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Events Coming Up

**9 April 2016 – Committee Meeting (early)
and Annual General Meeting (10.30 approx)**

**12 May 2016 – Committee Meeting (early)
and Club Meeting (10.30 approx)**

28,29 May- Bulli Show ?

11 June- Committee then Club Meeting

Show and Tell

In February -

Frank Pynenburg showed another fine segmented bowl of various timbers including European beech and jarrah Where is Frank putting these bowls ? **Pat Keefe** showed a nice bowl of jacaranda and some neat bottle stoppers of interesting timbers and design

Mark Beaver showed a bowl of mulga and a ‘Weather station’ which has dials to measure time and four different aspects of the weather.Ingenious ! **Milan Oder** showed interesting cross shaped dovetailed box of numerous timbers. He also showed an enclosed segmented bowl of various timbers: including rock maple and rosewood among them Very nice

Rich Funnell showed two boards and two bowls up to his usual high standard !

In March –

Pat Keefe showed several smart colourful pens turned from acrylic blanks. **Keith Guy** showed an ‘A model Ford roadster’ made at approx. 1/17.5 scale? of various timbers. The roadster’s steering works and the dicky seat at the back opens. This is one classy model. Keith lost count of how many hours it took him to make. (It’s said that Keith can count up to a 100 plus !)

Fairy Meadow School

Billy, Bensamin, Declan, Roan, Rory and Saul have completed their training class on Thursday afternoons. They are the tenth group of boys to have done so.. The new Principal, Mr Paul Brightwell, has paid us a couple of visits during training, and is well pleased with the arrangement

Many thanks to our faithful club trainers. John McMahon has had to drop out for health reasons. John is now driving a ‘gofor.’ But we are very pleased to have Linda Nelson join us as a trainer.

Library Thanks to Peter and Judith Hansen who went through our large array of magazines and weeded out all the duplicate and triplicate copies

Annual General Meeting

The April meeting will be our AGM. Brief reports, the club's Financial Statement, and elections of Office Bearers. Usually 95% of the existing Office Bearers sign on for another year on the Committee, but it would be encouraging to have some others have a go.

One idea is to have small 'weekly sub-committee', that could make limited decisions and limited financial allocations. Our three senior office bearers all have full time jobs and so tend to be tied up during the week. The sub-committee could be a way of making decisions quickly.

The AGM also means that club fees are now due. \$25 and cheap at that. Keep Bill Perry , our Treasurer, happy by paying up promptly!

The question of going to Bulli Show will also be discussed at the AGM

Wouldn't it! - No more wood

At present the club has an over-supply of wood, some we bought and some was given to us. The annex is overfull. So, three results

1. We have been weeding out our wood store, and now have a 'firewood' box. It's already full
2. There is also a rack of 'interesting' wood blocks which members can take to make sale items for the club
3. It was agreed that we build another annex on the eastern side of the clubroom to store our timber where it can be more easily seen and accessed. Sounds good ! Rick has drawn a sketch showing how the new annex will look

Co-operating Our Vice President met with the school Principal about erecting a fence near the School 'Special Needs' classroom

Hmm ! – A clear conscience may be the sign of a fuzzy memory

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine

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There's a Buzz in the Air (Good grief:the corn!)

The bees and the abbey nuns/ladies of our first two honey boxes for the abbey are very pleased and are looking forward to a good harvest.

Wheelchair Visitor

We recently had a visit from wheelchair bound Bob Davis, but we had no ramp to help him climb the kerb surrounding the parking area. Dave, Bill and Rick promptly got to work and made a portable ramp. Thanks men! Great work! Now what about a wheelchair friendly toilet ?

Bob Davis has been turning for a couple of years (Pat K put a nice edge on his gouges) Bob learnt turning by watching Richard Raffin's instruction videos. Hmm! Now what teaching videos do we have in the library ?

Thirroul Seaside Festival

Through a series of events beyond the control of the editor, he was unable to report on the club's stall at the Thirroul Seaside Festival in this newsletter, but many thanks to the club members who donated items and manned the stall over the weekend

Yoiks ! * A blond (bloke) called Qantas and asked 'Can you tell me how long it'll take to fly from Sydney to Melbourne ?'
The agent replied, 'Just a minute, Sir'
'Good. Thanks,' and the bloke hung up!

*A husband asked his wife, 'What do you like most about me: my handsome face, or my strong body?

His wife looked at him from head to toe for a while, and then answered, 'Most of all, I like your sense of humour !'

100th The editor of the *The Hobby Turner*, based on the NSW Central Coast, has just had his 100th edition printed. Should this go into the Guinness Book of Records!!!

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