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Newsletter of the

## Knox & District Woodworkers Club



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### Executive Committee

|                   |                  |           |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| President         | Peter Sleeman    | 9758 1390 |
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| Treasurer         | Doug Dell        | 9729 1886 |
| Committee Member  | Paddy McCann     | 9758 3920 |
| Newsletter Editor | Bob Plant        | 9754 5920 |

### Notice To All Members

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Knox and District Woodworkers Club Inc. Will be held in the Alf Stephens Clubrooms on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, commencing at 7.30pm. Further information may be found on the rear of the newsletter.

### President's Report

August has been busy as we prepare for the Stringybark Festival in October. Most of the kits are ready and packed with just a few small items to be completed. Members please remember we need plenty of helpers over the two days of the festival. Soon we will be asking you to put your name on the board list of helpers. Please help if you can. Toys for Christmas are progressing well too. Please keep up the good work and make a child happy this Christmas.

The working bee at the beginning of August was an outstanding success, with a lot achieved clearing the undergrowth in preparation for our BBQ area. A few more working bees are planned in the near future to complete the project. Please hop in and help when asked and don't leave it to the few whom always put their hand up to help.

This month we had a visit from the Waverley Woodworkers, and what a fantastic day it was. Good company, good weather and good food made for an enjoyable day. Thanks to Paddy and Paul for cooking the BBQ, and Pat for the salads. They were most appreciated. Thanks too to Waverley for their company and help in making it such an enjoyable day.

Don't forget the AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. Only members who have paid their membership fees are able to vote.

Membership fees, which are \$40, are now due. I look forward to seeing you there.

Peter Sleeman.

### Around the club

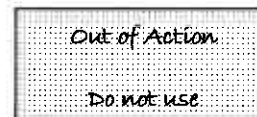
Congratulations to Paddy McCann who has recently reached the ripe young age of 65 and has retired. I here through grape vine that Pat has a short list of jobs that will keep him going for quite for many years to come "retirement"

*Joan has won....*

Finally after some heavy persuasion our treasurer, Doug Dell is off for some well-earned R & R. He and Joan are to spend the next four weeks in the wilds of the New South Wales South Coast at Kiama or there abouts. No doubt there will be plenty of woodworking and patchwork for them to see. Have a great break guys.

Jan Brown has not been in the best of health for some weeks now, she is improving and would like to thank the members for there well wishes

### Have You Seen This Sign in our Workshop?



If you look up on the left wall of the workshop you will see this sign, **it is hanging on a broom !!!!!** Amazing by the look of the machine shop, people are reading and taking notice of a sign!!!!!!!

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## A Message From The Treasurer

Annual Subscriptions are Now Due and it would be appreciated if they could be paid as soon as possible. As I will be away on holidays, Peter Sleeman and Charles Bruckner will be available to collect subs.

A reminder that to vote at the AGM or be nominated for a position on the Executive Committee, you must be a financial member.

If you are not planning to rejoin the club, it would be appreciated if you would let the secretary or a committee member know.

### Raffle Tickets

A book of raffle tickets has been attached to the front of this newsletter; please make every effort to sell them. If you require more contact Peter, Charles or myself. The ticket butts should be returned to me by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Doug Dell  
Treasurer.

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### Turner's Talk

There are three of us off to the Turn-around at Phillip Island on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of September, I am sure this will be a great experience for those attending with lots of new ideas that will be brought back to club.

We have just purchased a new Vicmarc VM120 scroll chuck for the lathes.

A reminder while using the lathes, PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE SAFETY GEAR, this should include some form of dust mask.

We are proposing to take two lathes to the Stringybark festival so we will be looking for plenty of volunteers to demonstrate their talents on the day.

### INVITATION FROM FOREST HILL WORDTURNER'S

We have been invited to an Open Day at the Forest Hill Woodturners Club on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of October. It is a great chance to meet turners from other clubs, swap ideas and get to know them. Woodturners are well known for their friendliness and Shari ring of ideas. It will run from 10.00 in the morning until 4.30 in the afternoon.

If you are interested, there is a list on the noticeboard, A great day if you can make it.

Bob Plant

### Discount Cards from the Council of Victorian Woodwork Club Inc.

The club has been issued membership cards for all members. When presented at the following companies you are able to obtain discounts on their products: -



AP Workshop, East Malvern (03) 9672 0242  
Carba-Tec, Richmond (03) 9427 8444  
Workshop Equipment Specialists Bendigo (03) 5443 4827  
Mathews Timber Pty Ltd Vermont (03) 9874 1666  
The Woodsmith Pty Ltd Bayswater (03) 9771 4622  
Mik International, Burnside S.A. (08) 8333 2997

Cards are available from Charles Bruckner

### A Great "Be In It" Day

The function we feel was our most successful ever, due to the support of both entrants and attendees. We estimate that approximately 140 members families and friends attended.

