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Newsletter of the

Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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Presidents Report

I would like to start this report by wishing everyone a, Happy New Year, and I hope everyone had a great Christmas. Judging by the enthusiasm shown by members thus far, we should have another good year.

Once again we will be doing the toys for Christmas and I noticed some members have already made a start with fifty toys made so far. If we all start now we'll have a considerable tally by next December, so please keep this in mind when planning projects.

It was wonderful to see David Howell looking so chirpy after Christmas. The medication is doing its job and it's good to have you back again. David Rowlands has had a setback and is back in hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, and we hope to see you back at the club soon too.

The Knox Festival is fast approaching and many helpers are needed. Please make every effort to assist with the assembly of kits at the club, day or night; many hands make light work. The Festival is on March 2nd and 3rd, and many helpers are needed. If you can help on one or both days please let me know. The more that help the less the burden on others. There is a job for everyone; we all can offer something!

As most of you would now know, the floor has been sanded and polished after a mammoth effort by some members, so please look after it and keep it clean. If you do spill glue on it, *clean it up please*. Thanks to all who helped either with the moving of equipment and cleaning, or the sanding and

polishing. It was a first rate team effort and hopefully will last for quite a few years, and make it easier to keep clean.

I wish you all a most productive year working with wood.

Peter Sleeman

Vale

David Rowlands passed away in late January after a long illness. David has been a member of our club for some years and has only been able to attend occasionally in recent times.

Members of the Knox & District Woodwork club extend their thoughts and deepest sympathy to Virginia and her son Lyndon at this sad time.

Around the Club

We heard recently of one our life members Bill Ide who has moved to the sunny north has not been in the best of health. Bill has spent some time in hospital and is now feeling much better.

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

Guest Speaker for March Monthly Meeting

Noel Orchard from Tooltechnic Systems will be our presenter and he will be demonstrating and talking about Festo tools.

Knox Festival

2nd & 3rd March

The first of our two main fund raising functions is upon us, (two weeks earlier than last year) the members working on the kits have been working overtime to get them ready. There is still more to do, please contact Paddy McCann or Bruce Allen to see if you can help.

What can you do?

- Help with the kits
- Place the name on the white board for what day and time (am-pm) you are available to help out.
- Assist with getting the equipment across on the Friday and picking it up Monday (contact Peter Sleeman if you can help)
- Be there on the day to help out with "Kid's Corner", selling raffle tickets or just talking to the public and letting them know who we are and what we do.

Raffle Tickets

As you will have already notice, there is a book of raffle tickets attached to your newsletter, please make every efforts to sell them. If you require more, contact Doug Dell, I am sure that he will be able to accommodate your needs

Ticket butts and monies needed to returned to Doug as soon as possible and no later than 1pm on Sunday the 3rd. Nb unsold tickets need to be returned by this time as all tickets need to be accounted for.

We are a fortunate club with the facilities and equipment that we have, they have come from member's hard work in the past and for the ongoing development of the club *your help is needed.*

CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

Our Christmas party/break up for 2001 was a very enjoyable afternoon. It was great to catch up with other members who perhaps go to club at a different time so we don't manage to see each other. There was much camaraderie, joke telling and the food was plentiful and scrumptious! (The pre-payment system seemed to allow for better organization of the evening.)

By the way, who was the person who turned the sign "engaged" on the door of the men's toilets? I'm told that some guys were ready to use the ladies loo in desperation!

Afterwards, many members went on to the Carols in the park next door and I believe, despite the cold, enjoyed the revelry.

Turner's Talk

We are into the New Year and if it is anything like the frantic way 2001 ended, then I think that we are going to make a lot of shavings this year.

Our turning groups will meet at the same times as last year. We are going to have a monthly project this year, the idea being that those who are interested make the project and display at the next monthly meeting.

February's project is a "weed pot" about 150mm in height. Next month will probably be eggs and fruit.

We have a few jobs around the club that need to be done, these include: -

- Shelving for "John's Shed"
- Building a hutch onto our mobile tool storage.
- Developing a wood preparation area outside John's shed, and finishing the path to it.

If you can help in any of these jobs, contact Bob Plant, your help will be much valued.

We will be demonstrating at the Knox Festival in March so we will be looking for volunteers to demonstrate their skills.

We will be taking our yellow Woodfast and on Sunday Doug Camps will be there with his own lathe. Sharpening equipment will be available.

If you are able to help, what do you need to do?

1. Let Bob Plant, Frank O'Connor or Jan Brown know when you are available. A roster will be placed on the notice board in the clubhouse.
2. Decide what you are going to make, and *prepare* your materials before the day.
3. Be there on the day with your tools and safety gear and show your enjoyment of woodturning.

