

Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild Inc

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

November 2019

Presidents Report

Hello everybody and I hope you are all well. Summer is upon us with a vengeance. This morning I had a game of golf in temperatures over 30 degrees then retreated indoors for the afternoon to avoid being blown away. Later in the afternoon we left home to meet friends and a plume of smoke billowed into the sky from a fire in Nelligen. Three hours later a cool breeze surprised us on the way back to the car which was a timely reminder that we live in Australia.

Our Club has welcomed a surprising amount of new members over the past few months which creates some congestion in the workshop. Please be patient until everybody finds his or her way to integrate and adjust their routine. Some current projects have large footprints which contribute to some of the limited workspace. However, all projects will be completed and will vacate the workshop in due course, and we hope that the next project is a small one. If you have any suggestion to alleviate some of the issues do not hesitate to approach a committee member with your ideas. The same applies to any concern you may have, a project that you may like to make or a training course you would like to suggest - communication is the key to progress and success for a harmonious environment.

The final sales day of the year was held last Saturday at the village shopping centre in the Bay. We were well stocked with hand crafted items for both the sales day and our charity commitments for Christmas. I would like to thank all our helpers for their contribution of fine woodworking items to contribute to the viability of our Club. I also would like to thank Sharon particularly for her commitment, innovation and revitalisation of the toy making fraternity in our Club.

In our last newsletter and monthly meeting we spoke about the grant for a saw mill which is still to be considered by the higher authorities, the Federal Finance Department. For our part we investigated the viability and type of saw mill which would be

appropriate for us to reduce the workload of our slabbing team, the safety aspect, mobility, maintenance and anything else which is required.

Consequently about ten members organised an outing to the Murrumbateman Field Day to see two saw mills being demonstrated to the public. We had a personal showing and various discussions with the sales personnel. Some of us visited the wood gallery in Bungendore for morning tea and a late lunch to refresh and admire the wonderful wooden items in the gallery. The following week we discussed the saw mills and decided on the Hardwood Mills Australia, a portable bandsaw mill which was well constructed and effortless to operate. Anyway we are ready and live in hope awaiting the decision hopefully before Christmas.

Thinking of Christmas we have only four full workshop days left this year and I hope everybody has their wall ornament ready for our Christmas party on the 18th December.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody for a wonderful year of enjoyment and laughter and wish everybody and their families who can't attend our function a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

For now keep well and see you soon.

Helmut



SHOW & TELL



Peter McDowell carved this wall hanging of a baobab tree from blackwood which is approx. 850 x 850 mls. It is finished with 2 pack polyurethane.



Peter turned this bowl using the bowl saver method. He turned it whilst wet, dried it in the microwave, then re-turned to finish, from a piece of banksia cut across the grain



When I first saw this piece I thought of a seal, however I am told by Peter McDowell that infact it is just an abstract carving from river shea oak, set on a pine stand. Whatever it is, the grain in the timber adds a great dimension to the shape. It sits on an intricate pine stand

Peter turned this potpourri bowl from a piece of radiata pine from Eric Simes property. He then carved decorative holes around the perimeter, then a large central hole to accommodate a metal lid.



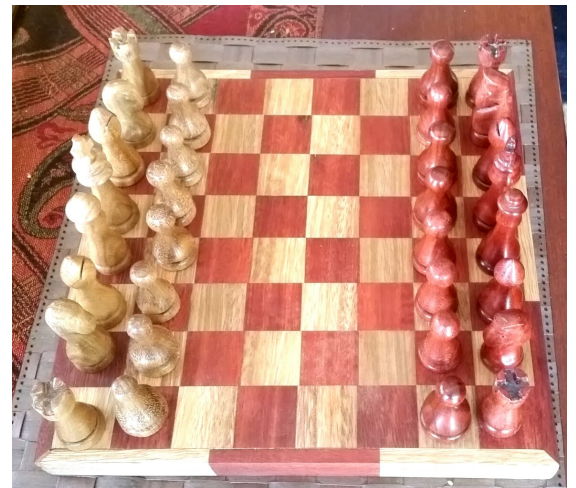
SHOW & TELL, cont'd

Barry Fenning made this great little paddle water wheel, from a plan he developed 'on the run'. He used marine ply for the wheel, red gum for the pump, spotted gum for tray and pullies, treated pine for the bucket. Barry plans to use it as a garden feature.