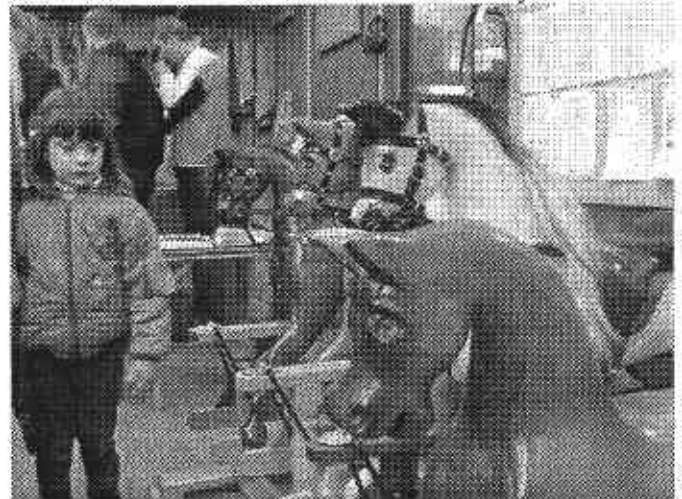
The judges on the day were our Mayor, Karin Orpen and Cliff Walsh, a noted woodturner from the Yarra & Forest Hills Wood turners who had their work cut out for them, judging over a 100 entries in 12 categories. Our judges complemented the entrants on the quality and quantity of the work submitted which made their job harder.

After their judging task was completed our judges presented the winners and place getters in each of the categories. The judges also gave awards for the "Best On Day", these went to Ron Ralph for a large item and Alistair Green for his turned bowl. Our congratulations to all that entered and sincere thanks to our judges for giving up their valuable time.

The Annual "Be In It" competitions gives the members an opportunity to show their skills and crafts of the previous 12 months to their fellow members. It is also a chance for member's families and friends to observe how we spend our time at the club.

On behalf of your committee, I would like to thank our judges, all the entrants, all those who helped in the background tasks, recording interests, printing certificates, afternoon tea, selling raffle tickets. To every one involved, thank you for another successful function. THE BEST YET

Paddy McCann





## The Be- In-It Results

### Boxes

1<sup>st</sup> Graham Bye Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Horsburgh

### Carving

1<sup>st</sup> Willy Schaf 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerry Daelmans 3<sup>rd</sup> Willy Schaf

### Clocks

1<sup>st</sup> Karen Button 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Longdon 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Button

### Furniture

#### Major

1<sup>st</sup> Ron Ralph 2<sup>nd</sup> John Mutsthler 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Brooks

#### Minor

1<sup>st</sup> Peter Sleeman 2<sup>nd</sup> Alistair Green 3<sup>rd</sup> Paddy McCann

### Horses

1<sup>st</sup> Joe Semenow 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Semenow 3<sup>rd</sup> Joe Semenow

### Ornamental

1<sup>st</sup> Ron Ralph 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Elliot 3<sup>rd</sup> Manfred Shores

### Toys & Games

1<sup>st</sup> Russ Greenough 2<sup>nd</sup> Max Holt 3<sup>rd</sup> Max Holt

### Woodturning

#### Faceplate Turning Large Bowls

1<sup>st</sup> Alistair Green 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Plant 3<sup>rd</sup> Eddie Hussen  
Commended Elysha Neylan

#### Faceplate Turning Small Bowls

1<sup>st</sup> Russ Greenough 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Button 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Button  
Commended Doug Dell & Bob Plant

#### Spindle Turning

1<sup>st</sup> Joyce Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Plant 3<sup>rd</sup> Russ Greenough

## Best Overall in Show

Large *Ron Ralph*

Small *Alistair Green*

## A Message From The Judge

I was fortunate to be asked to help judge the done by the members of the Knox Woodworkers on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. As I have visited the clubrooms and the workshops previously, I was aware of the great range of equipment available, and imagined that the 150 members would make good use of the opportunity to create worthwhile projects. I was not disappointed. A great variety was set out for the two judges, and the level of dedication left me in great awe. I was offered the opportunity to speak to the participants on the day but I declined as I thought the written word might

be more appropriate than the spoken. Besides there was still plenty of the excellent cakes and sandwiches provided by the members and their wives. Why stand there listening when you could be eating?

