



Gold Coast Wood Turners September 2011



Todd Beyers:

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the September Issue of Gold Coast Woodturners newsletter. Our club continues growing and I would like to welcome the new members that have joined us over the past month.

This month has seen what I believe is the best show exhibit in Gold Coast Woodturners history. We had a record number of entries into the competition which were all of a very high standard. I would like to congratulate everyone that entered. The two lathes never stopped going with spinning tops, lidded boxes, and mushrooms being made for the masses. The Pyrography also was a hit with the machines never stopping over the weekend. I would like to thank Ray Mahoney, Vince Wright and all of the show stewards for a fantastic effort.

The Working Bee we held on the 10th was brilliant. We had over 20 people come along and got an enormous amount of work completed. The path now is finished between the clubhouse and the woodshed, the air filters are now up and running, the kitchen area has had a coat of paint and everywhere has had a general tidy up.

Keep an eye out on the attached Calendar so you know what's coming up .

Until next issue happy Turning.

Todd Beyers
Vice President

Anne Williamson:

Tweed Valley Visit,

After getting an email to let us all know the Tweed Club was going to be open for a few days, we decided to go down and visit them.

We arrived on Thursday about 10.30am and they all seemed very busy with various items of interest. Being a Wood crafters club it was not only Woodturning to see. The display was great, very talented and many new ideas for us.... I was able to catch up with many I knew in the club, and for Susan it was a meeting of new friends and a chat.

After looking at the clubrooms etc. they asked us to stay for lunch, this was a BBQ, and we all sat down for lunch and lots more conversation.

The clubrooms are very good, and they are permanently there now due to a member donating the shed to the Show society and them for there use.

It is well set up and of course lots of timber out the back!!!!

The view from the clubrooms is great, you look out through the valley, this must inspire some works A great time for us, when we signed the visitors books, we also saw Mike had visited them too. It is nice to see what other clubs are doing, great day for all.

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Bandsaw operators course;

Hi Everyone,

The club will be running a bandsaw operators course on Monday the 14th of November and a Bandsaw maintenance course on Tuesday the 15th of November. Each night starts at 6:30pm. Cost is \$5 per person. These courses will provide you with the fundamental theory and practical information to start using and maintaining a bandsaw safely. It is a requirement to have completed this course prior to using the clubs bandsaws. Anyone interested in attending please let your Tutors know.

Kind Regards,
Todd Beyers

Gold Coast Show Report

The show was a great success, we had some very encouraging response from the general public and one especially from Ted Shepard. The site was excellent and the sales items was the highest quality I have seen since I joined the club, as to the competition 140 entries of very high quality and a large variety of classes.

Where do I start to acknowledge the work don by so many club members, I feel that I have to mention the work done by Todd in obtaining the sponsors and the judges, we have never raised so much Sponsorship for a show, over \$1100, thanks to Todd, a job well done.

To Vince, Allison and Beryl for the display , so much work went into producing an excellent display that depicts the clubs activities.

To those who helped me setup the stand, Clive, Vince, Peter, Beryl, Margaret, John, Noel, Gary, Todd, and any-one I have mist, not a big workforce but we got the job don and enjoyed working together,. the end result was great.

Wednesday night show entry enrolment's went off very well , all of the 140 entries were entered, cards filled out and entries packed ready for transport to the show Thursday mourning. Thanks to Peter, Beryl, Susan, Alli-son, Anne, Mike, Linton, Allan, Warren, Nigel.

Thursday Judging day, the unpacking of the entries was a big job and we just finished with five minutes to spare before the judging started, The Judges were Gary Pye, Kerry Cameron, Vick Verrecchia, Andy Lucas, I asked the judges to give each article points above 60 and to make comments , Todd has volunteered to get the com-ments to all those who had entries, we hope that the comments will encourage us all to improve our work, if you wish to discuss the comments with your tutor please do so. The judges were looking for thin even walled vessel with suitable bases. To Nigel, Peter, Colin, Susan, Linton and Margaret, Job well done To Noel, Vince, Graham and Colin who helped with the listing of the sales entries thanks.

