



Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc

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January 2010 Newsletter

Committee

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Meetings 4th Wednesday of each month at Kiama High School:-Next Meeting 27/01/10

Welcome back to another year of woodwork, I hope everyone had terrific Christmas and a great New Year. The sales and exhibition of woodwork was another successful week, with most members selling some of their pieces of art. Not sure who was the best seller of the week, but I think it should be fair enough, they buy the supper for the next meeting! You know who you are!!!

Some photos from the December 09 Old Fire Station sales.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SAW

Well another year starts and I wish you all a good year.

The first half is pretty busy for the Club with the Fire Station exhibition the start, Kiama Show 29th & 30th January, the Expo in March, the National Scroll Saw Exhibition in May and the Fire station again in June. Shoalhaven Club is arranging a professional wood turning demonstration which we will be part of, but details are not yet known.

Your committee will be organising other events but you **MUST** let us know what you want.

We had a bit of luck when I went to the local NRMA office to pay car insurance I had a meeting with Glen and Col Fulton. We discussed the Scroll Saw Show and I asked for a prize donation which they agreed but also increased the amount to \$250.00. He then brought up the subject of our Club Challenge and offered \$100.00 for prizes and will follow up next year. You must agree the most pleasant payment of insurance ever. NO I am not going to pay my car insurance again next month.

It is suggested that we extend the time for the speaker and supper time to allow more discussion time with the committee empowered to do the rest of business. Think this over and let me know what you feel. This could be extended to doing some sort of hands on project at the meeting eg. Everone making a small box under instruction of John Daniel or simple relief carving with Enn Muller. (If they agree) See you at the meeting

Christmas Party

The end of year Christmas party was well attended with a variety of food on offer, I'm sure it was the prelude to feasts leading up to Christmas, my waistline can attest to that. Besides the eating, it was a good opportunity for wives and members to catch up with each other before the extended break. Special thanks to Vincent Muller, the background piano music gave the evening a nice touch. Some photos of the evening:-



Expo is closing in and will be here before you know it, so if you have a super foot, time to get cracking on that piece of camphor laurel and turn it into a prize winner.

Rolling Events Calendar

- 29-30 Jan Kiama Show
- 13th & 14th March Wood Expo
- 21st 22nd 23rd May National Scroll Saw Exhibit

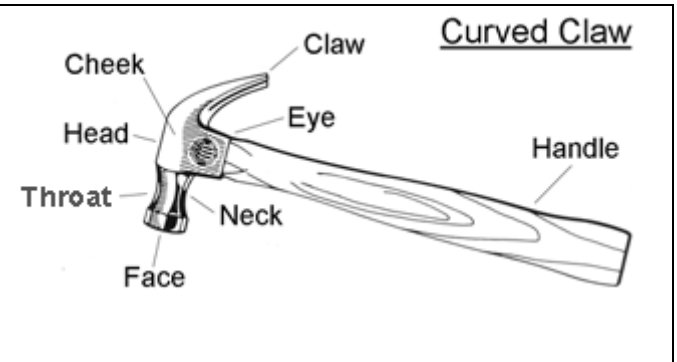
Guest Speaker

January Demonstrator: "The Hammer Man", all you wanted to know about hammers and more.

February Speaker: Barry Ferguson, a talk on Kiama High School industrial arts.

Hammer Basics:- The **FACE** is the striking face, the place where the job gets done. Top-quality hammers give you the benefit of 25 percent more face space than hammers of equivalent weight. That means surer strikes and easier, faster nail driving.

A properly **CROWNED** striking face drives nails flush without marring the wood surface. A deep **THROAT** on a strong neck allows power strikes even in difficult areas.



The **EYE** should be deep and tapered, providing a secure head-to-handle assembly.

Our **NECK** is stylish with its octagon-shaped design.

The **CHEEKS** frame the face.

The most effective **CLAW** sports double bevels that provide clearance for nail heads and allow a firm grip on nails of any size.

Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. General Meeting November 25th 2009

Meeting Opened at 7.00 pm. Chaired by President John Hawkins.

John thanked all for attending.

Present:- As per the attendance book. (15) **Guest Speaker:-** Apology from Colin pond.

