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Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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OUR PRESIDENT'S MARCH REPORT

On Saturday 14th February we had our first Working Bee of the year with 29 attending and we were able to complete a substantial amount of work. Although it was a very hot day everyone put in and we were finished by Noon. My thanks to all the members' time and energies to the varied tasks on the day. Thank you all.

March is going to be a very busy month with the Knox Festival on the weekend of 20th and 21st March. As this is one of our Major Fund Raising Activities all members are expected to support the Club with their help on these days. Please put your name and when available on the Whiteboard list in the Clubrooms or ring me or any committee member with your details. If you have never helped at a festival before, we can easily allocate you a job and instruct you on the day. The jobs are not difficult and I am sure you will have a fun day. I look forward to seeing everyone there. We need your details as soon as possible for catering and job allocating purposes.

We have a number of different groups working hard since the start of the year in the preparation of kits for 'Kid's Corner' for the Festival. My thanks to all those members who give so freely of their time and skills with the Kits. Thank you all, keep up the good work.

Look forward to seeing you around the Club, and encourage you to get involved when you can, because the more you put into Club the more satisfaction you will receive.

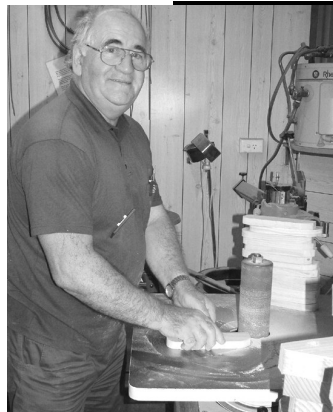
Paddy McCann

Have you put your name down to attend at the Knox Festival on Sat 20th and/or Sun 21st March?

As Paddy reminded us everyone, who is available, is expected to attend and assist in some way this year. Add

your name to the list on the whiteboard. Your Committee

"Around the Club"



Club members Jim Gay, Michael Talbot, Paul Phillips and Max Holt, Paddy McCann and others are involved as a community effort in producing 9 sets of armrests and 10 special chairs for children with Cerebral Palsy. They are to be praised for the time and effort they are putting into this project

Paddy is seen here using the new rotary sander to make easier work of sanding repetitive pieces such as the armrest parts for the children's chairs (and Kid's Corner toys etc).

Jim Gay is to be congratulated for a \$50 donation he gave to the Club after completing a dolls house and toy garage for a woman who asked for them to be made for her.

Jim Diveney is enjoying working on projects for the Club as seen in the photo. Members like Jim work quietly in the background helping out where possible.



The Goodwin Estate Playgroup sent a thank you note and \$25 donation to the Club for effort some

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members put in for them – our thanks to those members.

You can see the refurbishment of the office room is well underway – it will be able to be used as a proper office and meeting room when completed. As usual it is the dedicated few doing most of the work!



Bill Longden was spotted a while ago having fun making a variety of small wooden wall plaques and racks incorporating a range of decorative metal door knockers and key holder hooks etc. Some were going to charity for them to raise money selling them.

Sue Wood was so proud of the large “lazy suzan” she

made and finished in a clear gloss that she could not wait to try it out in the Club kitchen with her coffee and biscuits. A great job Sue!



Brian Douds is looking happy as his scroll saw work is going well. Keep up the good work Brian and show us some of your completed pieces to include

in the newsletter.

Paul Phillips continues to put more than his share of effort into Club projects



and for that we all thank him. This photo was posed so don't think he was actually operating the saw while looking at the camera!!

Many members will remember Theresa Faccin who was a member of the Club up until a while ago– she was unfortunately killed, together with other family members, in



the plane crash that was recently reported in the newspapers.

The Bayswater Craft Market begins in March and will be on the second Saturday of every month. Our Club has been invited to participate but committee members will attend the first one to evaluate the function and facilities, and then appropriate decisions can be made as to whether we eventually participate and how often.

Paul Lucas

Our February Guest Speaker



Carl Lutz, one of our members, again demonstrated his superb skill with the router. When he last demonstrated in 2003 he showed what could be achieved with the router-lathe machine that no one in the Club had used. Well this time he showed how easy it was to produce 3D routed designs with the patterns we had in the Club that again no one had used! The trouble is he is an expert using a lovely smooth-action router and he made it look so easy to achieve what he did in just a few minutes. Still, he did say it is not difficult and anyone can be adept at the procedure with just a little practise. Carl will put our patterns in order and kindly add some of his own. Why not give it a try?

Paul Lucas

Rocking Horse Raffle Ticket sales

Every member has received 10 raffle tickets to sell. 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.

Your Committee

Do you have an email address?

Many of our members are now on email.

To save costs other clubs increasingly want to send their newsletters to us via email to save postage cost and we will be doing the same shortly by emailing copies of our newsletter to them.

We would like to save further cost of postage by sending your copy of the newsletter to you via email if you do not get to the Club to pick it up. Please put your email address on the list that will be sent around at the meeting and left at the sign-in counter for a few weeks.

