

# ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS GROUP INCORPORATED

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## April 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### Events Coming Up

**8 April 2017 – Committee (early) and Club's Annual General Meeting** (9.00 approx)

**14-16 April 2017 – Break for Easter** (Workshop will still be open on Easter Saturday)

**13 May 2017 – Committee (early) and Club's General Meeting** (9.00 approx)

**Now for the Annual General Meeting** A summary report of the Club's last 12 months will be presented by the President. The Treasurer will present our current financial situation. All executive positions will be declared open. From past experience, the same people will again be elected, but it would be nice if some non-committee members put their hands up to have a go on the Committee! The Committee meets earlier on the same 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month as the General Meeting. The Annual Fee for membership is now due. standing at the huge sum of \$25.

**Sydney Tools** The word is that Sydney Tools have recently opened a store along the strip at Warrawong. Generally Sydney Tools are not the cheapest but they pride themselves on only stocking quality tools for tradesmen and women. Though there may be some 'Specials' when they open.

**Following the Trend** A bus was quickly organised for a trip for members to 'Trend Timbers' at Mulgrave. Trend stocks a huge variety of timber, including many exotics, and also provided several lectures and wood demonstrations for the punters. From all accounts it was a useful and enjoyable trip. We are pleased for the cooperation of Warilla RSL club for the bus and driver for a donation. Trend Timbers lived up to its reputation for exotic and interesting timbers, but you needed a fat wallet. But it was a 'one stop shop'- everything you ever wanted and the demonstrations on the day were class.



## Frank Pynenburg

Frank Pynenburg died on February 28<sup>th</sup> this year. We extend our condolences to Lynette, his wife, and their two daughters, Tanya and Renee.

Frank had a variety of jobs, carpentry, in the mines' with a kitchen manufacturer and then he became assistant to Lynette in the preschool that she had bought. The preschool was somewhat tired but Lynette and Frank quickly changed that. Under their leadership it did so well, and they were able to retire early.

In retirement Frank took to woodwork with skill and enthusiasm. He quickly established himself as a turner of note, though he was always happy to learn from older and more experienced turners both here and at the Oyster Bay Cubby House. Frank produced some beautiful pieces, particularly as he patiently mastered the art of segmental turning.

Frank served on the club committee for a while. He was always willing to lend a hand when work was to be done in our workshop, in loading up prior to sales, and in manning the stalls at various festivals and fairs. He was a great friend, a great craftsman and will be sorely missed.

## New Members

It is with pleasure that we welcome Yvonne Anne Cooper and Virginie Schmellichek as members of the club. Nice to have you both. Yvonne is experienced in pyrography which she has learnt at the Ribbenwood Centre. Virginie has been looking for a woodworking club for a while.

## Show and Tell

**In February** Pat Keefe showed two turned pens, and a tachometer for checking on lathe speeds.

**Rick Funnell** showed a couple of reworked bowls, a plaque with a fish scene and some doo stops for club sales. Thanks Rick.

**In March** Pat Keefe showed two turned bowls, one of silky oak and the other of rosewood, two pens and two bangles turned from acrylic blanks. Very nice. There is no stopping Pat

**Rick Funnell** showed a variety of items, bowls, book ends, and two inscribed signs as items for club sales. He also showed two open segmented bowls of plywood. Thanks Rick

**Virginnie Schmellichek** showed two intertwining wooden spirals for use as teapot stands. She had got these while in NZ and hopes to be able to make similar ones herself.

The Editor showed a bowl turned from compressed timber and 'Ernie' the echidna a found piece of old dried bush given some feet and eyes.

**News** of our stall at the Thirroul Seaside Festival held over for the next issue.