

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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June 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

8 June, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Ken Smith and Barry Long

17-19 June, Sydney Wood Show

6 July 5pm Committee Meeting

13 July, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Peter Hansen and John Parker

1 – 30 July **Showcase** in Wollongong Library

17,18 September, Bulli Show

Workshops continue at the club each Saturday morning, while the **Box-making** evening workshops have gone into winter recess

SHOW AND TELL

In April

Pat Keefe showed a large river redwood platter that he had turned from a huge burl he had had for some years. Very impressive. His wife suggested mounting it on a wall.

Frank Pynenberg showed another segmented vase he had turned from silver ash, red cedar and other timbers. 241 pieces

John Totenhofer showed some photos of a recent trip to Tasmania, which included a visit to a traditional basic sawmill, kayaking around some lakes, and then some pictures of a large table he had recently made with the table legs dovetailed into the table top

In May

Frank Pynenberg showed five bowls of midrange size, made of various timbers, some made from blanks given by Peter Hansen, which he donated to the club. Peter also offered blanks to members to turn for the club. Thanks Frank and Peter.

Ken Smith showed three double-centred turnings: a double bowl which looked like two bowls with one not fitting into the other, a chalice whose stem looked as though someone had had an overflow of the chalice cup, and a large mushroom, which had been gotten at by gnomes, goblins or pixies. These might not be everyone's taste, but certainly they are very clever turning. Ken explained briefly how he had made them.

Visitor **Chris Clerke**, whose hobby is archery, showed a longbow blank, white mahogany, he is making. When finished, the bow will need some 40 pounds of pressure to extend it fully before firing. In the Battle of Agincourt the Welsh longbow men had bows that took 100+ pounds of pressure to fully extend them. No wonder the French were devastated! Chris belongs to the local archery club that has a range, with fixed and moving targets, opposite the Girl Guides camp, on the Mt Keira Road.

COMING UP

Sydney Woodshow. 17th to 19th June. If you have ordered tickets, collect them from Bill Perry today.

Library Showcase will be for the month of July in Wollongong Library. Setting up day will be Friday, 1st of July. A small group of regulars has kept the Library showcase going for several years. They would welcome some more members contributing items for the display.

Christmas in July has been tentatively set down for Friday 29th July. It's an opportunity to socialize and enjoy our partner's company.

WELCOME to recent newly joined members Jeff Furolo, Bill Goodier and Chris Clerke. Nice to have you aboard !

BILL BODY TROPHY

The President presented the Bill Body Trophy to our Treasurer, Bill Perry. The trophy, carved by Terry Elkins, is in memory of Bill Body, long time President of the club.

Bill Perry has been our long time Treasurer, and has been active in drawing up our new Constitution, has pushed the paperwork to get our lease from the school renewed, and to seek to get the extension to the workshop under way. Apart from his financial and clerical abilities Bill is a first class artisan. We have not seen a lot of his projects as they are often on the large side but there are photographs: his desk, a dining table and set of chairs in the making – and they are all classy!

EXTENSION PROGRESS

Our Secretary volunteered to supervise and be overall organizer of the extension to the club workshop, and the President offered to assist him. Thanks Mal and Dave! After some quick work the concrete floor slab was formed and poured just before Easter. The job was done by Ledacom who gave the Club a very reasonable price.

Great thanks to Rick, Peter, Frank, Mal and Dave, who assisted in setting up and cleaned up afterwards. Thanks also for the nice path to parking area. Bill Perry and Frank Pynenberg have volunteered to look after the work involved in installing the dust extractor. Thanks Bill and Frank!

FIVE 5s

The club has purchased some mid-size bowl blanks of various timbers. **Turners**, here is your opportunity ! The Committee asks each turner to select five blanks, then turn and return 5 bowls for sale at the Bulli Show (Should you wish to keep any, its \$5 a bowl or blank!)

At our September club meeting, all the bowls are to be displayed, with a good prize of happy, if modest, proportions for the winning turner!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual general meeting of the club was held last April. The President and Secretary gave informal reports that highlighted a positive outlook for the club: some fine woodwork was being produced by club members; there was good attendance at the Saturday workshops and the rocking horse and Thomas the Tank engine raffles generated income and interest, and club sales, especially in smaller items, had generally been promising. The President emphasized that the extension to the club workshop was the big project for this year

The Treasurer, giving the financial report, noted that the club's finances were healthy, certainly much better than a few years ago. He also announced that we now had approval from the Department of Education for our proposed workshop extension.

Rick Funnell took over the chair for the election of Committee. The executive elected was the same as previously, with two changes. Mal Stewart was elected to the position of Vice-president as well as continuing as Secretary, and John Totenhofer replaces Kevin Parker as Librarian. Ric Funnell particularly thanked Kevin Parker and Ken Smith for their helpful contributions while serving on the Committee

LIFE MEMBERS

At the AGM, the President announced that the club was pleased to award Life Membership of the club to three hard working senior members: Peter Hansen, John Parker and Ken Smith. They were presented with framed certificates. All are skilled craftsmen, and have at various times, served well in different capacities on the committee.

It would be fair to say that these three don't push themselves forward, but are reliable, steady, and more than willing to share their skills, know-how and experiences with others. They have been and are great mentors. When writing the small sketches of club members, it was encouraging to hear that one or other of these three were influential in helping members in woodworking, and/or in encouraging others to join the club. Congratulations Peter, John and Ken. Well done!

