dr Singh was very pleased with the result.



**Peter McDowell** made this lovely lidded box using myrtle and adorned with a huon pine handle, and this very simple but elegant vase using white cedar.



## SHOW 'N TELL Cont'd ...

**Eric Simes** has been busy in his home workshop making this stylish hall table using silver ash, jarrah and cedar. I believe Eric will be exhibiting this at the Woodwork Show in Tilba.

He is also responsible for this cutting board using merbau and silver ash —nice work Eric!



**Helen Warland** turned this trivet from radiata pine, then inlaid a decorative tile into the top



More from **Peter McDowell**—two bowls of a very different material and nature. The bowl to the right is made from silky oak and is a “knitting bowl” - I wonder if Pete will give us a demo of how this works ?? The second, below, is from black-wood and Pete has really used the timber well to accentuates the grain.



## TEAM EFFORT

As reported in the April newsletter, Hare and Forbes Machinery House have 'come to the party' AGAIN this year, donating a fabulous 1st Prize valued at over \$600 for the Tilba raffle. In appreciation for their continued support over the last five years I thought it would be appropriate to make a gift from our workshop to express our thanks. I mentioned this to the workshop group last Wednesday and it was agreed this would be a good idea and it was proposed a grazing/serving platter would be a good choice. Dave Smith said he had some options in his wood store and was quick off the mark bringing a couple of pieces to the workshop the following Monday. He chose a piece of spotted gum derived from South Durras, and once the piece had been cut to size we ran it through the thicknesser many times trying to get a bit of weight off. Dave and Barry then used the large old bandsaw to cut out the desired shape. What a champion this piece of equipment is - it sliced through the timber like it was butter. Once the edges had been smoothed out using the linisher, a large handle hole was drilled, the edges routed and after a final light sanding using the oscillating sander, it was ready for a coat of U Beut finishing oil. In only a morning a piece of weathered timber was transformed into an attractive and useful item for entertaining. Many thanks to Dave and Barry for putting aside their own work to make the gift happen in time to deliver up to Sydney. I am sure the Hares will be grateful.



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# AROUND THE WORKSHOP

John Tanner conducted a hand tool sharpening workshop on the 9th May. Jenny Barnes, Helen Warland, Rhona JasonSmith, and Manuel del Nido attended the half day course and were invited to bring along their personal chisels or plane blades to sharpen if required.

John will conduct another course soon for those members who missed out, as numbers are limited for each course. Keep an eye out for notification in newsletters or monthly meeting minutes.



## TILBA WOODWORKING EXHIBITION

I know you must be sick of hearing about it, but it really is getting down to the wire to enter your exhibition piece/s for the Woodworking Show on the June long weekend at Tilba. Entry forms were resent out to members just a few days ago and a reminder that the event needs volunteers to assist with “crowd control” and generally being of assistance over the 2 days.

Don't forget the great raffle prizes on offer, and purchase your tickets either before or at the event.

See you there !!

### *Dates for Your Diary*

**Next General Meeting** - Saturday 4th June at 1.00 pm following BYO lunch

#### **Proposed Sales Days 2022 :**

June 11 & 12 (Long Weekend) - Tilba Woodwork Show

19 November - Hospital Handmade Market, Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay

Some Batemans Bay Village sales days, dates TBC

**NOTE:** Members seeking further information contact :

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