Apologies:- Barry Long, John Hanrahan, Sandra Hamblen, Col & Dorothy Hanbridge, Len Harrison, Colin Pond and Errol Cutting

Moved By:- David Ross **Seconded By:-** Ray King. That they be acceptedCarried

President John advised that our speaker Colin Pond was an apology and he would be giving a demo on the club scroll saw. Short talks by John Daniel and Ray King would follow.

Pres John explained that he had tried to modify the club saw to take pinless blades but had been unsuccessful so our saw is limited really to outside cutting only. John gave some quick pointers on how we should attempt to use and set up the saw then handed over to members who endeavoured to emulate John effort with varying degrees of success.

John Daniel showed us what looked to be a very simple jig but was very clever in as much as it allowed the job of placing the mounting pole through a plane handle to be achieved with great accuracy. John explained how he makes plane handles the types of timber used and a short history on the various shapes and sizes.

Ray King enlightened us all with his short talk on his early teaching years. Times have certainly changed since those days. We look forward to Ray continuing his story at another time.

Show & Tell:- Ted Batty presented a very well finished bowl of Red Gum the finish was Danish Oil Ted commented on how hard the Red Gum was. His Jacaranda vase showed that Ted has not given up on his vegetable dyes.

Pres John presented a scroll saw box of Red Cedar that looked really nice, he had been inspired to make it after our band saw box demo. John informed us the box is on its way to America. The finish was Wattle stain and varnish in Mahogany John discussed problems with the finish with members..



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The Minutes:-

From last GM. meeting were accepted as circulated.. **Moved:-** John Daniel ... **Seconded:-** Barry Long Carried.

Business Arising:- Nil.

Correspondence In:-

Kiama Council - Re First half year bookings for Old F. Stn. (Passed on to John Unwin.)
Kiama Council - Re change of access time to Old F. Stn. (Passed on to John Unwin.)
Kiama District Ministers Fraternal - Asking for donations/assistance with Carols in the Park.
Subscription Renewal to Australian Woodworker Magazine. (Cost \$46.50)
Australian Tax Office - Need to lodge returns.

Newsletters & Magazines:-

Cubby House News Nov., 2009.
The Hobby Turner Oct. 2009
Illawarra Woodworkers Nov. 2009
Milton Ulladulla Bowling Club Woodworkers - A Woodchip@ Nov. 2009
The Australian Woodworkers Mags for Oct and Dec. 2009.
TTTG. Mag. For August and Oct. 2009

Correspondence Out:- Nil.

Moved:- Joe White. **Seconded:-** Darren Keen. That the correspondence be accepted..... Carried.

Business Arising:-**Treasurers Report:-**

Pres John presented a written report from treasurer Dorothy Hanbridge.

Moved:- John Daniel . **Seconded:-** David Ross. that the report be accepted.

President Report:- A reminder to members about our Christmas get together on Saturday Night. Also the Shoalhaven Christmas Party on the first Sunday in December at Kangaroo Valley. Do we require Vincent Muller to play for us on the evening Yes. John Hawkins and John Daniel attended Kiama Council's grant presentation ceremony to receive our cheque. The two remaining pieces Cedar left over have been given to Ted Batty and John Unwin .

Expo Co-ordinator:-

Joe White - Micro Fine filter systems are trying to arrange local distributor to attend Expo. A Dremel@ still have not decided if they will attend . Security will be required overnight for Expo.

Co-Ordinator:- John Daniel advised that the hammer man Brian Pickett will be our guest speaker for January and Barry Ferguson a manual arts teacher at Kiama High will speak in February. Also John suggested that our group should endeavour to make our meetings more informal and have a more hands on approach and demonstrations. (Committee to discuss).

Co-Ordinator O. F. Stn.:-

John Unwin Cheque required for \$200 for Old F. Stn. Rental. Also club has been invited to visit Bush Furniture makers workshop at Tomerong. (Committee will discuss.)

Nation Scroll Saw event :- Problems with communications to members as no News Letter had been circulated. All going well at Kiama end.

General Business:-

Ted Batty will approach Col Hanbridge to see if music system used for Cedar Getters is available to be used in Old F, Stn over Christmas Period.
John Unwin asked for numbers for Kangaroo Valley (6). Will confirm on Saturday night.
John Hawkins Shoalhaven Group are endeavouring to arrange a Woodturning Day with guest Turners, we will be invited.
Sect Barry to contact Taxation Office re letter received.

The Meeting closed a 8:53pm.

Pres John wished all members a Happy and very safe Christmas.

Barry Mather