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Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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PRESIDENT'S MARCH REPORT

This month started with the Knox Festival but unfortunately we were rained upon and then some. But in true grit style members rallied and made the most of it. I would like to thank all those who helped out despite the rain and made the day a success. A 5yr old boy, who should get many years enjoyment with it, won the rocking horse.

The extensions to the turning shed are well under way, thanks to Frank, Paddy and John. Once finished this should alleviate some of the congestion in the machine workshop. Work has also started on making more kits for the Stringybark Festival in October. I urge members not to forget the "Toys for Christmas Appeal" also.

The club will be running a bus trip to Eildon and Alexandria on April 26, leaving at 8am. The cost of \$32.50 per person, includes morning tea and BBQ lunch. Numbers are limited and places being booked fast, so don't miss out on a great day. First to pay go! Peter Sleeman

"Around the Club"



Paul Phillips and Bruce Allen (oh no! Bruce is in a photo again!) have done a great job making a dining table for Jean White. They willingly did this in appreciation for her doing so much to help the club.

They are seen in the photo giving a final dusting after finishing the French polishing of the table, (with Jim Gay giving their handiwork the critical eye). Well done guys and we are sure Jean will love it!!

Doug Dell reports there are now 59 toys ready for the Christmas toy collection. Keep up the good work.

Paddy McCann is always looking for extra helpers to prepare toy kits.

Visit from Doncaster East Club

During March we were pleased to welcome a group of members from Doncaster East. Following an inspection of our facilities we had an interesting exchange of ideas over lunch. It was good to welcome this relatively new group.

Charles Bruckner

A successful Knox Festival

As with both of the two festivals we attend each year, the lead up is both long and busy. For the six months before each festival, a small team is busily putting together the various kits that are sold and assembled during the festivals. The "horse makers" are also busy creating the rocking horses that are raffled. Incidentally, this year we produced our own raffle tickets from the club's computer. The woodturners organised their rosters and equipment and the wood carvers arranged to demonstrate their craft.

Before the festival gets underway all of the required machinery, tools and equipment must be assembled at the clubrooms. The next step is to transport them to the festival site. A club representative needs to attend the Festival Management meetings in order to keep abreast of developments and report to the club.

Around 7 am on the first day of the festival, a small team of members gather to set up our stand and ensure that everything is in place to get us underway when those of us who are assisting on the day, in whatever capacity, will gather.

Unfortunately, on Sat. 2nd March the weather was quite inclement and activity, particularly in the morning, was very slow. Despite some further showers, the afternoon activity was so much better. Sunday, while showers were still around it was a better day, both weather wise and patronage. We also managed to sell 5 large boxes which some of our members had put together.

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From a financial viewpoint, despite the weather, we managed to improve on the same time last year, by a couple of hundred dollars, which was very pleasing. Also pleasing was the number of members who came to help out- quite the best turnout we'd had for some time. It was great to see the rocking horse won by the son of a volunteer at "Amaroo", where we were able to sell quite a number of tickets.

To all members who contributed to the success of the festival, the club thanks you for your efforts, the effort from which all club members will eventually benefit.

Your Committee (by Charles Bruckner)



The rocking horse was won by 5 year old Indiana Williams. As you can see in the picture he was so happy and excited he was already riding the horse when it was being presented to him and Peter Sleeman was congratulating him.

Community Services done by the club

Many members may not realise the numerous community services members in our club help with. More helpers are always appreciated so please offer your time and expertise where possible.

Ferntree Gully Guides. We are considering helping them in repairing their toilet block as they have been quoted an amount they cannot possibly afford and we believe we can help for far less cost.

They also require a new wooden Honour Board.

Knox Historical Society. We have been given the original badly rotted "Bayswater 1" (1 Mile) street sign to duplicate for the society to re-erect.

2nd Knoxfield Cubs. We are providing a kids corner woodwork project night on 1st April for each cub to assemble one of our kit trays. (We suspect they will paint and decorate them for their Mum's for a Mothers Day present)

A welcome to New Members

We have 2 new members this month, if you see them around, have a chat and make them feel part of the club family. The new members are: - Ken McMaster
Brian Nickless

Congratulations to Karen Orpen

Considering the upheavals that occurred in the recent local elections, it was great to see that Karen got re-elected. She deserved this recognition as she has been a driving and dynamic force in Knox and prepared to get involved in numerous activities.