NATURALLY THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF HAVING YOUR COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER PLACED IN YOUR PIGEON HOLE IN THE OFFICE EACH MONTH WILL CHANGE.

The system is merely designed to save cost on the eventual posting out of those not collected.



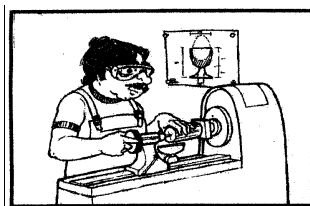
Members Welfare

Our best wishes to Cliff Walsh for a speedy recovery as he will be absent having treatment shortly. If you know of members who are indisposed please advise me, so I can include them in this segment. Paul Lucas

Please consider taking on the role of Guest Speaker Organiser for our General Meetings

We need a volunteer to take on this small but very important role. Please talk to a Committee member to get details of what is involved. Your Committee

Turner's Talk



The lathes are all working hard this year. Remember to enter your name early on the booking sheet for either the first or second Monday session to ensure you get a lathe, as those people booked in

naturally get priority.

Then **please clean up your lathe area when you have finished** to leave the equipment ready for the next person. For the next month or so we will be looking at producing pens etc for the Club to give as gifts etc.

John Emptage had a "cleanup day urge" recently and did a great job making the lathe room bench clean and tidy. He was so proud of his effort he asked me to include a photo so the lathe members could see what it should look like so everyone can use it effectively. He has asked that all future users keep it clear and clean please.



Joyce Brown made a marvelous job of an ornament by routing 4 separate pieces of wood that were temporarily joined together then dismantling the pieces and rejoining them with different faces on the outside. So when it was routed again it had routed surfaces inside and out.



Did I explain that very well? If you don't understand and want more detail – ask Joyce! It was

Workshop



certainly well done for a first effort.

We are very fortunate to have a very skilled wood turner like Cliff Walsh in the Club. He not only gives his time in helping members at the Monday turning sessions but also brings along some of the incredible pieces he does at home and is prepared to tell members how he did them. I suspect that anyone trying out his methods would work on relatively less complicated pieces than he shows, but he is an inspiration to indicate what can be done with time, patience and practice.

The large vase shape he is proudly holding has been entered in the American Association of Wood Turners Juried Exhibition (as he is a member of the association). It comprises 20 rows of timber for a total of 242 individual pieces in a spiral pattern. The timbers used are celery top pine, american walnut and padauk.

It took him only a week to make it – wow!

Good luck in the exhibition.

Paul Lucas

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our 3 newest 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.

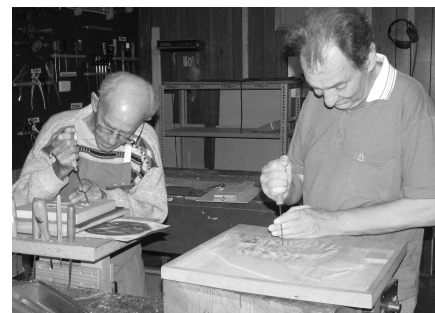
The new members are: - Bernadette Wyatt
Charles Vella
Martin Siegrist

Thank you to Keyholder Volunteers for Saturday Morning Sessions

Thanks for the great response for additional volunteers for the keyholder position on a Saturday morning. We all thank the new volunteers and existing ones for their effort over 2004 - Ladislav Toman, Brian Douds, Ray Norton, Chris Smith, Alistair Green, John Emptage, John Hooke, Jan Brown and Doug Dell. The Club will now be open on all relevant Saturdays in 2004. Your Committee

Carvers corner

Gerry Daelmans and Willy Schlaf are hard at work concentrating on their latest carving efforts. Why not join them on Monday nights? They would love to see you!!



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

March 6th	9:30 am -12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
March 13 th	9:30 am -12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
March 20 th	CLOSED	KNOX FESTIVAL	
March 27 th	9:30 am -12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
April 3 rd	9:30 am -12:30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
<i>Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am the Key Holder has the option of closing the Club rooms</i>			

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

What's Coming Up etc.

At The Club

Wednesday 3rd March

Monthly General Meeting.
Geoff Wheadon will demonstrate "Triton Equipment"

Wednesday 7th April

Monthly General Meeting.
DeWalt will give a demonstration of their equipment.

Sat/Sun 20/21st March

Knox Festival – Kid's Corner etc

Saturday 3rd April

"Bus Trip around the Bay"

In The Big "Woodies" World

20th March

Pakenham Show

8-12th April

Bendigo "Woodturners Easter Exhibition"

1-2nd May

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
ph 9873 3790

Scrollsaw \$80 Les Clayton Ph

For Sale

9873 3790

Tough wood lathe with 2HP (5 speed) motor, chisels, chuck and tools to use with indexing.

\$1,600 ono

Dave Bell ph 9723 1245

I apologise for the quality of the photos again this month – it is not the photos - but my main photo-quality printer is still out of action. Paul Lucas

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**