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OUR PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY REPORT

As we start 2004 I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Safe, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

We finished 2003 with another successful and enjoyable Christmas Break-up Function, followed by Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 6th December. We had 120 members, family and friends thanks to the social club committee, Doug Dell, Bill Longden, Peter Horsburgh, Ian Stanfield and myself. Thank You Gentlemen, for a job well done.

On Thursday 22nd January we had two sessions of "Kid's Corner" at 11.00am and 1.00pm for the Knox Library and Community Centre, School Holiday Program with 30 children at each session. My thanks go to Joyce Brown, Peter Horsburgh, Bill Longden and Paul Phillips who assisted the children with making the kits on the day and raising \$370. Thank you all - well done!

We start the year with 134 financial members, which is very healthy, but the problem we face is that when we have an activity where we require volunteers to help, it is always the same dedicated few people who turn up on the day. So this year we want to see a big increase in the number of volunteers coming forward for Working Bees, Festivals, selling raffle tickets outside Bunnings and any other club activities and fund raisings where help is needed. Our annual fees of \$50 are lower than most other woodworking clubs and equates to approximately \$1 per week. The major reason for us being able to keep our fees so low is because of our involvement in our fund raising activities. Two such activities where we require volunteers are:

(1) our first Working Bee on 2004 on Sat 14th Feb from 8.00am till 12.00pm

(2) The Knox Festival on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st March, as this is one of our major fund-raising activities. So think seriously about your commitment to your club and nominate for these activities.

Thank you in anticipation. If you require any further information please contact one of your committee members, or keyholder, or put your name on the board when the listing appears.

I am looking forward to seeing you around the club.

Paddy McCann

"Around the Club"



Some of our members and partners obviously having a good time at the Christmas Breakup Party in December.

Manfred Shores takes full advantage of the Club facilities to further his interest in woodworking but also helps others. He is pictured late last year turning a stand for a pocket watch for Jim Gay.

As a point of interest, Manfred showed the dowelling jig, he designed, to Northern Woodworkers recently and they





were very impressed. He is in the late stages of negotiation with a major retailer for them to have the jig manufactured overseas and sell it in their stores, and then he will naturally get a royalty on all sales. We wish him luck and are proud to have active and innovative members like Manfred.



Vic Oberg showed members a bowl he wood turned recently that contained a pattern from using 2 contrasting coloured timbers – Geluton and Qld Red Cedar). He can be justly proud of the finished bowl.

John Emptage has recently taken an interest in creating geometric patterns using contrasting wood pieces and then turning articles out of the joined timber. He is pictured with his first effort and everyone who has seen it is quite impressed. If you are interested in this kind of woodwork talk to John as he would like to gather a small group to learn to make the jigs and produce fascinating patterned articles.



5 woodturning members have started a special turning course with Bob Morrison from January for 3 hours per week over a 6 week period. They are already impressed with what they are learning. Paul Lucas

You are expected to attend at the Knox Festival on Sat 20th and/or Sun 21st March

This Festival is one of our major funds raisers for the Club that keeps your annual fees down as low as they are. We expect all members to attend and assist in some way this year unless there are unusual circumstances as the usual dedicated few who always attend are reducing in numbers and increasingly disappointed at the extent of help from other members.

Put your name on the list on the notice board to save someone approaching you individually to get you involved. Your Committee

Rocking Horse Raffle Ticket sales

Every member has received 10 raffle tickets with this newsletter. Please return the ticket butts and payment to the secretary by no later than Friday 12th March. It is important that every effort is made by all members to sell their ticket allocation as we do not have a day or weekend at Bunnings this time due to a lack of interest in someone organising the occasion. This means we lose the raffle money normally raised from the general public on those days.

Who will volunteer to take on the coordination role for raffle sales at Bunnings to support the Stringy Bark Festival in October this year?
Your Committee

Members Welfare

We are sorry to hear Earl Webb has not been well and we wish him a speedy recovery in the coming weeks.