Stop Press

Keep Sunday the 5th May free, we are having Guilio Marcolonga giving a demonstration at the club on that day. More information in the March "Ingrained".

Bob Plant

Carvers and Burners Corner

The carvers are back in action in 2002 if you have the chance on a Monday evening drop in and see what Willy, Gerry and the crew are up to.

New Members

We have four new members this month, if you see them around, have a chat and make them welcome.

The new members are: -

Chris Potter
Eddie Hussein
David Trill
Raymond Norton

Our membership currently stands at 135

Berwick Toy Day

On Sunday 9th December, Bruce Allen and I, along with our wives, represented our Club at Berwick Woodworkers toy day.

Commencing at 2PM the afternoon involved a welcome from President Ken Coleman, singing of Christmas carols by the Berwick Junior choir, a statement from the mayor of Casey, a report from the convenor of the toy making teams followed by the handing over of some 300 toys to three charities.

It was reported that the Club had made some 400 toys in all for the year with several being distributed to needy causes as the need arose throughout the year. I have placed some photographs of the toys on our notice board with the thought that it may illustrate the excellence of the range and quality of Berwick's work and possibly provide some ideas for the future.

Following afternoon tea and the usual great hospitality of Ken and his fellow members and their lady supporters we departed Berwick having enjoyed a most interesting, friendly and informative visit.

Thank you Berwick.

Charles Bruckner.

Food For Thought (Part 3)

Stop worrying, start living!

Worry is misuse of the imagination.

Be enthusiastic!

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

Move forward!

One thing at a time well done is worth one thousand things started but not finished.

Honesty is the best policy!

We all find occasions where we have to choose between what we believe are right and what we suspect is advantageous.

November 2001

On Workshop & Safety Matters

If you are using the docking saw please remember to turn on the dust extractor.

The club has recently purchased an air operated staple gun, please take care of it and make sure that it used safely.

Reminder

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

Working Bee

We will be holding our first working bee for the year on Saturday 9th of February starting at 8.00, the tasks that are planned are: -

- Clean up of the machine room, workshop and timber store.
- Completing the painting of the clubhouse.
- Completing the pathway at the side of the sanding shed.
- Other jobs as required.

If you are unable to attend on the day but wish to contribute to the maintenance of the clubs facilities, contact Peter Sleeman or one of the committee, there are always things to be done.

To assist regular on going maintenance, the committee plans to hold working bees bi-monthly on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next one will be on 13 April.

Club Quiz

Who is responsible for?

1. Reporting any damaged tools or equipment to the key holder
2. Washing, drying and putting away cups etc.
3. Mopping the kitchen floor
4. Cleaning the toilets
5. Cleaning of workbenches after use.
6. Cleaning of machines and the machine areas.
7. Putting out of rubbish bins each Tuesday, then bringing them in on Wednesday.
8. Washing / replacing hand towels and tea towels
9. Emptying the off-cut bins into the wood collection bins at the gates of the clubhouse.
10. Emptying the sawdust bins and the dust extractor bags before they are completely full.
11. Emptying the rubbish collection bins
12. Vacuuming the workshop floor/machines

Answer

We all are

Footnote First day of the new year 15 cups left unwashed on the sink !!!!!

For Sale

Mini CARBATEC lathe 4 speed with 200mm extension bed, Nova scroll chuck, No 1 m-t Jacobs chuck and other accessories.

Mounted on a custom made portable and mobile bench. Has done little work. \$375

Contact: Bill Pope 9890 9534 (Blackburn Sth) or Gary Pope 9762 6293 (Boronia)

Workshop Hours

Monday (Nb day is woodturning only)	9.00 am - 2.00 pm	Bob Plant	9754 5920
	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

Saturday Mornings

February 2nd	8.00 am - 12.30 pm	Working Bee at the club rooms	
February 9 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Reinier Lolkema	9754 4567
February 16 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
February 23 rd	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Jan Brown	97621063
March 2 nd		Knox Festival	

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	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 6 th February	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 22 nd February	Committee meeting
Saturday and Sunday March 2 nd & 3 rd	Knox Festival
Wednesday March 6 th	Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker: Noel Orchard from Festo tools
Sunday 6 th August	BE IN IT Competition

Woodworking Callander

March 9 th and 10 th	Woodturners of the Goulburn Valley Woodturning, Woodworking and Furniture Show Civic Centre Shepparton
March 22 nd - 24 th	Carve In 2002 Woodcarving Workshop Bacchus Marsh
April 20 th & 21 st 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