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Newsletter	John Cashman	Fernhill	

Events Coming Up

12 June, 5.30pm Committee Meeting, 7pm Club Meeting
Supper Roster: Keith Guy

1 July. Display at Wollongong Library

10 July, 5.30pm Committee Meeting, 7pm Club Meeting
Supper Roster: Volunteer ??

26-28 July, Sydney Wood Show

Show and Tell

FEBRUARY

John Cashman showed the first of a jigsaw made for some of their grandchildren. He spoke of the things he had learned in scroll sawing, and with more still to be learnt. He thanked Bill Hedley for saw blades and Kevin Parker for the loan of his scroll saw

MARCH

Bernie Korent brought along two turned containers made from numerous timbers including red cedar, Golden Pine, Camphor Laurel and blackwood. In Bernie's inimitable style, both had an oriental shape about them.

Denis Hamilton showed 7 miniature vases turned from colored acrylic 'pen blocks.' The vases would look great in a doll's house setting. Dennis also showed a chaise lounge built at 1/12 scale, made from red cedar, 1mm ply, balsa, foam and material. Dennis has been asked to go to WA next August to conduct a workshop to make these chaise lounges. As well as our club, Dennis also very involved in the Men's Shed at Corrimal.

John Cashman showed two platters turned from some off cuts of kitchen bench tops. He asked advice on turning this composition wood.

APRIL

Frank Pynenberg showed a small multi layered bowl turned from rosewood, rose gum and purple heart in a Greek Key pattern and finished with Shellawax. A really nice piece. Frank also showed a fine edged bowl with random cutouts made with a Dremel.

Frank has a steady hand to follow the pattern. The bowl was made from Jacaranda and finished with polyurethane.

Rich Funnell showed a toy box made as a treasure chest. Rich made this nice box from western red cedar and finished it with polyurethane

AGM

Regretfully, the April AGM of the club was only poorly attended. (Hey guys there is good news worth hearing too!) and the Committee works hard. Consequently, the committee was re-elected unopposed, with the exception that John McMahon now joins us in the position of Coordinator for Sales, taking over from Keith Guy.

Keith regrettfully stood down for family reasons. Keith has been a frequent turner for the club at sales and shows. He has also made and given two rocking horses to the club for raffles. Thanks for all your contributions Keith

John McMahon has been a long term member of the club. In an earlier life he was a carpenter. As well as regularly attending many of the club's events, John has a wicked sense of humour, and at times enjoys tossing the odd spanner into the works

President Dave Lipscombe thanked all past and present committee members for their work and support throughout the year. Yes, low attendances at meetings and workshops were a disappointment, and he would love to see more interest shown in the coming year.

On a happier note, Dave was pleased to award the Bill Body 'Clubman of the Year' trophy to Frank Pynenberg. The award to Frank was both well deserved and popularly acclaimed.

Financially, Treasurer Bill Perry reported that the club was in a good position, a little up on last year. He reported that various extra tools that had been purchased recently including a fine toothed drop saw blade, table and fence feather boards and a mitre gauge for the table saw and band saw.

Club fees are now due for the year 2013-14. Bill is always on hand at club meetings and Saturday morning workshops

Rick Funnell

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AAADD (Age-Activated Attention Deficit Disorder)

When asked to describe the symptoms an Old Lion (an old boy of NSTHS) said, "It shows up in this way. I decide to water the garden. As I turn on the hose, I see my car and decide that it needs washing. I start towards the garage, but notice the mail on the verandah table that I brought up from the letterbox earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I put my car keys on the table, and put the junk mail in the garbage bin beside the table, and notice that the bin is full. So I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think that I may as well pay the bills first.

So I find my cheque book and see that it has only one cheque left in it. My spare cheque book is in my desk, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of beer that I had been drinking earlier this morning. I know I'm going to look for my cheque book, but first I need to push the beer aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The can is warm so I decide to put it in the 'fridge' to chill it. As I head towards the kitchen with the beer the flowers in a vase on the dining room table catch my eye – they need water.

I put the beer on the dining room table and discover my reading glasses that I've been missing all morning. I decide that first I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to put more water in the flowers.

I set my glasses back on the table, go to the kitchen sink to get a jug and fill it with water and suddenly spot the TV remote on the window sill. Somebody left it there.

