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Knox & District Woodworkers Club

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Firstly I would like to apologize for the November issue of the newsletter not going to print on time and therefor we are presenting two reports in one.

I would like to start by thanking all members for returning the other Office Bearers and myself for a further term, without change. Our local councilor, Mayor, Karen Orpen kindly found the time in her busy schedule to conduct the election of Committee, we thank her for doing so.

This year Mrs Jean Gillingham presented the "Bill Gillingham", Member of the Year award to Joe Semenow for his continual work and guidance in the making of the Rocking Horses. Congratulations, Joe.

Members were pleased to nominate Mr Bill Cole as a "Life Member" of the club for his past contribution to the club. Congratulations to Bill.

Stringybark Festival

Thank you to all members who helped to make this years festival such a great success. A super effort by our Raffle ticket sellers and to Jean and Nancy a special "Thanks". A visitor from South Australia, Mrs O'Connor, ticket no. 2144

won the "Rocking Horse". Her two young sons age 2 and 4 will be enjoying the rocking horse once they find a float to take it home.

Kids Corner

This once again was the "drawcard". The weather was kind to us on both days and certainly improves the numbers attending. With a couple of new items added to our regular, Pencil boxes and Tool boxes to be made, we had a complete sell out. If any member knows of a source of timber off-cuts, Pine lining boards preferred, could you please let the committee know so we can prepare for the March Festival next year.

Six Achievement Boards have been made for the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club this month as a Club project.

The Rocking Horse donated to the club has been reconditioned to its original condition and has been donated to the Angliss Hospital for their 60th Anniversary Raffle. We have been told if this horse was sold in Sydney, it would be worth \$2,000.

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During November, two of our members lost their partners. Margaret Korrs, our Treasurer's wife and Arthur Woods, Sue Woods husband. Our Condolences go to Sue, Dick and their families.

The club will be available for use over the Christmas Break. The key can be obtained from Fred, if not open but remember there must be two members present at any one time.

A "Thank You" letter has been received from the Angliss Hospital, for the Club's donation of the restored, 1950's Rosebuck, Rocking Horse - It looked great.

An Honour Board for "Citizen of the Year", has been made for the City of Knox and delivered, as a Club Project.

Two machines in the Workshop have been updated. Please look after them and treat them with care.

Membership Fees are now due.

Hope to see you at the Break-Up, if not, Yvonne and I wish you and your families, a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

*Dave Howell
Club President.*

New equipment

The club is proud of its new purchases, consisting of a Docking Saw, Sliding compound Saw and a Drill Press. Could all club members using this equipment please not abuse them as the last ones were.

Remember, this is Club equipment but please treat it as if it were your own.

ROUTER CRAFTER

Some time ago a club member asked if we had instructions on how to use a "Router Crafter, a tool that does "barley sugar" turning, for table legs etc.

The club not only has a "Router Crafter" but we now have the instructions on how to use it. So if you wish to use them, they are in the clubrooms.

Video Missing

A video on "Chisel Sharpening", has gone missing from the club. It was last seen in "Jan Brown's", pigeonhole.

If any member knows of its whereabouts, please return it to Jan Brown or Iva Simpson.

Why does Santa wear pink underwear?

*He's a man.
He did all his washing in one load.*

Care of Club Equipment

Recently one of the teeth of the tungsten saw blades had been ripped off. This blade had just come back from having three teeth replaced.

Could club members please check all timber being used on our machinery and make sure that there are no nails or foreign objects in the timber.

We cannot stress how important this is.

What do you get if you cross Raquel Welch and Santa Claus?

A thankyou card from Santa.

*Don't Forget -The Xmas Break-Up
Saturday 11th December
6.00pm - at the Club Rooms*

*A safe and happy Christmas to you all from
Tom and Kerrie Coghlan*

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Christmas Break-Up

Our get together this year will be on Saturday evening, the 11th December at 6.00p.m. B.Y.O drinks and sweets. Meat and Salads will be provided.

Please let us know your numbers attending, for catering purposes.

Get Well Wishes

We recently heard that Vic Wood was in hospital after suffering a heart attack. We are happy to hear that he is now at home resting. From everyone at the Club, our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Vic, Bev and their family.

