

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS  
GROUP INCORPORATED  
PO Box 121 Corrimal NSW 2518**

**November 2010 NEWSLETTER**

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**Events Coming Up**

**10 November, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Tony Hancox and Milan Oder

**1 December 5.15pm Committee Meeting**

**8 December, 7pm Club Meeting**

Supper Roster: Pat Keefe and Frank Pynenburg

**11 Dec, Final Workshop for the year and BBQ lunch**

**SHOW and TELL**

**In September**

**Ken Smith** brought along 30 door wedges which he donated to the club. Thanks Ken

**Frank Pynenburg** showed a segmented bowl made of cedar and golden cypress (104pieces). Finished with Sellowax

**Peter Hansen** showed a mouse made into a clock. He also showed a natural edged bowl and vase. Peter further showed several bowls and vases made from an 80 year old mulberry tree which he donated to the club. Thanks Peter.

**In October**

**Pat Keefe** showed a jacaranda bowl which he initially turned while green.

**Frank Pynenburg** showed a huon pine and blackheart sassafras tray, finished with Danish oil

**Peter Hansen** showed a vase he turned from a fencepost. This was finished with Oregano oil

**BULLI SHOW**

This was an excellent weekend for the club in September with very good turning demonstrations, sales and raffle ticket sales. Congratulations to all those who manned our display tables, and demonstrated on the lathe. Particular thanks too to the various club members who either donated items to the club for the sales and to the stirling band of members who regularly made items for club at the Saturday workshops.

Several of our members were awarded prizes for various sections of the woodworking competitions. These included Tony Hancox, Bill Hedley and Rick Funnell. Kevin Parker's wife, Anne, also won a prize in the cake making section

## **CUTTING BOARDS – Wood better than Plastic**

For decades cooks have been urged to use plastic rather than wooden cutting boards in the name of safety. It was feared that disease causing bacteria (such as salmonella from raw chicken) would soak into the cutting board and later contaminate other foods cut on the surface and then served uncooked. This fear has continued despite published information that wood was safer than plastic. The following details tests which should convince most people that wood is safer than plastic for cutting boards.

Food microbiologists, Dean Cliver and Nese Ak at the University of Wisconsin's Food Research Institute sought to learn more about bacterial contamination of wooden cutting boards and to find a way to decontaminate the wood so that it would be as safe as plastic. But that is not what happened – instead they found that in some, as yet unknown way, wooden cutting boards kill bacteria which normally survive on plastic boards.

The scientists purposely contaminated seven species of wooden cutting boards with *Salmonella*, *Listeria* and *E. coli* (all known to produce food poisoning). The contaminated boards were incubated overnight at refrigerator and room temperatures and at high and typical humidity levels. They found that 99.9% of the bacteria on the wood boards had died after three minutes, but none had died on the plastic boards. Overnight the bacteria on the plastic had flourished, but no bacterial samples could be recovered from the wooden boards treated in the same way.

A search by the scientists did not find any studies which concluded that wood cutting boards were unsafe, and they have no idea how the rumour started. Nor have they been successful in recovering a compound in the wood that inhibits the bacteria

*The Hobby Turner April 2006*

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## **A NEW CONSTITUTION**

The NSW Government recently made changes to the laws and regulations that govern the running of Incorporated Associations which includes the Illawarra Woodworkers Group. The new laws came into effect from July 2010 and as a result of those changes we need to draft and adopt a new Constitution based on the new rules and format.

NSW fair trading is encouraging all Incorporated Associations to formally adopt a new Constitution or revise their current Constitution to ensure it complies with the new regulations. As an added incentive they have waived the registration fee until June 2011. It is also important that we finalise this before our AGM in April next year

A new Constitution for the Illawarra Woodworkers Group has been drafted and has been discussed and agreed by the committee. There are a few changes that are significant from our current Constitution. I have listed below a summary of the major changes to our current constitution:

Clause 12: Right of appeal of disciplined member – the right of appeal has been defined and the process to be followed is detailed.

Clause 15: Election of committee members – requirements for nominations for election to the committee must be written, signed by two members and accepted by the person.

Clause 16: Secretary – the duties of the secretary are more clearly defined.

Clause 17: Treasurer – the duties of the treasurer are more clearly defined.

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Clause 33: Proxy votes are not permitted – voting by proxy at a general meeting is not allowed. The current constitution allows a member to vote with up to 5 proxy votes.