Club Bus Trip around the Bay Saturday 3rd April

Put your name on the list on the notice board for this exciting day trip - cost is only \$35 per head. 83 members have already signed up. Details are on the notice board.

We need a member to take on the role of organising Guest Speakers for our General Meetings

We need a volunteer, or volunteers, to take on this small but very this important role.

The Committee members have too many function commitments now to continue with this one. Please talk to a Committee member to get details of what is involved.

It is up to you!

Your Committee

Australian Standards to apply for the toys we make

The Committee is in the process of obtaining a copy of the Australian Standards that apply for all children's toys sold or donated in Australia.

It is important that you recognise the need for meeting these Standards in future when designing and constructing toys. Fortunately, most of the toys our members traditionally make are of solid construction with no sharp edges or points or with small pieces that can easily break off and dislodge in children's throats etc.

Equipment Status in the Club

The committee has approved the investigation and purchase of an oscillating sander table principally to improve the productivity of the dedicated group making Club toy kits.

Thankfully, there have been no reports of equipment damage this month. Let's hope this is because the few who have caused damage in the past are becoming more responsible and not just because they have not been at the Club due to the Festive season break!

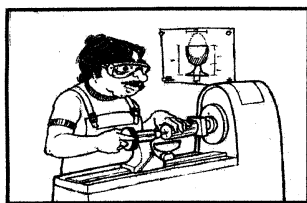
What additional equipment do you think the Club needs?

You have an opportunity to suggest additional equipment you consider would be useful for Club use. The Committee will shortly prioritise what new equipment we will actually purchase, and when during 2004, so now is your chance to have input. Talk to a committee member before the end of February.

Naturally, not everyone's wishes will be met at this time.



Turner's Talk



The new year has seen Turning at the club well underway with lathes working hard on Mondays. There is also quite an interest in Tuesdays evenings. If you are interested in having a go at

turning, then please drop in and try it out.

If you are thinking of entering the Exhibition, then now is the time to start preparing. The Exhibition is on early in June with entries due late in May. When more information is available I will let you know.

If you are in need of pen kits, I have them available. See the sale section for more details.

Due to the growing popularity of turning on Mondays, turners are reminded to remember to enter their name on the booking sheet for either the first or second session to ensure you get a lathe as those people booked in naturally get priority. Then please clean up to make your lathe ready for the next person when it is their turn.

For the next month or so we will be looking at extending our skill in turning boxes.

Bob Plant

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our newest 2 members get great enjoyment out of the Club. If you see these members around, have a chat and make them feel part of the Club family. Please wear your name badge to make it easier for them to remember your name and in the same way we ask them to wear their new badge so we can recognise them.

Leave your badge in the rack near the club entrance so you always know where it is and don't leave it at home.

The new members are: - Jeff Olejniczak
Robert Merrylees

Scroll Saw tuition by the Eltham & District Woodworkers Club

I had no room to include this photo of Charlie Sultana concentrating on polishing up his skills at scroll sawing under the watchful and instructive eye of one of the Eltham Woodworker experts. He said he learnt a lot on the day.

Paul Lucas



Nails and Screws available for purchase by members

You will notice that there are packets of nails at a bargain price on the kitchen counter. Shortly, there will also be packets of screws for sale. As usual, it takes a dedicated few to complete the packaging into plastic bags so if you can help, please volunteer.

Demonstration at Total Tools business

On Saturday 13th January the club demonstrated both scroll sawing and woodturning at the Total Tools Sale.

It was great to see the interest that was shown and I am sure that we will pick up some new members from it. Thanks to Joyce Brown, John Emptage and Brian Douds for their enthusiastic work throughout the day.

Bob Plant

HELP WANTED

Wanted - Keyholder Volunteers for Saturday Morning Sessions

How about volunteering for the position as keyholder on a Saturday morning? We have been very fortunate to have had a dedicated team doing this duty for some time. I am sure you join me in thanking those relinquishing this role.

