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February 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

1 February 2018 Basic Woodwork Course starts for pupils from Fairy Meadow School

3 February 2018 First Regular Saturday Workshop

10 February 2018 – Committee Meeting (early) and **Club Meeting** (9 ish)

10 March 2018 – Committee Meeting (early) and **Club Meeting** (9.)

Alan Cousins to speak about Fires- Preventing and Putting Out

30 March- 2 April 2018 – Break for Easter

7,8 April 2018- Display and Sales table at Thirroul Seaside Festival

All Good Friends... Eighteen Members and Spouses gathered together last December for a BBQ and early lunch. Again we enjoyed the well cooked BBQ meal and salad and pleasant conversation There were also a few prizes to be won too.....**and Jolly Good Company**

NEWSLETTERS While we have reduced costs by not posting out the bi-monthly Newsletters we are aware that fewer members are actually getting and reading the Newsletters. Could this be a comment on the Newsletters themselves? Fair enough! But in the I-tech world of today if you have an e-mail address please give it to our Treasurer, Bill Perry, and each Newsletter will be sent to your computer, post haste

CALENDAR Thanks to Rick Funnell for organizing and printing the Club's Calendar for 2018

Make sure you get a copy.

THIRROUL ! The first big Outreach weekend for the Club will be the Thirroul Seaside Festival on the **7th and 8th of April**. The organisers will be seeking items for the club to sell, as well as members to serve at the stall over the weekend.

WISHFUL THINKING

Sydney's Botanic Garden has a Wishing Tree. It is a Norfolk Island Pine. The original tree (also a Norfolk Island Pine) was planted by Mrs Macquarie the Governor's wife in 1816. It lasted until 1946 when it had to be taken down because of rotting in the tree's roots. The second Wishing Tree is planted in a circular garden bed about 10m across. It's said that the wishes only came true if the wisher walked around the tree three times backwards! That's about walking 100m backwards!. I think you would need the help of Spike Milligan's song, 'I'm walking backwards for Christmas...'

SHOW and TELL December 1917

Pat Keef showed a rosewood box and a nice bowl turned from a tiger bur. I Suculant ! Pat also showed some very neat crochet hooks with nice wooden handles

Ben ' the hunting knife man' showed some burnishers for leather

Rick Funnell showed a wonderful Boobook Owl carved from Jacaranda and Camphor Laurel - a beauty!

Chris Hesler showed a frame he made to fit round a large mirror Also fitted to the frame were two mounted pictures of pets . Very neat!



FIRES BURNING !

Alan Cousins will speak about fire prevention at morning tea following our 10th March General Meeting. Alan served for 28 years as a uniformed Fire Officer in Kent, in the UK, before moving to Head Quarters in London. There he served as an Inspector and consultant for fire prevention in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Handicapped Schools and other institutions

Since moving to Australia with his wife Ann, they have been involved in the local Bird Observers club, the Bush Care group at Bellambi dunes, the UOW Science Centre and the Rural Fire Brigade in various voluntary capacities. Not a family that sits on their hands !