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Newsletter of the

## Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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### Executive Committee

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### Presidents Report

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had our A.G.M. where the previous committee was returned to office. We look forward to serving the club members for the next twelve months as we continue to move forward. I once again urge members to support your committee and help out where possible, as it is your club as well as ours.

I would also like to remind members about contributing to the Christmas Toy Appeal. The last day for collection will be at the next club meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The toys will then be handed over to various organisations for distribution to needy children – put a smile on some kids faces this Christmas!

This month we had another bus trip, to Walhalla this time. What an excellent day it was. Everybody had a wonderful time, great company, great food, great scenery and a comfortable seat on the bus. The weather wasn't good, but the rain generally held off while we were out of the bus.

With Christmas fast approaching, we look forwards to our break-up on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 6pm. More details in our next newsletter.

Peter Sleeman

### Around the Club

We are seeing more of Alan Derbyshire at the club during the day which is great. Alan has recently retired and at the moment is probably wondering what to do with his time. Judging by others around, it will not take long to start filling in the time. Congratulations Alan for a long happy, healthy and active retirement.

Chris Smith's return from the UK is imminent, in her absence Tuesday's morning teas have not been the same. Come back soon Chris, you have been missed. *(Even if it just for the morning teas!!!!)*

### Woodturner's Interest Group

The Woodturners groups are heading merrily along, with up to 12 on Mondays and five or Six on Wednesdays. With the nights getting warmer we can expect a few more in the evening.

While the lathes are kept busy there is always other related work that can be done; so don't let the numbers scare you off. Some examples are preparing material, maintenance and swapping ideas.

If you need to know what's happening with the Wednesday nighters, contact Frank O'Connor (98797512) who is looking after the group.

Thanks to donations of turning timber from Alan Derbyshire and Ronnie Ralph. This will certainly kick start our supply.

Our storage shed is about to arrive so we will be looking for some helpers to erect it.

Bob Plant

### Workshop Temporary Closure

To allow for the floor to be sanded and sealed in the clubhouse, the clubs facilities will not available for use after the Christmas break up on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. till early January.

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## New Closing Times for Evening Workshops

The finishing time for evening workshops has been extended to 9.30pm.

### Food For Thought (Part 1)

- Listen..... it pays!
- Opportunity is often missed because we are broadcasting when we should be listening*
- Do you have a plan?
- Most people plan their vacations better than they plan their lives.*
- Face reality!
- Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.*
- You are a winner!
- Winners never quit.*
- Quitters never win.*
- Be generous!
- A generous person will prosper; a person who refreshes others will themselves be refreshed.*

## On Workshop & Safety Matters

Due to ongoing problems with the large bandsaw the committee has found it necessary to ban the cutting of all logs or branches on all machinery in the workshop. A lock is to be fitted to the saw and the key will be available from the key holder.

If you do find any problems or faulty machinery, please let the key holder know so that they can be fixed.

Recently three wood chisels have been sharpened to a blunt point !!!!! Obviously because of the blunt point, someone found the need to hit them with a big, big hammer. Guess what ? the handles are also split !!!!!!!

## Coach Trip to Walhalla - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2001

Coaches arrived early and 92 members and friends were on time. The coaches were loaded and we left the club at 8am, although it was raining when we left the overcast sky was breaking up and promised sunshine. We settled down with our bags of lollies (thanks to SM) for a relaxing day out.

We stopped at Yarragon on the Princes Highway for morning tea at 9.30am. After an enjoyable cuppa and "P" break we left at 10 am heading for Springer's crossing on the Thompson River where we were due to arrive at about 11am. The sky had cleared and the sun was shining.

After a very relaxing drive through some beautiful countryside into the High Country, we arrived on time at Stringer's Crossing for a train trip. This took us up the

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banks of the Thompson River to the gold diggings, at Happy Valley Terminus, as the gold prospectors would have travelled around the early 1900s. We had to alight from the train at Happy Valley so that the engine could be changed over for the return journey to Stringer's Crossing. The weather held up for the return journey but the rain started as we boarded our coaches.

Lunch had been arranged at the Walhalla Lodge on the outskirts of the town. The Lodge was not big enough to seat our party of 92 but they had erected a large marquee outside with tables and chairs to accommodate those who could not fit inside. Although there was drizzling rain, it was not really cold and under the marquee was very pleasant. By the time people went to the bar for drinks and got back to their seats three smiling waitresses served a lovely hot roast beef lunch, followed by sweets and tea or coffee.

