

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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August 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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Events Coming Up

10 August, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Keith Guy and Colin Shaw

2-4 September Canberra Wood Show

7 September 5pm Committee Meeting

14 September, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Kevin Parker and Don Gray

17,18 September, Bulli Show

Workshops continue at the club each Saturday morning, especially both making items for the Bulli Show and /or helping extend our clubhouse/ workshop in the school holidays. The **Box-making** evening workshops have gone into winter recess, and might reappear if someone knits a warm beanie for the leader

!SPONSORSHIP !!!

It is with pleasure that we can announce a grand sponsorship grant has been obtained from the Bendigo Bank at Shellharbour. Our Treasurer has been banking with the Bendigo Bank for a year or so. He and the President applied for the grant on behalf of the club. It was a pleasant surprise for them to attend a finger food and drinks function at Addison's Seafood restaurant, Shellharbour and to be one of the many organizations to receive a grant. It's a hard life that the Club executives have to live, but congratulations to Bill and Dave who did the paperwork of applying for the grant. The grant is for consumables, such as nails, screws, saw blades, paints, sandpapers etc, and regrettfully does not stretch to enable the committee to have an all expenses paid holiday !

SHOW and TELL

In June Barry Long showed a Bean Cutter he had been asked to fix

Pat Keefe showed two turned bowls, one of mulberry

John Totenhofer presented a questionnaire asking members what they wanted from the club. John also spoke about the best way of sharpening scrapers

In July

Pat Keefe showed four different bowls he was donating to the club, of burn-a-tree, blackbutt sassafras, leatherwood and one turned from a redgum burl. Thanks Pat

John Parker showed two bowls of jacaranda and silky oak, and he brought along a bag of wedges which he donated with the bowls to the club. Thanks John. John also showed two jewelry boxes which he had made at the Box-making workshop: one box was of cedar with a lid of red ash and the other of maple with a red gum lid.

John too showed a bowl made from a super foot of assorted hardwood pieces glued together. Three 45 degree cuts are made into the superfoot piece on the lathe with a parting tool. The subsequent wood rings are then glued together, and the bowl then turned. A commercial tool rest is available to ensure that the parting tool angle is kept at 45 degrees, but John made his own much cheaper adaption.

Rick Funnell, who comparatively recently has taken up turning, brought along a shoebox full of items for the club. These included some wedges, a vase, a bowl, a small turned plate and numerous toothpick holders. Thanks Rick.

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Preparing for the verandah slab



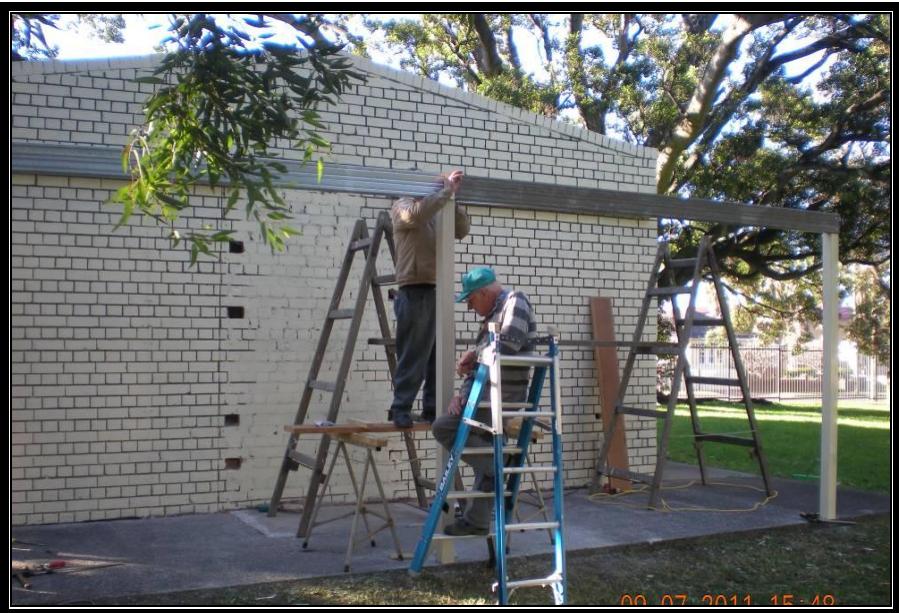
Ready to pour: Frank, Dave, and xxx?
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Finished slab : Mal, and has Dave had enough ?



