



Welcome to this special edition of the Hastings Community Woodworkers Guild newsletter. This records the fun time had by all at our 30th anniversary celebratory luncheon at the Wauchope RSL Club. If your scribe's maths is correct there were 39 in attendance.

We had the honour of hosting several past members who had contributed to what the Guild is today. The camaraderie that was developed in the early days has continued over the 30 year period and is a major reason for the success of the Guild.

The function room was configured with a display area along with seating for lunch. The displays included images showing the history of the Guild along with a sample of work from current members. In conjunction with this was a continuous slide show showing some of the Guild's history. A big thank you to those members who provided items for the display.



The room awaiting guests



The gospel according to Tony Morton



Greg and Howard just reflecting



The display attracted a lot of attention from members.



Socialising continued right up until lunch.



A sample of members work on display



Rod Hoare



Robert Miles



Please be seated



It was time to get the show on the road. Howard welcomed everyone and introduced President Greg.



Greg spoke about the history of guilds and how these led to the creation of quality work. Guilds are still very much alive today. Greg also suggested that we meet again in five years, rather than every 10 years. He finished by thanking everyone for their attendance.

Howard to introducing Sharada



Sharada started by stating her appreciation for all the support she had received in preparing for the function. The display shows where we have come from, and where we are today. The members also appreciate the excellent work carried out by Sharada in coordinating and organising the 30th anniversary celebration.

It was now time for Tony Morton to provide some early history of the Guild. Tony was an inaugural member of the Guild. Concept started at David Hayes wood supply shed that once existed near Rocks Ferry Wharf, Wauchope. Charlie Charters asked for names of interested people to form a club. These were people who went to David's shed and showed an interest in woodwork. First meeting, 20 people arrive with something they had made from wood. It was agreed to set up a club. This was followed by creating a name, badge, purpose statement and meeting the needs of becoming incorporated. The first, and a few meetings after that were held at Wauchope High School. This became a problem so when an



opportunity to move to the showground arose, they took it. The venue dictated that they had to put machines in a 3m x 3m cage to protect against vandalism. A shed came up at Timber Town (owned by council then) and Guild bought it for \$300. After many years of upgrade and extensions the shed became an active woodworking premises with kitchen and a display and sales room attached.

Eventually, the Guild was forced to move on and share the Men's Shed premises in Wauchope; then moved to Port Macquarie Arts and Craft Centre.

The audience appeared to be quite fascinated by Tony's talk. Many current members joined the Guild after the move from Timber Town and were not aware of the history.



It was now time for Tom to entertain the crowd.

Our resident raconteur, Tom, reminisced about past members and what they offered to the Guild. He finished by mentioning the variety of members coming from different background, working together, camaraderie, all very important for defining the character of the Guild.



Members showing their appreciation to Tom

For a change in pace Bob and Dave hosted a trivia competition. This involved each table team answering nine questions relating to the Guild. The competition finished with each table having to identify two pieces of timber which had been placed on their table.



Question time

And the winning team is.....



