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Knox & District Woodworkers Club Inc.

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Ferntree Gully 3156

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President's Report



This President's Report opens on a sad note with the death of our Founding President, Alf Stephens.

Alf was a Member of the Dandenong Club with others in the Ferntree Gully and Hills area. In October 1988 a meeting was held in the Technical School, Upper Ferntree Gully and the Club was formed with Alf as President of the Ferntree Gully Woodworkers Club, meeting in the Technical School workshop. We later changed our name to the Knox and District Woodworkers Club after moving to our present location in Glenfern Road. Alf was the driving force to Start Kids' Corner at the Festivals and the expansion of the Club; willing to show and help Members where he could. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. When I last visited him at home, he gave me a list of what he would like to propose at the next Meeting. That list is enclosed in the Newsletter for your thoughts.

"Always to be remembered"

With the Knox Festival soon upon us, on March 20 - 21st we will be looking for volunteers to help with the "Kids' Corner", selling Rocking Horse Raffle Tickets on site and with displays at the Club Rooms, we would like Members to bring along articles for the display table.

On Saturday, 13th March we will be having a 'Working Bee' around the Club rooms. 8am start until ? Please feel free to come along. Many hands make light work and meet Members who do not attend the Club when you do.

The Hospital Auxiliary have taken over the Devonshire Teas this year and if anybody would like to help, Yvonne would appreciate it. Phone 9874 6757

Thank you and work safely,

Dave Howell President

Alf Stephens: Club Founder

During the late 70's and early 80's my regular escapades to McEwans on Burwood Highway were met with the buzz of power tools and the sound of hammers, from behind which came a voice of a man who enjoyed the task at hand.

Milled around his demonstration area would always find fascinated people of all ages and gender.

Yes, it was Alf Stephens, who week after week, drew shoppers around him like a magnet. Ever willing to answer questions from his audience. I was one of them.

In 1988 Alf attended a meeting of the Dandenong Woodworkers Club. Following this meeting Alf felt that there was a need for a Woodworkers Club in Ferntree Gully. He set about enlisting the help of local Councillors, Newspapers and the Principal of the local Technical School to organise a general meeting of interested people.

In October of 1988 the Ferntree Gully Woodworkers Club was formed and Alf was elected the Clubs' first President. The main aim of the Club being to share woodwork knowledge and skills with anyone interested.

From it's humble beginnings at Glenfern Technical School workshop rooms the Club moved to Glenfern Road, sharing part of the building with Placemakers (now our machine room.) At the same time the Clubs' name was changed to Knox and District Woodworker Club Inc.

Although no longer President, Alf did not stop working to improving the Club, behind the scenes or as a Committee Member, he worked tirelessly to achieve our objectives in improving our Club. Alf was able to increase the Clubs' machinery and tool stocks by taking advantage of grants offered by Governments and Council for initiatives towards Skillshare and work with the elderly and unemployed.

Alf's second term as President saw the completion and move into our current Club rooms. The instigator of 'Kids Corner' at the Knox Festival in March and Stringybark Festival in October, Alf was in his element when he was surrounded by the 'littlies' of the Community, bashing away at making 'their own' wooden toy or pencil case. Their joy was his joy.

It didn't stop with kids; if anyone had a question or needed help, Alf was always ready to give, with utmost enthusiasm.

When David Howell visited Alf during his final days, Alf pulled a pile of notes and a list of projects that he would like the Club to follow through.

Alf will always be with the Club.

Sergio Meilak

Knox & District Woodworkers Club Inc.

I would benefit by a more thorough understanding, inherent dangers, maintenance, etc, of the machines specified by a tick, in the appropriate boxes below.

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Scroll Saw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Turning Lathes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rip Saw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Router	<input type="checkbox"/>
Triton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grinders	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanders	<input type="checkbox"/>	Portable Saw	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drop Saw		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name

Date

6th – 8th March

Ballarat Woodworkers Guild Inc.

WOODCRAFT EXPO

Ballarat Civic Hall cnr Mair &
Doveton Streets, Ballarat
Exhibition, Sales & Demo's
for more information phone:

03 **5335 5994**

6th – 7th March

Woodturners of the Goulburn Valley

**FINE FURNITURE,
WOODWARE &**

WOODWORKING SHOW

Civic Centre, Welsford St. Shepparton
Exhibition, Sales & Demo's of
virtually every type of woodwork.

For more information phone:

03 **5831 1606**

6th - 7th March

Goulburn Region Woodworkers Inc

WOODCRAFT

EXHIBITION & SALE

No information available at time of printing.

For info time place etc. Phone:

02 **4821 1745**

13th, 14th March

Ornamental Turners Group of Australia

**NATIONAL ORNAMENTAL
TURNING SEMINAR &
WORKSHOP**

Hosted by: Peninsula Woodturners Guild
McClelland Gallery

McClelland Drive, Langwarrin

A program of workshops, demonstrations, dis-
cussions & other presentations arranged.

For more information phone:

03 **9587 1425**

Sunday 14th March

Maine Woodworkers Inc

1999 WOODIES

SWAP MEET

Trudgeons Road Welshmans
Reef, Vic. (near Castlemaine)

Buy sell and swap anything and every-
thing to do with wood and wood-
working. New & used tools & machin-
ery, timber, craft supplies, numerous
demonstrations, food and more.

The biggest and best event of
its type in Australia.

For info & Site bookings

Ph/Fax: 03 **5474 3086**

e-mail: ubeaut@netcon.net.au

19, 20 & 21 March

Wagga Wagga Turnabout

Borambola Sport & Rec Centre

(Sturt Highway 25K E of Wagga)

100 turners, 30 lathes, lots of
shavings. A woodturners delight.

