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October 2014 NEWSLETTER**

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**Events Coming Up**

**8 October, 5.15 Committee, 7pm Club Meeting**

**25 October, Helensburg Village Fair**

**12 November, 5.15 Committee, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Pat Keefe

**10 December, 5.15 Committee, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Frank Pynenberg

**Show and Tell**

**August**

**Chris Hesling** showed a Lighthouse he had made from pallet wood, with Jarrah stain and LED lighting. Very attractive and Chris' first Show and Tell presentation.

**Pat Keefe** showed a large bowl turned from a River Red Gum burl. He also showed some Serving Trays made from Camphor Laurel, English oak and brown walnut

**Bill Perry** showed an ingenious box joint jig he made for his Router Table

**Mark Beaver** showed a photo of some pens he had made. Mark reported that they are selling quicker than he can make them.

**Milan Oder** showed a very large eucalyptus bowl, 500mm plus made from a larger burl he has had for years.

**September**

Two senior students from Figtree High, **Matt Thompson** and **Bodine Clayton** were at the meeting . Matt showed a turned Chess set and board he had made as his project for the HSC. And Bodine showed a picture of his HSC project, a cupboard with hanging space and several drawers. Both young men are interested in pursuing further woodwork when they finish high school.

**Janet Kearney** proudly showed her first biscuit joint she made in a chair leg, for the children's table and chair set

**In and Out, For and Against**

We had to cancel having a BBQ at Bunnings last month, as too many regular helpers were away. We will stay on Bunnings list, but it seems to take a long time to come around

On the positive side we agreed to have a stall at the Helensburg Village Fair this month. This is a local' villagey' fair in the park near the main street roundabout.

## **GLUES YOU CAN USE OUTDOORS**

Building an outdoor project has challenges. Outdoor projects must withstand rain, temperature and humidity changes and sunlight. Besides choosing the right building material, the glue you use can go a long way to make your project survive the weather. Here are 4 glues –

### **Advanced Proprietary Polymer**

This glue works a lot like PVA glues you use frequently. It cleans up with water and has a couple of other advantages. It has a longer 'open' time, so you have more time to assemble the project and get the clamps in place before the glue starts to set. And it can be applied at lower temperatures. The downside is that the glue doesn't fill gaps so the joinery must fit tight for the glue to hold well. Against that, this is the least expensive glue and the best for wood projects.

### **Polyurethane Glue**

The best feature of this glue is that it bonds to most materials – wood, plastic, glass, even metal. But this glue needs moisture to cure. So it's best to moisten one of the surfaces before applying the glue. As it cures, polyurethane glue expands into a foam, but, once it is dry you can scrape off any excess with a chisel. This glue has an extremely strong waterproof bond.

### **Construction Adhesive**

While not usually considered as a woodworking glue, construction adhesive works great in some situations. If building a deck or garden shed, construction adhesive comes in handy because it grabs quickly and doesn't need tight fitting joints. In fact it is so thick you'll need to allow plenty of room for squeeze-out.

### **Epoxy – two part epoxy**

This is the most expensive glue, but its big advantage is that it fills gaps. So it's great for patching holes and replacing damaged or rotten wood. But since it won't take stain, it needs to be painted.

## **TONY BELL**



Tony is a relative newcomer to the club but is already a regular on Saturday mornings and an instructor with the school boys on Thursday afternoons.

Tony was born in Malaya in 1952 where his English parents were stationed. Tony is the youngest of four children. He has two sisters living in the UK and one brother living in NZ.

His father was a surveyor with, what was then, the War Department. The family moved back to England when independence was granted to Malaya, Tony was six at the time.

In England they settled at Forest Hill in South London, where he attended primary school. He later went on to secondary school in Dulwich and managed to scrape through and finish with A or Advanced levels, which qualified him for University. However University didn't appeal and he spent the next year or two doing this and that. Eventually his parents and older siblings started pushing him to do something useful.

An older sister had been a Royal Naval Officer and was married to a Royal Navy Officer, convinced him to do something useful with his life, so he put his name down for the Royal Air Force.

He initially trained as a Pilot Officer on Jet Provosts. Take-off were easy enough but the landings were frightening! His instructors were quite relieved when he was moved sideways and trained as an Air Traffic Controller. After his training he was posted to RAF Manston in Kent and then to a military radar unit based in Dusseldorf, Germany. Dusseldorf is a very old city and was heavily bombed during the second world war. The RAF were not always welcomed. But generally the people did welcome the British especially if they tried to speak German. Tony enjoyed the two years in Dusseldorf and travelling around Europe.

