

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS  
GROUP INCORPORATED  
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**JULY 2009 NEWSLETTER**

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**Events Coming Up**

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

Supper Roster: Ken Hutchison and John Parker

**24 July Friday Evening Christmas in July**

**7-9 August Canberra Wood Show**

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

Supper Roster: Keith Guy and Terry Elkins

**PEOPLE**

Welcome to **Linda Nelson**, who has recently joined the club. Nice to have you with us. Linda joins Mary, Anne and Kate who are often learning the skills of turning from **Kevin Parker** at the Saturday workshops. Other chaps at the workshops note that Kevin commands a lot of feminine attention. "Can I get you a cup of tea, Kevin?" "What do you want now, Kevin" "Would you like another cup, Kevin?" These chaps look on, and sigh!

**Mal and Wendy Stewart** recently had a few days off visiting a son, up Queensland way, and watching his participation in longboard surf championships. Longboards are traditional surfboards, usually made from ply and formers.

**Bill Hedley** (Sorry about the mis-spelling of your name last time, Bill!) the club's Orichological Supremo, has recently received a set of plans from the USA for an intricate scroll-saw Dome Clock. By the look of it, six months solid work at least!

**Peter Hanson** had a few days in the north of the State, but returned to find that the wretched Letter box Wreckers had been at work on his letter box. Rotten sods!

**CARVING WORKSHOP**

Terry Elkins' carving workshops continue on each third Wednesday of the month, 7pm to 9pm. These workshops are proving popular with up to ten members attending. Currently their project is carving a fox from poplar, somewhat tricky as the poplar grain is twisty.

**EQUIPMENT**

**Face Masks** About a dozen members have put in orders for the 'Dust Bee Gone' face masks demonstrated by Stephen Dyer at the May meeting. The masks are modeled on those of hospital surgeons and as they are washable, you can talk through them, and they don't cloud up your glasses. Dyer said that they are "the last mask you'll ever need to buy"

## Saturday Workshops

These continue in full swing teaching wood skills and preparing items for sale at our next event, the Bulli Show. Workshops now are being held every Saturday Join the gang!

## FINANCES

Treasurer Bill Perry presented the Financial Statement to the Committee for the last two months.

## Magnetic Tool Holder

Time shouldn't be spent on a game of hide and seek looking for tools. But too often my layout tools were hiding. I put an end to this game with my Magnetic Tool Holder.. It's a strip of hardboard that holds a row of rare-earth magnets. These match the thickness of the hardboard and are epoxied in through holes. This allows the tool holder to stick to the stand of my table saw, keeping my rules and squares out of the way, but plainly visible. My workbench was also accommodated to the tool holder by installing a pair of cup washers at the edge of the bench. It's a simple way to end frustrating tool searches.

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## OOPS !

\*The man who fell into the upholstery machine is now completely recovered

\* The shortest distance between two points is always under construction

\* All those in favour of conserving petrol raise your right foot!

\* There are two theories about arguing with women. It's proved that neither of them works!    *The Hobby Turner* December 2008

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## Pat Keefe

Pat's parents met and married when his father worked for the railways at Wagga Wagga and his mother was a nurse at the army barracks at Kapooka. They moved to Wollongong with Pat's father working at the old "Goods Yard" of NSW Railways. Pat, his brother and sister were born at Bulli District Hospital and grew up at Bellambi.

Pat went to school locally and from the age of seven joined the Junior Surf Life Savers at Bellambi. Since then, Surf Life Saving at Bellambi has been a life long passion and commitment for him. He is currently President of Bellambi Surf Life Saving Club. Bellambi is not one of the big clubs. There are 30 to 40 youngsters in training and 17 fully qualified members ranging in age from 15 to 53. "In the swimming season, we try and always have three on the beach over the weekends. Surf Lifesaving is entirely voluntary, and there is not a lot of help financially. We have a weekly raffle at Bellambi Bowling Club, other raffles and fundraising activities and occasional bits of sponsorship. But there are always ongoing costs: an inflatable boat and motor costs \$20grand and a quad bike \$10 to 15grand. When you have to spend that kind of money, I insist that the bikes and boat are thoroughly cleaned after each patrol day. We've got to make them last. The mechanic who we go to for maintenance reckons that they are the cleanest in the Illawarra."

Depending on the tide, wind and currents, Bellambi has its share of rips. "The first thing we teach youngsters is how to read the rips. We don't have to rescue people all the time, but we've got

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to be ready. A few years ago, we had a mass rescue. About 15 young Islanders got swept out in a rip. We went out to them in the boat, on boards and everything we could lay our hands on.”

*How do you get on with the board riders?* “They are OK. I’ve been around a long time, and grew up with many of them. If there are good waves for them to catch, we don’t stick up our flags in the middle of those waves. We cooperate and respect each other.”

Pat is married to Debbie (“Not Deborah! If she calls me Patrick, I know I’m in for it. And vice-versa”) Debbie is a nurse: currently working as a Theatre Nurse at Shellharbour Private Hospital. In recent months Debbie has taken a great interest in photography. *And where did you and Debbie meet?* “At the surf club.” There are two grown up youngsters in the family too, David, a computer buff, and Jessica, who now shares a house with a friend and works in Wollongong. And Pat and Debbie have three dogs, Arnie, Tara and Lucy.

