

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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Events Coming Up

15 February am - Special Power Carving Demo

by **Dave Drake** at the normal Saturday Workshop

12 March, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting
Supper Roster: Denis Hamilton

5,6 April, Thirroul Seaside Festival

9 April, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Rick Funnell

Grant

It's pleasing to announce that through the combined efforts of Bill Perry and Kate Morris, the club has been awarded with a significant grant from the NSW Community Building Partnership. Our special thanks to Bill and Kate.

The grant has been made for furnishing and replacement of capital items by the club. A 'Jet' Benchtop Oscilating Spindle Sander, and a 'Triton' Plunge Router have been purchased so far. On the list, once the grant money arrives, is a new head for the Thicknesser, and the replacement of our Table Saw, with other items to follow.

School daze !

Our first class of teaching six boys some woodworking skills ended last December. At the school assembly, the Headmaster thanked us and presented the Club with a hamper of goodies. He said the school was very pleased with our efforts at teaching the boys some basic skills, and was hopeful that the course would be repeated in 2014. He said that already other boys who were lining up to do the course.

Subsequently President Dave agreed to continue the course in 2014. Details and arrangements are being worked out.

SHOW and TELL

In December 2013

Pat O'Keefe showed four turned vases, from kauri pine and other assorted timbers

Frank Pynenburg showed a segmented bowl, made from 409 pieces of rosewood, beech and jarrah and finished with Shellowax

Rick Funnell showed a doll's double bunk bed and a McDonald service station cum shop – all for club sales. Thanks Rick.

Mark Beaver showed a turned goblet and a candle holder.

Mal Stewart showed a clock in a segmented cedar teardrop style turned setting. Very impressive!

Q and A

Q My oilstone no longer sharpens as it once did. How can I rejuvenate it?

A. Eventually all oilstones clog with bits of worn grit and steel. This keeps them from sharpening effectively. To undo the clogging lap your stone on a flat abrasive surface like P180 grit wet and dry paper, on a thick piece of glass. Use a lot of lubricant. Kerosene is good. Watch for the colour to brighten over the while stone to know when it is done. You could also draw a pencil crosshatch over the stones surface. When all the pencil lines are gone you are finished. Finally flush the stone well with kerosene

Woodchip Ulladulla Harbourside Men's Shed



Peter Hansen skillfully demonstrating on the club's 'Jet' lathe. *Photo Rick Funnell*

Ooch Lad !

Paddy said to his pal Mick, 'Just look at those prices. We could buy a whole lot of those clothes and when we get back to Ireland, make a fortune. Right! But leave the talking to me, because otherwise they might think that we are a couple of thickos from Ireland and try to screw us.'

'Right you are Paddy. So I will,' replied Mick.

They entered the shop, and Paddy put on a posh voice. 'Now then my good man. I'll take 50 of those suits at L5.00 each, 100 of those shirts at L2.00 each and 50 pairs of trousers at L2.50 each. I'll back me truck up ready for you to load 'em on, so I will.'

The shop owner said quietly, 'You're from Ireland, aren't you?'

'Well yes,' a surprised Paddy said. 'How did you know?'

The owner said, 'Well, this shop is a dry-cleaners!'

Apologies to those from the emerald isle. The editor is proud that he is 1/16th Irish

The Hobbyturner

Calendars

Once again thanks to Rick Funnell for producing the club calendar for 2014. But is the cartoon on the cover a pictorial image of the club?

Far South

The editor and some of his family recently spend a week at Bermagui - swimming and fishing (caught three fish: one at least 7 cm long!) we also looked in at a couple of local towns.

Central Tilba Woodturners. Lots of fairly large bowls and platters for sale (some by a Simon Raffan – a relation of Richard's?) plus lots of coasters, candlesticks, salad tongs and nick-nacks for tourists.

Interestingly, we didn't see any segmented turning : take too long to make for a comparative commercial reward ?

At Cobargo, an Art and Craft studio had several large carvings, almost life size. It also had a number of tea-light candle holders, that looked both simple and attractive. Hmmm! A possibility?