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Newsletter of the

*Knox & District
Woodworkers Club*



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OUR PRESIDENT'S APRIL REPORT

Once again another busy month has gone by, with members working on their own, as well as club projects. The rocking horse people are very busy on Friday nights. It's great to see so many horses on the go at once, and Joe actively helping with advice and expertise. Thanks Joe.

The Monday wood turners are also hard at work with some new members joining in and having a go.

Other members are diligently making toys for the Christmas Appeal and kits for the Stringybark Festival in October.

This month some members gave their time, energy and skills to the FTG Guides. The toilet floor in their hall had collapsed and a team of members led by Paddy replaced the floor. (Not a simple job either.) Thanks to all that helped; the Guides were very grateful.

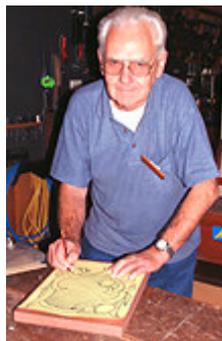
We have also had a bus trip this month. We traveled to Eildon and Alexandra and what an impressive day we had. The low levels of water at Eildon were especially sobering. Apart from that we had a great bus ride, great food and great company. Thanks to Paul and Jim for their help. We look forward to another day out later this year.

Peter Sleeman

"Around the Club"

Les Clayton is pictured here just starting on tracing out a delicate pierced carving for a mirror surround he will be doing on a beautiful piece of Tasmanian Myrtle. We hope to eventually show the finished mirror.

I was reminded that when I put the photo of Jean White's completed table in the last issue I acknowledged the work done by Paul Phillips and Bruce Allen but omitted the fine job done by Doug Dell in turning the



legs for the table. The table certainly needed the legs and they finished it off Doug! (By the way, there is no photo of Bruce Allen in this issue so you do not have to look for it!)



Paul Phillips thinks the new spacious arrangement in the workshop is now excellent for cleaning up. Anyone who has swept up in the past knows it was hopeless with all the equipment so tightly packed in

this main workshop.

Rod Hall is shown using the jig he made to add slots for wedges on the corner of a box he is making for his brother as a wedding present when he returns from overseas. The sides and top will be carved and he already has some helpful tips from Willy Schlaf. The wood is scraps his father hoarded for many years so the timber has personal family memories.



The FTG Community Bank, who financed the Guides toilet block refurbishment, sent a "thank you" letter for our members' contribution.

A welcome to a New Member

We have only 1 new member this month, if you see him around, have a chat and make him feel part of the club family. The new member is: -Colin Hart

Working Bee on Saturday 10th May

Please spare some time from 8 am to help with general work around the club.



“KIDS CORNER” Kits Group

Over the past 7 to 8 years a dedicated group of members have given freely of their time and skills on Monday nights to making kits for “Kids Corner” for our club involvement at Knox’ s Two Major Festivals, “Knox Festival” in March and “Stringy Bark Festival ” in October, each year.

Both venues are wonderful platforms for:

- exposure of the Club to the public, as to who we are and what we do.
- promoting membership.
- a major fund raising opportunity (along with the Rocking Horse raffle) to keep our club afloat.

"Kids Corner" was the brainchild of our Founder Alf Stephens around ten years ago and has grown over the years, to make our stall probably the busiest one at the festivals. As its popularity grew, we found it necessary to set a club night aside to prepare and make kits eg. pencil cases, tool boxes, cars, buses, cots, etc. Most of the original group ie Jim Diveney, Peter Horsburgh, Paul Phillips, Bruce Allen and Paddy Mc Cann still show up conscientiously on Monday nights to prepare kits for the next festival. Others who support the group are Nancy Stephens with sewing all the beds for the cots, Peter Sleeman who prepares and makes the helicopter and car kits, and Colin Stewart and his group who prepare and make the tray kits. Many other members have also helped over the years and this has been much appreciated. Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes to all these dedicated members who have given of their time and skills so freely over the years.

