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Events Coming Up

8 April, 5.30 Committee, 7pm Annual General Meeting
Supper Roster: Rick Funnell

18 – 21 Easter.

14 May, 5.30 Committee, 7pm Club Meeting
Supper Roster: Tony Sirotec

31 May, 1June Bulli Show

.SHOW and TELL

In February

Frank Pynenburg showed two fine bowls of blackwood finished with Shellowax which he donated to club sales. Thanks Frank ! Frank also showed a beautiful elevated lidded bowl. The base, bowl and lid were turned from a mallee burl and the spindle shaft and finial handle on the lid were segmented and made from huon pine and veneer. Stunning!

Mark Beaver showed four pieces – a largish bowl of cedar, a goblet of camphor laurel, a bowl made from tee-tree and a tiny goblet.

In March

Pat Keefe showed two mason's mallets, of red gum and beech and two bowls of beech and silky oak. Nice

Bernie Korent showed a lamp stand of red cedar, a turned box of gidget, a tall vase and dish, both of pine and both finished in French Provincial style, a large camphor laurel lidded bowl which he had slowly seasoned by cooking in their oven, and a large chopping block of stringy bark. You can't stop Bernie !

Rick Funnell showed a goanna which he had carved from pine and then decorated in aboriginal dot painting style. Fine

Mark Beaver showed a large camphor laurel bowl, a smaller bowl and a smaller cedar bowl with a turned lip which he donated for club dales. Thanks Mark!

AGM This April meeting is the AGM of the club. Reports, Finance, elections! Frank Pynenberg has tended his resignation from the Committee, and John McMahon's health is not so great – so an opportunity for you to serve the club!??

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OOPS !

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his good friend Finney.

'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher, 'They say I died!' 'Yes. I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are you calling from?'

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New Members

Welcome to **Michael Barrett** who joined at the end of last year, and who started off this year getting married.

Congratulations!

Welcome also to **Christopher Hesling** and **Janet Kearney** who joined this year and who happen to be brother and sister. Nice to have you all with us!

Standing Strong

Thanks to Bill Perry who has made a stronger stand for the club's 'Jet' lathe. Bill used a couple of cast iron frames to make the stand. These frames were being chucked out at a job John Totenhofer was working on. He saw their possibilities, and brought them along. When the 'Jet' lathe is taken away for demonstration purposes we will still use the lighter aluminum stand, but otherwise the 'Jet' is standing strong! Our thanks to Bill and John.

Annual Fees.

As it is our AGM, annual fees are now due. Only \$25. Hand it over to Bill Perry and you'll see our Treasurer smile.

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MARK BEAVER

Mark, a newer member of the club is a big man and drives big trucks. His father was a mechanic and truck driver who served two terms in the army, and ended up driving trucks interstate. Mark grew up in the Beaver family at Mount Ousley, but after the big fire in 1969, his family moved to Woonona. The family house was saved from that fire but the back yard fence went up in flames.

After local schooling, Mark got a job on a trawler, the 'St Joseph', based at Ulladulla. Later he swapped to a larger trawler. It was hard and exciting work, but continuous. Even when they had brief breaks between fishing trips, Mark lived on board the trawler in the harbour. He knew the different trawlers and their fishermen and his muscles grew, but it was a long way from his family. Eventually he returned.

He had a couple of small jobs, was on the dole, but then his father threatened, 'If you haven't found work in three months, you are going into the army!' Maybe the army wouldn't be so bad, but just then Mark got a job with BHP. **Page 4**

He started as a laborer, but soon worked his way up to maintenance, a pipe fitter, and before long he was driving trucks. He had actually been driving under age for a while on weekend jobs (Things weren't so strict in those days) but settled into driving bigger and bigger trucks. Now for the last 19 years he has been driving for Bulktrans, an A-Double Truck, Gross Wt of 85 Tonnes, starting each morning at 4am. He likes driving but says that there is more and more pressure being put on drivers. Investors want more profit, but for the drivers that means bigger loads and tighter shifts. Mark wonders about having a complete change. He is doing a course about helping disabled people, and on other Wednesday nights he, drives disabled youngsters on various outings with the Catholic Care organization.

In the meantime Mark and Ann married; now for 26 years. Ann works for the Department of Aged Care in Sydney, but wouldn't mind finding a good job in Wollongong. About 12 years ago they bought a house in Towradgi, and for the last couple of years have spent a lot of time extending and remodeling their home. Their kitchen is really something – fit for the two cooks in the family! They used to go camping for holidays, and a couple of years ago they had a trip to the USA.

