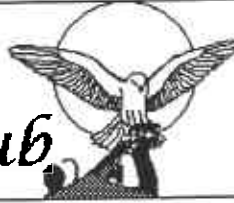


Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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President's Report

Here we are, April and a third of the year gone already. Christmas will be upon us in no time so don't forget your toys for the Christmas appeal.

Not much has been happening this month, which has been different to the past few months. Members have been busy catching up on their own projects and it is good to see the excellent work they are doing. I look forward to having more items displayed in the "Be In It" competition on the 12th August.

On a sour note, machinery breakages and breakdowns are still occurring at an alarming rate. The latest is to one of the lathes. I just don't know how 10cm of thread can be stripped off the tailstock; but it has happened! Now the lathe is out of action until we can get replacement parts. I have also put a new blade in the big bandsaw. It didn't last long and now has a nasty kink in it from *someone not supporting* the wood they were cutting which jammed and bent the blade. These blades cost \$35.00 each so please be careful to support your materials properly and, if unsure, please ask someone for advice – you could save your life as well as the blade.

The club has purchased a computer and printer which has now been installed. We can look forward to having our records and membership lists updated and easily accessible. Thanks to those involved.

We also look forward to visiting the Latrobe Valley Woodworkers on the 5th of May, getting to know them, seeing some of their work and exchanging ideas with them.

Don't forget the working bee on the 19th of May (morning tea provided)

Peter Sleeman

Around the Club

- ◆ Three of our members (I hear they call themselves the three cowboys) have been disappearing regularly on Tuesday afternoons and going over to Amaroo. Next month we will endeavour to find and report on their activities.
- ◆ Peter Horsburgh is off to hospital in the next few days to have his hip replaced, and will be out of action for some time. The members would like to wish Peter well and a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to the club.

- ◆ Recently our Treasurer celebrated his birthday with the Tuesday regulars, thanks to Chris Smith and her *culinary skills* for preparing the birthday cake. Doug says that he is only 55??? I am glad he keeps a better track on the clubs finances than he does on his age!!!!

Happy Birthday Doug

If you see any interesting happenings that would be suitable for "Around The Club" please pass them on the Newsletter Editor, or place them in the newsletter pigeon hole

Next Month's Guest Speaker

Chris Poole from Rare Timbers will be our July speaker. Raw Timbers are involved in salvaging timber, which in the past would in many cases been dumped, from sources all round the country. Outback and hard to get timbers are a specialty. Chris is also an expert on Japanese tools and carpentry, and he will be talking about these as well. For those who are interested, Chris will be bringing a trailer some with timber for sale.

Carver's Corner

Willy, Sue and team are still spending their Monday evenings happily carving away, and would be happy to have others to work with. Over the past few weeks, David Johnstone has been demonstrating the art of pyrography which they have found interesting and quite enjoyed. Thanks to David for his help. Perhaps in the future we can have a "Carver's & Burners Corner" If you are interested drop in one night.

(continued from the April Newsletter)

YOU KNOW YOU ARE GROWING OLD WHEN: -

- ⇒ *you stop looking forward to your next birthday*
- ⇒ *you have to much room in the house and not enough room in the medicine cabinet*

- ⇒ *dialling long distance wears you out*
- ⇒ *your children start to look middle aged*
- ⇒ *a fortune teller offers to read your face rather than the lines on your hand*
- ⇒ *your back goes out more than you do*
- ⇒ *you join a health club and don't go*
- ⇒ *the best part of the day is when the alarm goes off*
- ⇒ *you want to see how long your car will last instead of how fast it will go*
- ⇒ *you sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there*
- ⇒ *you burn the midnight oil till around 9.30pm*
- ⇒ *given the choice of an X-rated video and one by Mike Darlow, you watch the one on turning*

Reprinted from the Wonthaggi Woods

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the club: -

Michael Ford
Keith Whitford
Manfred Shores

Missing Members

From the number of April Newsletters that were not picked up, it would seem that we have a lot of our members who have not been to the club for a while.

Even if you don't have any projects underway, just drop in for a chat and a cup of coffee and catch up with other members

If you keep an eye on the newsletters you may find new interest groups forming in various areas, (eg. pyrography or woodturning) to become involved in.

On Workshop & Safety Matters

New Equipment

The club has recently purchased a Delta router shaper to replace the triton router bench set up. The ½ router is now in the power tool rack. When you have a chance,

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check the table out, it is certainly an improvement.

