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February 2015 NEWSLETTER**

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Events Coming Up

**14 February - Short Workshop - early (8 ish) and
Club Meeting from 10.30am**

**14 March - Short Workshop- early (8 ish) and
Club Meeting from 10.30am**

30,31 March. Thirroul Seaside Festival

**11 April - Short Workshop - early (8 ish) and
AGM Club Meeting from 10.30am**

30,31 April. Bulli Show

New arrangements

After some debate and time allowed for discussion it was decided to move the club meeting from the second Wednesday evening to 10.30am on a Saturday Morning. Usually this will be on the 2nd Saturday of the month, occasionally on the third Saturday. Committee meetings will still be held on the 2nd Wednesday afternoons at 5.pm and the General club meeting will be held on the following Saturday.

The change will be tried for the year. Wednesday evening meetings, while they have been supported by a small solid core of members, have not been growing numerically, and have been very thin on the ground during the winter months. In contrast, after a thin attendance a few years ago, the Saturday workshops have become increasingly popular. Saturdays usually involve making items for club sales or for orders, preparing parts for the school Basic Woodwork classes, learning woodworking skills, making personal items, and just enjoying each other's company

Safety

President Dave has intimated that we will have to 'get serious about Safety this year'. We will need to do this to satisfy the requirements both of the WHS and of the Insurance company. Though we have had signs up particularly around the machine tools, for a year, most of us, to encourage safe practices, will need to be tested to properly qualify to use the machines.

Show and Tell

DECEMBER 2014

Pat Keefe showed a Jacaranda lidded bowl and camphor laurel bowl up to his usual high standard

Frank Pynenburg showed an ingenious three legged jacaranda bowl and two segmented bowls, about 500 pieces each of rosewood , wattle, English beech, jarrah and a couple of others

Rich Funnell showed a toy garage he had made for club sales, a novelty dish and a lidded Oregon bowl

Milan Oder showed a rolling pin composed of numerous woods and a platter turned from a few dozen bits and pieces

Memorial The Editor recently enjoyed a holiday at Bermagui on the far South Coast. He didn't get down to Eden, but subsequently heard that it is the city of the National Timber Workers Memorial. Malcolm McDonald of the Eurobodalla Woodcraft Guild reports that the memorial is well worth a visit. The memorial was opened in 2008 to honour those men who lost their lives while working in the timber industry. McDonald writes, 'to reflect at the memorial, and learn the history and hardship experienced in our timber industry was a very moving experience, and if you are down that way, I would encourage you to pay a visit to the memorial.'

Timber Data Base

The NSW Forestry Corporation has a useful spreadsheet of 43 NSW timber species and who sells them. 19 vendors are listed selling the 43 timber species. The spreadsheets provide common names, scientific names, and the merchants' region, name, phone number and address. The production levels in cubic metres are given for each species. Other woodworking groups have appreciated the spreadsheet, but have also suggested that the list be extended to include timbers grown and sold in other States, not just in NSW.

Also Tasmanian Native Timbers are listed for sale under the name, at PO Box 315, Deloraine, Tasmania 7304, and their website is at www.tasmaniannativetimbers.com.au

Good Grief

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be stationery
I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian!

She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

My memory has gone Fred, so I changed my password to 'Incorrect' That way when I log in with the wrong password the computer tells me..."Your password ia incorrect !"

The Hobbyturner

Thanks to Bendigo Bank, the Oak Flats and Shellharbour Community Branches, who have again sponsored the club with a grant for consumables

New Member

Congratulations to new member Dave Noble. Dave is not the Dave Noble of finding the Wollemi Pine fame, but now is the Dave Noble of Illawarra Woodworkers fame. Glad you have joined us Dave!

Many Thanks

Especial thanks to all the organizers and helpers of the successful End of Year BBQ last December. It was particularly nice to have the ladies along to receive token awards for their help and particular thanks to President Dave and Leslie Lipscombe who arranged the sumptuous meal.

Kate Morris, Pam Funnell, Wendy Stewart (aka husband Mal), Lynette Pynenburg and Anne Beaver were presented with token gifts in thanks for their work for the club, and were made honorary members of the club. Ms Pip Fenwick, a teacher from the school who supervises the boys learning Basic Woodwork, was also presented with a gift in thanks.

Many thanks also to Ric Funnell who very quickly was able to organize and have a Calendar for 2015 printed and distributed. Make sure you consult this club calendar regularly as the Meeting Saturday will occasionally vary.

Punography.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me !

She said she recognized me from the Vegetarian club, but truly, I'd never met herbivore

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down !
I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me!

A cross-eyed teacher lost his job. He couldn't control his pupils!