

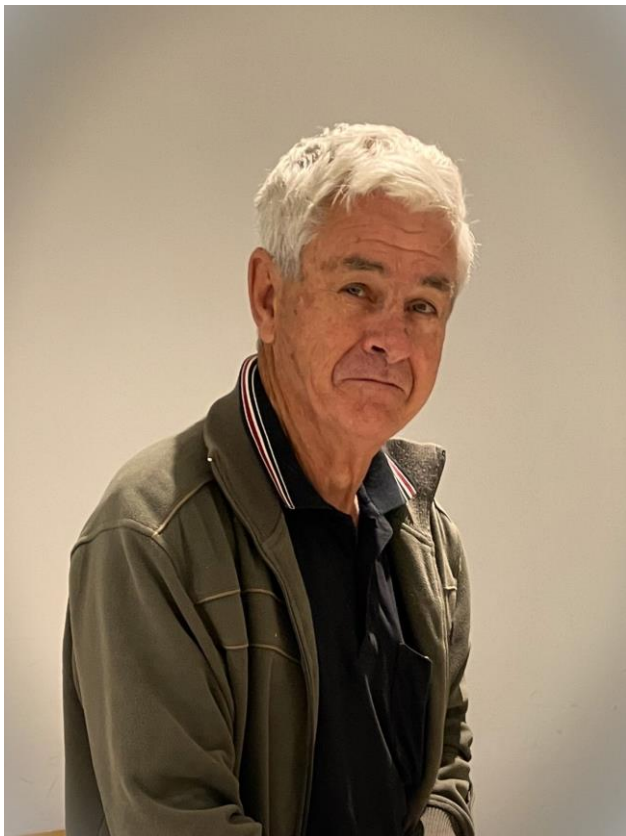
## July 2023 Newsletter Special Dates

### August 2023

- 4<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday
- 11<sup>th</sup> T.o.M. – David Wells
- 18<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> T.o.M. - ?
- 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting



Greg Cavanagh, guest speaker at AGM.  
More details to come.

## Working Bee Slabbing Saw, Laurieton Men's Shed

*From our on-scene reporters Bill and Steve.*

"Six members were able to attend the activity. Tasks were,

- to clean the circuit board and make sure the wiring and fittings were clean.
- to clean operating frames and boards so they were safe to use.
- replace timber runners
- as there is no overhead gantry for dragging logs in, discussion ensued as to how to get the logs to the saw. No answers yet, may be next time.

After these physical and mental tasks, some members adjourned for lunch at the Laurieton Hotel. Still, plenty of work to be done in the future."

Photos by Bill Johnston



## July T.o.M. -Boring Tools

Tom Sheppard

The presentation began with idle chatter then when Tom mentioned the topic the usual banter went around,

"You're boring me,"  
"Boring time,"  
"Not bored yet,"  
"Boring you silly,"  
"Am I boring you."

When everyone settled down, Tom was able to begin. He had a display of well-maintained boring tools and appropriate bits. He had collected the tools over a number of years. All were in immaculate condition and each one had a special meaning to Tom.

Tom shared with us two types of tools,

- a. Hand Drills
- b. Bits

He said the best way to use the hand drills, which require effort, was to,

"Get into the rhythm, get the motion going, a form of relaxation in the process." I'm not sure if everyone agreed.

The Hand drills started from a simple little Awl, which is used to place an indentation into wood as a start for a screw. A Gimlet followed, then a Push Drill with push down spiral shaft to drill the hole.

Egg Beater hand drills were very popular in their time. They allowed a greater drill speed with less effort. Three different styles were shown – sealed mechanism (no interruptions from wood dust; heavy duty version with continuous revolution of handle; and, a heavy duty version which can be adjusted.

Finally, sets of Brace hand tools. These require a different turning cycle compared to the previous ones. The knob on the end

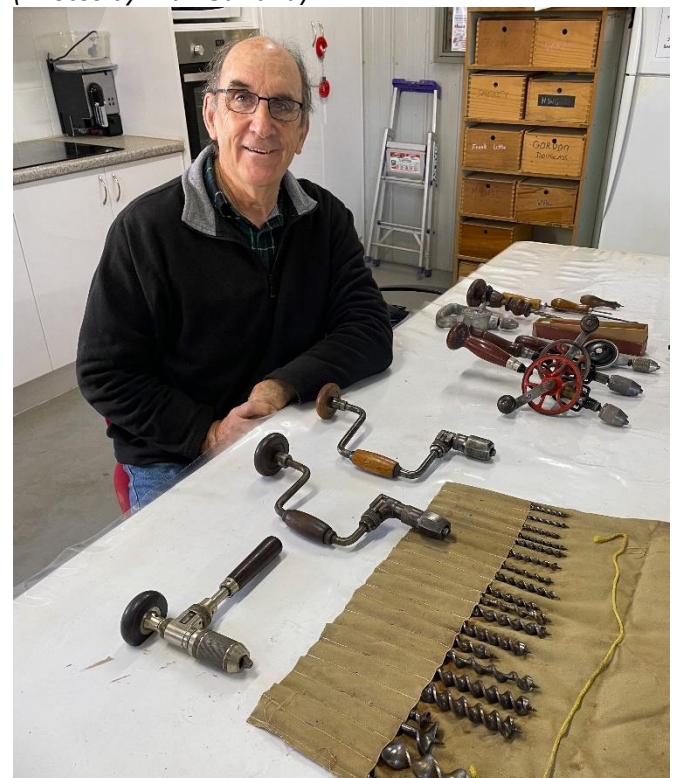
allows greater body pressure on the brace. Two main types were displayed. The first had a continuous revolution as part of the drilling process. This required a fair bit of "Tom's rhythm". The second one had a ratchet built into it allowing the user to only do half turns – saving energy and time.