Working Bee on Saturday 12th April

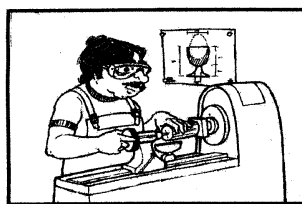
Please spare some time from 8 am to help.

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Painting, rubbish cleanup and perhaps concreting and tree removal are on the agenda.

Turner's Talk



The program for April is:-

- Tuesday 1st Christmas toys
- 7th & 8th Lids for glass containers and making a chatter tool
- 14th & 15th Individual

projects

- Tues 22nd Wood and equipment maintenance
- 28th & 29th Work on toys for Christmas

Entry forms for the Australian Woodturning Exhibition in June are now available from Bob Plant. A list of the

categories has been posted on the notice board. This year we are hoping for as many entries as we can. If you have any questions please contact me

Bob Plant

P.S. Frank, Paddy & John Hooke have made a great start on the extension of the turning shed. It'll certainly provide much more room in that part of the workshop. Well done, guys!

P.P.S. Frank needs volunteers to put the roof on, otherwise it'll have to be done during an evening. But Frank doesn't fancy working in the dark as he said 'he is not a mushroom!'

Woodturning Demonstration

Guilio's Returning

Guilio will demonstrate various aspects and techniques of turning bowls including natural edge bowls, using a bowl saver and decorating ideas. It is an excellent day.

Demonstrator Guilio Marcolonga

Venue Club rooms

Date Sunday 11th May 9.15am to 4.15pm

Cost \$35 includes lunch

There are only limited spots so book and pay as soon as possible, payments to Doug Dell, Bob Plant, Frank or Jan. If you have any questions contact Bob Plant (9754 5920)



Equipment Status in the Club

Thickneser

It is now back in action!

Thankfully, there have been no other equipment failure incidents this month, so everyone keep up the good work!!

The suggestion raised at the March general club meeting "to have an appropriate nominated second person present with people every time they use the thickneser" was given lengthy consideration by the committee. Due to the practicality of having a suitable second person available, it was finally decided to stay with the current system.

One Club's answer to machinery abuse!

At a recent visit to Central Woodworks at Manningham's club in Templestowe, their newsletter had an interesting

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article about their concern re wrong and dangerous use of club machinery. They are **so concerned** about it that they have instigated an **urgent** and extensive training programme for each of their machines. A group of members is trained in the proper use of each machine and they in turn train other members, who then teach more members. The members who have done the training and are accredited are the **only ones** allowed to use the machinery.

Could this also be a possible solution to the constant problem Knox club has with wrong and 'abusive' use of many of our machines?? There could then surely be no question of incorrect use of our equipment! What do you think?

Fashion in the field

On a recent visit to Tullamore Nursing Home in Montrose, on a rather warm day, Paul Phillips, Bob Plant and I enjoyed the company of seven male residents. One of our tasks was to help paint some tool boxes and trays, which we had previously assembled. As Bob and Paul were wearing their best shorts, they were provided with aprons to wear. Someone, who shall remain nameless (and it wasn't Paul or Doug), looked really gorgeous in a brightly coloured ½ apron! What a great (but sadly missed) photo opportunity!!

Doug Dell

News from a previous club member

It's always good to hear how ex Knox woodworkers are going and what they're doing with their time. Apparently Arthur Blackshaw is enjoying life in Maryborough Qld. He has his own well-equipped workshop but misses the camaraderie of fellow members and the extended opening hours of our club. Arthur joined a club about 60 kms from his place but they only meet once a month. He has mentioned to his friend Jim Gay that if any members were travelling up his way he'd be very happy to see them. See Jim for his details.

Rocking Horse Ramblings

(from the Rocking Horse Group)



The group was certainly active last Friday night and this was confirmed by Joe Semenow who was very pleased with the progress all the members are making. In fact, some are so eager they get ahead of the instructions and sometimes make mistakes – but don't we all do that at times, in our enthusiasm?

One of the members of the Waverley Woodworkers is in the process of making 3 horses as he has 3 grandchildren. He raved about how good our horse design was and praised the amount of help he and the others are getting.

