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Meetings at 7 pm 4th Wednesday of each month at Kiama High School:-Next Meeting 23/5/2018

Rolling Events Calendar

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

Guest Speakers

- Ted Batty, DIY dust respirator.

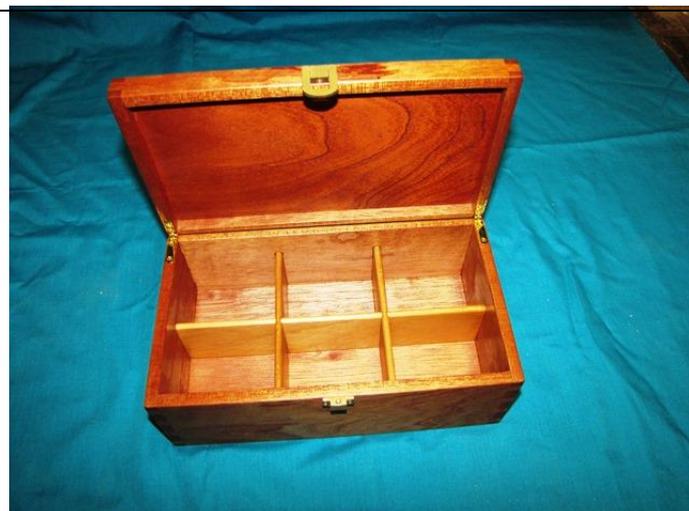
April KWG Presentations.

At the April meeting, we were asked to bring along some specimens of your favourite timber or a finished piece or work that showcased the timber of choice. David Bywater gave an interesting talk about the ways he comes into timber from a variety of people and places he frequents. The take home message was that recycling was a great way to find timber that is destined to the fire place or local tip. So keep your eyes peeled for that junk on the kerbside clean-ups, it could be you next masterpiece. Joe White brought along a wonderful Australian Cedar bowl showing of some spectacular fiddle back grain similar to the pistol box John Daniel presented below. Actually I was quite impressed with Ted Batty's coffee bean inspired resin pen, this looks like a great seller for the coffee fanatics around the world.

Show and Tell



David Bywater, Twinning's Tea caddy



Tea so popular, there's none left?



David Bywater's navel game "Uckers" or is this art work?



David Bywater timber trove.



John Daniels pistol box, great stuff.



John still has his honor!



Ted Batty's coffee bean pen, get that caffeine fix anywhere.



Ted Batty, camphor laurel eggs and bowl



Ted Batty, resin threaded box, nice.



Joe White's beautiful Australian Red Cedar bowl, time to turn that second one Joe!

Mick's Library News May 2018.

The following items are new additions to the Library;

The Australian Woodworker – Issue No 199.
Australian Woodsmith – Issue No 141.

David Bywater, Expo news and more! (Verbatim)

I was talking to Luke Reurich of All Class Timber Services today. He was very happy with his timber sales at our Expo. He will be delighted to participate in our Expo next year. He also spoke about his reorganisation of his business and an upcoming auction of excess tools, machinery and timber slabs. The auction will be online through Gray's and will start in the next few weeks, so anyone interested should take a look. When he has set it up, he will send a link and I can pass that on to our group.

'HARDWOOD' AND 'SOFTWOOD' DEFINED (Just in case you wanted to know)

The essential structural difference between the two timber types is that Hardwoods have vessels or pores when seen magnified in cross-section, and Softwoods do not. The two types are sometimes termed "pored" and "non-pored".

Normally a magnifying glass is required to see the vessels in the end-grain of hardwood - they will then be seen to be visibly larger than the surrounding tissue. These vessels are arranged in different patterns, depending on the species group; they make hardwood species-differentiation much easier than for softwoods.

The main visual elements of softwoods, tracheids, are very similar in appearance, making softwood species differentiation much harder, even with the aid of a microscope. Resin canals in softwoods may be confused with vessels. Fibre (including the tracheids) makes up about 90% of the wood volume of softwoods. Hardwoods have much less fibre: about 10 to 20% is represented by vessels.

In general, the term 'hardwood' applies to woods from deciduous and evergreen, broad-leaved trees, or dicotyledons. It does not mean 'hardness' in the normal sense, but is a botanical classification. Usually, the timber from broad-leaved trees is harder and heavier than that from needle-leaved trees (conifers), but there are plenty of exceptions to the rule. For example, the lightest-known woods are termed 'hardwoods'.

Hardwoods are more complex, being of more recent evolution. They occur in all climate types where trees grow. They bear seed-containing fruit and come from the botanical group called Angiosperms.

Softwoods generally come from coniferous or needle-leaved trees. They are simpler in structure and more ancient than hardwoods. They grow mainly in temperate and cool climates and comprise about 600 species. They are non-porous and come from the botanical group called Gymnosperms

Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. – General Meeting
Kiama High School, 7:00 pm 25 April 2018

Present: As per the attendance book (12 members)

Guests: none

Apologies: none

- Moved D Collins, seconded D Bywater that apologies be accepted

Ask The Expert:

- T Batty brought in photos of a stool of unusual design, but no members had any ideas as to its purpose.

Show And Tell:

- D Bywater brought in a board he had made for a game popular among navy folk, “Ukkers”. He had laser-cut the board from several different timbers, and made the playing pieces from .50 calibre shells. He also showed a tea storage box made from recycled timber, and some examples of scavenged/recycled timber.
- J Daniel showed a cedar pistol case and a piece of beef wood (*grevillea longifolia*).
- J White showed a bowl turned from Australian red cedar.
- T Batty showed some camphor laurel turned eggs, a bowl, and turned screw-top boxes with threads cleverly cut from resin.

Minutes:

- Moved T Hawkins, seconded D Bywater that the minutes of the previous general meeting be accepted as circulated.

Business Arising:

- None.

Correspondence In:

- The Traditional Tools Group newsletter.

Correspondence Out:

- None.

Moved M Furness, seconded T Loosz that correspondence be accepted.

Treasurer’s Report:

- T Walsh presented the Treasurer’s report (NFP).
- Moved T Walsh, seconded J Daniel that the report be accepted.

Expo Coordinator:

- Nothing to report at this stage.

Fire Station:

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

Coordinator:

- At the May meeting, T Batty will demonstrate a positive respirator you can make yourself.
- Michael from Forward Computers will present a slide show of primitive tools and implements.

General Business:

- Club clothing arrived, has mostly been distributed and monies collected.
- T Walsh will be away next meeting, all accounts are in order and pre-paid where needed.
- The club was saddened to hear of the passing of Bruce Leadbeatter on 20-4-2018, aged 90. Bruce developed and manufactured the Leady lathe, and had numerous other woodworking inventions to his name.

Badge Draw: Won by J Daniel

Refreshments For Next Meeting: J Daniel

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.