

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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August 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

8 August, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Dave Lipscombe and John Totenhofer

12 September, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Bill Perry and Kevin Parker

22,23 September, Bulli Show

Competition entries to be in by 17 September

10 October, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Pat Keefe and Ric Funnell

LIBRARY SHOWCASE

A showcase of club member's work was on display in Wollongong Library throughout July. Special thanks to Peter Hansen, John Parker, Ric Funnell and Frank Pynenberg who contributed items and to Peter and John who arranged them. These items of work are also currently on display in the Corrimal Library for some three weeks.

THREE CHEERS FOR BENDIGO BANK !

Bendigo, our bank has given the club a grant of \$1000 for consumable items and we are indeed grateful. Thanks to Dave and Bill who did the paperwork for the application and attended the sharing out evening. The Bendigo Bank charter requires that the bank give a certain % of profits back to community groups. In the last 8 years, around Australia, Bendigo has poured some \$5,000,000 back to numerous community organisations

WORK, HEALTH and SAFETY ACT

This government Act is to safeguard and ensure the safety of workers. Insurance companies are pushing that voluntary groups also be included under the act, and this seems very likely to occur. While the emphasis on safety and safe practices is good, the act will involve a lot of paperwork, and each member will need to read and be inducted about the safe use of a machine before using it. There will be very stiff financial penalties for non-compliance. So we really need someone to voluntarily take on this overall responsibility. Any offers ?

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

These are continuing, and all are welcome. Making items for sale at Bulli Show is now a priority, and individual projects can be pursued. The Committee has also agreed to have surprise BarBQ lunches at some of the workshops. Work, eat and enjoy ! One suggestion is that we also have occasional training Saturdays in particular skills.

CHRISTMAS in JULY.

A small but select group of woodworkers, with some spouses, enjoyed a pleasant evening together, sharing good food and company at Murphy's Bar and Grill. Thanks to Tony Sirotich for once again organizing the 'Christmas in July' event.

SHOW and TELL

In June

Pat Keefe showed a precision level he had obtained used for setting up precision machine tools.

John Cashman showed a couple of small bowls he had turned for the club and a toy tug and barge which can either be given to a charity or go to club sales

John Totenhofer showed some photos he took and some woodworking books he bought on a recent trip to Japan. John was especially interested in the precision work of Japanese artisans and in their methods of sharpening tools chisels and planes

Peter Hansen though he didn't officially show them had some photos of a wool skein winder he had made for his wife. The skein winder accepts the spun wool from a bobbin, preparing it for washing and dyeing. Peter made the winder from various timbers. The winder's four arms are adjustable in length, and it has a neat centre spindle.

In July

Barry Young showed an old violin he is repairing and will eventually French polish. Will we have a recital ?

Bill Perry showed a, marvelous dining chair he has made of Tasmanian Blackwood. Bill has three such chairs almost finished and a fourth well on the way. Quite stunning!

Bernie Korent brought along two bowls he had turned, one of red cedar. He donated both to club sales. Thanks Bernie.

John Totenhofer, donated some hardwood offcuts that could be made into nice blocks for children. Thanks John.

Bill Body Trophy !

At the July meeting our President happily awarded the Bill Body Trophy to Ric Funnell. This was met with wholehearted acclamation from the club members. Ric is a carver supreme, who has recently taken to turning. He regularly attends the Saturday workshop and has made busloads of items for club sales, as well as organizing our printed yearly calendar and doing numerous other jobs. Well done!

Ken Smith !

Long time member, Ken, has now been a resident at the IRT Home at Woonona for just over a year. He sends his greetings to all Club members. Ken has been a skilled and generous turner and has contributed hundreds of wedges, wooden spoons, diggers, honey sticks and other items for club sales. Ken also has been an experimenter turning double-centred bowls, toadstools and vases. You name it. Our thoughts and best wishes to Ken and Audrey !

Where did you get that cap ?

Secretary Pat Keefe, has arranged for several green caps to be made with the Club name and the tree sown onto them. Very neat! The caps are adjustable to fit all head sizes. Furthermore Pat was able to get the price reduced from \$20 to \$15. Good looking, and a bargain ! \$15 to our Treasurer will get you a cap that you can wear with pride.

What is Old ?

* Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People only grow old by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up an interest wrinkles the soul. Douglas MacArthur

* Old age is an excellent time for outrage. My goal is to say or do at least one outrageous thing every week. Maggie Kuhn

* Old age is at least 15 years older than I am! Bernard Burach
The Hobby Turner