Being presented with their prize

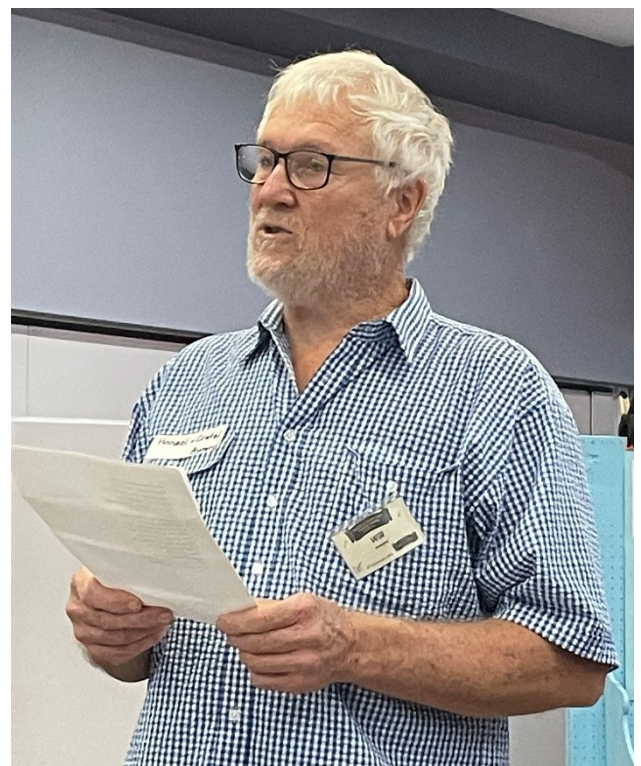
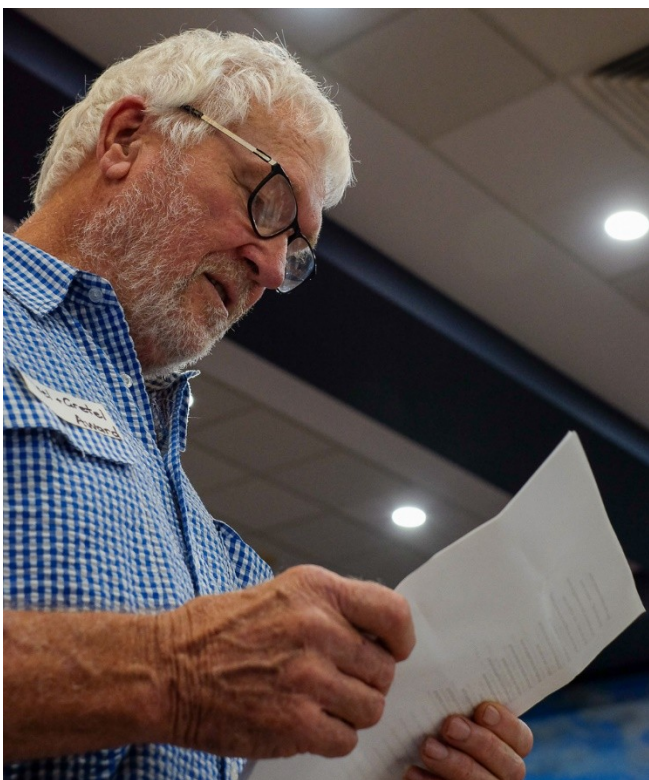


Toasting their win

It was now time for our poet laureate to present his latest creation. In honour of the occasion, he addressed many of the members which resulted in George confirming their mention with an award.



Will reciting his poem with George ready with awards.



Will in full flight.

Will's Woody Awards is included at the end of this newsletter.

With all the formalities over it was time for lunch.



Some people are just more hungry than others

In line for a big lunch

The proceedings were completed with the cutting of the cake. This was in the shape of a log with shavings. The cutting was carried out by past and present Presidents.



L to R Frank Godfrey, Tony Morton, Greg Scrivner, Kevin Carmody, Robert Miles

It is safe to report that a good time was had by all.

Woody Awards

Factory award

He is now over eighty and not out
But still has the biggest factory about.

Rod Hoare

Loungeroom award

He carves his stuff in front of the TV
How he gets away with it is way beyond me.

Max Garland

Mystery award

This bloke is right into old stuff,
Guess what it is, is really tough

Ian Elton

Translation award

This bloke may be a fair dinkum Ocker,
When it comes to translation, he is a shocker.

John Ockers

Management award

This bloke sure lives up to his name,
As for centuries they have all done the same.

Greg Scrivner

AC award

This bloke is the go when sparks are connected,
So far none of us have been burned.

Howard Horsman

Creativity award

What do you call it, I've no idea at all,
But it would look great hanging on a wall.

Max Smith

Jester award

He tells jokes and he is a real good sport,
Sometimes he cuts things twice and they are still too short.

Tom Sheppard

Immigrant award

We have our very own POM,
But we don't really care where he is from.

Roy Brown

Bean counter award

We have a new man to count the money,
I guess that he has found its not all milk and honey.

Rodger Kilburn

Humanitarian award

Does a bit for kids with no fathers or mothers,
Always helping in the service of others.

Paul Pollet

New life award

He pencilled for years and its not much fun,
Now he may get some of his own stuff done

Bob Robbo

Jewellery award

Buy a pair, none are the same,
You can just take a single if that's your game.

Jon Ward

Tourist award

Sometimes you will find this bloke in the shed,
But often he is off in the van instead.

Bob Jones

Scrubber award

This bloke is definitely not one for the push,
He is way more at home in the bush.

Ned McKelvie

Fix it award

You call for this bloke when something is busted,
With any machine he sure can be trusted.

Dave Wells

Naval award

This bloke will give you the ABC,
Of what the hell happens there at sea.

Frank Boyd

Chef award

He cooks the BBQ, he will never get the sack,
Every one just keeps coming back.

Bill Johnston

Community award

This man's skills are too many to tell,
And half of Wauchope depends on him as well.

George Campbell

Skydiver award

She will clean your gutter and it will look real beaut,
But make sure she takes a parachute.

Sharada Boyce

Granny award

He makes knitting bowls and all sorts of stuff,
Those old knitters just can't get enough.

Steve Sessions

Precision award

You will never see a blemish or defect,
This bloke's creations are spot on perfect.

Rob Miles