

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS  
GROUP INCORPORATED  
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**June 2012 NEWSLETTER**

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**Events Coming Up**

**13 June, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Keith Guy and Colin Shaw

**11 July, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Peter Hansen and John Parker

**27 -29 July, Sydney 'Working With Wood' Show**

Tickets on List and money to Bill Perry

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

We weren't swamped by attendees at the AGM in April, or by members rushing to serve on the Committee. Such is life! As a consequence, most of the Committee positions were filled by the same members who continued serving from last year, though there were two exceptions.

Firstly, Mal Stewart retired as Secretary having been eight years in the position, and the newly elected Secretary is Pat Keefe. Our thanks and congratulations to Mal for the sterling work he has done on our behalf, particularly in both organizing and working for fund raising events, and in encouraging and participating in creating numerous items for sale or as prizes to be won in club raffles. Thankfully we are not seeing the last of Mal, as he will continue as Club Vice-president. Pat has been in the Club for several years, most of which he has already served on the Committee as a Coordinator. Pat has also served in many positions in the local Life Saving Club

Secondly, Kevin Parker didn't stand as Librarian, and Peter Hansen has been elected as Librarian. Kevin's health has not always been the best, but our thanks to him for the several years he served as Librarian. Peter Hansen has previously served as a Coordinator for a number of years on the Committee. Peter is softly spoken, but is a highly skilled craftsman. Peter has been a club member for many years, and was awarded Life Membership of our club last year.

Dave Lipscombe continues as our President. The Club's longtime Treasurer, Bill Perry, said we are in a sound position financially, though membership is somewhat down on previous years. Dave gave hearty thanks to the club members who spent

many, many Saturdays last year constructing the verandah, the enlarged storage lean-to at the back, the dust extraction system, and the rearranged workshop. It is a great improvement. During the year the club also purchased further machine tools.

## **SHOW and TELL**

### **In April**

**Barry Long** showed his folder, with notes and sketches of the numerous projects he has made.

**Pat Keefe** showed a camphor laurel turned bowl and also the remains of a burl platter that shattered on the lathe, and gave him a crack on the scone. *Was this preparation for Pat's new position of Secretary?*

**Gary Knight**, a visitor, showed photos of a replica of Kingford Smith's bi-plane that members of the local aero group, HARS, are restoring. Gary issued an invitation to any members who would like to work on the woodwork side of the project.

### **In May**

**John Totenhofer**, recently returned from Japan and Viet Nam, spoke about conditions and construction he saw: not always to his liking. John also brought back various wood samples and a collection of Japanese tools.

**Keith Guy** showed three miniature, very slim goblets made from Ghost Gum. Definitely in the 'Handle with Care' variety.

**Chris Clerke**, an archery enthusiast, showed some arrows he made and a template for joining different timbers in the arrow shafts. Mostly Chris uses Purple Heart wood for his arrows.

**Rick Funnell**, showed a camphor laurel bowl supported on three silky oak legs. He also brought along 60 decorated door wedges which he donated for club sales. Thanks Rick.

## **SATURDAY WORKSHOPS**

These are continuing, and all are welcome. We are working on making items for sale at the Bulli Show, and individual projects can also be pursued.

The lean-to over the back door has been completed. This will give good cover for our thickener. Thanks guys!

## **New !**

The club recently purchased a 'wide-band' sander which has been assembled, and is in working order. Now, where to put it?

## **Christmas !**

Tony Sirotec is taking names for a Christmas in July dinner. Set for Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. 'Give your wife a night out to make up (partially) for all those hours you spend in your shed or at the club workshops' Contributed by Rick Funnell. *Is it true that there will be classes about how to approach this subject ??* See Tony or Rick!

## **Going Native !**

The enlarged and updated third edition of Leon Fuller's Wollongong's Native Trees was launched last month. It is a handsome book, with some 90 pages of introductions (history, landforms, patterns) and over 300 pages of descriptions and coloured photographs of trees, leaves, bark, seeds and distribution of native trees in our area. ( 2 pages of description and photographs per tree)

Personally the editor has enjoyed using red cedar and coastal banksia in different projects. Banksia, though not a commercial timber, is a satisfying timber to turn, being in the soft to medium hardness range.

## **What is Old ?**

'Old' is when your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes, and you are barefoot !

'Old' is when you are cautioned to slow down by ..... your doctor, instead of by the police.

'Old' is when..."Getting lucky" means you can find your car in the parking lot.

*The Hobby Turner*