After lunch the rain stopped and we had about an hour to walk up through the original buildings and diggings giving us a feeling of how the prospectors and businesses must have lived in Walhalla at the turn of the century.

Our coaches picked us up at about 3pm outside the Walhalla Hotel, which had been rebuilt after the original hotel, had been burnt down some years ago. After the usual stragglers were rounded up and the coach captains counted their passengers so that no one would have a long walk home. When everyone was aboard we left Walhalla for the return journey.

About 4.30pm we again stopped at Yarragon for another "P" break and a spot of shopping in quite a good selection of craft and antique shops. I think the ice cream shop did the best business.

We left Yarragon at about 5pm heading home and had a mixture of sun, rain, hail, lightning and a beautiful rainbow. Arriving back safely to the club at 6pm.

On behalf of everyone I would like to thank Peter Sleeman for organising another very enjoyable day out, Paul Phillips for his looking after Number Two Coach, Sergio Meilak for supplying the bags of lollies which we all enjoyed and lastly, Rowville Coaches and their staff for a very comfortable, safe and enjoyable trip. Thank you all for making it a very enjoyable day.

We are looking forward to the next trip, which I hear may be to Marysville.

Paddy McCann

## Friendly Woodies in N.Z

Bob Plant

While on a recent trip to New Zealand, I met quite a few "Woodies" particularly in the Nelson area on the South Island. Getting to know these people was really easy and their friendliness great. In the Nelson area there are about five full time woodturners which is quite amazing.

One particular woodturner that I met was Don Colville, Don is a woodturner who certainly did not mind having a chat at his workshop was quite amazing to see

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I have been in many workshops, but have never seen one like Don's. His workshop is the size of about three double garages with three roller doors and benches, shelves and cupboards around three of the walls. There are no tools or turning gear or accessories on the benches or the walls, they are away in the cupboards. His lathe is a new One-way, a Canadian lathe, and there was plenty of room for bandsaws, drills, sanders and other necessary equipment. He also had a separate shed for storing his timber, which was temperature, controlled. It was what I would call a dream workshop.

Don is also a bit of a poet and this is one of his efforts: -

## The Optimist Turnex

*'Twas a warm still night, in early December  
Working out in my workshop I do remember  
The lathe was spinning and the chips were flying  
A near perfect bowl and I wouldn't be lying!*

*Things going along nicely, I started to sing  
The bowls getting thinner you could tell by the ring  
Then with a crash, and a god almighty sound  
My bowl lay face down, spinning on the ground!*

*Two hours of turning is not easily forgotten  
Especially when there's this great hole in the bottom!  
Taking it inside my wife had to say  
"That's buggered it dear, you may as well throw it away!"*

*Asking myself what should I do now  
I thought and thought on how to retrieve it somehow  
"Start again," said my wife "should only take a short  
while"  
Then it came to me how to fix it, and I left with a smile!*

*Back to my workshop I worked on it 'till late  
Sanding, polishing writing on it "Irish Collection Plate"  
Selling it a week later not making fortune or fame  
Just shows there's people out there with a hole in the  
brain!*

*So remember when making major Mistakes  
There's a market there for "Irish Collection Plates"  
Never has there been a truer story told.  
Fix up your cock-ups and turn them into gold!*

*Finally, I know I'm an optimist at heart  
Get turning, think positive right from the start  
By Don Colville*

## Timber Corner

In keeping with the New Zealand theme, this month's timber is: -

**Kauri** (*Agnathis australis*)

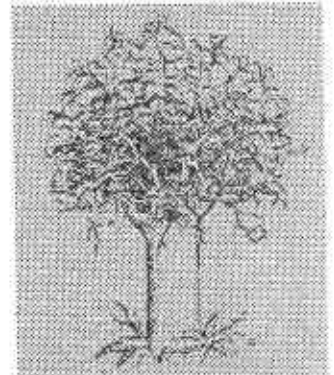
Kauri is the most famous or N.Z. timbers. It has the largest diameter of any native tree ranging from 3-4.5m (approximately 10-15 feet!)

Dense Kauri forest once covered large areas of North Auckland and the Comomandel Peninsula.  
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Europeans exploited most of this resource by the Mid 1920's. What is left of the old growth Kauri forests are now protected

Kauri is known for its large wide boards free of imperfections with exceptional stability, and easily worked. Its heartwood ranges in colour from light yellow to red brown. Quarter sawn, Kauri has a characteristic fleck or speckle in the grain.