At present, with enough kits for the next Stringy Bark Festival, the group has decided to use Monday night to make toys for our Christmas Toy Appeal. We will warmly welcome any members who have free time and want to contribute ideas for toys at our Monday night sessions. We are always open for suggestions on future new kits. Those who assist at the Kids Corner stall know we have kids who come back to us year after year and they often say, “Do you have any new kits because I have already made all your kits.” So, we ask you all to put on your thinking caps and come up with new suggestions! If you are interested in joining the group or have any suggestions please contact me on Monday nights, or around the club, or on 9758 3920. Paddy Mc Cann

Equipment Status in the Club

Belt sander

This has been badly damaged resulting from apparently being dropped! Due to repeated damage, the decision at this stage, if it cannot be repaired, is to not replace the machine.

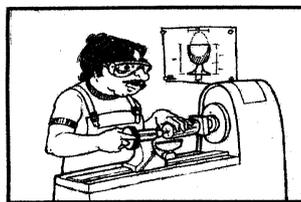
Rocking Horse Ramblings

(from the Rocking Horse Group)

As Peter Sleeman mentioned in his report, Joe is beaming because the rocking horse group is “galloping” ahead. It’s

a long time since he has seen so many horses being made at one time and is proud of their enthusiasm and skill. He was most complimentary of the standard of work Ewa Jasinska has achieved on her horse (if you remember it was photographed in the last newsletter issue), It is now at the assembly onto the rocking frame stage.

Turner’s Talk



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

Woodturning Demonstration

Change of date

Guilio will demonstrate techniques of turning bowls including natural edge bowls, using a bowl sander and decorating ideas.

Demonstrator Guilio Marcolonga

Venue Club rooms

Note New Date Sunday 25th May 9.15am to 4.15pm

Cost \$35 includes lunch

Payments to Doug Dell, Bob Plant, Frank or Jan. Any questions contact Bob Plant (9754 5920)



Who wants to take over as Treasurer?

Doug Dell has decided to call-it-a-day in October and not seek re-election as treasurer of our club for 2004. He has done a marvellous job for about 4 years (after taking over for just a few weeks to fill in back then until a new treasurer was found!).

He quite rightly feels it is time for a new face to take over. Give some thought to getting yourself nominated as we cannot do without someone doing this very important function. Talk to Doug to get an idea of the time he spends on it each month, as it is not an onerous task.

“Be-In-It Competition” at the Club

Sunday 10th August 2003

Don’t forget the above function. Members can enter as many items as you wish providing they have been made within the last 12 months. Further details will be at the meeting and in the next Newsletter.

Guest speakers in the coming months

May Meeting – J Hassell C.V.W.C. on Marquetry

June Meeting – Dr Dennis Maddern on Finance

Loans of club equipment & books etc

With more club equipment, books and videos being loaned out the committee wishes to re-clarify the rules for loans to make it fair for everyone.

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Club Equipment – The loan period is **48 hours** and the item must be entered in and out of the loan book by the **keyholder** on duty at that time.

Books and videos – the loan period is **1 week** and the same procedure for booking in and out applies as for equipment.

Getting Tough on Dust



If you don't have a dust collection system in your shop, now's a great time to start thinking about it. For many hobbyists and home-shop woodworkers, such systems seem like a luxury – the last tool to be bought. But more and more of us are

beginning to take dust seriously as is the woodworking industry.

The reason to be concerned is wood dust is related to many health hazards, including irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat; skin rashes; asthma; allergies; and chronic bronchitis or emphysema. It has even been linked to a rare form of nasal cancer. Estimates indicate that up to 13% of woodworkers develop dust-induced asthma. During their lifetimes, one third of all serious woodworkers experience some adverse health effects from contact with wood dust.

