

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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February 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

9 February, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Ken Hutchison and Colin Shaw

16 February, 6.30pm Boxmaking Workshop

2 March 5 pm Committee Meeting

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2,3 April, Thirroul Seaside Festival

Common Workshop Tools

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching the piece of wood out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings objects across the room, denting the freshly finished piece of furniture which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint and rust off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench at the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, ‘Oh sh*t!!’

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.

SKILL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometime used in the creation of blood blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

VISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering a car to the ground after you have installed new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good pieces of wood into smaller pieces that more easily fit in the rubbish bin after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside.

Contributed by W Perry *To be continued*

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SHOW and TELL In December last year

Rick Funnel, long time club member, events coordinator, and carver supreme has only recently taken to the turning. He presented a whole bagful his efforts, wedges and letter openers. Thanks Rick.

Turner supreme **Ken Smith** gave a bag of diggers to the club. The number of items that Ken has turned and donated to the Club must now run into thousands. Thanks again Ken

Bill Perry brought along a prototype chair he has made from pine. One of his daughters has claimed this chair. Bill thinks he'll have to make another chair for his other daughter as well as the four dining chairs made from Tasmanian blackwood

In January this year

Frank Pynenburg has taken to segmented turning. He showed a neat patterned segmented bowl of jacarandah and Queensland silky oak. Frank also showed an elaborate segmented turned vase made from rosegum, myrtle and English white beech. Altogether there were 253 segments in the construction of the vase.

Barry Long drew a sketch of a large cabinet of red cedar he has been asked to make and French polish. About 5 months works

Box Making Workshops Bill P is conducting these at 6.30pm each third Wednesday of the month. Attendees report that the workshops are good fun combined with profitable learning and building sessions. The **Saturday Workshops** will start again on February 12, particularly aimed at having lots of items for sale for the Thirroul Seaside Festival in April.

HAVE LATHE, WILL TRAVEL !

The idea of buying a larger lathe to take to demonstrations, was floated at the Committee meeting. Currently we use the small Jet lathe, and sometimes the heavy Leady lathe for demonstrations. The Jet is fine on small jobs, but labors on larger ones, and its stand can be awkward. The idea put forward is to buy a slightly larger lathe , and build a separate, easily transportable stand that the lathe can be quickly attached to.

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DBB

Dapto: Thanks to those who manned our stall. 'It was better than last year!' (Well it could hardly be worse!) But it was hard work for the modest financial return. Hmm!

Buzz'n'Berg: Last year this was a pleasant laid back small day. Regretfully it has been cancelled this year. (Too much paperwork; not enough volunteers !) But maybe in 2012

Bunnings: Thanks to the two ladies and 8 fellows who manned the BarBQs at Bunnings last Sunday. Well done!.

WEBSITE ADDITION.

Our website address is www.illawarrawoodworkers.org.au. Webmaster Bill Perry is organizing a simpler entry address www.iwg.org.au which will take you to the same club website. The new entry address will be up and running by 28 February

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

We send our Newsletter to some 15 other Woodies clubs and organizations. In common with modern trends the Committee has agreed that these will now be sent electronically rather than by post. This will be quicker and save us a bit of cash.

NEW CONSTITUTION

Bill Perry has rewritten the Constitution of the club to bring it into line with government requirements. Members have been circulated about this and the new constitution will be put to the meeting in March.

MODEL BEHAVIOUR

Rick Funnell has made a model of possible modest extension to the clubhouse. The roof has been extended on the west side, and is supported by a row of posts, rather like a verandah, and the small lean-to at the southern end has been extended. The dust extractor would be housed in this lean-to, and the rest used for storage. Nice model. Thanks Rick!

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