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Newsletter of the

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OUR PRESIDENT'S JUNE REPORT

May was another busy month around the Club. On Saturday 8th May we had a Working Bee and 28 members attended. We were able to get through a considerable amount of work, including moving a shed, sorting out timber, cleaning up the outside back area, workshop, and machine shop. My thanks to all those who attended for their time, effort and enthusiasm. Many hands make light work. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

I would remind everyone that our 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day on Sunday 8th August is fast approaching. Only 2 months to go. I hope you have your entries completed or nearly completed and enter into the spirit of our competition and help make it a good day.

Your donations to our 'Christmas Toy Appeal' will need to be ready by 29th October, which leaves you only 4 months to complete. Please help us to beat last year's record of 600 toys for Disadvantaged Children.

At our Annual General Meeting on 6th October we will have a number of important Committee positions to fill. We will be looking for a new Treasurer, as Joyce Brown will be stepping down due to a health condition. We will also require a new Secretary and a new position of Safety Officer to fill. I would ask that you all give these positions due consideration as they are all very important positions which must be filled for the smooth running of our club.

We are still looking for member's input into the future planning of the club. So please pass on your suggestions to the Committee either verbally or in writing, so that we can plan for the next year and the next 5 years. Thank you all in anticipation.

Looking forward to seeing you around the Club.

Paddy McCann

Members Welfare

None to report!

When you hear of a member who is not feeling the best let me know via phone, my mail box or email. Paul Lucas

Around the Club



Karen Button is doing a marvellous job constructing 10 cots for the kids Christmas toys and enjoying it as they look great in their bright colours. She produced them as a batch of 10 as this obviously sped up the process.

Ted Bricker is one of our keen members who helps out whenever he can. He is seen here making a jig for other members involved in repetitive toy projects. Well done, Ted.



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Here is a fine example of scroll saw work done by Les Clayton. He had other pieces on show where his wife had upholstered the furniture! This is all on furniture pieces in doll house size of just a few inches high.

Les has spoken to me before about a dolls house he made for the kids years ago with electric light etc. Lucky kids!



Philip Dickinson is a member who deserves major praise for the effort he puts into toys for the Christmas toy appeal. He has made quite literally hundreds of them over time and is so quiet and unassuming about it that this is the first time I have been able to get a photo of him at work. Keep up the terrific effort Philip!!

Have you ever looked in the display cabinet above the book where you sign in every time you come to the Club? In there (Among other items) are the 4 turned goblets shown in the photo opposite – yes, 4 goblets! If you look at the left hand end by the fingers you will see a turned goblet which is less than a centimetre high!! Past members have certainly had some marvellous skills. Unfortunately, there are no names on the pieces. In future, when members' work is exhibited we must make sure it is labelled with date and by whom.



Paul Lucas

Our May Guest Speaker

Robert Hart, known around Australia as "The Kiteman", showed how passionate he is about flying kites. It is not only a passionate business but a determination to show to both young and old how therapeutic kite flying can be.

He learnt his skills as a boy when he lived in India and attained the level of Master in kite "killing", where abrasive cord is used on the kite to cut the cord of opponent kites. He can fly a kite when there is almost no wind and ably demonstrated it at the Club meeting in the dark outside. It is rumoured, if he can get a member of his audience to belch (or pass wind!) it will create enough wind for him to fly his kite!!



Robert is seen here (behind the kite!) proudly displaying a kite he has flown constantly at exhibitions etc for 35 years. With all its patches the inevitable cynic among our members (of which I was one but was not game to say it) asked him if it was a case of the woodsman's 35 year old original axe that just happened to have had 3 new handles and 5 new heads!! Robert was

adamant that it was original with just patches! A testament to his skill at handling kites.

After much interest from members Paddy is negotiating with Robert for a suitable morning for Robert to show his kite flying skills in daylight.

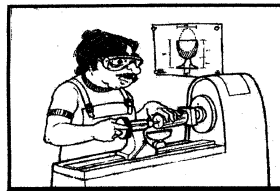
Be – In – It" Competition



As Paddy mentioned, the competition is getting closer with only 2 months to go. Have you prepared something to enter, or are you still working on it until the last minute like most of us!

Here is a photo of just some of the excellent entries in last year's competition.

Turner's Talk



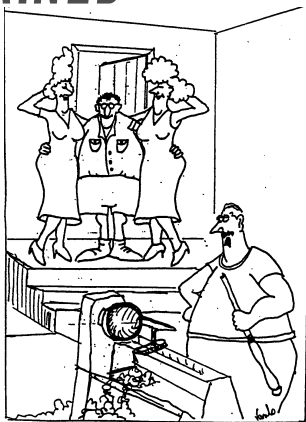
If you haven't tried woodturning come along on Monday morning or Tuesday evening to see what it is all about.

