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Newsletter of the

## Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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### Presidents Report

Here we are, December already and it is almost Christmas; where did the year go?

Another busy month cumulating with the handing over of the toys for the Christmas Appeal to the Salvo's, the Smith Family and the Knox Council. And what a sight it was! All those toys on display are all going to make Christmas special for children who would otherwise miss out. I would like to thank all those who participated, on a job well done and hope that we can repeat or even do better next year.

Work has commenced on building up our supply of kits for the next Knox festival, so if you are able to help, come along Monday nights. Many hands make light work.

On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> December we have our Christmas break up, finishing up with Carols in the Park.

AS from the 10<sup>th</sup> of December the clubrooms will be temporarily closed so work can begin on the floor. Working bees will start from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to clear everything off the floor ready for sealing. If you are able to help please do, as the sooner it's done, the sooner it will be open in the New Year, hopefully by Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2002

I would like to wish every member and their families, a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Peter Sleeman

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### Around the Club

Christine Heath has recently moved down to Venus Bay to enjoy the coastal life and of course lots of woodworking. Chris is remaining a member of our club and will drop in when she is in the area, she intends to join the Wonthaggi Woodies. The club wishes Chris good luck in her new venture and life style.

One of our long time members, Fred Moore, featured on the front page of our local "Knox Leader" newspaper last week. It was Remembrance Day and Fred was recalling the time he spent during World War 2 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Parachute Battalion and Unit 11 of the S.A.S. battalion. Good on you Fred! (Must say the maroon beret makes him look quite handsome!)

*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*

### Carvers and Burners Corner

The carvers are still creating lots of chips and shavings on Monday evenings. If you haven't seen the great work that they are doing, drop up and see what Willy and the rest of the crew are doing.

Coming in March next year: -

#### **Carve-In 2002**

This is a three-day live in carving weekend at the Lady Northcote Recreation Camp near Bacchus Marsh. It starts on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and finishes on the Sunday afternoon.

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All kinds of carving are catered for with beginners being well looked after. The cost for the weekend is \$90 and this covers all meals and accommodation.

Having been to similar turning weekends involving woodturning, I can thoughtfully recommend this activity. Not only do you get a chance to see what others are doing, but also you get to make some great contacts and many new ideas.

For more information check the notice board or speak to Charles Bruckner for entry forms.

## Turner's Talk

The interest in wood turning continues to grow, particularly on Mondays. It is great to see the new turners starting to experiment and try new ideas. We have about ten enthusiastic turners every week, while we don't have lathes for all; there is always wood to prepare for turning. Morning tea has become an important part of our program, as well as a "cuppa" we have a "show and tell" session and discuss ideas and sources of timber and turners needs.

If you are interested drop in and see what is going on, our next session will be after the Christmas break on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

While the Wednesday night is a little quiet at the moment, we will look to change that in the New Year. If you want to know what is happening, contact Frank O'Connor (9879 7512)

While Melbourne may have "Jeff's Sheds" we now have "John's Shed", our wood storage shed is now up and ready for use, thanks to John Emptage for supplying helping to erect the shed and to Jeff Burrows and Alan Derbyshire and others that were involved for their Hard work.

## Accidents Do Happen

Tuning green and out of balanced timber is a common problem for woodturners, even when lathes are well secured, there is a lot of vibration.

Recently Jan Brown had an enlightening experience, while turning a piece of green timber. She had left a skew chisel on the end of the lathe bed (like we all do but shouldn't!!) and the inevitable happened, it fell. Unfortunately the power cable was in the way and was cut through by the chisel, created lots of sparks and shorted out the power supply. Fortunately there is an emergency cutout on the switchboard and the only damage was a 3mm piece out of the blade of chisel.

*Accidents do happen!!!!*

Bob Plant

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## Kit Makers (help needed)

With the Knox Festival coming up early in the New Year, the kit making teams are looking for assistance to get the kits ready.

Monday evenings are looked after by Paddy McCann and Bruce Allen, and on Tuesday during the day by Col Stewart and Paul Aminde.

If you are able to assist, please contact any of the above.

## Temporary Closure of the Clubroom.

As mentioned in the in the November Ingrained, the club will be closing on the Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December to allow the floors to sanded and sealed.

Timeline: -

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remove all equipment, benches and other items from the clubrooms. <b>Plenty of help needed</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Complete what was not finished on Monday and clean workshop.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sand and clean
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> and on	Seal floor
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Return all benches, equipment and other items to the clubrooms. <b>Plenty of help needed</b>

To complete the refurbishing of the floors on time, your help is needed, particularly with moving and replacing the benches etc. Peter Sleeman is the organizer the work, if you have any questions please contact him.

Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of January is the proposed date that the club will reopen.

**Nb. This is subject to all work being completed.**

## New Members

We would like to welcome Elysha Neylan to our club. We now have a membership is 130 financial members.

