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December 2016 NEWSLETTER**

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### **Events Coming Up**

- 10 December - Committee Meeting (8am)  
and General Meeting ( 9am)  
and Christmas Luncheon (from 11am)**
- 4 February Saturday workshops officially recommence**
- 11 February - Committee Meeting (8am)  
and General Meeting ( 9am)**

### **Show and Tell**

#### **In October**

**Pat Keefe** showed a number of nice leather loops with attractive pendants turned from different coloured acrylics

**Rick Funnell** showed a whole swag of items including a silky oak dish, a camphor laurel bowl, two vases, two more small bowls, and some eggcups

Rick is really prolific without losing any style or craftsmanship. Lastly he showed a huge carved camphor laurel bowl with an Oregano oil finish

#### **In November**

**Pat Keefe** showed two bowls, a small one made from a burl and a larger one turned from camphor laurel. Pat also showed a highly polished small table made from a very large burl some 80 by 50 cms and 75mm or so thick. This table top sits on a natural stump. Magnificent!

**Bill Perry** showed a photo of some shelves he has made for his wife using laminated mountain ash. Very nice!

### **Saturday Workshops**

The last Workshop of the year will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Officially Workshops will restart on 4th of February, but there is a good chance the workshop may be open on the last Saturday or two in January

### **Orange Oil.**

The makers of Orange Oil, Howard Products of Tamworth claim, Orange Oil is 100% pure non-toxic oil made from orange skins. It seals, cleans and polishes wood and other surfaces. See [howardproducts.com.au](http://howardproducts.com.au)

## **Now, here is the drill !**

Twist Drills are the most common drills used by woodworkers, and are the most commonly available. But they were originally designed to be used in metalwork . A drill developed specifically for use with timber is the Brad Point Bit. But due to lack of high demand worldwide, brad point bits are not available in as wide a range of sizes as twist drill bits.

Bra Brad point bits have a centre spur to locate the centre of the hole easily, and they have two edge cutters to cut the perimeter of the hole. These cutters ensure that the perimeter of the hole is the perfect distance from the centre point of the bit, allowing both a smoother and more accurate cut. The majority of the waste is taken away by the scrapers located between the centre spur and the outside cutters. On some brad point bits the scrapers are set with a negative rake which allows for quicker chip ejection. This allows for faster, smoother and more accurate drilling.

*Kiama Woodcraft Group with permission from Timbecon P/L*

## **The Swap and Buy Day**

The Swap and Buy day was not a roaring success but some tools and cash changed hands. Hmm! Maybe think about another day sometime next year ?

## **Stanley !**

Most of us will still own a Stanley tool or two. They were great tools in their day. *The Stanley Book of Woodwork* was published some time ago. It is much more than a sale's brochure. It is an invaluable guide for amateur woodworkers. The book has three sections –Tools, Techniques and Projects. Reviewers all give this book high marks and note that it is rich in advice, step by step instructions, and has great colour illustrations !

*Michael McGrath Woodworkers Association of NSW*

## **Time Please Gents ( and Ladies) !**

It was decided at the October meeting to move the time General Meeting forward to 9am.on each second Saturday of the month This will give a better work period after the General meeting rather than two shorter work periods

**Keep our Work space clean** Mark Beaver made this appeal to all members, especially that they should clean up after using the club's machine tools

Not only is it unfair to the next member who uses the same machine tool, but a dirty environment does not encourage good workmanship.

**School Basic Woodwork Course** The 13th group of school students finished their 8 week course earlier this month. They were a good group from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class – two girls, Claire and Lilyjana, and four boys, Braith, Cameron, Callum and William.

Special thanks to our regular Club trainers- Linda N, John C, Peter H, Rick F, and Tony B and also to President Dave L, and John P who filled in at times

**The Scobies.** Noel Scobie was a talented wood turner and teacher who passed away some time ago. He and his wife Nell lived on the Central coast for many years. The Club bought a couple of his machine tools and Mrs Scobie donated Noel's store of burls to the club. Our thanks to the club members who have made a distinctive solid garden seat as a gift to Mrs Scobie

**Christmas - The President and the Committee wish a Joyous Christmas to all members, their spouses, and families and also look forward to a Happy New Year together**