Mark took me to look at his shed, passed his fishing boat and his brother's fishing boat. The first thing I noticed inside his large shed were some large model boats – a Mississippi paddle wheeler, a Swedish tug, a fireboat, and a bulk carrier. The boats are radio controlled and range from 0.5m to 1.5m plus, powered by electric or petrol motors. Mark made them all from kits.

There are several machine tools in the shed, but the central place is a lathe he bought from Bernie Korend. He also got some chisels from Bernie as well as buying others second hand. Pat Keefe sharpened these for him and gave him some lessons and Mark was away. He

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has built a large media cabinet centre, a large cabinet for his mother's collectables and several other carpentry pieces. Now he has taken to turning, both for the enjoyment of making nice pieces, and making turnings for club sales. Ann says, 'And he really looks forward to those Saturday morning workshops!'

Welcome aboard Mark!

Punography.

I tried to catch a fog. I mist!

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst !

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran !

A chap addicted to brake fluid claims he can stop anytime !

How did Moses make his tea ? Hebrews it ! *Good grief!*

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Saturday Workshops.

These will continue as usual. These workshops have four functions, namely, teaching and sharing woodworking skills, making saleable items for the club, making individual items, and yarning and sharing morning tea together. OK?

.**Thanks** to Bendigo Bank, the Oak Flats and Shellharbour Community Branches, who have again sponsored the club with a grant towards general consumables. If Bendigo is your bank, or are thinking of changing to it, please mention you are a club member. It may help us with getting a further grant !

Bulli Show In an effort to revive attendance and interest in the Bulli Show, the organizers have moved the date forward several months. OK, but it now places our two major sales and demonstration opportunities just 8 weeks apart !

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Thirroul Seaside Festival

For various editorial reasons the Newsletter had to be written before the Seaside Festival actually took place. Over the years it has been one of our best sites for sales and demonstrations. Many thanks, in anticipation, once again to the loyal band of men and women who prepare, pack, layout, demonstrate and look after sales, then repack again! Heroes and heroines all!

Furniture polish

I tried to find a cheap furniture polish that could be used with Scroll saw projects to get a finish into cut areas by soaking. Here is my recipe for such a product.

Mix well ½ cup of lemon juice and 1 cup of olive oil. When using put the cutting in a shallow tray with enough of the product to cover the cutting.. Soak for 5 minutes, then lift to a draining rack. After 5 minutes, wipe off the excess from the cutting and let it dry.

Benefits: the lemon juice acts as a cleaner, and also prevents the olive oil from becoming rancid. Organ oil uses lemon juice in one of its products rather than orange juice as it does not break down after time. It's worth and is cheap !

Bendigo Woodworkers

From the Other side of the Bed When I woke up this morning there were no wrinkles in sight. The house was spotless...The garden looked lovely.....and my usually grumpy bloke looked like George Clooney.... I don't think that I'll ever put my glasses on again. !

The Hobby Turner

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Tips and Ideas.

BAND SAWING SEVERAL WOOD PIECES AT ONCE

When a band saw project requires several identical pieces, time can be saved if several pieces are stacked one upon another. But how best to hold the pieces together ? Rubber cement, sold in office supply stores, works effectively. Apply a few spots of cement to the first piece of wood, then quickly add the second piece. Add more cement to the second piece, where the spot patterns are, then add the third piece, then let all the pieces dry. When pressed together, the bond is instant. After making the band saw cuts, the pieces are pulled apart and the rubber cement can be peeled off.

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CLEANING SANDING DISCS

Cleaning residue off sanding discs, belts and drums will extend their useful life. You don't have to buy a cleaning disc when a synthetic or natural wine cork will do the job. I discovered this trick when sanding down a cork for a project. The more I worked on it, the cleaner my sanding disc became.

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STORING GLUE

The answer to glue storage is simple. After every use I clean the cap with a clean damp rag. Then I store my glue bottles upside down. The liquid glue at the 'top' of the bottle seems to seal the rest of the bottle. This seems to slow down the moisture loss from the glue.

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Spiralling onwards We have been very pleased with the new spiral head on the Club's Thicknesser, so we are now also buying a spiral head for the Club's Jointer too.

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