



Strathalbyn Wood Craft Group Inc.
Sawdust & shavings
September/October 2021 Newsletter

President's report

I have been talking to our Secretary, Tony Careno, and he asked me to report to members that he is quite touched by the messages and phone calls of well wishes he has received recently. Some because of his 88th birthday on 23 September, but many others as well. "It is very good of them, and hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't ring or text", he said.



Tony Careno

Tony said his health is very good except for his foot which is "giving me hell, hobbling around on a frame and can't put any weight on it at all". He is very keen to get up to the shed and say hello to everyone. Tony is currently writing his memoirs starting at 1933. He is now up to 1953 where he is on board a ship in the Suez Canal at Aden on his way to service in Burma.

On 22 September, we received official approval of our amended constitution from Consumer & Business Services in the Attorney General's Department. I am now completing (the very extensive) application for Charitable status and for Deductible Gift Recipient status. Once approved, individuals and businesses will be able to claim donations to the Shed off their income tax. These changes create some extra responsibilities to keep formal records of account, and advise SA Consumer and Business Services of any committee changes through the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Shed clean up last month—it was great to see the Shed surrounds looking so spick and span. Our Christmas function is now only two months away (see notice on page 3) so please register by making your payment as soon as possible. This will greatly assist with planning.

Eagle eyed members may have noticed this newsletter is designated "September/October". No, we are not moving to bi-monthly editions, but in future each newsletter will be dated for the coming month rather than the month just finished. So the next newsletter (issued at the end of October) will be titled the November edition.

Eric March—Woodshed President



Upcoming events

30-31 October Garage sale at the Shed

27 November Christmas party

30 November Diabetes Screening follow up session

8 December Next Shed working bee

Congratulations to Colin Goodrich, winner of last month's "Name the Newsletter" competition



As you can see from our new banner head above, Colin's suggestion was "Sawdust and Shavings".

In putting forward his entry, Colin said: "You cannot do woodworking without them. Sawdust and shavings are the outcome of just about every woodworking task regardless of gender, background, skill level, experience or technical complexity. And they spread—as in the information in a newsletter."

Well done to Colin and all the other members who came up with some great suggestions for our new name!

A Good Samaritan story

David Newman of Meadows, who farms at Prospect Hill near Meadows and at the South East near Keith with his father, Ian, and brother Gavin, visits Strathalbyn frequently with his cattle truck. On Wednesday 22 September, David was driving along West Terrace on his way home to Meadows and noticed vehicles avoiding a bag on the road.

When David got closer to it, he realised that it was not any old bag but looked to be something more important. So he picked it up and took it home, and the bag turned out to be a leather roll of quite expensive wood turning chisels. The next day, his father, Ian, rang President Eric and explained that his son had found the chisels and that it was possible they belonged to someone from the Woodshed.

Eric collected the chisels from the Newman's farm that night and, while there, noticed two beautiful red gum tables in the family's home and naturally enquired about their origin. Ian explained that a large red gum tree on the property had fallen some time back, and that his intention was to use the timber for fencing. However, the tree was too big for Ian to saw, so it was dispatched to a sawmill in Adelaide where it was cut in half.

The wood turned out to be very high quality and the mill suggested to Ian that it was too good to be used for fencing! As a result, the timber was cut into slabs and Ian made various pieces of furniture for his home and for his sons, and a red gum table was also given to some friends as a wedding present. Incidentally, as a youngster Ian attended Scotch College and won Student of the Year in Woodwork two years running.

Anyway, back to the chisels Eric rang around a few of the members with an interest in woodturning and who were at the Shed on the Wednesday, but none of them had lost their chisels. On the Friday, Alan Mills rang Eric to ask if the Shed was open because he thought he had left his chisels on the workbench in the Shed. Eric responded by saying he would certainly come up and open the shed and give Al his chisels, which had been found on West Terrace! So a very relieved Al was reunited with his chisels, which were particularly special to him as his wife had given them to him as a 25th wedding anniversary present. We are glad to report a very happy ending to the story and Alan extends his thanks to both David and Ian.