Maximum 100 turners

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Expressions of interest to Paul Zalitis
(Riverina Woodworkers)

02 **6931 1187**

26th - 28th March

TIMBER & WORKING

WITH WOOD SHOW PERTH

Claremont Show Grounds

Anything & everything you can
imagine, to do with woodworking

All enquiries to:

02 **9712 5623**

28th March

Wimmera Woodturners

WOOD SHOW

Horsham Town Hall

10am – 5pm

Demonstrations galore, you will be
amazed at what you see.

Phone: 03 **5382 4585**

Smile Break



*Bidelonian woodturners hard at
work on a traditional lamp base.
(Sorry traditional street lamp base)*

Alf's Suggestions for 1999-2000

Woodturning Classes
Cabinet Making Classes
Wood Machining Classes (including emptying Dustbags)
First Aid Classes
Wood Carving Classes
Inter-Club Visits (Them to us and Us to them)
Limit Membership to 150
Social Evening Events
Day visits to Timber Mills
Be more self reliant . No more leaning on Council for hand-outs
Make up Kits for men and women in Hostels (Stools)
New toys for Kids' Corner. (Keep popular one's going)
A Club Cap to match Shirt and Jumper

Answers to Last Month's Quiz

Q1. How many eyes are there in a deck of 52 cards ?

A1. 42

Q2. What sport do more Australians participate in than any other ?

A2. Fishing

Q3. What is the minimum number of masts on a schooner ?

A3. Two

Q4. What did Don Bradman score in his last appearance as a test batsman ?

A4. A duck

Q5. What cricketer was named Western Australian sportsman of the year in 1975

A5. Rod Marsh

Q6. Who dominated her sport from 1962 to 1980, never losing a game ?

A6. Heather McKay

Q7. What are the two highest valued letters in Scrabble ?

A7. Q & Z

Q8. What are the clay targets in trap shooting called ?

A8. Pidgeons

Q9. Which Olympic games saw Australian swimmers win every freestyle and relay event ?

A9. Melbourne 1956

Q10. Who sponsored Gretel II's America's Cup challenge ?

A10. Sir Frank Packer

Executive Committee 1998/9

President David Howell 9 874 6757
Vice President..... Peter Sleeman ... 9 758 1390
Secretary Fred Moore 9 758 2207
Treasurer Dick Kors 9 729 1224
Committee Member ... Bruce Allen 9 754 5774
Committee Member Jannine Brown .. 9 762 1063

General Meetings

1st Wednesday of each Month, commencing at 7.30 pm

Workshop Hours

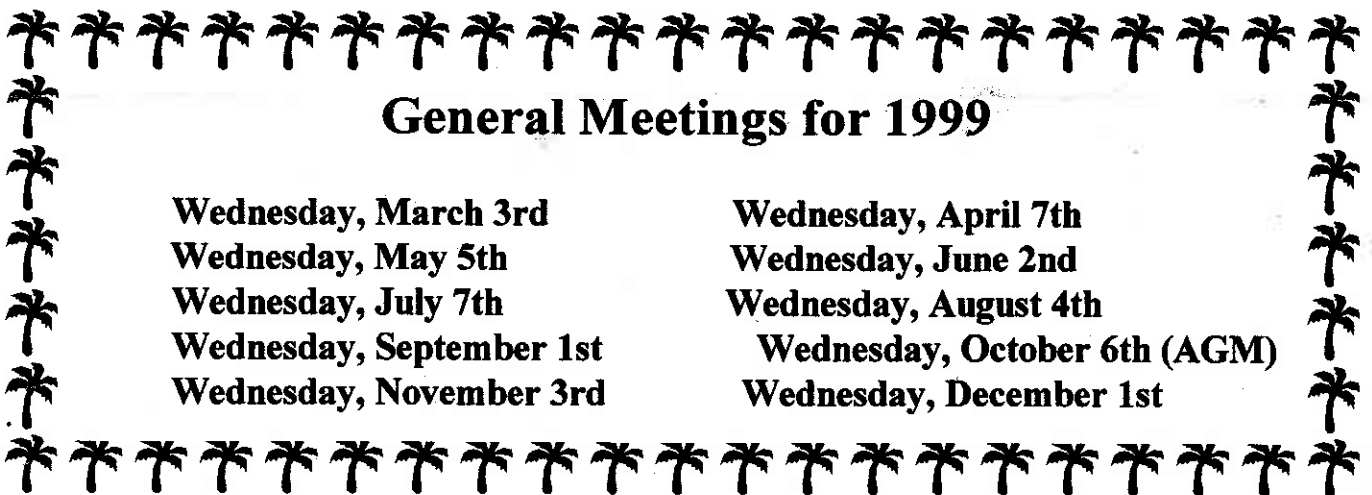
Monday 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Paddy McCann
Tuesday 10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Phillips
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bruce Allen
Wednesday 10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	David Howell
Thursday 10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Aminde
Friday 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bruce Allen

David Howell

Paul Phillips 9 762 3829

Paul Aminde 9 758 1733

Paddy McCann 9 801 0704



General Meetings for 1999

Wednesday, March 3rd

Wednesday, April 7th

Wednesday, May 5th

Wednesday, June 2nd

Wednesday, July 7th

Wednesday, August 4th

Wednesday, September 1st

Wednesday, October 6th (AGM)

Wednesday, November 3rd

Wednesday, December 1st

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