



March 2024 Newsletter

April 2024

- 1st Easter Monday
- 5th Committee Meeting
- 12th T.o.M. – Ned “Drop Bears”
- 19th General Meeting
- 25th ANZAC Day

May 2024

- 10th T.o.M. – Max S “TBD”
- 12th Mothers’ Day
- 17th Committee Meeting followed by General Meeting

Guild’s website is:

www.hwwgi.com.au

Vice President Howard is responsible for website

March T.o.M. – Hand Planes Tom Sheppard

I wasn’t able to attend Tom’s presentation. One of our stand-by reporters Steve, was able to catch Tom with a few photos and included a few notes.

Like any other day lately, the day was bright and “sunshiny”. Members gathered and faced the bench where Tom was setting up his gear. Planes and planes abound and some accessories.

Many of us have not used a plane for a long time; we all appreciate the benefits of modern machinery. So, everyone was keen to hear and see what Tom had to say. To conduct his demonstration Tom used Howard’s plane. Tom ...

- Gave a history overview of the “plane”.
- Disassembled/assembled a plane,
- Demonstrated blade sharpening techniques,
- Showed how adjust blades,
- Explained the use of Cap iron, and
- Explained what the purposes are of the different sized planes.

Tom was able to refer to David Hatherly for advice as well. David, a Life Member of the woodies, has expertise in using and maintaining planes.

Time went fast which means members had minimum time to have a go at understanding their plane. They all promised they would re-visit their plane/s when they were at home.

Thanks, Tom, for your presentation.

Below, are some of Steve’s images of Tom presentation.



Planes and other gear.



Sharpening options



Tom referring to a large plane.



Audience listen with intent.



Pointing out the differences in planes.



Various sized planes, for various sized jobs.



Parts of a plane and plane sizes

Show and Tell

Our first time in the Wauchope RSL club.

Max Smith was keen to present three of his off-centre bowls he has crafted. Tells a story of a conundrums he had with the three bowls. The first bowl (top left) appeared too heavy, chunky. With further attempts he made the second bowl (top right) but still too heavy. Eventually he was able to craft a lightweight bowl (bottom) that he was satisfied with. A good example of perseverance.



Special attachment to set the angle of the blade whilst being sharpened.



Greg Scrivner shared with us a parabolic mirror that his carving tutor crafted within one day. Timber was meranti with a stain finish. Can now see why Greg has some clever carving skills.



Careful everyone!

Will Howard loves making bowls, **BIG BOWLS!!** He took the challenge to use Black Wattle, a timber renowned for cracking at the wrong time. Result, a successful bowl beautifully crafted. Finish was spray-on estapol.



Will also showed some of his creativity. He had a piece of scented rosewood shaped like a long neck bird with a fish. His concern was to craft some legs.



John Ockers strongly supports Show and Tell. This time he shared a beautiful wall clock of mixed timbers with a shellac finish. It is special because it will become a wedding gift for his granddaughter.



John also enjoys making pens. He displayed a series of slimline pens made from a mix of timbers such as oak, mahogany and cedar. Finish is natural wax.

Rod Hoare is always ready to try something different with his craft. This time he has made a pull-along dog (cheaper to feed than real dog!) Pieces of camphor laurel, jacaranda and white cyprus timber became a great pull-along dog.



Sue Campbell has selected pyrography as an interest craft. Sue has a number of raw wooden spoons and with her creativity has decorated them via pyrography symbols.



Forestry Field Trip

Two of our on-the-spot reporters, filed the following article about the field trip. I believe the trip was an eye opener for the warriors in blue. Thanks to Greg Scrivner and Will Howard for the following.

“Our recent Forestry Field Trip was well attended by an eager group of GUILD men (& Sharada) in blue ready to rough it through the Cowarra bush.

Forestry NSW kindly provided the hard hats & a very informative booklet on eucalyptus trees local to Wauchope.

Pres Greg brought along an historic Forestry Handbook (for show-n-tell) that had been printed in 1917!

Thanks to the Forestry ecologist, Mark & his offsider, Levi, many types of “gums” were able to be ID’d.

However many trees had burnt bark which made it harder to ID them. Most trees were very tall which meant relying

on bark, blossoms and gum nuts to ID them.

However, many trees had burnt bark which made it harder to ID them.

Some of the trees encountered were,

Tallowwood: reddish/orange with small volcano like structures on stringybark.

Blackbutt: rough bark at base, smooth bark above sometimes peels in long ribbon strips.

Grey gum: straight smooth barked grey appearance, bark peeling in sheets with salmon colour underneath. (forestry rate them poorly-one of the hardest timbers.)

Red/Pink Bloodwood: large tree with bark persistent to small branches, often with bleeding wounds.

White stringy bark: smaller lighter coloured tree, stringy bark with lower wavy edge juvenile leaves.

Mahogany white/red: large tree with reddish stringy bark persistent throughout.

Forest Oak: no mature trees, young regrowth mostly dead from fire, older ones with persistent heavily fluted bark.

Turpentine: proved elusive but a few woodies spotted one.

Then our convoy headed off to lunch at Sancrox reserve for slow cooked sausages & trimmings on the electric BBQs.”

Below are some photos of the field trip courtesy of the fearless camera man, Bob Robinson.



Blue shirts everywhere; they have arrived!



Hi, Ho, Hi, Ho, off to work we go...." Well sort of.



Howard with the obligatory hard hat and sun protector.



Forestry rep sharing information with woodies.



Sample box



Another site discussion



Ian, Greg and Sharada mesmerised by the forest.



Lunch, well deserted at Sancrox Park.