Finally, the deadly end of the process – the bits. As shown there have been a variety of bits designed and manufactured over the years for the various hand tools mentioned above. They range from petite bits to heavy construction styles.

All of these were made before electrical portable machines were invented. Even though these are popular and commonly used, many woodworkers still prefer the hand boring tools to complete their work.

Thanks, Tom for your most informative presentation. Brought back great memories of tools we "cut our teeth on as woodies".

*(Photos by Max Garland)*





## 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Location was a bit different this year. A great opportunity to try out “The Hub” at the Country Club.

Members arrived in their blue shirts ready for the event. Greg started the ball rolling with the monthly meeting followed by the AGM. Following the reports, committee positions were spilled allowing for the 2023-24 Committee to be formed. Congratulations to,

President – Greg Scrivner

Vice President – Howard Horsman

Secretary – Roger Kilburn

Treasurer – Bob Robinson

Committee – David Wells

Committee – Will Howard

Committee – Sharada Boyce

Committee – Rod Hoare

Committee – (to be appointed)

Special congratulations to all of you.

Greg Cavanagh was the special guest for this meeting. See information that follows. The meeting concluded and we placed our lunch order using the menu from the Country Club. No Show and Tell this month.

## Special Guest Speaker Greg Cavanagh -Segmented Bowls-

*(Photos by Max Garland)*

Following the AGM there was a break while Greg set up his items.

Greg has a strong interest in lathe work with a special connection to segmented bowls. Box after box of wooden items arrived as part of Greg’s presentation.

Greg gained an interest in lathe work after attending a TAFE Course on welding and woodwork. After attending a Sydney Wood Show he purchased a British “Record” lathe and a set of chisels. He learnt how to use the lathe “on the run”. He adapted patterns and created his own. Making segmented bowls was his favourite activity. Besides making the quality bowls, Greg had to learn how to craft the segments to be glued together. Greg freely admits there were some challenges as he learnt his craft. Greg’s perseverance has led to his satisfaction of achievement in his craft.

Below are images of some segmented bowls Greg has crafted over time. Members were very impressed with Greg’s work and appreciated his presentation.





Greg shows a special bowl



Striking colours in segments



Segmented plate



Vase made from sheets of plywood





Vase including a Celtic pattern



Bowl with other segmented bowls and shapes in background.



Jewellery boxes with other items in background

## My Knee – My Hospital Stay

by Will Howard

As we all know Will is recovering from recent surgery to his left knee. In fact, it was replacement surgery of his left knee. During his convalescence he put his thoughts together to create the following poem.



*"The painkillers they gave, they were the blockers,  
They were followed up by a dose of unblockers.  
The dunny cleaner was wearing a frown,  
Because the unblockers were winning hands down.  
This caused an almost unbearable rash....,  
All the hair on my arse had long turned to ash.  
This caused a pain that just never fades,  
As it crept up my back to my shoulder blades,*

*This met the rash coming down from my head,  
.... caused by sleeping in a plastic hospital bed.  
Now, meanwhile back in my crutch,  
I didn't think things could hurt so much.  
The undies I took showed my choice pretty rotten,  
They were plastic .... I thought they were cotton.  
This caused a rash that just couldn't be worse,  
I could see in the dark with the glow from my purse.  
Then with anti-histamines and calamine lotion,  
And some other indescribable potion.  
Magically all the rashes abated,  
Then life wasn't band, but that could be debated.*

*As for the op it was pretty much fun,  
I just can't wait to have the other one done!!"*

## Where to now?

With the AGM concluded and the guild's movement away from the Men's Shed occurring, we ask, "Where to now?"

During his AGM speech, President Greg talked about the importance of the guild to all of us and what it stands for. It is more than just woodwork, it is a social centre, a place to share thoughts and ideas, where we have a laugh and tell jokes. The importance of sticking together is critical.

Some special words come to the editor's mind about guild members. We are a team of people who have a caring nature to others and work well together as a group. We enjoy a laugh and a joke (as Greg said), but at the same time we give serious consideration to what will benefit and support guild members now and in the future. We respect each other's opinion. We need to stick together for the guild to survive; all of us need to contribute.

Any suggestions about,

- Field trips,
- Meeting places,
- Guests,
- T.o.M,
- "Think outside the square,"
- Etc,

please talk to a committee member.

As said, the guild needs all of us to contribute, collectively, it is our guild.

(Editor's thought)