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Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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Presidents Report

This month has seen a lot of activity at the club with members busy preparing for the Knox festival. It has been gratifying to see so many offering their time to help organise the kits and to help at the Festival. This is our first big effort for the year and we hope a successful one. Joe and Allan have been busy with the horse and it looks fantastic. Thanks to you both.

Over the past couple of weeks someone has removed the guards off the buzzer and the writhing knife of the rip saw. This is a very dangerous practice, as they were not put back properly - in the case of the buzzer - not at all! This left the blades exposed and the next person who used it could have been injured. Please follow the correct procedures when using the equipment. Your and others safety depends on it.

Our next bus trip has been organized and is up on the board if you are interested in going. Please put your name on the list there and the number of people coming with you. The trip is to Marysville. Cost is \$29.50 per person, which includes morning tea, BBQ lunch and entry to Bruno's Gallery. It should be a good day so get your name down soon so as not to miss out. First to pay get to go for the day.

Peter Sleeman

Around the Club

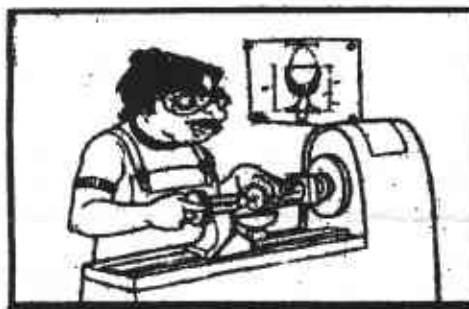
David Howell is not in the best of health at the moment, we wish David a speedy recovery and look forward to see him around the club again soon.

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

Turner's Talk

The turners are still making plenty of shavings on Mondays and Wednesday evenings. Monday's morning teas seem to be a little long, but the time is well spent with "show and tell" and lots of ideas coming out during these times.

There will not be a woodturning group on Monday 11th March (Labour Day weekend)



On Saturday the 23rd of February, we had a wood turner's working bee and worked on shelves in "John's shed", a hutch on top of a mobile cabinet for our measuring tools and cut up some of the logs for turning. Thanks to the turners that were there and next time we will give people a little more notice.

The March meeting will be the first time that we have shown our monthly projects, so there should be plenty of "weed pots" on display. Next month

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our project will be a small bowl of approximately 150mm in diameter.

If any members are interested in entering in the Australian Woodturning Exhibition in June, see me for an entry form. We had one our members enter last year and it would be great to see a few more this year.

Bob Plant

New Members

We have five new members this month, if you see them around, have a chat and make them welcome. The new members are: -

Michael Bellm
Cheryl Davis
Alistair Green
Christian Van Vegten
John McBrinn

Food For Thought (Part 3)

Think positive!

We become what we think about.
If we don't think, we become nothing.

Move forward!

One thing at a time done well is worth more than a thousand things started but unfinished.

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.

Improve yourself!

Most people want to change the world to improve them.

What a wasted effort.

If they only would improve themselves, they would be better off and so would the world.

On Workshop & Safety Matters

A compressed air outlet is currently being installed into the machine room to assist with cleaning the machines. It will operate at low pressure but care needs to be taken when using it.

The grinder near the lathes in the machine room now has a new sharpening guide and grinding wheel. Please only use it for sharpening chisels.

Question

What are the reasons for having guards on machines?

Answer

To give the operator and others protection from moving and spinning parts.

**THEN WHY IS SOME MEMBER
CONTINUESLY REMOVING THE GUARD
OFF THE BUZZER!!!!!!**

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The committee views this as an extremely dangerous breach of safety in the club and action will be taken if the offender is found

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.



TRIP

To Marysville

On Saturday 6th April

Leaves the club at about 7.45am and returns at about 5.30pm.

Morning tea and lunch supplied

Cost \$29.50.

These are a great day out and are thoughtfully enjoyed by all who go on the trips and a great chance to get to know other members.

There are only a limited number of seats, so get in early and place your name on the notice board in the clubrooms.

Working Bee

As indicated in last months "Ingrained" the club will be holding regular working bees bi-monthly on the second Saturday of the month.

The next one will be on Saturday 13th April, please place this in your in your diary.

Timber Corner

King Billy pine (*Athrotaxis selaginoides*)

Although related to the famous redwoods of California, the King Billy pine is only a medium sized tree usually between 25 and 30 metres high with a diameter 60 to 90 centimetres. It is also one of the endemic Tasmanian softwoods along with Huon, Celery top and Pencil Pines. The bark is slightly furrowed and fibrous. The small, pointed leaves are thick and more or less overlap. They

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grow stiffly in rows and are quite prickly, the male and female cones are born on the same tree and are about 20mm in diameter, and have loose scales and stand erect on the end of branches.

King Billy pines are found in the more mountainous wetter areas of Tasmania. They are slow growing and can live for five hundred years or



more, if not burnt by bushfires, to which they are highly susceptible. The maximum growth rates are in the vicinity of 200mm per year.

The sapwood is yellow, but the heartwood is pink to reddish brown with distinct growth rings. It is very soft, fine textured timber with straight grain. It has good bending properties, works well and seasons well with little shrinkage. The oils present in the timber preserve it well. Present use is restricted by availability. In the north you can see the tree at Winterbrook Rainforest Walk and in the south at the Hartz mountains and the Mount Field National Park.

Forestry Tasmania



Woodturning Demonstration

Demonstrator	Guilio Marcolonga
Venue	Knox Woodworkers Clubrooms
Date	Sunday 5th May
Time	9.15am to 4.15pm
Cost	\$32 which includes morning tea and lunch

We have been fortunate in being able to have Guilio to come and demonstrate to us. Guilio is a great demonstrator and has the ability to be able to describe what you should do to improve your turning and use of your tools.

Guilio is known for his flair and consistent ability to carry off prizes in major shows around the country. He is also well known overseas and is sort after as a demonstrator in America. He has also demonstrated in Europe and New Zealand. If you were at the Working With Wood Show at Jeff's shed you would have seen him demonstrating his talents.

Please note that there are only limited spots so you will need to book and pay as soon as possible, payments to Doug Dell. If you have any questions contact Bob Plant (9754 5920)



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 Howall	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

March 2 nd	8.00 am - 12.30 pm	Knox Festival	
March 9 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515
March 16 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
March 23 rd	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Reiner Lolkema	9754- 4567
March 30 th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142

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 Semenow 9758 6024 Allen Brookes

Coming Club Events

Wednesday 6 th March	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 20 th	Committee meeting
Saturday 6 th April	Bus trip to Marysville
Sunday 5 th May	Woodturning Demonstration
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