

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
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October 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

10 October, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Pat Keefe and John Cashman

14 November, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Rick Funnell and Volunteer ?

12 December, 5.30pm Committee, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: Frank Pynenburg and Rolf Kretzschmar

ELECTRICAL CHECK-UP

A friend of a member, Peter Speer, accredited for Tests and Tags of Electrical equipment, has checked all of the club's machine tools and electrical leads for safety. A few minor faults (some nicks in electrical cables) were found and have been promptly fixed. The inspection of electrical items will become an annual event, and tests will be of great benefit regarding future insurance. Thanks, Peter.

Bits and Pieces - Something to stand on.

Our secretary saw some largish rubber mats in Aldi and quickly purchased some for the club. Thanks Pat. It's nice to have leg to stand on, and even better to have a mat to stand on !

Thanks to Peter Hansen for making a number of toothpaste tube squeezers for club sales. Thanks too to John Parker for turning a number of wheels for Thomas the Tank engines.

Special thank you to all the chaps and some better-halves for helping out with sales and the BBQ at Bulli show, and with the loading up and unloading all our gear too!

Saturday workshops are continuing, and all are welcome. Making items for sale next year is a priority, and individual projects can be pursued. The Committee has agreed to have surprise BBQ lunches at some of the workshops. Work, eat and enjoy !

WORK, HEALTH and SAFETY ACT

This government Act (WHS) is to safeguard workers. Insurance companies want voluntary groups be included under the act too, and this seems very likely to occur. While the emphasis on safety and safe practices is good, the act will involve much paperwork, and each member will need to read and be inducted about the safe use of a machine before using it. There will be very stiff financial penalties for non-compliance. So we really need someone to voluntarily take on this overall responsibility.

SHOW and TELL

In August

Bernie Korent brought along several bowls he had turned for club sales. Thanks Bernie. Bernie also some pot-pourie holders of different and interesting shapes. Bernie has only recently come to turning but he both enjoys it and is prolific.

Ric Funnell showed two oval bowls: one carved from mallee and the other from camphor laurel. He also showed a cedar and pine vase.

In September

Bernie Korent showed two laminated bowls he turned for club sales. Thanks Bernie. Bernie is prolific and loves experimenting. He also brought along three tall vases cum candlesticks. Bernie is happy to receive ideas and help from more experienced turners and thanks to Keith Guy and Peter Hansen who have been glad to assist him.

Milan Oder showed two fine camphor laurel bowls which have interesting and intriguing cedar inserts

Keith Guy showed two interesting wine goblets: one had a free but captive ring between the cup and its base, and the other had a distinctive crooked stem. Keith declined to say what wine or spirits he had consumed before turning these goblets

BULLI SHOW

The Bulli show went quite reasonably this year. Our BBQ which went very well last year, was down somewhat. This was put down to the warmer weather, and to strong competition from the Lions' Club BBQ at the other end of the pavilion.

On the positive side, club sales were quite reasonable, several club members, as well as most of the Committee members, came along to lend a hand, and the five or six club members who entered the Show's woodwork competitions, either won prizes in their various sections, or were 'Honorable Mentioned.' Congratulations !

Display Case



This fine display case was set up by Peter Hansen and John Parker in Corrimal Library. The items displayed were contributed by Peter, John, Ric Funnell and Frank Pynenberg. Thanks men.

Peter has booked us in for another display at Corrimal library next year as well as our usual regular display in Wollongong library

Photo John Parker

The Better Half !

After an argument., a husband and wife were giving each other the silent treatment. Then the husband realized that the next day he needed his wife to wake him at 5 am next morning to catch an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to break the silence (and lose!) he wrote on a card, 'Please wake me at 5am tomorrow' and left it by her bedside where he knew she would see it.

But next morning he didn't wake until about 8am, so had well and truly missed his flight.

Feeling absolutely furious, he was about to vent his fury on his wife, when he noticed a card by his bed. It read, 'It's 5am. WAKE UP !

The Hobby Turner

