

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
GROUP INCORPORATED
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MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

13 May 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Guest Speaker Steven Diver from Microclean

Supper Roster: John Cashman and Tony Sirotich

10 June 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Ken Smith and Barry Long

8 July 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Ken Hutchison and John Parker

24 July Friday Evening Christmas in July

Finances

Bill Perry presented the Financial Statement for the year 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009. Bill noted that Income neatly exceeded Expenditure by some \$53. Largest items in Income were from Club Sales, Fundraising and Member's Subscriptions. By far the largest expense was for new tools and equipment for the club, including a new Thicknesser, Drill press, Warp remover and Dust extractor. Bill suggested that now the club is fairly well equipped, it could pursue the emphasis of training and teaching skills rather than primarily fund raising. A full page financial statement is available

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President gave a verbal report on the year's activities. He particularly highlighted the considerable improvement in morale of the club. Whereas last year there was the possibility that the club was reaching the end of its run, now there was a good mood of confidence. Dave said that it was gratifying to have some new members join the club, to have bought some good new machine tools, and to have an improved attendance at the Saturday workshops.

Dave also mentioned the passing of two long time members and supporters of the club, John Scott and Albert Seath. They will both be much missed.

New Committee Members

It is very pleasing to welcome Frank Pynenburg and Pat Keefe, both relatively new members of the Club to the Committee. Both were elected as Coordinators (Workshop), and will be sharing the responsibilities for the Saturday workshops with Dave and Mal. Rick Funnell was elected as Coordinator (Organising) and will continue the work of organizing rosters, speakers etc. And Ken Smith was elected as Assistant Coordinator, a reserve and back up. Various other members were re-elected to the positions they currently hold.

The Woodworker This is a monthly English magazine, of usually 100 pages or so, (30-40% ads) and is available for loan from Corrimbal Library. It outlines woodworking skills, gives hints, projects to make, hand and machine tool reviews et al. Worth looking at!

Show and Tell

In March

Terry Elkins brought along a great super-charged hotrod Murphy Special rocker he made for a grandson. Terry had used many varieties of different woods to make the Murphy Special. This included using a plump dowel that was his Mum's curtain rod. (So what is his Mum hanging her curtains on now?)

Bill Hedley showed another of his unique scroll saw clocks

Milan Oder showed a hanging turned Pot-pourie Holder made from camphor laurel and mulga. Classy! He also showed an Emu egg on a display stand.

Ken Smith showed a turned plate of brown beech with a handsome kookaburra engraved on it by pyrography

Tony Hancox showed a large carved bowl set on three legs, made from a burl

Rick Funnel showed a double-decker toy bus he had made, and he suggested that the design could be used to make toys for sale

In April

Barry Long showed us a document case of cedar which he had made in 1965 (as a ten year old ??) The case had been stored away and needed refurnishing. This Barry did with his usual care and repolished the case so that the cedar glowed wonderfully.

Bill Headley showed a Bell Tower Clock, another of his extraordinary scroll saw creations. It was made from MBF board with veneer glued to both sides and took Bill two months to construct. Bill said the most fiddley job was painting inside the scroll saw cut outs. An acquaintance of his turned the two bells for the two towers.

Bill unfortunately can no longer work on his large lathe, and wishes to sell it. He is open to any reasonable offer.

Peter Hanson showed two small pieces made from mulberry - a small turned bowl and a turned lidded box. Very neat!

Club Website

Bill Perry has reinvigorating and refashioned the Club's Website. Thanks Bill! Check it out at www.illawarrawoodworkers.org.au

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Bill Body Trophy.

Bill Perry, announced that the Bill Body Trophy had been jointly awarded to David Lipscombe, and Malcolm Stewart. This announcement was greeted with much acclamation. Dave and Mal have shown great dedication, encouragement, leadership, and done much work at the Saturday Workshops, and at various sale days. Awarding them the trophy is a fitting recognition of all this. In discussion in the Committee, they were both

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Carving Workshop

Terry Elkins has started a Carving workshop for those interested. It is to be held from 7pm to 9pm on the third Wednesday of the month. Initially Terry is supplying both the wood and tools. Terry said that his emphasis would be to master a project or type of skill each evening.

Thirroul Seaside Festival

Club sales at this went pretty well: some \$780. A further \$130 was made from raffling another Thomas the Tank engine, made and painted by the Stewart team. However we still need to work out an effective system of sharing the load over the two days

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