The competition first prize results were spread across thirteen different members, isn't that great, In the Nov-ice section Susan took out all three prizes Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Most successful exhibiter, what a great effort., in the open class Linton took out Grand Champion with an excellent piece, Todd took out Reserve Champion with an great natural edge burl platter, I will have to try harder to beat Todd next show. Des took out Most successful exhibiter open class with some excellent work, it is great to see that in the last three shows that we have had the most successful exhibiter, three different members have won, it is becoming a real challenge to win this trophy.

The Pyrography was a great hit with the kids thanks to Mike, Brendon, Beryl, Thelma and Allison. Mike has to put an enormous amount of time in preparing 400 pieces for the show, thanks Mike and his helpers. Pyrogra-phy is becoming another important part of our club thanks it Mike., the quality of work at the show was very good.

The sales tables looked great and added greatly to the overall display, the quality of the work was really good, the club sold over \$2300 worth of goods, thanks to all those who put work up for sale. We will change the lay-out of the Lathe to put the sales tables between the two laths aot at the end, this will help with our sales. The demonstrators did an excellent job with the sales and stewards staff, our display cannot go on without the help of so many members , to all of those who helped thanks, for a job well done. It was an excellent show enjoyed by all those who visited our display,

Ray Mahoney



Committee Meeting Minutes.

Meeting Commenced at 8:35am

Apologies:

Jack Williams, Alan Hartley, Noel Craig, Lynton Allen, Eddie Smith, Mike+Marg Judd, Paul Tonna

Minutes of Previous meeting:

Moved David Hallet , seconded Neil Wright that they be accepted. PASSED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Newsletter now being sent out monthly.
- Dust extractor now up , but refinements are to be made to maximize suction efficiency.
- Results of Bunnings Friday BBQ's . Takings are down considerably compared to a weekend BBQ.

Correspondance:

- Commercial Waste agreement CG council.
- GC Council re Interest Free loans
- Request from member John Lister for club to demo and sell at Mudgeraba Uniting Church Sat 5/11
- Tasmanian Native timbers re new web site
- Notification of insurance premium and breakup.

General Business:

- Neil Wright reminded members that the donated timber from the light rail project , was to be turned into items by every member for a charity Xmas auction. Timber to be cut and distributed to tutors , and nights put aside to make an item of choice .
- Todd to arrange a working bee to move , refine position and bolt done dust extractor.
- Show report from Ray Mahoney . Quantity and quality of items were first class , and the club's display was voted by patrons as "best in show" . Thanks to Vince and Allison in this regard.
- · Judges at the show were impressed by the finish and design of the items , but were critical of thick walls on any item. Feedback was given by the judges , which will be forwarded to the entrant in the near future
- School classes are fully booked , and new tutors are being trained in these classes.
- Working bee report. Todd was very happy with the 20 people who turned out , and concreting , dust extraction and painting were all completed.
- A filter cleaning roster was implemented to all tutors , to be completed after classes.
- Methods of efficiently maximizing class places was discussed , with many ideas being floated for discussion. Consensus was that tutors of each class ring those who are not turning up , so any spare positions can be filled.

- It was asked that a questionnaire be developed , to be sent to new members to see if any improvements to the club can be made to keep new members longer, and reduce “drop offs” . Shane to make up and send out.
- The issue of a disability policy was raised , following a request to cater for a proposed new member with disabilities, and club’s ability to meet the requirements. It was moved Peter Poulten , seconded Neil Wright that Des Kurtz, Wim Steenbeek and Todd Beyers develop a policy and set minimum standards that meet the Anti Discrimination Act criteria. Report to be tabled at the AGM in January. PASSED
- The issue of club shirts was raised. Members were vocal on differing needs , so Beryl Poulten was asked to get options available that is a situation where the club does not have to hold stock , and report to the next general meeting.

Meeting finished 10.25am

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