FREE COVID-19 HELPLINE



Just a reminder that the Council on the Ageing (COTA) is operating a free COVID-19 Older Persons Support Line to answer COVID-related questions and to provide help, support and resources to Older Australians impacted by COVID-19 in any way.

The Support Line can provide information on the roll out of the vaccine program, eligibility for vaccination, your nearest vaccination clinic, the impact of COVID-19 restrictions, or just be someone to talk to if you are worried or concerned.

Any older Australian, or a family member, friend or carer, can access support and information through the Support Line for any COVID-related issue.

**You can phone the COVID-19 Support Line on 1800 171 866
between 8.30am-6pm Monday to Friday.**

Committee meetings

The Woodshed Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Woodshed.

Any member is most welcome to attend.

In addition, the agenda, minutes and financial reports for each Committee meeting are made available to all members each month to promote transparency and encourage member input on the running of the shed.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Peramangk people as the traditional custodians of the Strathalbyn area, and pay our respects to the Elders past and present.



Diary notes

Diabetes Screening follow up session

A follow up to the September Diabetes SA screening session is planned for:

Tuesday 30 November

10am-12noon

Diabetes SA staff will be available to meet with members who participated in the September session to discuss their results.



2021-22 Membership Subs are due on 30 September!

If you have not paid your \$40, please hop to it.

Bank transfer details are:

BSB 085-921 Acc No: 7050 88 655

Account Name: Strathalbyn Wood Craft Group Inc

Please add your surname + initials as a reference.



It's the Christmas Party!

When? Saturday 27 November 6.30 for 7pm
Where? Strathalbyn Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Parker Ave
Cost? \$45 pp for a 3 course meal by Chef Julie Blue. BYO drinks. Tea, coffee and some soft drinks will be available.

Please pay by EFT: **BSB 085-921 Acc No: 7050 88 655**
Account Name Strathalbyn Wood Craft Group Inc
and add your surname + initials as a reference.

Please pay as early as possible to assist with planning the event. Final numbers are needed a week before. Refunds will be made prior to that date where people are unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.



LOOK OFFICER, I'M JUST SAYING IF YOU CAUGHT ME, THEN YOU WERE OBVIOUSLY SPEEDING TOO.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

RUTH CREEDY

Ruth was born in 1945 at Mt Barker and grew up in the Adelaide Hills. Her parents had a nursery and florist business so the family was green before it became trendy! She was educated at Verdun Primary School and Mt Barker High School and recalls that Agricultural Science and Art were her favourite subjects – definitely a sign of things to come.

Ruth trained as a secondary school Art Teacher and worked in various country and metropolitan secondary schools for 37 years, retiring in 2002. In addition to her Diploma of Teaching, she has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Education from Adelaide University.

Ruth was married for 48 years to Don Creedy (Principal 2nd Violinist with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra 1959-1977), and lived at Glenelg.

Ruth won a scholarship with the Bank of Tokyo to study Hand Papermaking in 1989 and with her sister, Heather (who was featured in last month's newsletter), established their own Mill and business. Ruth helped restore studio spaces at the Hahndorf Academy and Heather manned, directed and ran their Studio space at the Academy for five years. Ruth produced many paper products and commissioned works, a number of which are represented in Rare Book collections internationally, including Kew Gardens in the UK, Butler Library at Columbia University in New York, and also in Japan and Germany.

In 2015, Ruth and Don had a 'tree change' after some 50 years at Glenelg, and moved to Littlehampton, which included relocating her Bonsai collection and re-landscaping a new garden. Don passed away suddenly that same year. Ruth has since moved to Strathalbyn with sister, Heather.

Ruth's favourite activities include landscaping/gardening, Fine Hand Papermaking, international travel, sculpture, designing, and working in wood and metal etc.

In her own words, Ruth "discovered the Woodshed in July 2021...Oh Joy!" and both she and Heather are looking forward to a new creative era in their lives!



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I just paid for a 12 month gym membership.

My bank called to see if my credit card was stolen.



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