## Name Tags (again)

Recently I visited the Waverly Woodies to look at a lathe they had for sale, guess what? all the members that were working there were wearing their nametags. Being a visitor to the club it was great to be able to talk to them knowing their names

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## Food For Thought (Part 2)

Be a success!

*The only place success becomes before work is in the dictionary*

Simplicity is compelling!

*If you can't write your ideas on the back of a business card, you don't have a clear idea.*

Be grateful!

*Life wasn't given to us, therefore it doesn't owe us anything.*

Welcome problems!

*Problems are nothing but wake up calls for creativity.*

Challenge yourself!

*The tougher you are on yourself, the easier life will be on you.*

## On Workshop & Safety Matters

A visitor arrived at the club to see a Club member a couple of Saturdays ago. The person just glanced around and was appalled at the amount of sawdust lying around and could only think how easy it would be for the workshop to go up in flames!

There was an absolute mountain of sawdust behind the Radial Arm saw, and from the hole in the wall behind the saw, handful after handful of sawdust was removed. In fact it took three men over half an hour to remove all the dust from behind the saw.

As Club members we should be proud of the state of our workshop, but on this occasion, none of us were! Somehow some members seem to think that someone else will clean up after them (perhaps this happens at home??!!) The key holder is not there for that reason either (as it is at times assumed). Each member should not think that someone is going to use a machine after them so they don't need to clean up. We should assume that someone is NOT going to use it after us and so clean any mess up ourselves. Apart from being a fire hazard, a messy workshop is also dangerous to work in and could easily cause an accident.

*Let's be proud of our workshop & make it a clean & safe place to work in.*

Jan Brown

## Some Definitions

Tool rest: *Where tools go for a holiday*

Jig: *Woodies dance for celebrating when everything goes right.*

Cast iron: *The metal so strong, it breaks when you drop it.*

Glue: *The black marks left on your finished job.*

## Timber Corner

### SAFE HANDLING PROCEDURES for MDF

#### 1. Background

Previous experience has shown that adverse health effects occur in certain individuals following the use of MDF (craftwood). These adverse health effects have manifested themselves in a number of different ways such as skin rashes, eye and throat irritations, headaches and nausea. The effected people have come in contact with dust generated from machined and sanded surfaces in workshop areas.

It has not been established if these adverse health effects occur as a result of exposure to the particular dust or the release of the formaldehyde gas from the unsealed MDF products.

Reference to the Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for MDF craft wood indicates that the principle exposure routes via the contact with dust, gas and vapours released from the material. These act as sensitisers in predisposed people causing irritation of the nose, throat, eyes and skin. This may result in the development of allergic dermatitis or asthma. These effects are of particular concern of people with upper respiratory tract or chest complaints and asthma sufferers.

It is recognised that inhalation of wood dust, both hardwood and softwood, may significantly increase the risk of nasal and paranasal cancers.

### SAFE HANDLING GUIDELINES

These guidelines form a basis of the minimum safe handling procedures that people working with MDF products must satisfy in order to address the potential hazards identified and the recommendations of the associated MSDS.

1. Use a substitute material in place of MDF whenever possible.
2. Work with MDF should only be carried out in the areas equipped with a proper dust extraction system in the workshop.
3. If it is necessary to work with the material in other areas, then others not involved should be away from the area
4. The area should be cleaned up before others return

5. All projects from MDF should sealed are painted prior to being used, to prevent the release of formaldehyde gas.
6. All people working with MDF products should be made aware of the possible health effects.
7. Personal protective clothing including safety glasses and dust protection should be worn at all times.

8. Protective gear should not be stored in the work area.
9. MDF dust should be disposed of immediatly after cleaning up.

Ron Greenhalgh ( Dept. Health and Safety Officer) University of Western Australia, May 1999.

*(With thanks to the Victorian Woodworkers Association inc. for this article)*

## Workshop Hours

Monday	6.30 pm - 9.30 pm	Bill Longden	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

Monday	January 26 <sup>th</sup> 02	9.30 pm - 12.30pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
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<i>Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10.30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the clubrooms</i>				

## Regular Club Group Activities

Day	Time	Regularity	Group	Contact
Monday	Day at 9.00 to 2.00	Every week	Day woodturners	Bob Plant 9754 5920 Jan Brown 9762 1063
	Evening	Every week	Carvers & Burners Festival kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
Wednesday	Evening	Every week	Evening woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512
Friday	Evening	Every week	Rocking horse group	Joe Semenov 9758 6024 Allen Brookes

## Coming Club Events

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Monthly Meeting
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Break Up
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Club closed for maintenance
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2002	Proposed reopening of the club
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Monthly Meeting

## Woodworking Callander

January 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> 2002	Queenscliff and District Woodworkers Inc. Annual Exhibition Uniting Church Hall, Hesse St. Queenscliff
March 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	Woodturners of the Goulburn Valley Woodturning, Woodworking and Furniture Show Civic Centre Shepparton
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Carve In 2002 Woodcarving Workshop Bacchus Marsh
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