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**September 2010 NEWSLETTER**

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**Events Coming Up**

**8 September, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Peter Hansen and Don Gray

**18,19 September, Bulli Show**

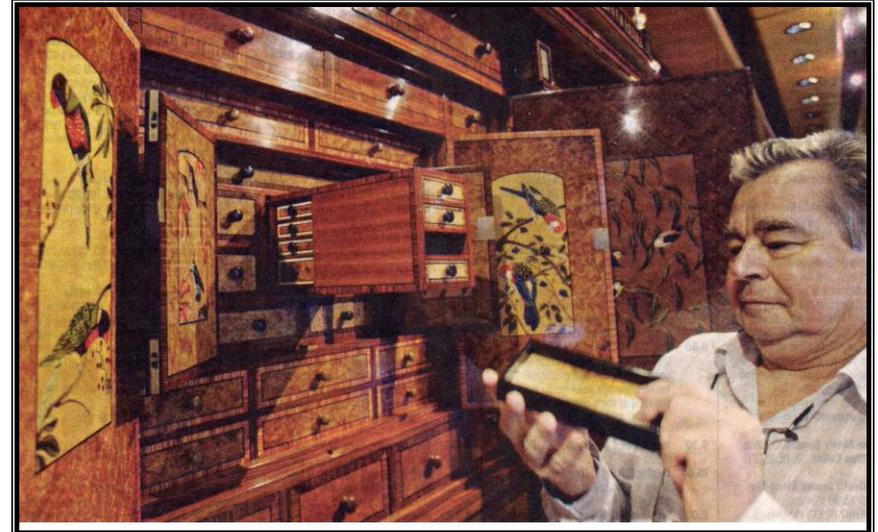
**2 - 4 October, Club Display/Sales at Belmore Basin**

**6 October 5.15pm Committee Meeting**

**13 October, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Pat Keefe and Keith Guy

**HANNAH CABINET**



*Photo Sydney Morning Herald*

Recently the marvellous Geoffrey Hannah Cabinet was on display in the foyer of the NSW Parliament House. About 8' tall, and 10 or 11' long it is really an extraordinary piece of work. The basic structure is made of mahogany, and the inlays and drawers are made of hundreds of other types of wood. When closed, the four main doors have scenes of native flowers and birds inlaid on them. Each door when opened has a smaller inlaid door, surrounded by numerous drawers of different sizes and with different inlays. Altogether there are some 140 drawers in the cabinet of numerous shapes and sizes including several secret drawers. The Hannah Cabinet has been valued at over \$1 1/4 million.

Geoff Hannah was born in 1948 in the Northern Rivers area of NSW. He was apprenticed to a cabinet maker when 15, and formed his own company when he was 25. In 1980 he won a Churchill Scholarship, and travelled to Europe to investigate fine cabinet making. He has made two previous cabinets slightly smaller. One is Yaralumba, the residence of the Governor General in Canberra and the other is in private hands in Antwerpen, Belgium.

The Hannah Cabinet took Geoff 6 ½ years to make, working three days a week on it. His three other work days a week were spent on making a living and lecturing at various Universities and colleges. Last year he was made an Honorary Fellow of Southern Cross University.

### **SHOW and TELL In July**

**Keith Guy** showed a simple but effective screw chuck, made locally and quite cheap too

**Pat Keefe** showed his Nova chuck with expanding Cole Jaws to which Pat has given a bright pink outer edge (much easier to see!) Pat also showed a large bowl of jarrah...

**Frank Pynenburg** showed a couple of bowls he had turned and donated club sales. Thanks Frank

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

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

### **In August**

**Pat Keefe** showed a turned dish of ironbark finished with Kunos

**Frank Pynenburg** showed a delightful platter made from a coolibah burl with a huon pine stand and centre, finished with polyester and Triple E Cream. Frank had 'gone through' the burl but made a very effective repair with huon pine. Frank also showed a bowl of nicely figured camphor laurel finished with Shellowax

**Orders.** Wiseman Park Bowling Club has put in an order for a large sign and children's table and four chairs. Thanks to Rick, Mal and John Parker for doing the woodwork to fulfill this order for the club

### **Worse for Wear**

Our President told this tale against himself. He had turned a bowl from a dark coloured wood, but it had several holes in it. Ingeniously he plugged these holes with some bright huon pine. Satisfied, he then showed it to Leslie for her comments. She looked at it for a while before saying, 'Hmm. It reminds me of that old song, 'Itsy bitsy, teeny weeny, yellow polka-dot bikini !'

Even Presidents have to go back to the drawing board sometimes!

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### **OOPS!**

Three traditionally dressed nuns attended an AFL game. Behind them were three Aussie blokes who were disconcerted at being so close to the nuns and having their view of the game occasionally slightly obscured by them. The blokes decided to bully the nuns in the hope that the nuns would move to other seats.

The first bloke said in a loud voice. 'I'm going to go to Brisbane. They say there is only a hundred nuns up there!'

The second bloke said in a louder voice. 'I'm going to go to Tasmania. There are only fifty nuns down there.'

The third bloke then almost shouted, 'That's nothing. I'm going to go to New Zealand. It has only got 25 nuns.'

Then one of the sisters turned round, smiled, and said in a sweet voice. 'Why don't you go to Hell. There are no nuns there!'

### **BILL BODY TROPHY**

The Editor regrets that he did not note that Kevin Parker was awarded the Bill Body Trophy at the AGM. Kevin was a woodwork teacher and subsequently a High School Principal. Club members will remember his marvelous metre long model of the 'Endeavour' barque, which he showed to the club. Kevin is the Club Librarian, and though these days he gets around with a stick, he is a regular attendee at the Club meetings and the Saturday workshops. A well merited award!

### **WORKSHOPS**

**Box Making Workshops** Bill Perry is conducting these Workshops at 6.30pm on the third Wednesday evening of each month, the Wednesday after the Club meeting. All welcome. Those who have attended report that they are good evenings, good fun combined with profitable learning and building sessions.

The **Saturday Workshops** continue, particularly aimed at having lots of items for sale at the **Bulli Show on 18,19 Sept.** and at the club Display at **Belmore Basin 2 - 4 October**

**Christmas in July.** Just 14 folk attended this dinner at the City Diggers Club, and enjoyed a hearty meal and had a good time together. Thanks Tony S