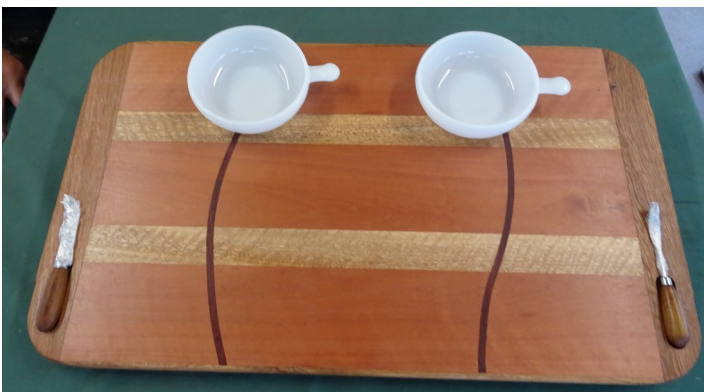


We can always rely on Nick Stone to think outside the square. These turned pens were created from coloured pencils, glued together, then cut across at right angles then turned into pens. Not wasting any material, Nick used the tops of the pencils, glued them together and drilled a couple of holes to stand the pens into. I wonder if his two boys are still looking for their coloured pencils.

Nick's chess board and pieces is a real credit to him. He used Jarrah and spotted gum for the board, and the same for the chess pieces.



Michael Barkley has been at it again making serving platters with inserted bowls and utensils for the Club sales days. The board left below is blue gum with contrasting inserts and utensils of red gum, and oak ends, and for the board right below he used myrtle with contrasting inserts of spotted gum and inlays of teak and oak ends. I understand both boards have already been sold.



SHOW & TELL, cont'd



Helmut made this jewellery box from cedar with river shea oak for the lid and inserted cedar strip. For the gussets he used huon pine.



Sorry, I don't have the details of who turned these lovely vessels, or what materials were used.



Ron Green created this great little panelvan, complete with 2 surfboards. Timbers used were river shea oak for the sides, pine for roof, running boards and mud guards. Most of the material was found on the scrap heap, so well done Les for being so thrifty.



MALCOLM'S TRAVELS

Sunday 15th September, Ceduna, SA.

Trip so far has been to plan, mostly free camping. Travelled via Jugiong, Balranald, Lake Benanee, Renmark, Port Augusta then the Eyre Hwy. Tonight its freshly caught (fish CoOp) BBQ whiting fillets washed down with a local white wine life can be tough !.



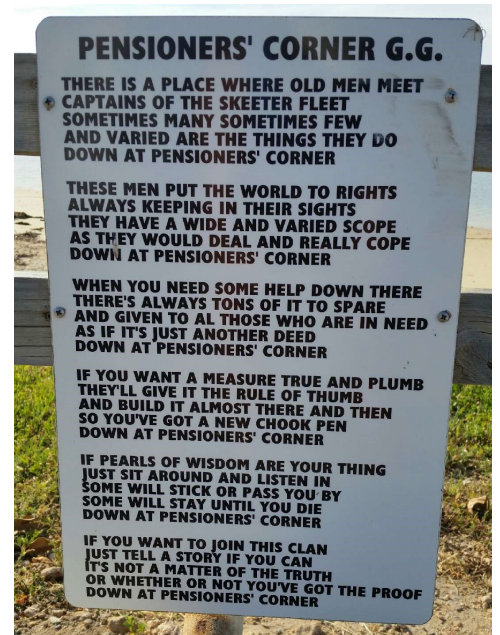
Night photo of silo art at Kimba

Thursday 26th September, Port Denison Dongara, W.A.

Came across this poem on my travels.

Monday 7th October, Exmouth and the Ningaloo Reef area

We have been staying at Yardie Homestead for the last 5 days. The Peninsula has an abundance of beautiful beaches and coral reefs which we have been exploring above and below the water line. The only downside is the wind seems to blow 24/7. The photo is Turquoise Bay - aptly named and one of the best spots to snorkel. Sighted whales, turtles, numerous fish and of course coral in all shapes and sizes. This is the northern point of our travels so tomorrow we head back down to Carnarvon.



