

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS  
GROUP INCORPORATED  
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**July 2013 NEWSLETTER  
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**Events Coming Up**

**10 July, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Bernie Korent

**26 – 28 July, Sydney Wood Show**

**14 August, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Peter Hansen

**29 August -1 September Canberra Wood Show**

**14,15 September, Bulli Show**

**SHOW and TELL**

**In May**

**Pat Keefe** showed two nice bowls one being of Camphor Laurel and one of Purple heart.

**Bernie Korent**, bubbling with enthusiasm showed several turnings including some lidded bowls, dishes, a goblet and a clock. Bernie uses a variety of timbers in his turnings and often combines them in interesting and unusual ways.

Bernie was recently awarded a Best Novice Turning Certificate by the Oyster Bay Cubby House group.

**Bill Perry** showed a stunning box of rock maple and PNG rosewood with an insert of a highly polished myrtle burl in the lid. Manifique ! **Milan Oder**, showed a Lazy Susan he is making. Milan used a whole variety of different scrap timbers and veneers joined together in a wonderful crazy pattern.

**In June**

**Bernie Korent** again showed several lidded bowls using different timbers. This man won't stop. Bernie also showed a deep fruit bowl turned from a large block of teak. When he showed it to his wife, Patricia she said, 'That's mine!' Fullstop - a wife's prerogative!

**Peter Hansen** showed a couple of egg cups and two small goblets made from Huon Pine. The goblets were made from a small piece of fire damaged pine. One of these pieces exploded while being turned but Peter glued the bits together and finished the goblet, making a very interesting item. Peter also brought along a bag full of toothpaste tube squeezers for the club's \$2 box. Thanks Peter

**Hmmm!**

There was an old fellow who thought

Very little, but thought it a lot.

Then at long last he knew

What he wanted to do

But before he could start, he forgot !

*The Hobby Turner May 2013*

## SATURDAY WORKSHOPS and SAFETY CHECKS

These are continuing, and all are welcome. The club will be working on items for sale at the Bulli Show in September, and individual projects can also be pursued.

**More importantly**, Safety Checks on various machine tools will be held on Saturday mornings over the next few weeks and months. These checks are for individual member's own safety when using the machines and to conform to insurance company's requirements. Special thanks to Mal who has done all the preliminary work for the Safety Checks and will be conducting the actual checking



## PAPER, PAPER !

**The Advertiser** recently contacted President Dave Lipscombe and said they hadn't mentioned the club for several years. The result was that Dave hastily compiled some information about the club and it appeared, with a photo, in the Advertiser of 19 June. Ahh! Publicity. Will it be Rupert Murdoch who will phone Dave next ? The photo, as above, is somewhat dated and the editor confesses that he was the one who supplied it to Dave. The B-Dub truck was given to Angry Anderson's cancer charity to raffle.

**Welcome** to new member, Mark Beaver who has been along to a few Saturday morning workshops and now joined up!

## Just Carving a Tree !



You've got to hand it to the Americans they don't do things in a small way. After carving numerous animals from the log with a chain saw, the animals were painted. These photos were shown in *The Hobby Turner*

## Thirty Five !

Rick Funnell has come up with an idea or two to mark the club's thirty fifth year. Always on the ball! And the committee has encouraged Rick to pursue these.

## Hmm Again

% Keep the Dream alive. Hit the Snooze Button !

% The key to successful ageing is to pay as little attention to it as possible.

## The Persistence of Eucalypts

Most nutrients in eucalypts are ready for instant use, stored in lignotubers or in sapwood cradling epicormic buds. This gives eucalypts an astonishing resilience. In 1990 I planted a Mugga Ironbark on our nature strip. By 1998 it was 4 m high. One night a neighbour drilled two holes into the trunk and filled them with poison. The tree seemed to die. Three years later it spouted, and by 2002 it was half a metre high. Our boundary was changed and the neighbour chopped the tree down, ran a bobcat over the stem, buried it under heavy clay, and dug and filled a 2 metre trench beside it. On New Year's Day 2004 it sprouted again, tiny red leaves breaking through the clay. Within a fortnight it was 10 cm high. The neighbour bulldozed it and covered it with bitumen. It hasn't reappeared, but I'm still hopeful.

Bill Gammage *The Biggest Estate on Earth* 2011, p116. This is a wonderful book, showing how aborigines did not burn the land haphazardly, but thoughtfully used fire to control land, grasses and animals

## Library Display

A display of our work opens in Wollongong Library on the 1st July and in Corrimal Library on the 1st August. Thanks to those who contributed and arranged the items, Rick Funnell, Peter Hansen, John Parker, Frank Pynenburg and others

Oak Flats & Shellharbour  
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**Thanks** to Bendigo Bank, the Oak Flats and Shellharbour Community Branches, who have for the second time allocated the club a welcome grant towards consumables- glue, nails, screws, paints etc

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## The Grand Gavel Thanks !

Paul Casarotto of Harcourts (auctioneers) emailed our Treasurer 'just to let you know the GAVEL was a big hit at our annual awards dinner at the Hilton Hotel. Everyone is talking about

it. Everyone is impressed with it. So much so they want to win it at the next awards function.' The company paid a nice contribution to the club for the gavel. Particular thanks to the blokes who made it. Frank Cescon, Pat Keefe, Mal Stewart and Dave Lipscombe

## More Thanks !

To Bill Perry who has made a wall cabinet to house the TV passed on to us by Rick Funnell's Bowling Club. The TV will be used to show instructional DVDs. So now all we need is some comfortable arm chairs, a heater and maybe a bar fridge !!

## Resignations

**Colin Shaw** has tendered his resignation, as his wife is very sick. We will miss Colin's jovial face. He has been a member for 11 years. Best wishes to them both.

**Chris Clerke** has also resigned. He found he just hasn't enough time. Chris is a retired minister, who in his early years of ministry flew his own light plane to cattle stations and remote aboriginal communities in WA and SA. Chris is still helping out doing 'Parish locums' in Tasmania and SA. Best wishes to Chris and Marilyn  
**Bill Hedley** has also had to sadly tender his resignation due to health issues. Bill's enormous production of complex scroll-sawed clocks and other items will always be remembered. Our best wishes to Bill and Rowena and their families.

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