Knox & Waverley

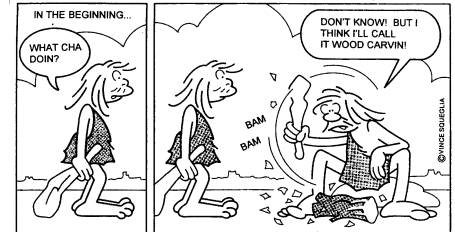


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Ewa Jasinska from the Waverley club is seen in the photo working on the horse she is making for herself. She has yet to decide on the finish but is tending toward having the horse painted rather than stained.

Carvers Corner

Join Willy Schlaf and Gerry Daelmans at the Monday evening sessions to either further develop your carving skills or learn how to do it with expert encouragement.



Timber Suppliers

P-Square Agencies in WA, stock many tools & other paraphernalia of interest to people working with wood. I'll have their catalogue by the next meeting for anyone interested.

The Red Gum Slab, stock red gum slabs, burls, blanks for turning etc. Address: 2/7 Michellan Crt, Bayswater, Ph: 9738 1768

Jan Brown

The Bowerbird, is a place well worth a visit if you are interested in another source of wood supply. They collect timber from urban yards, road clearances, forestry waste piles and many other places. They describe a walk through their storage sheds as 'a journey of exotic smells and rare gems, each with their own story'. They are a family business based in Wesburn and Tim Kennedy can be contacted on Ph 5967 1327.

Chair Doctor Glue

Having glued many of our old wooden chairs back together a couple of times (mostly unsuccessfully in the long term), I noted with interest a product called **Chair Doctor Glue**. Apparently, it swells the wood at the end grain of a spindle or rail and then adheres it in place. Creaks & squeaks are gone forever they claim and the adhesive is far better than PVA's. It is purpose designed to do this particular job and from all accounts does it extremely well. I haven't been able to source a supplier here as yet but will keep trying and let members know who has it.

Jan Brown

Members Welfare

Unfortunately Peter Sleeman still has health problems and we all wish him well for a speedy recovery, so he can be his usual bright bouncy self around the club again.

Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection and dust mask when using the club equipment. Your health is important, look after it!

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Workshop Hours

Monday (NB the day session 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	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
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Thursday	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Charles Bruckner Doug Dell	9801 2197 9729 1886
Friday	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

Saturday Mornings

April 5 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
April 12 th	8:00 am - 12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
April 19 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910
April 26 th		CLOSED-Due to Bus Trip	
May 3 rd	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515
May 10 th	8:00 am - 12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	

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	9.00 am to 2.00 pm	Every week	Day Woodturners	Bob Plant 9754 5920 Jan Brown 9762 1063
	Evening	Every week	Carvers & Burners Festival Kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
Tuesday	Evening	Every week	Evening Woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512 Jan Brown 9762 1063
Friday	Evening	Every week	Rocking Horse group	Joe Semenov 9758 6024 Allen Brookes 9762 4032

What's Coming Up

At The Club

Saturday 12th April
Working Bee from 8am

Wednesday 23rd April
Committee Meeting

Saturday 26th April
Club Bus Trip

Wednesday 7th May
Monthly Meeting

Sunday 10th August
"Be -In-It" at the club

Wednesday 1st October
AGM of the Club

In The Big "Woodies" World

3 - 20th April
"A Creative Festival of Wood"
Free
Exhibition of Fine Woodcraft at
Manningham Gallery

12 - 13th April
"In Touch with Wood"
Free. Woodwork Carnival at
Manningham Municipal Offices
Templestowe

19 - 20th April
Working Horse Festival
Churchhill Island

16 - 18th May
Carve-in 2003 at Rowsley
(15km west of Bacchus Marsh)

14th June
Victorian Woodworkers
Association, IVECO
"Create from a Crate"

27-29 June
Winterfest Warburton

21-22 September
Woodturners and Woodworkers
Exhibition
Mildura

18-19 October
Stringy Bark Festival
Rowville

8-9 November
Eltham & District
Woodworkers-Annual
Exhibition

On Sale at the Club

Pen kits -Slim \$14.00
-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
- Club Caps \$10.00
- Club polo shirts \$20.00

Equipment for Sale

Delta Router Bench
(No motor) make an offer
Doug or Charles

2-way vice \$40 ono

Dovetail fixture kit (with
instructions) \$20

**W.M.S. Tilt 10" table saw on
stand** (with 1 extra blade)
\$225 ono

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