

## The Sphere of Influence

We have had a change of Government within South Australia, we may therefore see a change of direction, ideas and approach to bring about change. There are always some who have held prior positions of authority/power that continue behind the scenes to try and leave a legacy of their own greatness, not realising the destruction and damage they leave in their wake whilst seeking their own agenda. There is much to be admired for the person who has the intelligence to recognise when enough is enough. It is a disappointing fact of life people such as these can be found in Government, Councils and community-based Clubs.

Our Woodgroup SA is a very special Club where we have all come together to share the enjoyment and passion of working with wood, to seek further skills and education and to share fellowship with others. We have some 300+ members from across the State both City and Country. No two Clubs alike in their aspirations and the expectations from their members, it is this diversity that makes us unique.

Woodgroup SA and member Clubs should not overlook the medium of fellowship and companionship that is provided to members who are predominately retirees. As you look amongst each of your Clubs you will observe that not all of us are actively involved all the time but collectively there is great knowledge and a willingness to share.

I have been a non-voting observer of the W/G Executive last year as Exhibition Coordinator (No one volunteered at a AGM so I reluctantly stepped up to the plate) **{I have to stop doing this}** I observed the wonderful work of the Executive led by John Tillack who updated a lot of policy's and ensured the smooth running of the organisation, John ensured the integrity of Western Woodies nomination of Life membership for Charles Greig and their nomination for Graham WERE for the Don Freeman award and the independent allocations of Club Grants. I cannot thank the Committee enough for their input last year and foundation work of updating/reviewing our documents.

I have undertaken to publish a step by step guide to assist with:

- Submission of applications for the Don Freeman Awards and accompanying material.
- Guidelines for format of Life Membership applications.

These awards are held in very high regard by Woodgroup SA and not given lightly, as such their high standards as ambassadors of Woodgroup SA are acknowledged and we thank all the recipients for their work in this area.

For information, the Murraylands Club will be assisting the Southern Turners to Mill a Red Gum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and will be assisting the Hills Club to mill a Cedar mid-April. For assistance at Club Level contact Jack Hunt at Murraylands to discuss.

There are some interesting projects that will benefit all Clubs currently being drafted and will be released to Delegates soon. Woodgroup SA is here to help you move forward and achieve your Club Goals and personal challenges.

Think positively and be part of the wider organisation and most importantly, you will enjoy it. That is what it is all about, forget the empire building- life is too short for that nonsense, create a positive sphere of influence in your Club!

Cheers

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