Tony returned to the UK and served the remainder of his time at the London Air Traffic Control Centre, near Heathrow Airport.

In 1979 he left the RAF and started another career, this time as an operations officer with the British Airports Authority at Heathrow Airport. During this time he married Kate and they had two children, Oliver and Harriet. But he wanted more sunshine, and the family emigrated to Adelaide where he had a position at Adelaide airport. A second daughter Fiona was born in 1994. Tony was offered a post at Darwin Airport, as Operations Supervisor. After a number of years there the airport was 'sold off' under the government's privatisation scheme and Tony was made redundant. By this time he and Kate had decided to separate.

Not to be beaten, Tony took up another career, namely Real Estate Management. He was offered a job at Jervis Bay after undertaking a TAFE course. Tony enjoyed working in a country town where people have time for each other, whilst working there he met with his current partner, Roslyn, and after some time, they decided to start a home together.

After seeing how much repair/maintenance work there was for people with practical skills he did another course at TAFE in

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Building Construction and Property Maintenance. He then set up his own business. He was happy working for himself and was always in demand but the enemy got to him: Old age and arthritis!

Officially he is now retired. His son, Oliver, is in Queensland, Harriet is undertaking a nursing degree at a Melbourne University, and Fiona is working for Paspaley Pearling Aviation in Darwin. His children all seem to have inherited the wanderlust.

At home he enjoys gardening in his vegie patch ('The flowers are mine!' Roslyn says) woodworking, cooking, camping, canoeing, reading and he's also trying to learn Spanish guitar. In England he sailed at a South Coast sailing club, he owned a Cherub dingy, and in Darwin he had a 4m.catamaran. While in Darwin he found a guitar teacher who wanted to learn to sail, so they did a deal. He has travelled a lot in Australia. Roslyn hasn't, but one day...

Tony discovered the club's website some months ago, and promptly joined the club. He has been a regular on Saturdays and an instructor with the school boys on Thursdays. Nice to have you Tony!

### **Some Interesting Sites**

<http://www.wood-eze.com.au/> Lee Ferguson's site

<http://anagote.com/> great site for wood

<http://aroundthewoods.com/> excellent site for beginner and advanced turner alike

<http://www.woodturningonline.com/> incredible site with literally hundreds of articles

<http://www.woodturnersresource.com/> a great resource for the woodturner

### **HMM**

\*Keep your words soft and sweet in case you have to eat them

\*Don't put both feet into your mouth at the same time, because you won't have a leg to stand on.

\* No one cares if you can't dance well – Just get up and dance

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# Library Display



**Corrimal Library Display**      *Photo John Parker*

Thanks to Peter Hansen, John Parker and Frank Pynenburg who together contributed to and mounted the Club's display in Wollongong Library and then Corrimal Library recently.

**A recent suggestion**, agreed to in Committee, was that we give some of our older library magazines / books to an Aboriginal group attached to Mooree TAFE that Rick visited recently. Their books and tools were quite minimal. Good one!

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# Don't Fence me in ???

We put a proposal to the Fairy Meadow school Headmaster that our workshop and the adjacent parking area be fenced in. This would allow us to use the workshop on school days. We are delighted to say that he has agreed to this suggestion. He has also agreed to the idea that the southern end of the workshop verandah (where most of the weather comes from) be closed in.

While on the subject of the school, the fifth group of schoolboys will start our Basic Woodworking class tomorrow. Miss Pip, the teacher who usually accompanies the boys was recently away at Government House because her father was awarded the OAMedal for 'Services to Lifesaving !'

## Groan !

\*I was at a cemetery the other day, and noticed four gravediggers walking around with a coffin. Some time later they were still walking around with it. I thought to myself, 'It looks like they have lost the plot !'

\*A teddy bear was working on a building site. After his lunch break he found that his pick had been stolen. Angrily, he reported the theft to his foreman. The foreman grinned and said, ‘Sorry. I forgot to warn you. Today’s the day the teddy bears have their picks nicked!’

\*Brian said, 'John, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador for a pet'  
'Don't be daft,' John replied, 'Haven't you seen how many of their  
owners go blind!' *Bendigo Woodturners Inc*  
*Good Grief! What is wrong with the Editor? Is he nuts, or is  
he just going ga-ga!*

**Thanks** to Bendigo Bank, the Oak Flats and Shellharbour Community Branches, who have again sponsored the club with a grant for consumables.

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