

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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Events Coming Up

13 August, 5.15 Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Peter Hansen

10 September, 5.15 Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: John Parker

**14 September August,
Bunnings Day**

Welcome to new Member Yvonne Toepfer. Glad to have you in the club. These days the ladies are certainly making their presence felt

Show and Tell

June

Pat Keefe showed several rolling pins and tool handles made variously from river redwood, rosewood and tee tree

Frank Pynenberg showed a highly segmented turned bowl stand made from purple heart, English beech, myrtle and mulga. A really classical piece

Mark Beaver showed a bowl of camphor laurel which he donated to club sales. Thanks Mark

Rick Funnell showed a handsaw he made with a silky oak handle and a 3ply blade with a beachside picture crafted by pyrography along the blade. Interesting and very neat

July

Rick Funnell showed two picture frames mounted with wooden butterflies cut and carved from slim pieces of red cedar, camphor laurel and pine. Beautiful and unusual.

Pat Keefe showed three bowls of various sizes turned from myrtle, rosewood and camphor laurel. He also showed coffee tamper and a large platter turned from a very large block of mango.

Mark Beaver showed a bowl of camphor laurel, which had a rollover edge into the bowl – a first for Mark.

Mal Stewart showed an ingenious extension arm for a buffing machine. Mal made this from metal and wood. It is for a son to enable him to reach into difficult places to buff. A nice solution to a problem



President Dave awarding Life Membership (now with a small plaque) to John McMahon, at the AGM earlier in the year

Photo Bill Perry

Machine Tools - Table Saw - Our new Table saw was assembled a couple of months ago and has already been very useful. Thanks to those chaps who assembled it. It has two outstanding Safety features 1) If a human touches the saw blade while it is moving, the blade is immediately jammed (\$300 to replace the blade and jamming mechanism) and 2) the area close to the blade is coloured bright red, so keep your fingers away..

I've Forgotten!

The best way to remember your password is to choose the word 'Incorrect.' Then every time you forget it, and put in something else, your computer will tell you '*Your password is incorrect*'

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JANET KEARNEY

Janet was only 4 years old when the family left Leeds, to emigrate to the 'promised land.' She took a woodwork class in High School, the only girl, ('I didn't want to do cooking!') and made a cradle and a tray for six

Photo Tony Bell

glasses and some goodies. But while walking through Bunnings ('I love Bunnings') with her brother Chris, they came across our club display one weekend. They spoke to Dave and Mal and then both decided to come to the club.

When they arrived from the UK, the family rented a house in Cliff Road. 'I really loved it there. We were always playing down by the harbour. So many fishing trawlers were moored there too. There was also a big fish market.' She started school at Wollongong Primary, and later was at Tarrawanna. School was a mixed experience. She was small, shy and quiet and was picked on sometimes for being English. While at Wollongong primary she joined the choir which she loved and the choir teacher.

Then to Corrimal High, but academic interests weren't her thing. She left school early and worked at Bulli Spinning Mills. Then at 17 she spread her wings and went to Melbourne for a while. She had met her future husband Kim at High School, and they met again in Melbourne. He had joined the Navy and was stationed there for a while.

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After Melbourne, she came back home, and soon enough she and Kim married. The Navy kept moving them around- , different parts of Sydney, then to Canberra. Along the way she and Kim had three sons and a daughter. But life was hectic, and after a while she and Kim separated. Soon after that she was granted a house at Warilla, where she brought up the children and where she still lives.

Apart from her children, Janet was basically on her own for 20 years. Whether it was this or not she proved herself to be a 'can-do woman'. One time she struggled to remove the blades from her lawn mower. No go, so she spent half a day at it, but eventually got the rotating plate off the mower. The repair man shook his head in wonderment, when she took it to him. This is a determined lady.

In the meantime, as the children grew, she and a good friend Marie, demonstrated for Tupperware. When they had enough money they took off for the Sunshine Coast: two women and six children in a HQ Holden. They had a ball visiting the theme parks up that way. Another time they took off to see her younger sister at Narranderra.

