

**ILLAWARRA WOODWORKERS
GROUP INCORPORATED
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February 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Events Coming Up

8 February, 7pm Club Meeting

7 March, 5pm Committee Meeting

14 March, 7pm Club Meeting

Supper Roster: John McMahon and Dennis Hamilton

11 April, 7pm Annual General Meeting

Saturday Workshops resume in February. The last Saturday of the month is set aside for member's own projects.

SHOW and TELL

Last November

Pat Keefe showed a couple of 'might have been' bowls, one of which let fly at 2,900 revs. Fortunately Pat has a strong chest.

Frank Pynenberg showed a segmented bowl, a bowl turned from a coolibah burl, and a cedar tulip vase, all beautifully turned and finished.

John Totenhofer offered some sizeable hardwood offcuts and also offered to show how to make wooden specialized planes

In December

Barry Long showed a large set of drills he had bought comparatively cheaply down Goulburn way

Frank Pynenberg showed a segmented vase of eastern shape. Only two timbers, Rose gum and English beech, were used but overall there were 580 wedges of timber. The job took Frank three weeks to make, and is stunning. It is finished with Shellwax

This January there was quite a welter of items on display

Pat Keefe showed bowls and platters turned during the holidays, including a nice slim bowl of walnut and an impressive platter turned from a large red gum burl: some for the club. Thanks Pat
For something different, **Bill Hedley** showed three or four coloured flowers of crucifix orchids that he had grown.

John McMahon brought along several tools that he had made as an apprentice: a mallet, two planes and a router, all from Brush Box. He also showed an early hand router, made by the Stanley Co.

Bernie Korend a recent member, showed some bowls he had turned and donated to club sales. Thanks Bernie

Rick Funnell a convert to turning, showed several bowls he turned and donated to the club, plus a couple of peculiar individual shaped bowls carved from a cedar tree roots. Thanks Rick

THOSE ACHING BODIES

- # At my age, Happy Hour is a nap!
- # Young at heart. Slightly older in other places !
- # ‘Yes Officer. I was speeding because I have to get there before I forget where I am going!’.
- # The only trouble with retirement is that you don’t get a day off !
- # FISHMORE & DOOLITTLE - Retirement Planning Consultants

Contributed by Rick Funnell

WELL WORN MAGAZINES

Thanks to Owen Henz, tennis friend of a member, who donated two piles of old copies of The Woodworker magazines to the club. One pile is from the 1950s and the other from the 1970s. The magazines traveled around several neighbours, before coming to Owen, and now they are in our Library. As one member said, ‘There are often some good ideas in these old magazines.’

DAPTO SHOW

The display and turning demos were the highlight for the club at this year’s Dapto show. Turning demos went all day with Peter Hansen, Keith Guy and guest turner Gary Light at the lathe. These demos drew various interested onlookers throughout the day.

Entries by members in the woodwork section of the show were well up on last year, and members did very well. Frank Pynenburg took out the top show prize with his "Genie" bowl. Others who did well were Mal, Peter, Rick, Tony and guest Gary Light. Organizers were well pleased with the club’s interest in the show and would welcome us back next year. But it was a long day for the seven members who setup at 7-30am and finally packed up at 8-30pm. More members needed!!

Contributed by Rick Funnell

PLANNER

Rick Funnell has again produced a colourful Planner for the 2012 with dates of all meetings, wood shows and other various activities. Pick up your copy. Thanks Rick

BENDIGO BANK GRANT

Thanks to the grant from the Bendigo Bank for ‘combustibles, Pat Keefe has stocked up the club with numerous of these ‘combustibles.’ Thanks Pat.

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

VALE - JAMES HALL

Jim Hall, a long time member of the club, died at the end of last November, aged 82. Jim was an Anglican Minister who spent quite a time in Ireland and then in Manchester, before coming to Australia. Here he was Minister at Fig Tree Anglican for a dozen years, and later served at Mt Kembla Miner’s Church

Jim was a character. He loved to tell stories, and was never short of a word. He conducted a session on local FM radio for many years. Jim also conducted the Funeral Services for several Club members, including our former President, Bill Body.

Jim’s own forte was wood carving, especially carving into wood slabs. On an overseas trip he acquired some Austrian woodcarving knives and chisels which he treasured.

For many years Jim was the club’s Catering Officer, bringing the supper, prepared by Marjorie his wife, to each club meeting.

Club members extend their sympathy to Marjorie Hall