Demolishing the 'old cupboard': Dave, ready for the Antarctic
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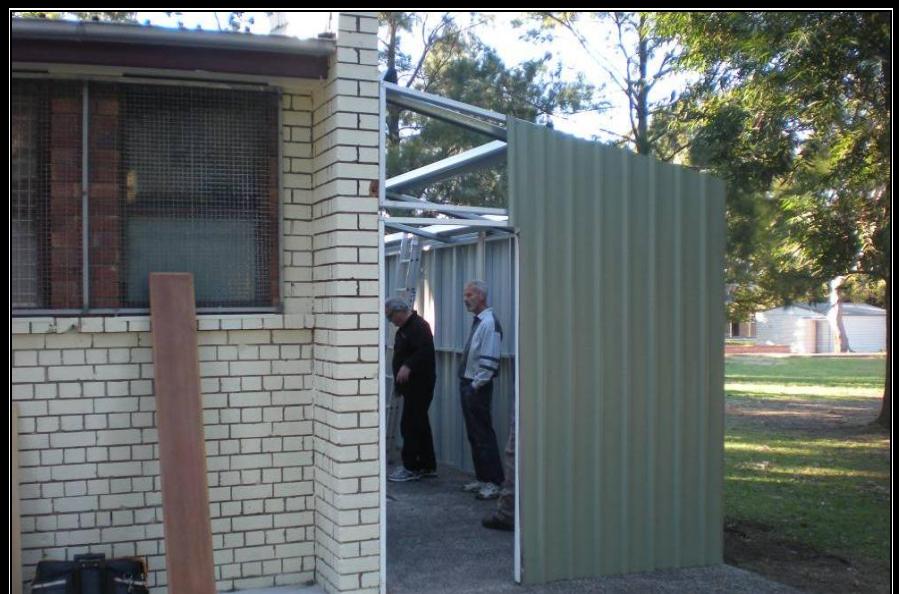


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Preparing for the back wall, while John P ponders life's big questions



The back wall finished



The walls go up: Dave concentrates, and Frank dreams of lunch
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Fixing the roof sheeting: Mal and Dave. *Photos Bill Perry*
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EXTENSION PROGRESS

On the weekends in July good progress was made with the store-room and dust extractor in the lean-to at the southern end of the workshop. The new extension gives us much more room than the old lean-to ‘cupboard.’ The old cupboard was demolished and new wall went up over a couple of weekends. The roof went on in the last Saturday in July, and flashing pieces were attached. Rick painted the old brick workshop in a softer colour, and he was generously assisted by a bowling club friend, Bill Hutton. Thanks Bill. And big thanks to Mal, Dave, Rick, Pat, Tony, Keith, Peter, John Mc, Bill, John P, Frank, John C, Rolf and Ken, particularly to those who worked for more than one shift. Next on the ‘to do list’ is to build a small dividing wall to separate the dust extractor and to erect storage shelving in the main section of the enlarged lean-to.

It was interesting to watch some of the different processes used. As the framework is of pressed sheet steel, carborundum cutting wheels were in much use. Mal had a sharpened steel tube for drilling around broken screws in a recycled door. Mal made this ‘drill’ himself as they are not available commercially. When the broken screw was taken out he then glued a dowel in the hole to take a new screw. Pat had some small but powerful Bosch battery drills that had an inbuilt light shining forward: useful when using self-tapping screws. Pat also brought along two levels which each had a magnetic surface: useful on steel framework. While its an old trick, it was interesting to see Dave using a marked measure to mark places for holes and rivets where the apple green external sheets overlapped: a neat time saver. John Mc had a simple wedge in a block to hold vertically the doors on which he was working. Thanks again to Mal for manning the Bar-BQ. The sausages and onions in bread and sauce went down well.

OOPs Mahatma Ghandi

Mahatma Ghandi as you know walked barefoot most of the time which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail, and with his odd diet he suffered from bad breath. This made him – wait for it – *a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis !!!*

The Hobby Turner April 2011

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Woodies Display in Library



Many thanks to Peter Hansen, John Parker, Rick Funnell and Ken Smith who together contributed (not for the first time!) to a fine display for the club in Wollongong Library last month. *Photos John Parker*



Ken Smith, recently made a Life Member regrettfully had a fall and ended up in Wollongong hospital. All the best, Ken !

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