Scroll Saw

If you have used a scroll saw regularly then you have almost certainly broken a blade. This is common problem and certainly frustrating when you want to use the clubs scroll saw and the blade is missing.

Suggestion: - Carry some spares in you club toolbox. They are the pinned type blades and are available at Total Tools.

*If you think you can
or
You think you can't
You're right*

Notice Boards *(A request from the Committee)*

Please place any personal notices or advertising pamphlets on the pin board, this will keep the white board free for club notices

Working Bee

On Saturday the 19th of May there is a working bee at the clubhouse. The tasks to be carried out include: - completing the painting of the front wall, general cleaning, building a storage shed for our chairs, clearing the outside wood rack and other tasks.

All Welcome

Timbers (from Forestry Tasmania)

HUON PINE

Huon Pine is among the earliest trees to evolve. The first pollen records date back 135 million years.

It reaches the great age: trees over 2000 years have been dated, placing the species among the longest lived organisms on earth. Some specimens still growing, could be over 5000 years old.

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Distribution is restricted to the west & south west of Tasmania where it occurs along riverbanks and in other wet patches. It grows to 20 or 30 metres high and some trees reach 40 metres. Huon pine has remained a most prized rain forest timber. The timber itself is a mellow, fine textured wood with a characteristic, pleasant fragrance. It seasons readily, has a low shrinkage rate, is soft and easily worked; is a light weight and has good nail holding properties.

This, together with its stability and high resistance to attack by rot and marine organisms, have earned Huon pine a high regard as a ship building material.

It is highly prized for furniture making, joinery, turning and in the craftwood industry.

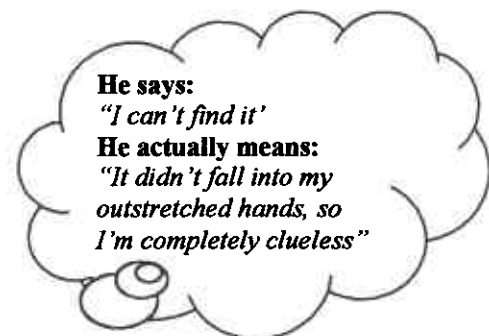
The durability of the wood is due to the presence of an essential oil, which gives Huon pine its unique odour.



Timber for Sale

If you are interested in purchasing some Huon pine, David Morgan of Avonsliegh has a quantity of it available. He also has some well-seasoned English Oak in various size slabs for sale.

If you are interested, David can be contacted on 59684038



Monster Timber Sale at the Woodsmith

As part of the opening of the new **WORLD WOODS SHOWROOM**, the Woodsmith is having a clearance of offcuts and seconds of a wide variety of seasoned timbers.

The sale is from 9am to 2pm at 1 Burgess Rd. in Bayswater North.
For more information, check the yellow flyer on the notice board

Workshop Hours

Monday	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438
Tuesday	10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	10.00am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
Thursday	10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Aminde	9758 1733
Friday	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday	May 5th	9.30 pm - 12.30pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515
	May 12th	9.30 pm - 12.30pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
	May 19 th	Workshop Not Open	WORKING BEE	
	May 26th	9.30 pm - 12.30pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
	June 2nd	9.30 pm - 12.30pm	Doug Dell	
	<i>Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10.30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the clubrooms</i>			

Coming Club Events

Wednesday 2 nd May	Monthly General Meeting Speaker :- Manfred Shores to demonstrate the Precise Doweling Tool
Saturday 5 th May	Trip to Moe to visit the Latrobe Valley Woodworkers
Wednesday June 6 th	Monthly General Meeting Speaker:- Chris Poole from Raw Woods in Abbotsford
Wednesday 4 th or Tuesday 3 rd July. (to be confirmed)	Monthly General Meeting Presenters: - Liz & Chris Potter from Pyrography on the Internet. <i>Nb. As the presenters are not available on Wednesday, it will be discussed at the May meeting to change the monthly meeting to Tuesday)</i>
Sunday 12 th August	"Be In It" at the Club rooms
Saturday 20 th & Sunday 21 st October	Stringy Bark Festival
Saturday 8 th December	Christmas Break Up

Woodworking Calender

June 15 th - 17 th	The Australian Woodturning Exhibition Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre(rear of Council Chambers) 397 Whitehorse Rd. Nunawading
September 1 st & 2 nd	Mildura Wood Show