I think some members may benefit from having a checklist available when their projects are nearing completion. It is all too easy to be absorbed in the practicalities of the construction that the necessities of finishing are overlooked. Sometimes some one else appraising your work can help lift the standard.

To assist you to improve your projects, I have some questions.

Do you:

- use more than two coats of polyurethane?
- use abrasive paper between each coat?
- rub candle wax on the draw runners?
- ensure the finish inside and beneath your project is equal to the top?
- make sure your toy passes the "touch test"?
- use abrasive paper with the grain to remove those circular scratches?
- remove all paint/varnish runs?

The dedication and enthusiasm and enthusiasm of the club members have created an atmosphere that is quite inspiring. May all your projects be winners?

Cliff Walsh

## Extra Working Bee Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

A great start was made to the new barbecue area, but there is more that needs to be done, if you have a few hours free it would be great if you could help out.

## Bill Gillingham Award.

The Bill Gillingham Award was established in memory of the late Bill Gillingham, who was a founding member of our club.

This award is presented annually at our A.G.M. to the club-person who has done most for the benefit of Members in general, over the past 12 months.

Previous recipients are,

|      |                              |
|------|------------------------------|
| 1991 | Keith Griffin                |
| 1992 | Ed Lawer                     |
| 1993 | Reg Dixon                    |
| 1994 | Dick Kors                    |
| 1995 | Bruce Allen                  |
| 1996 | Paddy McCann, Paul Phillips. |
| 1997 | Peter Sleeman                |
| 1998 | Frank O'Connor.              |
| 1999 | Joe Semenow.                 |
| 2000 | Doug Dell.                   |
| 2001 | Bill Longden.                |
| 2002 | ?                            |

## How To Use Rustin's DANISH OIL on WOODTURNINGS

5 Easy Steps to produce an excellent finish!

Finish sanding your woodturning with 320grit or finer, on some woods you can improve the final finish by sanding up to 500grit.



Then to your finely sanded surface with the Lathe stopped.....

1. Apply the oil liberally with a rag or a brush.
2. Let soak in for just a few minutes, then wipe off any excess.
3. Start the Lathe and burnish dry with a soft dry rag.
4. Repeat steps 1, 2 and 3, allowing time between coats for the oil to dry.
5. To produce a beautiful burnished polished finish..... apply a final coat of oil with the lathe running, put a small amount of oil on a rag and with light pressure at first, spread this coat out over the work, gradually increase the pressure keeping the rag moving, then change to a clean dry rag and burnish the surface to a smooth polished finish.

All Woodturnings pictured here turned by Len Smith and finished with Rustin's DANISH OIL.

Danish Oil is the ideal finish to use on turnings made from....

- Burls or Burrs and Natural Edge Bowls
- Limbwood or Branches including bark
- Grass Tree Roots
- Banksia Nuts



It penetrates deep and dries hard, is very easy to use and results in a natural satin finish.

Reproduced from The Woodsmiths web site

## New Members

John Chai and David Cullwick are our new members this month. If you see John or David around, have a chat and make them welcome.

## Stringy Bark Festival

Have you pencilled the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of October into your diary. The Kid's Corner kits are well in hand and we are looking forward to a big weekend for the club.

## Tickets for Timber and Woodworking Show

The club is pre-purchasing to this years Timber and Working With Wood Show at Jeff's Shed. The cost of the tickets is pensioners \$10 and adults \$13 and this is required to be pre payed. If you are interested, please place the money in an envelope and return it to: - Bob Plant, Peter Sleeman or Charles Bruckner.

The shut off date for this offer is 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

*How Long Does it Take to Make One of Those?*

Do you mean...

not plant the tree, but find the wood,  
just 'see' the piece, (as if I could)?  
to find a highly figured burl,  
a crotch, an eye, or pearly curl?  
And once I spy it, perhaps buy it,  
inventory, store, and dry it?  
Then saw or cut it, possibly I kiln it?  
glue, imbue with fill, or drill it?  
You mean, that once I'm satisfied  
it's stopped the warps, checks, cracks, once dried?  
And mounted on the lathe, to turn it,  
(which takes much practice, just to learn it;  
and then employ a gouge, or two,  
or use a skew, which I don't eschew,  
to mold it, shape it (what's your pleasure?)  
by all means, I'm sure to measure,  
then sand it smooth, please wear your mitts,  
from coarse to fine, 10,000 grits,  
then braze, or burnish, paint, or polish,  
(the goal: enhance, and don't demolish)?  
Is that your question, start to end,  
how long's that path, its way to wend?  
Or do you merely want to know how long it turned?  
Ten minutes, or so.

