

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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November 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

9 November, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Peter Hansen and John Cashman

7 December 5pm Committee Meeting

14 December, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Frank Pynenburg and Ric Funnell

Saturday Workshops will continue until December 17, when we will finish off with a **BBQ lunch**. Primarily it's working to get our extensions finished, but also doing some restocking of items for sale at various fairs. The Dapto Show, where we will have a stand, is on the **21st January**, next year.

SHOW AND TELL

In August

Pat Keefe showed a 450cm platter turned from a coolibar burl which his wife had already claimed. He also showed a small jacaranda bowl for club sales. Thanks Pat

Peter Hansen showed several spatulas made from various timbers which he donated for club sales. Peter also showed a mortar and pestle made fro jacaranda and NZ beech. Thanks Peter

Terry Elkins showed an aeroplane rocker cum pushalong that he had made for a grandson's first birthday. The grandson's name was scroll-sawed on the wings. It was made from radiata pine and Japanese blackwood. Very nice indeed.

In September

John Parker showed the first stage of a segmented bowl. A flat board was cut into rings which were glued together to form a blank for a bowl. Most intriguing.

Ric Funnell made some random items during his turning lessons, which he gave to club sales. Thanks Rick. He also showed an odd shaped bowl made from a cedar root: something quite different.

John Totenhofer demonstrated the sharpening and use of wooden Japanese hand planes, setting the blade by lightly tapping the butt to set the cut. John also showed a plane he had made from Queensland red almond timber.

Dave Lipscombe and **Pat Keefe** combined to turn and finish a large bowl of blackwood. But with all the knots and dig-ins the bowl turn out to be smaller than expected, however finished with Shallowax it was a nice combined effort

Ric Funnell

In October

Barry Long showed a US made Sander, which had numerous shapes. He had purchased the sander in exchange for some French polishing. His client however turned out to be reluctant to fork out the dosh for the said sander

Denis Hamilton showed a small doll's house he had made and demonstrated at a recent 'miniature' convention. The doll's house was built at 1/48th scale and equipped with tiny furniture, mostly imported from the USA. Denis also showed some 1/12th scale doll's furniture.

Newcomer **Bernie Korend**, who recently bought a lathe, showed a large bowl of Oregon he had turned and a platter turned from various woods glued together.

BULLI SHOW

The Bulli Show turned out to be a rather good weekend for the Club. BBQ sales were down a little, but the Thomas, the Tank engine raffle and club sales were good. Several club members who entered items in the woodwork section did very well. Peter Hansen in particular won five awards. Other winners from the club were Pat Keefe, Terry Elkins, Ric Funnell and Frank Pynenberg. Well done!

Ric Funnell

BUILDING EXTENSIONS

The verandah is now well underway, with several posts up, and purlins and rafters being set in place. At the time of writing one of the rafters seemed to be supported only by a skyhook? But I was assured that all was according to plan. (It's interesting to note that the Executive believe in the supernatural!) The President said the new lean-to was already filled with junk, rather than the neat shelves he had envisaged.(September) Come along to the Saturday workshops and help clean it out !

Later (November) it was noticed that work is proceeding on the verandah, with most of the sheet steel purlins now in place. The hoped for 'skyhook' has now been replaced by a welded steel supporting strap. Thanks Dave!

TASMANIAN TIMBERS The Tasmanian Native Timbers group recently launched a website which among other things lists various timbers and other items for sale. The group offers free shipping Australia wide. The website is www.tasmaniannativetimbers.com.au

CHAIRMAN !

Wearing another hat, Bill Perry has repaired some dining chairs, for a friend of Ken Hutchison. (for a donation to the club) The chairs had several broken dowel joints, and because of some earlier dodgy repairs needed quite a bit of surgery before they were fully functional again. Thanks Bill! Bill has also been making his own set of dining chairs.

COMMITTEE The Committee has done a reshuffle which involved Kevin Parker being welcomed back as the Librarian, while John Totenhofer is now our Woodwork Trainer

ONLY A MOTHER WOULD KNOW...

One day, my mother being out, my Dad was in charge of me. I was only about 2 ½ years old. I had been given a little tea-set and it was one of my favorite toys. Daddy was in the living room watching TV, so I brought him a little cup of 'tea,' which was only just water.

After several cups of tea which he said were 'just yummy' my Mum came home. My Dad made her wait to watch me bring him a cup of 'tea' because he said it was 'so cute.' Mum waited and soon I came in with a cup of 'tea' for Daddy, and Mum watched him drink it up. Then she sweetly said, as only a mother would know, 'Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get the water is the toilet ?'

The Hobby Turner August 2011

BENDIGO BANK GRANT

Thanks to the grant from Bendigo Bank for 'combustibles.' Pat Keefe reported that he had bought various band-saw blades for some \$300. An aluminum folding 'guerilla stand' for our small 'Jet' lathe has also been purchased. This will be very useful for transporting the lathe when needed for demonstrations. Still on the list to buy is some bulk wood glue and various sizes of emery papers.

BOX MAKING The evening box making group has been boxed in or boxed out! One suggestion is that after our construction work has finished then box making might be incorporated into the Saturday workshops.

DUCTING for the dust extractor is set to arrive shortly. When erected it will have five or so branches to various machine tools. There will also need to be some rearranging of the machine tools in our workshop

WELCOME to Bernie Korent, who has attended a couple of meetings as a visitor, and even shown us a couple of his turnings, and has now decided to join the club. Welcome aboard!