



Have yourself a Merry 'whittle' Christmas!



Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc

 **Merry Christmas**

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Meetings at 7 pm 4th Wednesday of each month at Kiama High School:-Next Meeting 23/11/2017

<u>Rolling Events Calendar</u>	<u>Guest Speakers</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas/New OFS sales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

CLUB MEMBERSHIP. Annual subscriptions are now overdue for 9 club members. So please, contact our treasurer A.S.A.P. either at the November club night meeting 14th or by phone, even if you no longer wish to stay.

CLUB CHALLENGE. There are only two pieces of 'Blackwood' left for the 2017-18 challenge. First in best dressed and still only \$10 to participate.

W.H.S. SAFETY POLICY. Most club members now have their copy. Tony will be phoning the remaining members to either collect or deliver a copy. During the first half of 2018 we will review the document to update the membership and committee lists plus ask for members comments about the policy. There may well be later technical information, best practice or even incorrect information that should be addressed. Please make a note (over the next few months) of any concerns or alterations you think should be discussed.

Mick's Library News November 2017

The following items are new additions to the library;
The Australian Woodworker - Issue No.196

Reminder, at last month's meeting I asked members to return all items they have borrowed from the Library, this will enable me to close off the old Library book and use the new forms. If you still wish to borrow the item just sign it back in via the old book and borrow it again using the new forms. Thank you for your co-operation.

Kiama Woodcraft Prize Winner 2017

Dominic Cooper, Wood Technology student at Kiama High School, was the recipient of the Kiama Woodcraft Group's prize for Excellence in Design and Craftsmanship.

Kiama High School has always had the reputation for quality education and Dominic and his fellow students are to be congratulated for pursuit of excellence in the 'Class of 2017'.



Checking Your Internet Speed

As the switch over to the NBN comes closer, we have been encouraged to max the change before Feb 2018 as the old copper connection will be turned off. We have been promised high speed internet, so I was curious to know what my current speed is with my existing ADSL2 line. You can check this at www.speedtest.net, there are lots of other sites to use also. It is highly recommend using the latest version of Firefox, Safari or Chrome as your internet browser, though recent versions of Internet Explorer will work as well. I tested my connection and it was running at only 5.5 Mbps, however this may change during different time of the day and could be lower or higher. This is pretty slow by NBN standards, although there seems to be a lot of disappointment by those whom have already made the move to the NBN. Unfortunately the speeds advertised by OPTUS, Telstra etc only provide the maximum speed for the plan chosen and not the average speed you'll actually receive which is generally very much slower. I'm sure there is going to be more said about this as we approach the deadline for the forced NBN connection.

Show and Tell



John Daniel, river red gum and tile



Ted Batty burl bowl and progeny via the bowl saver.



Ted Batty's collection of resin works.



Have a Merry Christmas everyone, hopefully all your wishes will materialize, be safe and remember to retain your sense of humor. See you at the last meeting for the year.

Tom Loosz



Once a carpenter, always a carpenter.

Kiama Woodcraft Group Inc. – General Meeting

Kiama High School, 7:00 pm 25 October 2017

Present: As per the attendance book (15 members)

Guests: None

Apologies: J Hanna, D Ross

- Moved M Purcell, seconded D Collins that apologies be accepted

Ask The Expert:

- T Batty brought in an unusual lathe tool, unsure what it was made for.

Show And Tell:

- J Daniel brought in a Snowy River red gum pot stand with a red flowering gum ceramic insert.
- T Batty showed a turned burl bowl, jaguar box (banksia cone in resin), gumnuts cast in resin (keychains).

Presentation:

- No speaker, extended tea break.

Minutes:

- Moved L Harrison, seconded J Daniel that the minutes of the previous general meeting be accepted as circulated.

Business Arising:

- D Collins to contact the Kiama Show Society about the Club's annual donation.

Correspondence In:

- Enquiry about T Walsh's boxes, sent reply.
- Enquiry about carved wooden "comfort birds", to forward to Carvers.
- Email from Graeme Turner, sent reply.
- Remittance advice from Kiama Council.
- Australian Wood Review magazine (WoodReview.com.au) email about listing club events, forwarded to Expo coordinator.
- Enquiry about Christmas sale dates, awaiting notification from Kiama Council.

Correspondence Out:

- Emailed KHS notification of J Hanna as security officer.
- Enquiry to Kiama Show Society about annual donation/prizes, received form.
- J Daniel sent thanks to Will Evans from Evalock.

Moved J Daniel, seconded T Hawkins that correspondence be accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Expo Coordinator:

- Not much new to report.
- Expo notice went into Australian Wood Review magazine.

Fire Station:

- No dates yet, hoping to know early December.

Coordinator:

- Very good rollup to Evalock. The tour went very well, and they enjoyed showing us around.
- Lots of members attended the Bulli Celebration of Wood, with a lot of very positive feedback.

General Business:

- M Purcell has printed up a new library register – please return any outstanding books so he can close off the old register.
- The Sturt Gallery has the Sturt School For Wood annual graduating exhibition from 18 Nov – 3 Dec. Details: <http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/app-announcements/next-exhibition>

Badge Draw: Won by D Bywater.

Refreshments For Next Meeting: M Purcell

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

