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The Woodworkers

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Welcome to 2005!

Your Chairman trusts that you and yours had a very enjoyable Christmas and are looking forward to a highly productive 2005! With the celebrations behind you no doubt this letter finds you in the midst of the "Jobs which I've put off 'til Christmas but now have no more excuses." In the midst of all this utilitarian stuff I hope that your aesthetic and manual skills are being honed for some higher tasks, the Box Competition being one fine example.

Your Newsletter Editor, Michael McGrath, has been sent to South America. We trust that he returns in due course. In the meantime your well-rested, fed and watered Chairman has sent you this letter to keep you informed and to help get you off to an enthusiastic start to the New Year. 2005 will be a very big year for WWA!

Incidentally, thanks for all of the positive feedback on our Christmas Meeting. It was made a success by your good cheer, the very positive response to the 'show and tell' exhibition of members' recent works, Les Miller's enthusiastic, persuasive and effective auctioning style and Kim Larymore and Peter Dunn's excellent catering!

Leon Sadubin our February Guest Speaker

I am pleased to tell you that Leon Sadubin, one of the founders of WWA, will be our February guest speaker.

Leon's topic is the 'Joan Abela Commission'. Leon has now completed this private commission involving the design and production of some 20 pieces of free-standing furniture over a period of four years. He will tell us about this commission and will illustrate his talk with slides that have been professionally photographed.

Our February Meeting will be on Monday 7th February, 7 for 7.30pm until 9.30pm, at YourWorkshop, 75 Mary St, St Peters.

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Box Competition

At our February Meeting the Box Competition will be judged. All of the wood packs which were prepared by Phil Lake have been taken by members so we are expecting a very good response.

Briefly, the rules are that you must come up with your own design and produce a box from only the wood provided, except for the addition of things like glue, finishes and hardware.

It is an exciting challenge and I encourage you to make the effort. You have only four weeks from when you receive this letter!

Forests NSW our Home Show Sponsor

Forests NSW have agreed to be our sole sponsor for our stand at the Home Show which will be held at Darling Harbour from 12-15th May.

The principal product of this sponsorship will be the catalogue. This catalogue will be professionally designed and then produced under the supervision of Forests' own graphics people. This catalogue will be of high quality and will feature photographs of several recent works of each of the seven exhibitors, as well as their own bios and photos. A large sign will be suspended above the stand and this cite the sponsorship.

The organisers of the Home Show have confirmed that we have been given a stand of 63 square metres, in a prominent position and with raised floor, truss lighting and accessible from four sides. We again thank Phil Lake, aided by other committee members such as Rob Chapman and Warwick Wright, for his work on this strategically important project.

2005 Committee

At our April 4th meeting there will be an election of officebearers for 2005.

It is important that every member should consider becoming a committee member, even for just one year. Joining the committee is a rewarding thing to do as, being part of the 'engine room', you get to directly decide our direction on various matters and contribute directly to our success in projects such as exhibitions. I have enjoyed being your Chairman for 2004 but will be standing down, hopefully to make room for an exhibiting professional woodworker!

Happy finishing!

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