

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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July 2010 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

5 July Showcase in Wollongong Library (4 weeks)

14 July 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: John Parker and Ken Hutchison

23 July Friday Evening **Christmas in July**

4 August 5.15 pm Committee Meeting

11 August, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Keith Guy and John Cashman

1 September 5.15pm Committee Meeting

8 September, 7pm Club Meeting

Annual General Meeting

At the AGM last April, President Dave Lipscombe congratulated the past committee and members for their support during the year, and looked forward to bigger and better year ahead.

Treasurer Bill Perry presented the Financial statement, which could be said to be reasonably healthy.

All the positions on the Committee were filled. These were as in the previous year with two changes. John Parker did not stand as the Club's Public Officer, and Bill Perry was appointed in his stead. Our thanks to John for serving on the Committee for many years. Keith Guy, a long time club member and rocking horse carver supreme, was elected to the new position of Coordinator (Club Sales). Welcome aboard Kieth!

Workshops

Box Making Workshops Bill Perry is conducting Box Making Workshops at 6.30pm on the third Wednesday evening of each month, the Wednesday after the Club meeting. All welcome.

The **Saturday Workshops** are continuing, particularly aimed at having lots of items for sale at the **Bulli Show on 18,19 September**.

Thirroul Festival

Our stall at the Thirroul Festival returned the best ever result for sales and raffles. This made up for some somewhat small results we have had earlier. On the Saturday we had a room in Thirroul's new Library Centre, and on the Sunday our stall was behind the Surf Club.

The two raffles (for Keith's rocking horse, and a Thomas the Tank Engine) netted \$500 between them. Zac McMahon, John's adult son, won the Thomas and donated it back to the club. Thanks Zac.

Special thanks to Mal, our Secretary, who did all the necessary spade work to get the two locations, and to all those who manned the stall over the weekend. Well done!

Library Showcase

Thanks to Rick Funnell, Tony Hancox, Peter Hansen, John Parker and Frank Pyneberg for contributing items for the showcase in Wollongong Library this month, and to Peter and John for arranging the display

Show and Tell

In May

Pat Keefe showed a Wad Press for cutting circles for Rotary Sanders.

Frank Pynenburg showed two candlesticks and a bowl he had turned.

Tony Hancox showed a lidded bowl he had turned for storing a set of chess pieces.

The unstoppable **Ken Smith** showed 25 carry bag handles which he donated to the Club. Thanks again Ken.

John McMahon showed a number of photographs of a collection of old and ancient tools.

Rick Funnell showed a set of children's folding table and chairs made from Western Red Cedar which he donated to the club. Thanks Rick.

In June

Colin Shaw showed a device rather like an external hearing aid which warns against falling asleep while driving. When the wearer's head droops forward the device either sets off a bright flashing light or a vibrating buzzer. A good useful safety aid. \$20 approx from a place at Albion Park. (It can also be used while watching TV!)

Club Website.

Webmaster, Bill Perry, reported both good and bad news about our website. The bad news was that there have been two attempts (from Korea and China) to hack into our site. Bill thinks the hackers were probably looking for our bank account numbers. No dice: not with Bill around.

The good news was that our website has generated two small commissions: one from a lady who wanted a carved sign for her small business, and one from a Monopoly club, who wanted two small trophies, which Bill made for them. The trophies are in the form of Monopoly's green house, and red hotel. Both are nicely mounted on stained wood plates. Thanks Bill! You can check out our website at www.illawarrawoodworkers.org.au

Dust

The Committee is working on ways to improve the dust extraction from our workshop. This will involve relocating the extractor outside the workshop and having a series of ducts connected to it.

Sydney Working with Wood Show 2010

It is hard to believe that it has been another year already. So we did the annual pilgrimage again to hunt tools and woodworking supplies at the Working with Wood Show in Sydney. We went up on Saturday morning and the first thing that struck us this year was that there seemed to be a smaller crowd and the halls were a bit more spacious than previous year: the plus side is that it is easier to get to the exhibitors and have a yarn. The show was arranged as for previous years with displays and demonstrations in the northern hall and exhibitors in the southern hall with the outdoor area for the timber sellers and portable saw millers.

The displays of woodcraft by the various groups was up to the very high standard that we have come to appreciate. A particular display that I enjoy each year is the work created for the HSC Design & Technology course. This year was no exception with an excellent Shaker style rocking chair on display. I also enjoy seeing the creative and beautiful pieces by the students from the ANU Fine Arts wood workshop.

I had a chance to watch a demonstration of the Festool Domino dowel machine and best of all I got to play with it for a while. All the usual sellers of tools and equipment were represented with really too many to mention all that I saw. One display that was particularly innovative this year was a 3 dimensional printer that builds an object in a variety of materials (mostly plastics) in a series of layers from a computer file.

All in all another great couple of hours spent dreaming of tools I may never own (but would much like to!) and admiring just how talented some people are with wood. Looking forward to next year already.

Bill Perry