John A. Styer, The Lathe-meister

## Homemade Centre-Finder For Wood Turners

Purchase a 12" square piece of 1/8" to 1/4" thick clear Plexiglass or Lexan at your hardware store or home centre. Leave the protective paper on the plastic and drill a small, 1/32" hole through the plastic at your centre point. Using a sharp, pointed set of steel dividers, carefully scratch a series of circles through the protective paper and into the plastic below, being careful not to "snag" the paper, creating a rough edge.

Once all your circles are scribed, spray a dark-colours enamel over the protective paper and allow it to dry thoroughly. Remove the paper and position your centre-finder over the end of your dowel or cylinder and use the scribed lines to help you find the exact centre

## Discounts on Saw Blades and Router Cutters

Our speaker from our August meeting Tony Lemon from Dimar Tools is offering substantial discounts to club

members. If you want to take up this offer he can be contacted on 0419 002552. Our speakers give up their time to visit us, so we should support them

## Workshop Hours

|   |                   |               |           |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Monday (Nb day is for woodturning only) | 9.00 am - 2.00 pm | Bob Plant     | 9754 5920 |
|   | 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm | Bill Longden  | 9758 2438 |
| Tuesday                                 | 9.30 am - 3.00 pm | Peter Sleeman | 9758 1390 |
|   | 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm | Bruce Allen   | 9754 5774 |
| Wednesday                               | 9.30am - 3.00 pm  | Peter Sleeman | 9758 1390 |
|   | 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm | Paddy McCann  | 9758 3920 |
| Thursday                                | 9.30 am - 3.00 pm | Paul Aminde   | 9758 1733 |
| Friday                                  | 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm | Bruce Allen   | 9754 5774 |

## Saturday Mornings

|                            |                    |              |             |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| September 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00 am - 12.30 pm | WORRYING BEE | ALL WELCOME |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am - 12.30 pm | Doug Dell    | 9729 1886   |
| September 21 <sup>st</sup> | 8.00 am - 12.30 pm | Chris Smith  | 9729 6515   |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 am - 12.30 pm | Jan Brown    | 9762 1063   |
| October 5 <sup>th</sup>    | 9.30 am - 12.30 pm | Working Bee  | All welcome |

*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<br>Jan Brown 9762 1063 |
|           | Evening             | Every week | Carvers & Burners<br>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 Semnow 9758 6024<br>Allen Brookes      |

## What's Coming Up

### At The Club

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
Monthly Meeting  
Speaker Bill Norquay from Sackys Robertson Screw distributors

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Executive Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 2nd October**  
Annual General Meeting

**Saturday & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
Stringy Bark Festival at Rowville

**Saturday December TBA**  
Christmas Break Up

### In The Big "Woodies" World

October 25-27

Timber and Working With Wood Show.  
Jeff's Shed

**November 9-10**  
Eltham and District Woodworkers Annual Show  
Eltham Community Centre  
Pitt St. Eltham  
10am - 5pm

### On Sale At The Club

Pen kits

- Slim \$14
- Fatter centre \$18.50

Pen display boxes

- Plastic single pen \$1.00
- Velvet covers pkt of 10 \$4.00

Clocks

- 50 & 65mm \$14.50
- 30mm \$13.50

Letter Openers \$6.00  
Super Glue

- thick & thin \$12.00

Accelerator \$13.00  
Ubeaut Polishes

- Shellawax cream \$26.40
- EEE-Ultra Shine \$16.50

*To purchase these items, contact Peter Sleeman, Bill Longden, Doug Dell or Bob Plant*

Club Caps and polo shirts are still available.

Contact Charles Bruckner if you haven't ordered yours. It would be great to see as many as possible in them at the Stringy Bark Festival

# Knox & District Woodworkers Club



Annual General Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

## Notice of Motion

To amend point 12(b) first sentence, of the Constitution

Currently

(b) the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, who shall be Members qualifying under Rule 4 to hold such positions

Proposed Amendment

(b) the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and three committee members, who shall be Members qualifying under Rule 4 to hold such positions

Moved Paddy McCann

Seconded Charles Bruckner



## Election Of Officers And Committee Members For 2002 - 2003 NOMINATION FORM



I ..... wish to nominate.....

for the position of .....

Name of Nominee.....

I accept the nomination (Signed) ..... Date.....

Nominators Signature ..... Date .....

Name of seconder .....

Seconders Signature ..... Date .....

*Please return the completed forms to the Secretary Before the 2<sup>nd</sup> October*

*Thank you Charles Bruckner*