Note to Club Members

One of our members is looking for temporary accommodation around the Wantima area. If anyone can assist with accommodation, or knows of anyone who could, please contact Tom Coghlan on 9801 8498, for details of the person to contact.

Damage to Router Bits

Someone has tried to sharpen some router bits by placing them on the grinder. This has completely destroyed the bits, which will now need to be replaced. Router bits and saw blades need to be sent off to be professionally sharpened.

IN FUTURE PLEASE ADVISE A COMMITTEE MEMBER THAT THEY NEED SHARPENING AND THEY WILL ORGANISE FOR THE SHARPENING TO BE DONE BY THE PROFESSIONALS

SAFETY RULE

Please remember the first rule of safety is use your common sense. If it doesn't feel safe then don't do it.

Now that summer is upon us we tend to wear thongs or sandals on our feet.

THESE ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR FOR THE WORKSHOP. IF YOU ARE NOT WEARING PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR YOU SHOULD NOT BE IN THE WORKSHOP USING THE MACHINERY.

There are approximately two billion children (persons under 18) in the world. However, since Santa does not visit children of Muslim, Hindu, Jewish or Buddhist (except maybe in Japan) religions, this reduces the workload for Christmas night to 15% of the total, or 378 million (according to the population reference bureau). At an average (census) rate of 3.5 children per household, that comes to 108 million homes, presuming there is at least one good child in each.

Santa has about 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming east to west (which seems logical). This works out to 967.7 visits per second. This is to say that for each Christian household with a good child, Santa has around 1/1000 th of a second to park the sleigh, hop out, jump down the chimney, fill the stocking, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left for him, get back up the chimney, jump into the sleigh and get onto the next house.

Assuming that each of these 108 million stops is evenly distributed around the earth (which, of course, we know to be false, but will accept for the purposes of our calculations), we are now talking about 0.78 miles per household; a total trip of 75.5 million miles, not counting bathroom stops or breaks. This means Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second--3,000 times the speed of sound. For purposes of comparison, the fastest man made vehicle, the Ulysses space probe, moves at a pokey 27.4 miles per second, and a conventional reindeer can run (at best) 15 miles per hour.

The payload of the sleigh adds another interesting element. Assuming that each child gets nothing more than a medium sized LEGO set (two pounds), the sleigh is carrying over 500 thousand tons, not counting Santa himself. On land, a conventional reindeer can pull no more than 300 pounds. Even granting that the "flying" reindeer can pull 10 times the normal amount, the job can't be done with eight or even nine of them---Santa would need 360,000 of them. This increases the payload, not counting the weight of the sleigh, another 54,000 tons, or roughly seven times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth (the ship, not the monarch).

A mass of nearly 600,000 tons travelling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance - this would heat up the reindeer in the same fashion as a spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The lead pair of reindeer would adsorb 14.3 quintillion joules of energy per second each. In short, they would burst into flames almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them and creating deafening sonic booms in their wake.

The entire reindeer team would be vaporised within 4.26 thousandths of a second, or right about the time Santa reached the fifth house on his trip. Not that it matters, however, since Santa, as a result of accelerating from a dead stop to 650 m.p.s. in .001 seconds, would be subjected to acceleration forces of 17,000 g's. A 250 pound Santa (which seems ludicrously slim considering all the high calorie snacks he must have consumed over the years) would be pinned to the back of the sleigh by 4,315,015 pounds of force, instantly crushing his bones and reducing him to a quivering blob of pink goo.

Therefore, if Santa did exist, he's dead now!

Executive Committee 1998/99

President	David Howell	-	9874 6757
Vice President	Peter Sleeman	-	9758 1390
Secretary	Fred Moore	-	9758 2207
Treasurer	Dick Kors	-	9729 1224
Committee Member	Bruce Allen	-	9754 5774

Newsletter Editor	Tom Coghlan	-	9801 8498
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General Meetings

1st Wednesday of each Month, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Workshop Hours

Monday	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438
Tuesday	10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9762 3829
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	David Howell	9874 6757
Thursday	10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Aminde	9758 1733
Friday	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Saturday	9.00 am - 12.30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438

Dates to Remember

December 11 th	<i>Christmas Break-Up at the Clubrooms</i>	6.00p.m
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