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**February 2013 NEWSLETTER  
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**Events Coming Up**

**13 February, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Barry Long

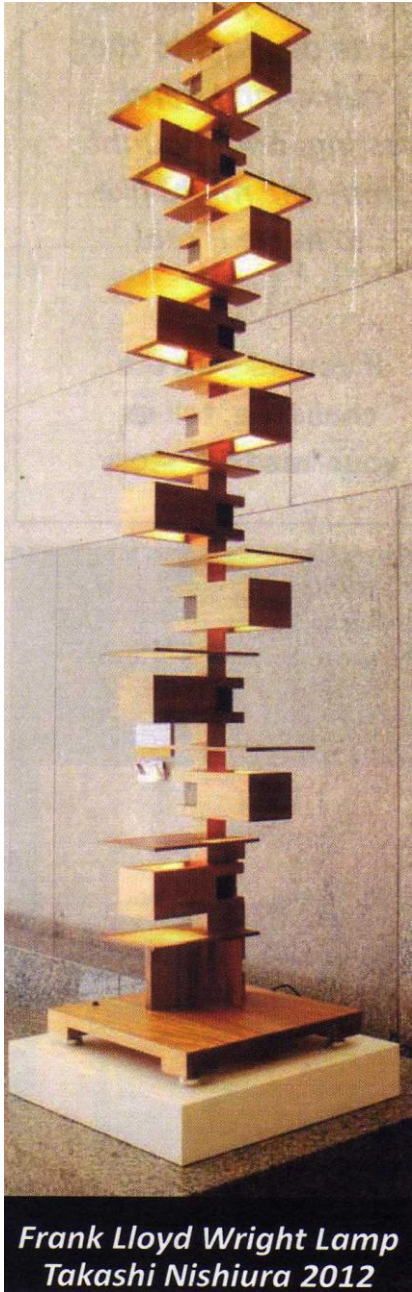
**13 March, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Denis Hamilton

**29-31 March Good Friday – Easter Sunday**

**6,7 April, Thirroul Seaside Festival**

**10 April, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Annual General Meeting**



**Frank Lloyd Wright Lamp**  
Takashi Nishiura 2012

## Ernie Newman's Quiz

1. Which is the hardest wood ? Lignum Vitae, Gidgee, Broad Leaved Red Ironbark, Radiata Pine or Balsa?
2. Are there safety concerns when turning spalted wood ?
3. How old is the oldest known wooden wheel ? 2000, 5000 or 8000 years old ?

*Answers on Back page*

## Never Too Old to Learn

During a visit to my doctor I asked him, 'How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?'

'Well,' he said, 'we fill a bathtub with water and then offer a teaspoon, a teacup or a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub.'

'Oh I see,' I said, 'A normal person would use the bucket because it would be so much quicker.'

'No,' he said, 'A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near a window?'

*Woodchips Nov 2012*

The **Frank Lloyd Wright Lamp** was made to a plan for a client, but Takashi Nishiura said, 'When I finished it I liked it so much I made another for myself.'

*Woodworkers of NSW*

## SHOW and TELL

### In December last year

**Bill Hedley**, was able to attend and Rick, his brother in law, showed Bill's latest scroll-sawed clock, a large, circular, intricate sun clock, of the sort and size that we have come to expect from Bill. Club members were very pleased to see Bill again after his long absence due to illnesses.

**Bernie Korent**, enthusiastic as ever. showed several turnings: including a Japanese lantern of jarrah and silver birch, a bowl of blackwood a vase for a dry arrangement of myrtle and pine and a cake stand.

**Rick Funnell**, showed a refurbished bowl with a neat design burnt inside it. He also showed a picture of an old chap taking it easy: this was Rick's first attempt at pyrography. As well Rick showed a model of old Hispana Suiza car that was made from a kit of matches: hundreds and thousands of them. Rick kept a record of his time to build the model – 107 hours !

**Frank Pynenberg**, showed a delightful small cakestand made from red cedar and Huon pine. Frank used Huon pine inserts so that after turning they emerged as interlocking ellipses in the spindle – very classy.

### In January 2013

**Pat Keefe** showed a trophy stand he had made of Baltic pine and an ultra thin turned box he had made from Poplar. Pat also showed a large bowl made from Camphor Laurel and a large platter made Queensland Pacific Maple.

**Mal Stewart** showed a two drawer cabinet made from various off cuts and different timbers for one of his grand daughters.

## DAPTO SHOW

There seemed to be less people at the Show this year, and our sales of items and raffle tickets were down. Thanks however to Peter Hansen and Keith Guy for demonstrating turning and to the faithful chaps who manned our table.

## SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

These are continuing, and all are welcome. The club will be working on items for sale at the Thirroul Seaside Festival, and individual projects can also be pursued. Dapto Show (held last month), Thirroul Seaside Festival in April, and Bulli Show in September are the club's three main income generating opportunities

## **Calendar !**

Thanks again to Rick Funnell for organizing and having our classy calendar printed: a very nice job! If you haven't got one make sure you pick one up at the next meeting.

Rick has also been organizing the printing of our Newsletter. Many thanks again!

## **Recent Purchases !**

Dave Lipscombe has recently stocked up on plenty of abrasives for the club. He has also purchased for the club a ½" diameter Metabo Power Drill. Thanks Dave.

## **And More !**

We are the fortunate receivers of a large TV donated to us by Rick Funnell's Bowling Club. This will be useful for showing training CDs and Videos. Thanks Rick. We have also acquired a portable hard drive for a media player. And we need to make a box for it. (Maybe, we also need some easy chairs and a drinks table or two, and not to mention a heater for winter ???).

**The Treasurer** reported that financially the club was in reasonably shape, but added, (and what Treasurer doesn't?), that further income would not go astray

## **Quiz Answers**

1. Lignum Vitae is the hardest [20], then Gidgee [19] then Broad Leaved Red Ironbark [14], Radiata Pine [3] and Balsa [0.4]
- 2 Some argue that turning spalded wood is hazardous because the spores that create the spalded effect are released while turning and can cause health problems when inhaled. Spalded wood has often started to decay so it is wise to ensure that when chucked the tenon is sufficiently strong, lest it fly out of the chuck.
3. The oldest known wheel found in Slovenia is thought to be 5100 to 5350 years old. It was carved from Ash and measures 700mm diameter and 50mm thick. ‘ *The Sydney Woodturners Guild*