

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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February 2016 NEWSLETTER**

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Events Coming Up

- 13 February 2016 – Committee Meeting (early)
and Club Meeting (10.30 approx)**
- 12 March 2016 – Committee Meeting (early)
and Club Meeting (10.30 approx)**
- 25 – 27 March- Easter break**
- 1 – 3 April- Thirroul Seaside Festival**

Show and Tell

In December 2015

Pat Keefe showed a nice pen, and a small but ingenious material seam cutter (just the thing for every seamstress)

Frank Pynenburg showed another beautiful segmented bowl, of various timbers including camphor laurel, silver ash and European birch. Another delicious turning

Mal Stewart showed a nice commodious segmented salad bowl of furniture grade pine and cedar. He also showed a nice Christmas tree decoration and an ingenious vase turned from a piece of fence post.

Margaret Hesp showed a nice cutting board that she has been working on. Congratulations Margaret on your first exhibit.

Rich Funnell showed a whole heap of things, including two camphor laurel bowls, two cutting boards, a rolling pin, a mug carrier, a toy van, and a bag of door wedges. All for the club. Many thanks Rich!

Mary Elizabeth Parker

John Parker's wife, Mary, died last month after a fierce 4 1/2 years fight against cancer. Mary, as well as being a great supporter of John, loved her family, cooking, and pursued her and John's family trees with great enthusiasm and pleasure. He and Mary were married for 57years and started going out together 64 years ago. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John and his family.

Annual Club Calendar

Once again our thanks to Rich Funnell for producing another colour coded card with club activities for 2016. Make sure you have a copy

Fairy Meadow School

The new Headmaster of Fairy Meadow School, Mr Paul Brightwell, met with the Thursday Basic Woodwork club Trainers at the end of last year. He was full of enthusiasm for the school and our participation with the boys, Ms Pip and other school staff. This term's group of boys started on the 11th of February

Thanks

Looking back over last year we have many people and lots of occasions to be thankful for

*To President Dave and Lesley for arranging the supply of food for our Christmas lunch, and to Dave for his hands on leadership

*To numerous club members who gave their labour to erect the fence around our clubhouse and parking area

*For the members who have made and donated items for sale at different venues, and for those who packed and unpacked and carted tables and items and then manned our stalls at the venues

*For the members who have made and repaired various jobs that people have asked for, or commissioned us to do.

*For those who have taught some of the skills of woodworking within the club, and for the group who prepare pieces of wood and teach skills to schoolboys each term.

*For the cooks at our BBQs. Cooked sausages and onions are now available during each Saturday morning workshop.

*For those who have sought to welcome, include and encourage new members to the club

*For the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members who seek to encourage, develop and share skills among members, and to safely enjoy working with wood

So we have indeed much to be thankful for. Former President, Bill Body, must look back on the club with much pleasure !

**...the lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne*

Geoffrey Chaucer

**Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship*

Pliny, the Elder

**The workman aught often to be thinking, and the thinker aught often to be working.*

John Ruskin

The above quotes are taken from a delightfully illustrated book.

The Fine Art of Small-scale Wood Turning by William R Duce

HAYES GUIDE TO TOOLS OF TRADE

PLIERS Used to round off bolt heads.

HACKSAW A cutting tool built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence it's course, the more dismal your future becomes

WIRE WHEELS Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench. Also removes finger print whirls before you can say 'Jack Robinson'!

TWEEZERS A tool for removing wood splinters.

SCRAPER Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading butter- but used mainly for getting Doggie-doo off your boots.

BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER Normally used to stab the lids of old time oil cans and splash oil on your shirt. Can also be used to round off Phillips screw heads.

HOSE CUTTER A tool used to cut hoses $\frac{1}{2}$ inch too short