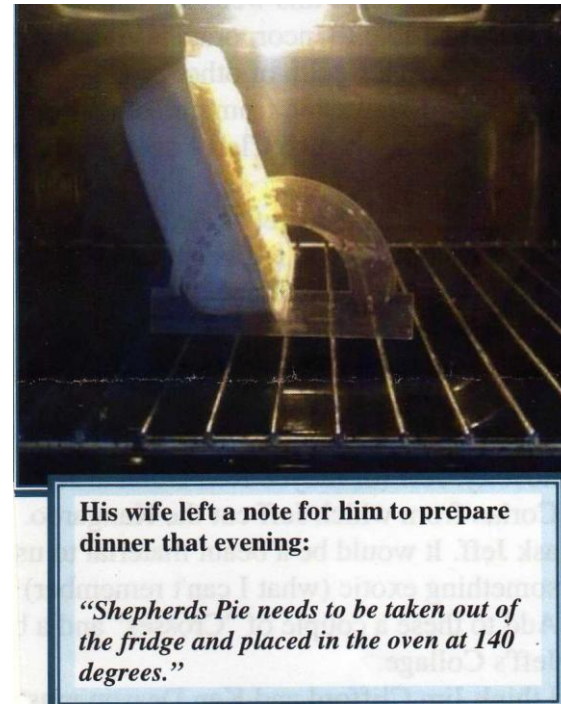
Later, Janet worked for Shelleys Club. There she was invited to join a women's dart club. She still plays ('I'm not very good, but I like the company and the game') She and Kim (They remarried after 20 years apart) also play social darts on Monday nights. Janet also knits, crochets, scrapbooks, paints and visits her mother regularly. So woodworking is another activity to enjoy. She enjoys the club, especially the Saturday workshops, and would eventually like to get a lathe of her own.

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But as a relative newcomer, she doesn't want to be seen as a pushy woman or to tread on anyone's toes.

She is very tidy and neat. Messes are challenges to clean up, so she would love to get her hands on some of the piles of wood in the club workshop

Good on you Janet! Nice to have you with us. You could tidy up my workshop too!



His wife left a note for him to prepare dinner that evening:

"Shepherds Pie needs to be taken out of the fridge and placed in the oven at 140 degrees."

The Hobby Turner June 2014

Machine Tools - Drop Saw Frank P has added some wheels to the Drop Saw stand, so making it much easier to move. Thanks Frank Thanks too to other members who have made our machine tools and the workshop more flexible

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MAL STEWART

Mal has resigned from his position as Vice-President. of the Club. For many years Mal was our Secretary, before moving to Vice –President. Mal has been a carpenter and builder for many years. Mostly working on his own, he has followed advice given to him that, ‘those who work on their own have to work smarter than those who work in pairs or more.’

A couple of years ago Mal was a joint winner of the Bill Body trophy. Mal has also persistently pushed our participation in the larger local Shows and Fairs, and

consequently has pushed our Saturday workshops to make items for sale. In fact there is often better attendance at the Saturday Workshops than at the Wednesday meetings. Mal deserves our heartfelt thanks. Mal’s resignation also means that we need to elect another Vice-President

Mal has always been innovative. Many moons ago he showed his hand-made machinery for cutting grooves in turned pieces, and recently showed an octagonal box made with a router. Last month he showed a buffer extension made for a son. Recently he made his own off centre tool holder. He is also currently exploring and experimenting with segmented turning

Cancer Carers

We were approached for a donation by the Cancer Carers Association, and responded with the gift of a couple of bowls and a toy garage which they were pleased to receive. They can raffle them or use them as prizes

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Dalba John Primmer

‘Dalba’ is a Cornish name. He was a friend of the editor, and was an Anglican Minister who served in North West Australia and the far South Coast of NSW, before retiring early to look after his ailing mother in their Market Street home. Following school, he trained as a carpenter and joiner before training as a minister. He died from cancer in April this year.

He asked me to look after, or dispose of his tools. So some were taken for the club and others sold to club members for \$190. Of this amount \$40 was given to the club, and \$150 to SCARF, a local Wollongong charity. Scarf supports refugees by caring for them, and giving training in English, life skills, and computer skills. Thanks club members, and thanks Dalba

Library Display

Thanks to Peter Hansen, John Parker and Frank Pynenburg who together contributed to and mounted the Club’s display cupboard in Wollongong Library last month. The display moved to Corrimal Library this month.

Curiously, next to our display in the Wollongong Library was a chessboard with the chess pieces being carved Australian animals and birds. These were made by the Shell Harbour Carvers Group.

Thanks to Bendigo Bank, the Oak Flats and Shellharbour Community Branches, who have again sponsored the club with a grant towards general consumables. If Bendigo is your bank, or are thinking of changing to it, please mention you are a club member. It may help us

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