Pat works for Energy Australia at Oatley. There are some 300 workers there and 5,500 in the franchise area between Waterfall to Newcastle. Officially he is a Field Support Person (Clerk), working on Shift Rosters and Payroll and is a general ‘Hey You!’ *What’s a Hey You?* It’s when the Engineer calls ‘Hey You. I need this done’ or ‘Hey! Can you help me here?’ Pat has worked at Oatley for yonks. He is remarkably philosophical, and seems to take all the ‘Hey, You’s with a grain of salt. Pat has enjoyed working with wood for ages, turning bowls and candlesticks and recently worked on a coffee table for Jessica. *How did you find out about our Club?* “Through the internet. [www.woodworkforums.com](http://www.woodworkforums.com) is a Woodworkers forum site . It’s a forum with all sorts of information, hints and pictures. On

it I talked to a bloke who told me about the club, and so last year I came along. It used to clash with my surf club meeting night, but when I was elected President of the surf club I was able to change their meeting night!” At our Woodworkers’ AGM this year, it was very pleasing to see that Pat stood and was elected as one of our Club Coordinators (Workshop)

### **Christmas in July**

Our annual dinner will be on Friday, 24 July at 6.30pm. The Venue is Murphy's Bar & Grill, 179 Princes Highway, Unanderra (fully licensed). The cost is \$32 per person which includes: damper with 3 butters, choice of main course and dessert, tea and coffee. RSVP to Tony Sirotich on Ph: 4228 0241 by 20 July (please advise if you require a vegetarian meal).

### **Buy -Swap -Sell**

President Dave Lipscombe reports that we have several items to buy swap or sell. These have come both from deceased estates and some we inherited. Among others they include

- A Triton Saw Bench with saw
- A Triton Mk3 Saw bench with an extension
- A Triton Router table
- A metal Mitre Box

If you are interested ? Contact Dave, Mal or Bill. Any reasonable offer will be happily accepted.

**Club Sign** Rick Funnell has priced a couple of vinyl signs that the club can use for its workshops and Display and Sales days. The committee agreed and confirmed Rick’s choice. The banner has been ordered, made by Rick’s son in SA and delivered. It has already had an airing. The cost was \$360

## Show and Tell

(May 09)

**Bill Perry** showed a marking knife he had turned from blackwood, and fitted with a razor sharp steel blade (more accurate than a pencil line) This was Bill's first attempt at turning.

**Tony Hancox** showed a segmented turned bowl made from cedar and beech and finished with Rustins Danish oil

**Dave Liscombe** showed two sizable bowls he had turned from mango, and finished with Danish oil

(June 09)

**Tony Hancox** showed another segmented turned bowl made from maranti, cedar and maple and finished with Rustins Danish oil. Tony arranged the segments to show two eagle motifs on opposite sides between stylised diamond motifs.

**Milan Oder** showed a seedpod sculpture piece, turned and shaped from hardwood

**Frank Cescon** showed three segmented turned bowls of different sizes, made from numerous different woods. Segmented bowls are very popular.

**John Hotenhofer** showed a stylishly modern wood plane made from red almond, a rainforest hardwood

**Peter Hanson** showed two candlesticks he had made from a defective piece of red ash

## OOPS ! Those Blokes

Brian was in no shape to drive, so he wisely left his car parked and began the long walk home. As he was walking unsteadily along he was stopped by a policeman.

"What are you doing out here at 2am ?' the Officer asked.

"I'm going to a lecture," Brian replied

"Who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked scornfully.

"My wife!"

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## INTERNATIONAL WOOD COLLECTORS SOCIETY

The International Wood Collectors Society has members in the USA, England, Canada, Australia and other countries. The aims and interests of the Society include Wood collecting, Wood technology, Wood supplies, Woodworking projects, Woodworking techniques, Wood crafting, and Teaching, Writing and Instruction. Some members are into collecting as many small samples of wood types as they can. (From memory the wood gallery at Bungendore has a board with 80 plus small boats carved from different types of wood) More can be found out about the Society on Email [lynbri2@bigpond.com](mailto:lynbri2@bigpond.com)

## Money Problems

Following the financial problems in the USA, UK and various other countries, uncertainty has now hit Japan.

In the last 7 days the Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and the Bonsai Bank has announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday it was announced that the Karaoke Bank is up for sale and is likely to go for a song, while today's share in the Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose dived.

Furthermore, 500 staff at the Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at the Sushi Bank where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal.

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## Heat Gun

At the June meeting, Mal Stewart gave an interesting demonstration. Using a heat gun Mal showed it was relatively simple to enlarge or diminish the diameter of plastic pipes by gently heating the pipe and moulding it over appropriate formers. Mal showed that it was also possible to mould the pipes to fit oval shapes such as the dust exhaust fittings of some machine tools. A useful skill indeed!

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