



# Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc

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## April 2018 Newsletter

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**Meetings at 7 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Kiama High School:-Next Meeting 25/4/2018**

### Rolling Events Calendar

- Kiama WG OFS Sales TBA
- Sydney Working with Wood Show
- Illawarra Festival of Wood:-October 2018

### Guest Speakers

- Bring along a piece of timber you like working with and discuss why? Or, bring along something you have made to discuss.

### **CLOTHING ORDERS**

Both of the new club shirts will be available for collection at this months meeting (Wednesday 25th April) so please be prepared to part with some finances. As I'll be away on holiday for the May meeting your next opportunity will be the June get together. Many thanks Tony

### **Beefwood**

There was some discussion at a recent meeting regarding Beefwood, John Daniel submitted the information about his timber at the end of the newsletter. Perhaps we could all find out some interesting facts about our favorite timbers and share it with the members. My favourite timber is one that doesn't end up as firewood, I seem to get a lot of that wood?

### **From the Vault**

This photo was taken November 2014, looks like the back bench was up to no good again, or rather Mike Tikkeros was sharing some of his neighborly wisdom.

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## Roundup discussion of Superfoot Entries.

A lot of last month's meeting was devoted to the submitted entries of the 2018 Superfoot competition. This is always an interesting finale to the KW Expo and certainly reveals the depth of woodcraft ability our members have and their ingenuity to transform a lonely piece of wood into some truly remarkable works of art. The hours taken to complete these pieces, is testament to the degree of patience and pride these KW members have to initially think of something to make and then follow it through to completion. Job well done! This year's winners, Tony Wash and John Daniel are pictured below receiving their winning cheques.



Above, John Daniel received the "Popular Choice award."



Left, Tony Walsh received "First Place".



## **Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. – General Meeting**

**Kiama High School, 7:00 pm 28 March 2018**

**Present:** As per the attendance book (12 members)

**Guests:** Robert Wallis

**Apologies:** D Keen

- Moved D Collins, seconded B Keen that apologies be accepted

### **Ask The Expert:**

- The topic of finishes for wooden knife handles was raised. General consensus was to use a mineral or paraffin oil finish, and then polish with beeswax.

### **Show And Tell:**

- Each entrant in the Club Challenge displayed their piece, described the process of designing and constructing it, and answered questions from the other members.
- T Walsh was awarded the first place prize.
- J Daniel was awarded the popular choice prize.

### **Minutes:**

- Moved J Hanna, seconded M Purcell that the minutes of the previous general meeting be accepted as circulated.

### **Business Arising:**

- None.

### **Correspondence In:**

- None.

### **Correspondence Out:**

- None.

Moved D Collins, seconded M Purcell that correspondence be accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- T Walsh presented the Treasurer's report (NFP).
- Moved T Walsh, seconded L Harrison that the report be accepted.

### **Expo Coordinator:**

- The Club Expo was a very successful event, with good attendance and a high level of interest from the public.
- The timber supplier is interested in coming back again next year.
- The hall has been re-booked for the same weekend next year (9/10 March 2019) – the same weekend as the Kiama Jazz Festival.
- All three raffle prizes were won by locals, saving on postage costs.
- Thanks to D Bywater and all involved in making the Expo such a successful event.

### **Fire Station:**

- Kiama Council has still not released Fire Station Gallery allocations/dates.

### **Coordinator:**

- April meeting will be on Anzac Day. All members please bring along a sample of a type of timber you like, and a finished piece made from that timber, to spur general discussion.
- At the May meeting, T Batty will demonstrate his DIY positive respirator.

### **General Business:**

- Club shirt orders are ready to go in.
- The current Sturt show is on until April 8.
- T Batty gave a quick rundown of the recent Turnfest, which included someone turning animal skulls – search YouTube if you're curious!

**Badge Draw:** Won by D Collins

**Refreshments For Next Meeting:** D Collins

**Committee Meeting:** The next KWG Committee meeting is Thursday 29 March, 8:30am at Amaki Cottage in Kiama.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

## **Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. – Executive Committee Meeting**

## **Amaki Cottage, 8:30 am 29 March 2018**

**Present:** T Walsh, J Daniel, T Batty, D Collins, D Bywater

**Apologies:** D Keen

**Minutes:** Moved J Daniel, seconded T Walsh that the minutes of the previous executive committee meeting be accepted.

### **Business Arising:**

- Club clothing – sufficient numbers of members were interested to warrant going ahead with the orders.
- The new club bandsaw performed well at the Expo, and is now available for members to borrow.
- D Collins to ask T Hawkins whether he has a copy of the club asset register, so it can be updated and the bandsaw added to it.
- D Collins printed up the new Club name badges and handed them out at the Expo.
- D Collins to add information about the club bandsaw and the club lathe to the new members pack.
- The Club needs a policy on the borrowing of equipment:
  - Length of time
  - Instruction, both safety and technical, from an experience member
  - Prepare a handout of useful references to assist borrowers – e.g. recommended books from the Club library, web links, YouTube instructional videos, etc
  - Who can borrow equipment – only financial club members
- The display of the Club Challenge entries in the Kiama Library was very well received. The library is keen to host another display – perhaps in the leadup to the next Fire Station sale?
- In addition to the Bugle and Independent, Kiama Tourism should be notified about future Club events. Other avenues such as Facebook etc should also be explored.

### **General Business:**

- Discussed the need for suitable safety screens to use when demonstrating to the public. T Walsh has been investigating options such as Perspex, mesh, etc. He has called for ideas from members.
- The Club Expo was a great success – great job in organising by D Bywater.
  - Discussed how to encourage more members to submit entries in the Club Challenge – e.g. have a theme, re-introduce the novice category, provide a pro-forma for entries.
  - Next time we will consider having full-colour posters and flyers printed by somewhere like OfficeWorks, similar to those used by the Carvers for their events.
- T Walsh gave apologies in advance for the May meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:30 am.



## 'BEEFWOOD'

### *Grevillea Striata*

*Grevillea Striata*, commonly known as *Beefwood* is a small tree or shrub of the Proteaceae family which grows from 3m to a maximum of 15m tall. It is widely distributed throughout central and northern Australia and can be found in all mainland states except Victoria.



*Beefwood* grows in the arid savannah country of the Mt Carbine Tablelands, north of Mareeba in Far North Queensland.

The name *Beefwood* was assigned by the early settlers who thought the intense red colour of its heartwood resembled a piece of beef.

A long-lived tree, one *Beefwood* tree still stands in NSW bearing an inscription from 1845 carved into its trunk which commemorates the death of James Poole, a member of Charles Sturt's party who died of scurvy.

Hard, dense and durable timber, *Beefwood* was traditionally used by Indigenous Australians for making shields, spear shafts and spear-throwers, whilst the sap was used for medicinal purposes and for cement.

Due to its durability *Beefwood* has been used for fencing and by skilled craftsmen in woodturning, cabinet-making and furniture manufacture and in crafting decorative artefacts.

**Sources:** Wikipedia, lucidcentral.org, Queensland Herbarium, Queensland Dept Environment and Heritage Protection.



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