Clause 34: Postal Ballots – the new rules allow for postal voting, our current constitution does not allow for postal votes. It is proposed to not allow postal voting.

Clause 37: Funds management -Has been amended to allow for petty cash sums and electronic banking in addition to a traditional cheque account for payments.

Clause 40: Common Seal – has been removed as it is no longer needed.

To formally adopt the new constitution, a majority vote of approval by two thirds of group members present at a Special General meeting of the group is required. It is hoped that early next year a copy of the proposed constitution and notice of the Special general meeting will be sent to all members. A special general meeting to consider and vote on adopting the new constitution is planned to be held on the same night as the March 2011 general meeting.

If you would like a copy of the draft before it is mailed out, please see me and I will arrange a copy of the draft document for you.

W Perry, Public Officer

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## DREADED PEST!

Volunteers from England and Holland have joined locals of Conservation Volunteers Australia in a new way to combat camphor laurel invasion of eucalyptus plantations. The trial is being carried out in Tuckers Nob State Forest in the North Coast area of NSW.

Previously, camphor laurels were cut down, but new shoots soon appeared from the trees' roots. The new method involves drilling a hole in the camphor laurel at chest height and injecting it with weedicide. In a few weeks this kills the tree and its roots, and the dead tree can then be removed.

Some wood turners may have second thoughts about this 'Dreaded Pest'?

Conservation Volunteers is a national not-for-profit organization which is dedicated to involving local and overseas volunteers in conservation projects for the betterment of Australian and New Zealand environment. Each year some 10,000 volunteers (usually about ¼ from overseas) work in some 2000 projects.

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## QUIZ

- 1.What commercial available timber weighs less than any other ?
- 2.What is the advantage of a reversing switch on a lathe motor ?
- 3.What do the words draaier, tornatore, drechsier, tournier and tokarz have in common ?

Ernie Newman *Sydney Woodturners Guild April/May 1995*  
Answers on back page

## DON'T BANK ON IT!

At the recommendation of the Treasurer, and with the agreement of the Committee, the club has changed Bank Accounts. While the new account is not strong on interest, it is much more flexible regarding internet payments: a boon for up to date treasurers.

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## BELMORE BASIN

This was a disappointing weekend, and it being cold, wet and windy didn't help. Customers and viewers were not in abundance. We just covered our expenses (with a little help from our Treasurer!) Nevertheless, special thanks to those who demonstrated and manned our display in the Old Courthouse.

This year we had excellent display and sales days at Thirroul Seaside Festival and at Bulli Show; we had an interesting day at Helensburg, and modest to very modest days at Dapto Show and at Belmore Basin. Hmmm! Makes you think !!

## WORKSHOPS

The **Boxmaking** group, led by Bill Perry, will have their last workshop for the year next Wednesday evening, 17<sup>th</sup> November, before going into recess for the Christmas break.

**Saturday Workshops** are to continue through November and early December and finish up on the 11<sup>th</sup> December with a clean-up day and BBQ at the clubhouse. BYO.

## MONKEY BUSINESS

How do you make a burl? One way to make a burl on a tree is to imitate the South American pygmy marmoset. These tiny monkeys, only three times the size of a mouse, can create dozens of burls on a single tree by chiselling holes in the bark with their sharp teeth. As the tree attempts to heal the wounds gum is produced. The gum is a feast for the monkeys, and because they return regularly to keep the holes open and to keep the supply of gum flowing, small burls are formed around the holes.

Ernie Newman *Sydney Woodturners Guild December '04*

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*"I was hoping that my husband's love for woodworking would pass. But that doesn't seem to be the case."*

The Hobby Turner

## RED RIVER GUM FORESTS

The NSW government has announced the establishment of more than 100,000 hectares of red river gum parks in the Riverina. The red river gum forests will be variously continued and/or established in a range of reserves which include national parks, regional parks and indigenous Protected Areas. Forests NSW will maintain an office in Deniliquin to manage these reserves. More information is available at [www.riverredgums.nsw.gov.au](http://www.riverredgums.nsw.gov.au)

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## Quiz Answers

- 1 Balsa
2. Reversing the lathe can speed up the process of sanding faceplate work. A similar effect can be achieved with between centres work by reversing the workpiece. The end nearest the headstock is placed nearest the tailstock.
3. The words all mean 'turner':draaiier(Dutch), tornatore (Italian), drechsler (German), tournier (French), and tokarz (Polish). All these words originally meant woodturner. They became surnames in the way that the English surname 'Turner' was acquired by woodturners over 500 years ago

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