



# Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc

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## January 2011 Newsletter

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**Meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Kiama High School:-Next Meeting 26/1/11**

### FROM THE PRESIDENTS SAW

Well the holidays are over and we can all get back to whatever Normal is. The committee extends a "Good 2011" wish to all. Unfortunately last year ended on a sad note with the passing of our Founding President John Hanrahan. I am pleased to say that our exhibiting OLF members unanimously decided to close during John's funeral service. Quite a good turn out of members farewelled John and formed an "Honour Guard" to escort him from the church. Also unfortunately John Unwin had an argument with his previously friendly lathe. Both are now recovering, but I wonder how long before John renews the friendship. Our next meeting falls on Australia Day, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. As it was suggested to cancel this meeting I took a quick vote one day at the OLF resulting in a 5 to 1 vote to hold the meeting. The exhibition at the OLF following Xmas was a great success. Kiama really is becoming a Tourist Mecca. Congratulations to our new coordinator on his first show. As reported last meeting Andy Keating, with Kiama Lions Club, is holding a fund raising night for "OPERATION SMILE" 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Pavilion and we have been invited to take part. I have invited Andy to talk to us about this at our Jan. meeting. (However he is a "Typical" Irishman and being Australia Day I make no guarantee he will arrive) The 163<sup>rd</sup> Kiama Show will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January. All entry forms *Must be with the Show secretary on or before Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. They cannot accept late entries.* The actual entry must be delivered to the Pavilion Thursday morning (Judging commences 11AM Thursday) and picked up before 11AM Sunday morning. Once again I must point out that we are sponsors of the Woodwork section and I appeal to all to make the effort and submit at least 1 entry. Phone me for more detail and entry forms if you want. The Kiama Independent is, as usual, have a special issue featuring the show. This year they are going to feature the Pavilion exhibits and exhibitors. We will be included in this.

See you at the meeting  
John aka Ted

<p><b><u>Rolling Events Calendar</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kiama Show 28th 29th Jan</li><li>• OPERATION SMILE 11<sup>th</sup> March</li><li>• March 2011 Expo</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Guest Speaker</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andy Keating of Kiama Lions Club</li></ul>
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### Successful Old Fire Station Sales

The Kiama Woodcraft sales and exhibition during the Christmas New Year week seemed very successful for all that entered items for sale. A steady stream of customers and visitors ensured the wrapping counter was being well utilised, although some of the wrapped items looked a bit odd, however they remained protected until they left the store! Overall I think most of the members sold well, the tables certainly were looking very empty towards the last days of the sale. Congratulations to Ted Batty on his maiden voyage with the setting up and the organisation throughout the week. I guess we should also say thank you to all the foot soldiers that assisted with their labour setting up tables and the cleanup. We seemed to have plenty of helpers through the week to talk to visitors and to man the till, John Daniel's traditional tools (not sure who's tradition though) and Mike Tikkeros' carvings attracted a lot of interest too. Len Harrison also struck up a friendship with a very interesting woman that purchased one of his works, she certainly made some last minute buys on the day! The cow survived living at the entrance, although it did block the doorway a little when we had hordes of visitors. All in all a job well done.



### **A Tribute to John Hanrahan**

With John Hanrahan's death on 23rd December, our Woodcraft Group lost not only the Club's foundation President but one of the solid pillars of so many endeavours of our Club.

With John Unwin and the late Joan Addison as the initial driving forces for the forming of our Club seventeen years ago, we were indeed fortunate then to have John lead us in our formative years. We became, and hopefully still are, more than just individuals working on wood. John made sure that teaching, learning from each other, interacting with the community and contributing to the community, were all aspects of our Club's activities.

Newer members might not realise the extent of John's reputation as a skilled craftsman, especially as a woodturner. His work is seen all over and he earned a number of awards.



His “Craftsman in Residence” stints at “Sails’ Complex at Uluru illustrated the regard in which he was held. On his return to Kiama after some years on Bribie Island, John became President again, and, even when his health became increasingly precarious, never stopped contributing to the Club. Even in his last months, his interest in the Club and individual members never flagged. His polite doggedness and insistence of members considering his ideas (which always characterised his nature!) continued to the very end.

