



Woodies Newsletter

February 2021

Welcome to this month's edition.

A lot has happened since the last newsletter and, with our AGM next month, there is a lot coming up – read on!

Life Member **Bill Garvin**, an active member of Woodies, has been moved from his home into residential care following a bad fall and time spent in a Sydney hospital over Christmas. A working bee was organised last month to clear Bill's workshop so that his sisters could put the house on the market to pay for Bill's ongoing care. A home has also been found for his beloved dog Betty, sadly not in Bathurst but her new owner has assured Bill that she will send through regular updates for him. Bill appears to have settled in well to Macquarie Care, has received a number of visitors already, and has also been brought back to visit us at the Woodies. We are hoping to organise lifts so he can come to us each week.

Bill Garvin and his dog Betty



Thank you **Garth**

Since my last newsletter Vice President Garth Innes has formally resigned from CTW. We regret but understand the reasons for his decision. We hope he will be able to return to the Woodies before too long.

Hearing Loss

At our meeting this month we welcomed Guest Speaker Anne Redding who reminded us of the importance of protecting whatever hearing we have left by wearing ear muffs whenever working around noisy machines in the workshop. We are endeavouring to re-organise the layout of the workshop so that most of these machines are located in the machinery workshop, rather than in the Bob Bennett workshop.

Hearing loss and woodwork is linked. To quote from: *Woodworkers Ask Can You Hear This Now?* (Woodworkers network)

“W&WP: Do woodworking companies have special characteristics to address in regards to hearing protection and hearing loss?

Witt (Audiologist Brad Witt): There are two factors that make noise particularly hazardous in the woodworking industry. The **first** is the worker's proximity to the noise source. In woodworking, the high noise source is often just an arm's length away from the operator's ear, not across the room or down the hall. **Secondly**, the intermittent nature of the noise makes it deceptively hazardous. Workers might feel they don't need protection since they are only going to be on the machine for "just a minute." **But those one-minute noise exposures, multiplied many times throughout the day, are enough to take away the hearing.**”

https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/articles/woodworkers_ask_can_you_hear_thi_s_now_127692958.html

Last orders for Woodies shirts and eye muffs – if you are interested, please get your orders to Ian J (for shirts) and Doug (for eye muffs) before close on Sunday.



CTW turns 31!

Bathurst City Life recorded the cake cutting celebrating the club's 31st birthday

. The photo shows current president, Elizabeth Forbes, and life member, Michael Nassar, cutting the cake at the February general meeting.

https://issuu.com/bathurstcitylife/docs/354_bcl_20210224_web?ff

Show and Tell

Our members continue to be busy:

Diane has made a cover for her daughter's air conditioning unit



Graham has completed the back for his garden seat and completed two chests of drawers.





Dick Smith has crafted 12 new knife handles



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First image showing the original, badly finished mahogany and the badly treated plastic mother of pearl handles in disrepair. These were replaced with new mahogany handles; they look exquisite.

John Troller's ingenious pot holder



I think you will agree that we have some incredibly gifted craftspeople here at the Woodies.

What's coming up?

Our AGM is on Sunday 21st March when all positions will be declared vacant and a new committee and executive elected. Please make every effort to attend.



Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail

This was cancelled last year because of COVID, but is scheduled for the weekend of 10-11 April. We have been invited to display and demonstrate our skills up at the Research Station – it's a great opportunity to showcase our work.

Finally, I received a wonderful email from Rob, which I set out in full below

Dear Ms Forbes,

Firstly, I must apologise for writing you a somewhat unsolicited email, from the far side of the globe...

However, last year, as I studiously cleared out the Junk mail folder on my Mac, I started to notice that there was a monthly news update from the Woodies Gmail.

Since I use the machine for work, as a software engineer, at first, I took care not to open them but just delete them.

However, when they kept coming and the email previews looked interesting, I started to read them.....I might be wrong but you don't look like a 'bot to me.

Indeed, as they say here in Northern Ireland, I've really enjoyed 'the craic'; partly looking at the very fine woodwork that your group turns out and partly because it was a gentle slice of life 'Down Under'.

(Not that I was ever a 'Neighbours' fan, you understand.)

The coffee table and wood bowl in this month's newsletter are very good, although Phil H's 'Mini Moke' appeals to the engineer in me.

Sadly, though, I think I'd better let you know that there is an issue with your Google Group membership, partly because your personal email addresses are in the newsletter and partly because, if I'm getting your emails, then another member of your group might not be.

Hence, I had better do the honourable thing and 'unsubscribe'; although, before I do, in recompense for your views of Australia in summer, here is a view of our winter, at Slemish Mountain, Co. Antrim, where St. Patrick worked as a boy:



(Not Uluru/Ayers Rock but as close as we get, here.)

Regards

Rob Ware

I'm sorry! there may well be a number of you who are unintended recipients of our newsletters, and we clearly need to revisit our database. If you're happy to keep hearing our news there's no need to do anything, but if you'd rather not, please either send me an email or take steps to unsubscribe or whatever you need to do – we won't take offence!

Talk to you again next month
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