

Special Edition Newsletter

October 2020



DEDICATION OF THE BILL RIGNEY MEMORIAL WORKSHOP
AND HIGHLIGHTS OF
THE CENTRAL TABLELANDS WOODCRAFT OPEN DAY
HELD ON SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020





Recollections of Bill from Dick Smith (extracts of which were used by John McMahon in his address)

“Most members will have known Bill as long as each has been a member, and would have found him a good mate and clubman. He was a quiet achiever and a friend to all and was always there. I met Bill when I joined the club in the nineties and found him to be most welcoming, easy to get to know and helpful with advice on the ways of the woodcraft. He told me that he had been a window dresser for the Western Stores and before I knew Bill I had often admired the artistry and imagination of his work in those shop windows. His artistic talent shows up in his work at Woodies in his models and sculptures.

I visited Bill at his home on one or two occasions when I needed advice on scroll saw blades or some tool or technique and found him most welcoming into his little cubby house workshop which was so full of his windmills and outback artistry and unique tools. Bill showed his great love and respect for Grace, who was a constant support to him at the shows, in his work and in his illness. They really enjoyed cruising the Pacific together and would have done it all again if they could. Bill was full of enthusiasm for that new way of having a holiday. We will all miss the Rigneys.

I liked Bill and had great respect and admiration for the

quiet way he did his share of the running of the Club as a member of the management or a clubman contributor to woodies events. I looked forward to having a yarn with him whenever we came in contact... It was nice to sit down to think and write about pleasant times with Bill and to share those thoughts with you. Best regards, Dick Smith”





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# Open Day 2020







# Bathurst Gardeners' Club Plant and Garden Expo



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Behind the scenes clean up



A MESSAGE FROM GARTH:

THANKS to my team of cleaners who worked their hearts out cleaning the Clubrooms last Saturday (24th), a HUGE thanks to you all – Jim and Bob C who swept, tidied, vacuumed and stacked things in the Bill Rigney Memorial Workshop; Paul R who vacuumed and tidied the machine shop all on his own. Peter B who helped everywhere, particularly shoving and lifting the heavy gear.

Peter, Bob, Jim and Paul, you did a fantastic job and I truly appreciate the help.

The Club looked fantastic.

Also a HUGE thanks to my barbeque team, Diane and Peter B who did a sterling job under very trying weather conditions. They did, however, have the warmest job of the day.

Thanks again, Garth.



WOODIES OF THE MONTH

It would be invidious for me to single out one person for this particular accolade, as you have all been absolutely amazing.

- Thank you to those who turned up to ‘wave the flag’ or who brought items to sell on the day
- Thank you to all those who showed initiative and just got on with doing whatever needed to be done, without asking (too numerous to name).
- Thank you to those who started the clean up on the Friday (Graham and Michael H), and those people who helped gather up all that was needed for our stall at Berry Park on the Saturday
- Thank you Allan R for being the first to turn up, both days, at 7am to get things set up
- Thank you Paddy for likewise arriving early on the Sunday to help re-organise the lay out (given the wet weather)
- Thank you Michael H for making jam drops for morning tea.
- Thank you Bob C for putting together the Bill Rigney collage and for being our roving photographer- and for sorting out all the containers of nuts and bolts, screws and nails...
- Thank you Bob B for bringing in some of your incredible woodwork for us to put on display in the Bill Rigney Memorial Workshop.
- Thank you Phil H for also bringing in items of interest and for your assistance in the impromptu tool repair workshop.
- Thank you Peter S and Ian S for quietly helping wherever needed, whether the tool repair workshop, clearing and washing up at the end.
- Thank you John McM for your wonderful speech at the BRMW dedication.
- Thanks to ‘the 2 Johnnies’ (McM & T) for your wit in selling and your spruiking for the Woodies Open Day at the Plant and Garden Expo at Berry Park on the Saturday – it kept everyone smiling, in spite of the rain.
- Thanks to Treasurer Ian J for committing to your usual 40 minute journey and spending 2 long days as cashier –taking money for items sold, for raffle tickets, new membership enquiries etc etc
- Thank you Jim, Ian J, Dick S and Garth for making garden related items for us to sell at the Plant and Garden Expo at Berry Park
- Thank you to all who came down to see us at Berry Park in the rain on the Saturday
- Thank you Dick S for providing fond memories of Bill Rigney
- My thanks to everyone already mentioned by Garth
- And finally, my thanks to Garth who helped mastermind the entire weekend and who managed to be in 2 places at once on the Saturday – setting up and packing up at Berry Park on the Saturday and overseeing the clean up of the clubhouse – and doing it all again at the clubhouse on the Sunday.

YOU WERE ALL AWESOME – THANK YOU SO MUCH

Elizabeth
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