Mark your diary for the Neil Scobie session at the Club on Sunday 24th October. The

cost will be \$35.

Paul Lucas

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BURLS!! YOU FOOL!
GO OUT AND COLLECT SOME BURLS
I SAID!!

(From Caloundra Woodworking Club newsletter)

Join the Committee

Paddy has highlighted that we will have several vacancies on Committee next year. Give thought to joining us and contributing to the running of your Club. The photo shows some of the committee relaxing for a few minutes over a cuppa



at one of our enjoyable meetings earlier in the year. The monthly committee meetings only go for a couple of hours.

Your Committee

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our 2 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 inadvertently leave it at home. The new members are: - Jim Barasso
Charles Mann

Want to see the newsletter in colour?

Gary Pope has been doing some wonderful work to get the monthly newsletter on our website at:

www.alchester.com.au/kdwc

We have done initial trials and the April and May 2004 copies, in full colour, are on the site already.

We will give more details when it is fully operational as this will save me having to send a copy to you if you cannot attend the Club to pick up your normal black and white copy – and save the Club postage! All you will have to do is log into the Club website at your convenience.



The eventual idea is to put all the back issues to when the newsletter started on the site in an archive file so it will be available for anyone to view in the years to come at any time.

Ah, what technology can do today!!

But please remember, this system will **not** replace the hard black and white copy you pick up from your box each month.

Thanks Gary, for the effort so far.

Do You Just Belong?

With Paddy highlighting our need to have members nominate to fill several vacant committee positions next year, this poem seems appropriate.

(From Mid Hudson, N.Y. Woodcarvers Guild newsletter. Written by Joe Servocky)

Are you an active member,
the kind that would be missed,
or are you just contented
that your name is on the list?

Do you take an active part
to help the organization along,
or are you satisfied to be
the kind to "Just Belong?"

There' s quite a program scheduled
that means success if done,
and it can be accomplished
with the help of EVERYONE.

Do you attend the meeting
and mingle with the crowd,
or do you stay at home
and crab both long and loud?

Do you ever go to visit
a member who is sick,
or leave the work to just a few
and talk about the clique?

So, attend our meetings regularly
and help with hand and heart,
don' t be just a member
but take an active part.

Think this over Member,
are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active member
or do you *JUST BELONG?*

**Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes,
safety glasses, ear protection and dust mask when
using the equipment at the Club.
Your health is important, so look after it.
THINK SAFE WOODWORKING**

Workshop Hours

Monday (the day session is for woodturning)	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Bob Plant John Emptage	9754 5920 9758 6103
	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

June 5 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
June 12 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
June 19 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Doug Dell	9729 1886
June 26 th	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 6515
July 3 rd	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Brian Dowds	9758 2173

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

Regular Club Group Activities

Day	Time	Regularity	Group	Contact
Monday	Day	Each week	Woodturners	Bob Plant 9754 5920 John Emptage 9758 6103
	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 Semenov 9758 6024 Allen Brookes 9762 4032

What's Coming Up etc.

At The Club

Wednesday 2nd June
Monthly General Meeting.
Monday 21st June
Visit by the Forest Hills Club.
Wednesday 23rd June
Monthly Committee Meeting.
Wednesday 7th July
Monthly General Meeting.
Sunday 8th August
"Be-In-It" Competition.
Sunday 24th October
Neil Scobie will demonstrate woodturning at the Club.
Saturday 30th October
A coach trip to Werribee Zoo and Mansion organised by Peter Sleeman.

In The Big "Woodies" World

18-20th June
"Australian Woodturning Exhibition" at Nunawading
26-27th June
Warburton "Winterfest" at Upper Yarra Arts Centre.
29-30th June
Wood Show, Kadina Sth. Aust.

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4th July
Wentworth Woodwork competition
10-12th September
Phillip Island "Down Under Turn Around"
15-17th October
Melbourne "Working with Wood Show"
23-24th October
"Stringybark Festival"
Rowville
29-31 October
"Council of Woodwork Clubs Trip to Canberra"

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
 Rasps \$1
 Nails (500 gm 2" x 12G) \$2
 Screws (packet) \$2
 Dowels (packet) \$2

Joke of the Month

Jim, a good protestant decided to go to the races. He noticed a priest blessing a horse on the forehead and the horse won at 16 to 1. This went on all afternoon and Jim had won a packet. At the last race, the priest took extra time blessing the horse on the forehead, eyes, ears and feet, so Jim went to the ATM, drew out all his money plus his winnings and bet on the horse, but it ran last. Furious, Jim said to the priest "What happened to the last horse you blessed?" The priest replied "That the trouble with you protestants, you can't tell the difference between a blessing and the 'Last Rites'!!"