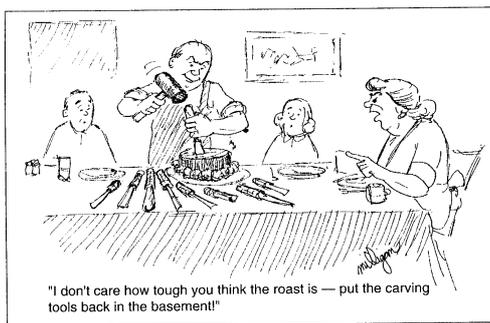
While shop vacuums are extremely popular among woodworkers, they may not be the best solution for systematic dust control. Firstly their capacities are generally much smaller than that of most large, stationary machines and secondly, their filters usually don't trap some of the micro-particles that can aggravate allergies and irritate the respiratory system. There's no doubt: for most shops, a complete dust collection system is necessary to protect your health. Author unknown

Carvers Corner

Well, Willy Schlaf and Gerry Daelmans are to be congratulated for actively representing the Club at the Council Victorian

Woodwork Clubs Festival at Manningham on April 11/12th. They demonstrated their skills and spoke to masses of people about what they do and about our club.

Willy really excelled by taking out both the 1st and 2nd prizes in the Novice Wood Carving section with a small 3D jumping horse and a deep-relief blacksmith shop scene. Congratulations Willy!!



If you remember, last year Gerry took out 2nd prize in the Overall Show with a relief frill-necked lizard and 3rd prize in the Novice section with a 3D water bird. We can all be proud of our Carving Group as they are great achievers and marvellous ambassadors for the club.

Here is a photo of them both. Willy is working on carving a Love Spoon in Cypress. These spoons and ladles are said to date from Wales in the 17th century, although the Norse say they have carved them for over 1000 years!



Gerry is seen finishing off the flower relief carving he was doing and demonstrating at the Knox Festival.

Privacy considerations

In accordance with provisions of the Government Privacy Act, our club has to respect your privacy. This simply means in the near future the committee will be asking every member to consent to your address and phone number being placed on the membership list, which we publicly place on the notice board. If you decline, only your name will appear on this list. Remember, this list is purely for internal Club members' use.

The Club undertakes that your personal details will never be disclosed to any person or agency outside our Club and in the same way, we ask that you respect your other members' personal details and not disclose them to outside agencies. More on this later.

Members Welfare

We will all miss Peter Sleeman's happy face at the May meeting due to his ongoing health issues. Hopefully, this current treatment will be the end of it and he can get back to a speedy recovery.

If you see Doug Dell grimacing with a pained look on his face as he hobbles around the club, feel sorry for him as he is having some problems with his legs. We hope it clears up soon Doug.

Paul Aminde has not been faring well so we wish him well in getting back to normal as soon as possible.

Jeff Shaw has also been ill but is hopefully on the road recovery.

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!

THINK SAFE WOODWORKING



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 Mc Cann	9758 3920
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
Wednesday	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Paddy Mc Cann	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

May 10 th	8:00 am - 12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
May 17 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Earl Webb	9801 4142
May 24 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
May 31 st	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Hooke	9796 9910
June 7 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
June 14 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

Wednesday 7th May

Monthly Meeting

Saturday 10th May

Working Bee from 8am

Wednesday 21st May

Committee Meeting

Sunday 10th August

'Be-In-It Comp' at the Club

Wednesday 1st October

AGM of the Club

In The Big "Woodies" World

16 - 18th May

Carve-in 2003 at Rowsley

(15km west of Bacchus Marsh)

14th June

Victorian Woodworkers

Association, IVECO

'Create from a Crate'

13-15th June

Aust Woodturning Exhibition

Nunawading

27-29th June

Winterfest Warburton

21-22nd September

Woodturners and Woodworkers

Exhibition. Mildura

18-19th October

Stringy Bark Festival. Rowville

8-9th 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

CHURCH BULLETIN **BLOOPERS**

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale next Saturday in the church hall. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget to bring your husband.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church hall on Friday.

The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the hall on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm in the church hall, please use the large double door at the side entrance.