

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS  
GROUP INCORPORATED  
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**April 2012 NEWSLETTER**

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**Events Coming Up**

**11 April, 7pm Annual General Meeting**

Supper Roster: Ric Funnell and Roy Thomas

**2 May, 5pm Committee Meeting**

**9 May, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Terry Elkins and Tony Sirotich

**6 June, 5pm Committee Meeting**

**13 June, Club Meeting**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

All committee positions are open for another year. While past experience indicates most positions are likely to be filled by the same people, the President has appealed to other Club members to consider serving in a position for a 12 months stint.

S Special thanks to the President, Secretary, Treasurer and other Committee members for their services last year, particularly so with the work of the club extensions

**SHOW and TELL**

**In February**

**Frank Pynenberg** showed another of his specialties: a segmented bowl, turned from a coolibah burl, and a cedar tulip vase, all beautifully turned and finished.

**John Totenhofer** showed a cool cabinet he had made from various timbers, including red ash, sandalwood, celery top pine and fine grained oregon.

**Rick Funnell** showed a bowl carved from a large burl

**Terry Elkins** showed a 'Goofy' hound dog he carved from poplar and mounted on a stand of macadamia. Terry was questioned about the dog's thin neck, but said only the dog's tail was glued in place as an 'added extra'. Terry also said that poplar was a good strong wood.

**David Lipscombe** showed a pentagonal shaped bowl he had power carved. While in Tasmania Dave saw a chap power carving, and became interested. Subsequently he bought two power carving machines with several cutting discs. The machines rotate the cutting discs at very high speeds, up to 30,000 rpm

**In March**

**Pat Keefe** showed an elm bowl with a blackened rim, a Kauri pine bowl, a large red gum burl platter. Some of these were for club sales. Many thanks. Pat also showed a large phenalolic chuck he had sent from the USA, which can hold items of up to 20" diameter.

**Milan Oder** showed a very nice Lazy Susan made from numerous different types of wood.

**Barry Long** showed three very nice chisels he had resurrected from old files: well tempered and sharpened.

**John Totenhofer** showed a 'Domino Jointer': a high-tech biscuit type jointer which can take various types of square/rectangle biscuits.

## **SATURDAY WORKSHOPS**

The Club has decided to lift the restrictions that were applied to Saturday workshops ie Member's own projects only on the last Saturday of the month. The original restrictions were applied to ensure both that we had enough items for various sales, and had enough manpower to complete the clubhouse extensions. These extensions are now 90% completed, so we are lifting the restrictions. Saturday workshops are now for making items for club sales and for member's own projects. The Committee trusts members will be particularly generous with their time and skill to keep up the stock of saleable items.

## **POSSUM TRAGIC!**

A Possum has been playing havoc in the clubhouse between meetings. The bin has been overturned and it's contents scattered (was the possum looking for food scraps ?) and various items were knocked over. So far, attempts to find and block it's entrance hole have not been successful ! Any ideas!

## **SEASIDE FESTIVAL**

Frank Pynenburg, our fill-in Treasurer, reported that the club had a very good weekend at the Thirroul Seaside Festival. Good weather helped and we packed up just before the rain late on Sunday. There were plenty of sales, especially of the smaller items, plus a Thomas and four of Ric's buses. So much, our stocks now need replenishing. A thousand thanks, once again, to those loyal hard-working club members who manned our stall and display over the weekend.

## **10 Gripes from Woodies' Spouses**

Woodies are not always the best housemates. We make a lot of dust and take up a lot of room. Here are the 10 most frequently voiced complaints from long-suffering spouses.

1. There is never room for my car in the garage!
2. He keeps bringing home pieces of wood that he has found, but he never uses them, so our house features an unusual 'woodpile' décor.
3. .He spends hours scouring antique shops for old tools, and I'm tired of being dragged along looking at dirty knick-knacks, worn out furniture and salt and pepper shaker sets
4. Nails and screws left in his pockets make an ungodly racket when they go through the washing machine and dryer
5. When there is a 'problem' in the shed, it casts a gloomy pall over the entire house.
6. He is oblivious to the sawdust trail that he leaves throughout the house.
7. His 'good' working tools are off limits for the rest of us, but he can't bear to buy 'homeowner grade' replacements, so there are no tools in the utility drawer.
8. The outline of his tape measure gets worn into the back pocket of his jeans, so people are always staring at his butt.
9. My hair is wet. I'm, late for work, and my hairdryer has disappeared from the bathroom. If he has borrowed it again to remove some old glue I'll aliphatic his hide.

And No 10. He keeps saying that he is going to build things, but all he does is buy tools . AHH!!!

*Woodchips Milton-Ulladulla Bowling Club Woodies. June 2011*

In 1874. the Cup, to protect the nether regions of male hockey players was first invented and used. Also in 1974 helmets for hockey players were first used. So, it took 100 years for men to realize that their brains were important too !

The Hobby Turners