The Maoris of the far north used Kauri for their canoes and for carving panels for meeting houses. Europeans used Kauri for almost every conceivable use from masts on sailing ships, spars, house framing, paneling, flooring, and furniture.



The Kauri used these days, comes from recycled and demolition materials

## Some Places to Visit on the Cup Weekend

If you are in Northern Victoria area, the Kerang and Barham Woodies are holding a joint Wood Expo at Barham.

If you are in the Phillip Island area, the Wonthaggi Woodies in conjunction with the P.I Artists Society are having a woodturning demonstration along with a display of the club member's work and a sales area. There is also a work by artists from Phillip Island on display.

Both these are at the Cowes Cultural Centre in the Main street of Cowes. (The old council offices)

While on the island, there is a display of patchwork and quilts from the Phillip Island Patchwork Club in the Newhaven Hall, which is well worth a visit.

Both of these displays are on from the Saturday through to the Tuesday, so there is something for all on the weekend.

## Woodies Internet Web Sites

This month's site is: -

<http://www.woodturning.co.nz>

This is the sight of the National Association New Zealand Woodturners. It is an excellent site with lots of information about woodturning throughout NZ with many links to other clubs and organisations. The sight has a selection of current issue articles, photographs and much more material stored in its archives.

Well worth a visit.

## Did You Get to the Wood Work Show?

A group from the club ventured in on Friday and had a great time, after standing in a long queue to get in, lots of goodies to buy and lots of demo's to see. One of the great things was catching up with a lot woodies from other clubs. The train trips were a chance to catch up with ideas from the group. Next year we will look at pre purchasing tickets to save the long queues.



As it seems in all newsletters, there is always a shortage of material. It would be much appreciated by Jan and myself for any articles, happenings about the club, etc. to be passed on to us for inclusion in "Ingrained"

## Stringybark Festival

In a word *most successful*. The takings amounted to \$4654 with approximate expenses of \$790 and giving us a net-profit of about \$3864. The winner of the rocking horse was our own Paddy McCann, the first time in many years that a club member has managed to win it or even sell the winning ticket. To all who assisted with the making of the kits, the horse and toiled away over the weekend a **very Big Thank you.**

To those members who did not in anyway participate, and did not even return unsold raffle tickets to the club, we would remind you that our club can not exist on fees alone. Lets all gear up and get involved in preparing for the Knox Festival in March next year

The Committee

## A Note From The Editor

Thanks to Jan Brown for volunteering to assist with the newsletter, her help is much appreciated.

## Workshop Hours

Day	Time	Instructor	Contact
Monday	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bill Longdon	9758 2438
Tuesday	10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	10.00am - 3.00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	David Howell	9874 6457
Thursday	10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Paul Aminde	9758 1733
Friday	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Day	Date	Time	Instructor	Contact
Saturday	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 pm - 12.30pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
	November 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 pm - 12.30pm	Reinier Lolkema	9754 4567
	November 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 pm - 12.30pm		
	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 pm - 12.30pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
	November 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 pm - 12.30pm		

Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10.30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the clubrooms

## Regular Club Group Activities

Day	Time	Regularity	Group	Contact
Monday	Day at 9.00 to 2.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> week of month	Day woodturners	Bob Plant 9754 5920 Jan Brown 9762 1063
	Evening	Every week	Carvers & Burners Festival kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
Wednesday		Every week 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	Evening woodturners	Frank O'Connor 98797512
Friday	Evening	Every week	Rocking horse	

## Coming Club Events

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Executive Committee meets
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Monthly Meeting
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Break Up

November 11 <sup>th</sup> 9.00am to 2.00pm	Melbourne Hand Tool Sale Glenferrie Primary School 80 Manningham St. Hawthorn
April 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> 2002	The 2002 Festival of Woodwork at Manningham Run by the Council of Victorian Woodwork Clubs on behalf of the woodwork clubs of Victoria and their members



# CHRISTMAS BREAK UP

## FOLLOWED BY CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE OVAL

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

FROM 5PM.

SPLIT ROAST DINNER, SWEETS,  
COFFEE & TEA  
(BYO DRINKS)  
MEAL TO BE SERVED AT 6PM

Cost to members and friends \$5 per head (children under 12 no charge)

The meals will be by ticket only  
Tickets can be purchased from the clubrooms

All monies need to be paid by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

(If you have a small card or picnic table it would be great if you could bring it long.)