Saturday 16th November

We are on the last stretch of our trip having zig zagged our way down the WA coast from Exmouth to Esperance. Crossed the Nullarbor a second time and are presently touring the Eyre Peninsula in SA. Expect to be in Adelaide this week before returning to Durras via Cooma at the end of the month. WA is a spectacular corner of Australia - no disappointments anywhere



New Members Corner

Helen Warland

Helen joined EWG in July this year having had previous contact with our Club via her involvement with the Spinners and Weavers group. Helen had had an interest in working with timber for some time, so the decision to join was a 'no brainer'. Helen's first project was not for the faint hearted. She asked Eric Simes if he would help her to make a hall table with a decorative inlay to emulate a wattle. They chose Sydney Blue Gum for the table, Norfolk Island Hibiscus for the wattle sprigs and Huon pine for the wattle flowers. I believe it is now in pride of place in her foyer.

Since then Helen has gone onto make a saw horse for the Club and is now well into making a workbench for her home workshop with storage and draws underneath, again under the guidance of Eric.

Helen says she is very much enjoying her time with EWG and has already learned so much about working with wood.

Welcome Helen.



Christmas Challenge & Christmas Lunch

The gauntlet was thrown down again this year to Woodies members to enter into the Christmas Challenge. The 'Challenge' this year is to make something to hang on the wall. The exact material to be used has become a bit controversial, so I assume regardless of the timber, all entries will be accepted.

Entrants have until the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December to submit their creations, when the entries will be judged and the winner announced.

Also on the 18th, the winner of the prestigious Woody of the Year award will be announced. Voting for this award has already closed, and we all await to hear who he or she will be for 2019.

Don't forget if you are coming to the Christmas lunch and would like to bring along your favourite salad or desert, please nominate which on the list at the sign in book at the workshop. Remember, the last working day at Mogo will be Monday 16th December. Lunch on the 18th will be from midday.

Around the Workshop



Kerrie Goodrich has been turning more salt and pepper crackers for her children. These two unusual shaped ones have been made using Huon pine, one topped with a New Guinea Rosewood lid.

John and Jan Tanner made this great insect nesting home from bits and pieces of sticks and drilled out dowel. Let's hope the insects appreciate it!



Ann Salmon has made a couple of fantastic platters, using river shea oak with ironbark ends. The feature of the platter is the shaping of the ends giving them a Japanese effect.



Peter McDowell made these two pen cases, one made from spalled spotted gum with king billy pine sides, and the other birdseye shea oak centre with huon pine sides. The pen turners in our group would like Peter to run a workshop on these lovely cases in the new year



Machinery Demonstrations

Biscuit and Domino Routers

John Clement demonstrated both these routers, highlighting the different properties of each. Basically the benefit is to strengthen the join in your work, particularly for larger pieces.

Biscuit Router :

This simply operated tool is good for strengthening cross grain joins. The router has 2 adjustments, i.e. depth of cut and positioning of cut, and the biscuits come in 3 sizes. The advantage is the cut allows for a degree of movement for lining up the joins.

Festool Domino Router :

This router gives many more options in terms of adjustments and sizes of dominos, but is fairly precise. It has several attachments to the tool, i.e. guides to either front or side, to set up multiple cuts for long joins. John demonstrated the many adjustments, however, it is recommended all users refer to the tool's operating instructions and Introduction to Dominos book as a guide to the extensive use of domino joins, all in our library.

John reminded us to always use the Festool dust extractor with this tool and not to put too much pressure on router but let it go at its own cutting speed. Always use a scrap piece to test your set up and clamp your timber if possible.



Dates for Your Diary

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| Workshop Days Each Mon & Wed | Mogo |
| Workshop Toy Days 1st & 3rd Wed | Mogo |
| Workshop Demonstrations 2nd & 4th Wed | Mogo |
| Next Monthly Meeting — Sat 7th December | Mogo |

Proposed Sales Days 2019:

All over red rover!

NOTE: Members seeking further information
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