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Tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, and won't remember that it is on the kitchen window sill, so I decide to put it back in the lounge room where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water into the jug, but spill some on the floor. So I set the remote on the kitchen bench, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do

At the end of the day

- the car isn't washed
- the cheques aren't written for the bills
- there is a warm can of beer on the dining room table
- the flowers don't have enough water
- there is still only one cheque in my cheque book
- I can't find the remote
- I can't find my glasses
- the garbage hasn't been taken out
- and I can't remember what I did with the car keys

When I try to figure out why nothing got done today I'm really baffled because I know I've been busy all day, and I'm really tired now. I know this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my email.

From Greenwoods Grapevine. The editor confesses to be an old boy of North Sydney Tech High School. Some better known old boys of NSTHS are- in sports Trevor Alan(Rugby Union and League) and Alan Border(Cricket); Architect Phillip Cox (Darling Harbour) and electronics entrepreneur Dick Smith. The school was originally called Greenwood's (primary) School. NSTHS closed in 1969.

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Frank Pynenberg receives the club's Bill Body Trophy and is congratulated by Dave Lipscombe

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For Safety's Sake

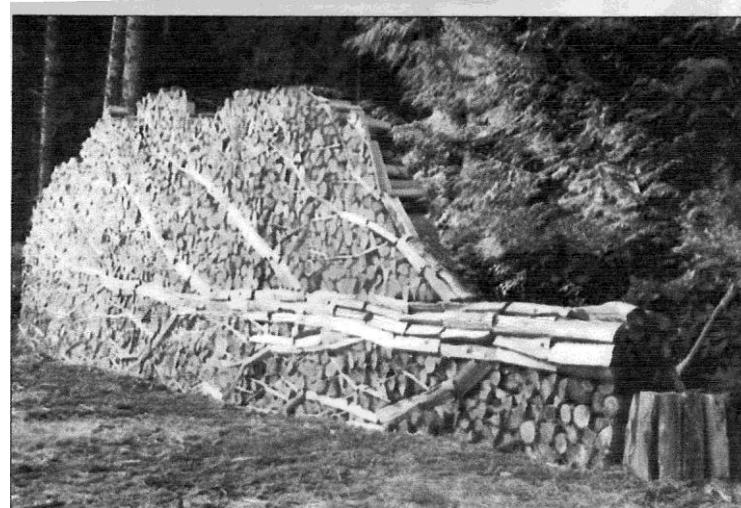
Mal Stewart has drawn up a draft form for using each of the club's machine tools. When these forms are finalized, special Saturdays and/or evenings will be organized. At these occasions, club members will be asked to read and understand the 'Form' for each machine tool. Then to show that they understand using the tool safely, they will do a 'dummy run' before an assessor. When that is done successfully, the club member and Assessor will sign the 'Form' for that particular machine tool, and be free to use it subsequently. This sounds like a lot of red tape, but there are two great benefits. Firstly, by going through the assessment, we will be refreshed and maybe learn a new thing or two about using our machine tools safely. Secondly, in the worst case scenario, should an accident happen, we will be able to show that all sensible precautions were taken, and so claim rightful insurance.

Many thanks to Mal for all the work he has done so far, and with more still to do!!

Thirroul Seaside Festival

There was a bad start to the Thirroul Seaside Festival when a sudden downpour early on Saturday caught everyone by surprise. Our club was fortunate because we had a room inside the community complex, but the boys went to the rescue helping other stall holders caught out in the rain. Much appreciated! Then from about 9.30 onwards the sun came out and it was a perfect weekend weatherwise, and a good couple of days for the club. The usual group of members manned our stall for the two days. Thanks guys! Our raffle also went well, with Tony Harringut of Thirroul Lions drawing the winning ticket, which was held by Rhianon Bristow of Bulli. Thanks also to the Thirroul Lions who again supplied us with a large marque for the Sunday. *RF*

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What a creative way to stack your woodpile !

This picture appeared in the Newsletter of the Goulburn Woodies

VALE

The Club lost two prominent members last month, Rex Saunders and Ken Smith. **Rex Saunders** was a Life Member, and though he hadn't been able to attend club meetings for several years he was very involved in the early years of the club. Rex was involved in both water skiing and Snow skiing. We extend our sympathies to his family.

Ken Smith was also a Life member. He was a prominent turner who produced hundreds of wedges, spoons, digging sticks and honey sticks for the club's \$2 box. Though Ken had firm views on sharpening gouges, he also had a whimsical streak, shown in his off-centre turnings. His son is a musical instrument maker (guitars etc) and spoke at a club meeting some years ago. Ken tripped over, and hit his head on concrete and so spent the last couple of years in the IRT hostel at Wonoona. Ken was 87 years old. Our sympathies to Audrey, his wife (who does pyrography) and his family,

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