

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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December 2015 NEWSLETTER**

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Events Coming Up

12 December – Committee Meeting (8am. approx) and **Club Meeting** from 10.30am (approx)

19 December- Christmas luncheon around 11ish
Spouses and partners most welcome **to come too**

23 January 2016 Saturday Workshops recommence

14 February 2016 – Committee and Club Meetings

Show and Tell

In October

Pat Keefe showed an ingenious hollow form made from olive wood, and a very neat little seam ripper. Every seamstress should have one

Peter Hansen showed a nice bowl from mulberry wood, a toothpick holder, and an interesting nicely weighted toy spinning top

Milan Oder showed a bowl from camphor laurel which he donated to club sales. Thanks Milan

In November

Frank Pynenburg showed a beautiful segmented bowl, of reverse ogge shape, of red cedar, northern ash, American cherry and other timbers. Scrumptious!

Mark Beaver showed a tall vase of camphor laurel, a nicely finished bowl of ghost gum and a neat pen of banksia which would make you want to write with pleasure

Milan Oder showed an unusual carving of polished huon pine and a semi-enclosed segmented bowl of numerous timbers. Luscious!

The segmented bowls being produced by club members are of such high standard it could be we only prefer one to be shown and appreciated in each month's Show and Tell

Suggestions/Decisions from earlier on

- 1- President Dave has bought a huge supply of mixed timber for a tidy sum for the club. Currently it's under canvas at the back of the verandah. There is enough to keep us going for quite some time. Thanks Dave and those members who loaded and then unloaded it all!
- 2- Also recently purchased was an industrial strength vacuum cleaner to speed cleaning up
- 3- The 'Tools swap and sales day' will be held next year.

For the DeFence.

Many thanks to the President and Vice President (former Minister for DeFence) for recently completing the final section of the fence. Sorry Tony . Last time! We still await quotes for material before the southern end of the verandah is closed in.

Mirror, Mirror.

The Club presented the School Principal, Mt John Thorne, who has just retired, with a mirror surrounded by wonderfully carved camphor laurel edges, The carving artist was Rick Funnell. Voluminous thanks Rick! A magnificent carving! The Principal was quite overwhelmed to receive this gift from the club. Mr Thorne has much encouraged the club's efforts- through our teaching basic woodwork to groups of schoolboys, and by the erection of a fence around the clubhouse. His support has been invaluable to our club



Club Website

The Club has received several requests for jobs to be made, or items to be fixed, in recent months. This has included making Santa's throne for the Fraternity Club (*Photo* Bill Perry) We have also had the occasional visitors to our Saturday morning workshops. Both jobs and visitors seem to come from people finding our website. Interesting! Nice!

New Members Welcome to Darinka Radinovic and Bryan Scott. Nice to have you with us

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The Oxen

BY THOMAS HARDY 1840–1928

Christmas Eve and twelve of the clock

Now they are all on their knees'

An elder said as we sat in a flock

By embers in hearthside ease

We pictured the meek, mild creatures where

They dwelt in their strawy pen

Nor did it occur to one of us there

To doubt they were kneeling then

So fair a fancy few would seem

In these years! Yet I feel

If someone said on Christmas Eve

'Come see the oxen kneel

In the lonely barton by yonder coomb

Our childhood used to know

I should go with him in to the gloom

Hoping it might be so

Paraprosdokians.

-War is not to determine who is right, only who is left

-A clear conscience may be the sign of a fuzzy memory

- I used to be indecisive, now I'm not so sure

- -Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it is getting harder to find one now.

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