

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS GROUP INCORPORATED**  
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**December 2017 NEWSLETTER**

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**Events Coming Up**

**9 December 2017 – – A short sharp meeting** for the Committee and Club members (earlyish)

Followed at 11am by Christmas BBQ. Bring your own meat and, salad will be provided. Spouses and Partners most welcome

**16 December 2017 – Last Saturday workshop morning for 2017**

**3 February 2018 – First official Saturday workshop for 2018**

**10 February 2018 - – Committee (early) and Club's General Meeting ( 9 ish)**

While not officially open, the Club Workshop will be open on the last two Saturday mornings in January 2018 to prepare for the Basic Woodworking school class that will start early in February

***Show and Tell***

**In October -Bill Perry** showed a jig for facilitating mortice and floating tenon joints

**Peter Hansen** showed a self-winding top. Very neat

**Pat Keefe** showed a magnetic light that could be attached to lathes when working in a tight corners Pat is taking orders for this light

**Mark Beaver** showed a turned bowl for wool yarn

**Rick Funnell** showed several odds and ends he had made or adapted and donated to Club Sales. Thanks Rick

**In November Mark Beaver** showed a deep squarish pine bowl. Very nice, and donated to Club Sales. Thanks Mark

**Bill Perry** Showed a wooden box of Oregon. Bill used his INCRA jig to make finger joints for the box

**Milan Oder** showed two fine bowls turned from 'beenatree' and a piece of 'foundawood', found in a gutter. Neat and innovative.

**John Cashman** showed a grass tree sculpture he had dreamed of making for some years . Dream on !

**Fairy Meadow School** Our 17<sup>th</sup> group of school children are finishing their Basic Woodwork course in the next week or so. They are a good group of girls and boys; Cohen, Jessica, Jasmine, Austin, Luke and Micah Particular thanks to our regular Trainers - Rick F, Peter H, and Tony B. and we were grateful to extra occasional trainers, Linda N, John P, and Dave L

**YARRAM** The Yarram sawmill in Victoria was once again featured in the Land program last month on the ABC. They evidently thought it was worth showing again. The Yarram sawmill concentrates on quarter cuts of hardwood. They claim that there is far less waste of timber by sawing it this way and they are able to use trees at some 20 to 25 years age rather than the usual 40 to 50 years age

Worth looking at ! Try 'Yarram Sawmill' on the Internet

**KEN DICK** Ken Dick from the Oyster Bay Woodworkers in November demonstrated how he made very effective toy tops from numerous odd bits and pieces. Ken glues the bits together and then drills and turns the tops. Ken used our 'Leddy' lathe – "the best lathe Bruce Leddy ever made" and also commented on Bruce's 'screw on cup chuck' 'a good useful piece of equipment 'The top turning is somewhat intricate, but Ken has now made more than 200 tops. Thanks to Peter Hansen who arranged for Ken to visit us.

**HELENSBURG** The club had a useful sales day at Helensburg Fair in October. There was quite a nice return from club sales and member's private sales. We also scored a good position to set up camp. Special thanks to those who set up camp, manned the stall during the day, and decamped at the finish.

**SAFETY** Mark Beaver, our Safety Officer, has put up two red signs. Please Read, Mark, Learn, Inwardly Digest and PRACTISE. Its for the safety of everyone

**LIBRARY** Peter Hansen and his wife have revamped the Club Library. Old, torn issues and doubled up issues have been weeded out. For ideas, plans, handy hints and reviews of machines and tools the Library is very worthwhile. Thanks Peter and Judith

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The President and the Committee wish all members and their spouses, families and friends, all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

While we celebrate the one who was born at this time, we remember that he learnt from his earthly father, a carpenter-builder, and that he himself sought to meet people's needs, encourage people and give them hope and grace, faith and the involvement to seek a better world.

The Editor, John C