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## Your Executive Committee for 2004 / 2005

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### OUR PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER REPORT

November has been another very busy month, beginning with our monthly meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November and the presentation of the toys from our Toy Appeal for Disadvantaged Children. Again we reached a grand total of 600 toys. They were presented equally to The Mayor's Christmas Appeal, St Vincent De Paul Society and The Crime Victim's Support Group. Each of the group representatives gave a brief resume of their organization and each thanked our members for their dedication and generosity in providing such an incredible gift to needy children at Christmas. I would like to offer my thanks to all the members who contributed to this grand total. I especially thank Phil Dickinson who made over 200 toys and Peter Sleeman over 100 toys. My sincere thanks to everyone involved.



The recipients are pictured with Paddy McCann (left to right)– Bob Winspear for St Vincent de Paul Society, Bev McNamara for the Crime Victim's Support Group, Mayor

Emanuele Cicchiello for the Mayor's Christmas Appeal, Gail Stephens for the Angliss Hospital and Noel McNamara for the Crime Victim's Support Group.

At the same meeting we made our Annual Rocking Horse donation to the Angliss Hospital. Gail Stephens Deputy Director of Nursing accepted on behalf of the Angliss Hospital and expressed their thanks and appreciation. My thanks go to Joe Semenow and the Rocking Horse Group for their dedication, time and skills in crafting this beautiful horse. Gentlemen thank you for your contributions.

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> we attended The Friends of Ferntree Gully Fair with our Kids Corner Stall and were fortunate with the weather although it looked a bit bleak at times. As last year we sold over 80 kits. My thanks to the 10 members who helped on the day. It was an enjoyable day and a good public relations exercise for the club, in our local area.

Our last meeting of 2004 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December begins with a Sausage Sizzle at 6 30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:30 pm and concludes with an Auction of goods supplied by members which should be a fun way to finish business for 2004. Last year our Auction raised about \$600, so come along and enjoy The Craic.

I remind you of our Christmas Break up and Carols By Candlelight, which will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Club, from 5 pm. Last year we entertained 110 adults and 10 children to a wonderful Break up, good food, good company and good entertainment. I look forward to seeing at least as many of you here this year.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the Committee to wish you and your families a VERY HAPPY and SAFE CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR for 2005. Paddy Mc Cann

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## More photos from the Toy Appeal evening at the November meeting

We have Bent Holts-Jensen to thank for all these photos taken on the Toy Appeal night. Well done Bent!

Here is a view of just some of the 600 toys.



Paddy is congratulating Bev McNamara and Bob Winspear.



Mayor Cicchiello was pleased to accept the toys for his Mayor's Christmas Appeal.



Gail Stephens was grateful to accept the rocking horse on behalf of the Angliss Hospital.

## A warm welcome to our New Member

We hope our newest member gets great enjoyment out of the Club. If you see him around, have a chat and make him feel part of the Club family. With everyone wearing their name badge it is easier for him to quickly settle in. Our new member is: - Laurie Ham



## A woodturning instruction period with Bob Morrison



Bob Morrison conducted an excellent series of 6 instruction sessions for the "bunch of 4" – Mick Durrant, Joyce Brown, Ray Norton and Paul Lucas. Pictured are just some of the items produced over the 6 weeks.

## Around the Club



Paul and Maureen Lucas recently won the 2004 Knox Garden Competition with the above 1/3 acre mixed garden. There are 50,000 residences in Knox.



You may remember I showed a photo of John Hooke spending what seemed weeks, turning a bowl in camphor wood. Well, here is the final bowl. It is quite a bit smaller than what he originally planned due to the usual problems that arose that meant the bowl had to be altered. His contingency was that if problems had kept occurring he was going to end up with an egg cup instead of a bowl!!

Joyce Brown has convinced many of us to wear a protective face mask when woodturning, as she recently avoided a nasty injury when a chisel flew up and hit her mask, instead of her face or neck.



We are constantly amazed at the skills of our members. Ladislav Toman engineered and beautifully crafted this vacuum chuck for us members to use. A big thank you Ladislav!!