We are the poorer for his passing



### **Errol Cutting**

On another sad note we also lost Errol Cutting last year, Errol was a pretty quiet member that joined the club a number of years ago. Errol took charge of the club’s machinery and was starting to turn out some nice bowls which he presented at the club show and tell time.

## **Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. General Meeting 24th November 2010**

Meeting Opened at..07:00 And was chaired by Ted Hawkins.

Present:- As per the attendance book. ( 13 )

Guest Speaker: David Lee.

Apologies: John Jenkins, Ray King, Darren Keen and Barry Mather.

Moved By :- David Ross Seconded By :- Enn Muller apologies be accepted.....Carried

**Show & Tell:-**

Ted Batty: Ted heard the sound of a chain saw and had to investigate, an Elder tree hit the ground and Ted ended up with nice colourful wood. Results from one piece - 2 bowls thanks to his bowl saver, 2 bangles and 2 earrings (saved from off cuts) and a pendant - frugal Ted used the sawdust for mulch.

Tony Walsh: Made an interesting "band saw box" with a secret compartment. The puzzle was to dismantle it, and for one member to reassemble it. Well done.

Barry Long: Barry showed how "out of date" Silicon sealant can be used for cleaning out clogged abrasive paper. Barry is thinking all the time.

To Loosz: Completed three Camphor Laurel bowls started by his father in law. The bowls were quite large and were impressive - now claimed by his family.

John Hawkins: John showed us some interesting gear wheels transferring motion from one to the other. Circular to circular, Polygon to polygon, Triangle to triangle, Oval to square etc.

John must of had a bit of spare time on his hands.

Guest Speaker:-David Lee

**The Minutes:-**

From last GM. meeting were accepted as circulated.. Moved ..... & Seconded .....  
Carried

Business Arising :- Nil.

**Correspondence In:-**

Combined Churches Kiama - Carols in the Park.

The Australian Woodworker Magazine - Subscription Renewal.\$46.50

Kiama Council - Application for 1st Half year bookings 2011.

Kiama Council - Mayor's Giving Tree.

Kiama Council - Nominations for Australia Day Awards 2011.

Kiama High School - Thank You for donation towards presentation night.

**Newsletters & Magazines:-**

Illawarra Woodworkers Group Inc. - November 2010 Newsletter.

The Hobby Turner - October 2010 Newsletter.

Milton Ulladulla Bowling Club - Woodchips November 2010 Newsletter.

Tasmanian Native Timbers Info on timbers available.

Cubby House News November 2010

Australian Woodworker Magazine #154 December 2010.

**Correspondence out:-**

Sympathy Card to Col Wiggins.

Thank you to Gordon Elford - For loan of "The Hannah Cabinet" DVD.

Moved :- .....Seconded :- ..... That the correspondence be accepted.  
Carried

Business Arising :- Nil.

Treasurers Report:-

Treas. Dorothy Hanbridge submitted her report and moved that the report be accepted seconded Ted Batty.

Expo Co-ordinator:-

Mike Tikkeros:- In Mikes absence John Daniel showed the Expo. Layout. Three tables left to fill. Mike following it up.

Co-Ordinator:-

John Jenkins:- In Johns absence John Daniel reported that a speaker should be available for January. Ted Hawkins suggested members could speak on experiences in their lives.

Co-Ordinator O. F. Stn.:-

Ted Batty :- Much discussion on “Cow”. 8am setup on Tues. 28th December.

General Business:-

Craft sales Mount Terry Primary School Dec. 2nd .

Christmas Party, bring plate to share 6pm. Start.

Brian Burgess has Pine entertainment unit to give away. Good timber source.

Don't Nowra Christmas Party.

Bandsaw Blades, Tony Walsh suggested Henry Saws at Mc Graths Hill Windsor as a good source. Economical and good, thanks to Tony for the details.

John Hawkins placed Expo. Add in Aust. Woodworker Magazine.

Show entry forms from Ted at Fire Stn after Christmas. We were reminded that the Kiama Show is having its 163rd Birthday and is worthy of our support.

Col Hanbridge was congratulated on the fine job on the “Life Membership” certificate to be presented to Col Wiggins. Col Hanbridge needs to watch out, his talents may be expected in the future.

A large thank you to John Daniel for compiling these minutes in my absence.

The Meeting closed at 8:54pm.

Barry Mather.