But, if we don't get others to fill the gaps then the Club facilities will not be open on those Saturdays.

We can boast about how many hours our Club is open each week but this is only possible with keyholders prepared to spare their time to open and close the workshop and oversee the facilities.

Talk to Jan Brown, the coordinator of keyholders for Saturday mornings, or ring her on 9762 1063 to discuss the days you could help!

It's up to you !!

Your Committee

Rocking Horse Ramblings



If you see any graffiti around the building then we may now know who has done it. We caught Joe Semenow spray painting one of the horses behind the shed but, as you can see, he put paint on the building above the

horse's ears, so we believe he was just using the horse as an excuse so he could practise his graffiti spraying technique!!

Mick Ford is enjoying making his horse.

Unfortunately you will probably not see the lovely grain pattern of the horse in the picture that will come up really beautiful when he stains it. He will really be in the "good books" when he finishes it as it is for his wife.



Perspex offcuts available for members

There are various sized pieces of Perspex under the power tool rack for members to purchase with a donation.

Workshop Hours

Monday (the day session is for woodturning)	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

February 7th	9:30 am	-12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
February 14th	8:00 am	-12:30 pm	WORKING BEE	
February 21 st	9:30 am	-12:30 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
February 28 th	9:30 am	-12:30 pm	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
March 6 th	9:30 am	-12:30 pm	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	

Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Clubrooms

VOLUNTEER KEYHOLDERS ARE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THESE SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS IN 2004

NO KEYHOLDERS ON SOME DAYS WILL MEAN NO SATURDAY SESSIONS!!

Regular Club Group Activities

Day	Time	Regularity	Group	Contact
Monday	Day	Each week	Woodturners	Bob Plant 9754 5920 Jan Brown 9762 1063
	Evening	Each week	Carvers & Burners Festival Kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
Tuesday	Evening	Each week	Woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512 Jan Brown 9762 1063
Friday	Evening	Each week	Rocking Horse Group	Joe Semenow 9758 6024 Allen Brookes 9762 4032

At The Club

Wednesday 4th February
Monthly General Meeting.
Carl Lutz will demonstrate
"Producing Designs with the Router"
Saturday 14th February
Working Bee at 8am
Wednesday 3rd March
Monthly General Meeting.
Geoff Wheadon will demonstrate "Triton Equipment"
Sat/Sun 20/21st March
Knox Festival - Kids Corner
Saturday 3rd April
"Bus Trip Around the Bay"

In The Big "Woodies" World

28th -29th February
Berwick Show
20th March
Pakenham Show
8-12th April
Bendigo "Woodturners Easter Exhibition"
1-2nd May

What's Coming Up

Albury/Wodonga "Woodcraft Festival"
10-12th September
Phillip Island "Down Under Turn Around"
15-17th October
Melbourne "Woodwork Show"
23-24th October
"Stringybark Festival"
Rowville

On Sale at the Club

Pen kits (pack of 5)

- Slim \$15
- Large centre \$22

 Velvet covers (pkt of 10) \$4.50
 Super Glue - thick & thin \$14
 Accelerator \$15
Pen Blanks - Outback timbers including Gidgee, dead finish, dark oak, mulga, desert rosewood, flame sheoak, hairy oak, sally wattle
 Pack of 6 \$5
 Contact Bob Plant 9754 5920
 Club Caps \$10
 Club polo shirts \$20

Nails (500gm 2"x126) per packet \$2
 Rasps \$1
 Perspex offcuts \$ donation

A woman's view!

He said - Since I first laid eyes on you, I've wanted to make love to you really badly.
 She said - Well you have succeeded.
 He said - Shall we try swapping positions tonight.
 She said - Good idea. You stand by the ironing board and I'll sit on the sofa and drink and watch TV tonight.

Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection and dust mask when using Club equipment.

Your health is important, look after it.

THINK SAFE WOODWORKING