## **The Christmas/New Year Workshop/Clubrooms Closure**

We Close Friday pm 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Reopen Monday am 10<sup>th</sup> January

Seasons greetings to you all!!

### **Guest Speaker Organiser**

Again, we are fortunate to have a member volunteer for this new position in the Club. Ian Stuart has taken up the role. If you know of any good speakers or have suggestions on speaker topics please help Ian by leaving a message in his pigeon hole.

### **Christmas Breakup Spit Roast Dinner followed by Carols By Candlelight Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Bring all the family for a great night to finish the year.  
Arrive from 5 pm.

Bring your own folding table and chairs, and your own drinks.

**COST IS ONLY \$10 PER HEAD FOR MEMBERS,  
PARTNERS & FAMILY WITH CHILDREN  
UNDER 12 YEARS \$5**

### **Welfare Officer/s wanted**

As you know, we have been very fortunate in having several members take up new positions in the Club to help it run better but one role that we have yet to fill is for Welfare Officer. We pride ourselves in having a friendly social atmosphere in the Club but one thing we have been poor at is acknowledging in the newsletter those members and partners who are not feeling their best during the month, or having a special occasion.

It is not an onerous role as all I want is for one or even several members to "keep their ear to the ground" and tell me via a simple note in my pigeon hole. No details of illnesses are needed as privacy laws prevent me from commenting on why people are ill.

Naturally, even when we get a Welfare Officer you can all be "deputies", as anyone can leave a message for me to put in the newsletter about member-friends who are not feeling the best. Who will volunteer?

### **Your email copy of your Newsletter**

Have you:            -received your email copy?  
                              -changed your email address?

-just got an email address?  
-don't want to receive it anymore?

Advise Paul Lucas, via pigeon hole, email or phone so I can keep the email listing up to date.

### **Members Welfare**

It is sad that I report the passing in November of Maxwell John Smith, one of our recently joined members.

It was marvelous to see Doug Dell back visiting the Club and hear that his treatment is working OK.

Congratulations to Peter Jordan and wife for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Do you dress appropriately for the workshop?**

With the warmer weather coming on over Summer, there is a danger that members will wear very light loose minimal clothing and light footwear to keep cool.

Remember, sandals and thongs are totally inappropriate and banned in the workshop together with clothes that are loose and likely to get caught in machinery and lathes.

It is in your interest to dress in shoes and clothes that are safe as it is your health at risk.

### **Workshop Equipment Status**

The purchase of a Dovetail Jig has been approved.

A video recorder has been approved to enable us to take full advantage of the recently acquired large TV screen by being able to show videos at meetings and demonstrations.

### **Do you know of anyone who would like to be a sponsor of our newsletter?**

One member with his own business has shown interest in becoming a sponsor of the newsletter in return for an advertisement each month.

Do you know of anyone, a business or organisation who would be interested in also contributing to sponsoring the newsletter? Give a committee member the details so it can be followed up. With several sponsors we can have a win-win situation where they get exposure for their business and we get a subsidy to defray the cost of producing the newsletter!

### **"Show and Tell" at the monthly meetings**

We have a show and tell session at each meeting but over the last year it has languished with few sharing their achievements or experiences. When you read the newsletters from other clubs this session is a highlight of their meetings!

We would like everyone to think about what they can show at any meeting next year. Don't leave your items until the "Be in it" day. Even if you do not bring the item, if it is too large, just talk about it or bring along photos.

### **Joke of the month**

Overheard: "I met my wife in a Singles Club".  
"I thought she was home with the children"

## Workshop Hours

<b>Monday (the day session is for woodturning)</b>	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Bob Plant John Emptage	9754 5920 9758 6103
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Peter Sleeman	9758 1390
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Charles Bruckner	9801 2197
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774

## Saturday Mornings

December 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS BREAKUP</b>	
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Chris Smith		9729 6515
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Jan Brown		9762 1063
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Brian Doubs		9758 2173
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Alistair Green		9754 2727

*Members please note: If no members have arrived by 10:30am 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 Festival Kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206 Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
Tuesday	Day (am)	Each week	Festival Kit development	Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
	Evening	Each week	Woodturners	Frank O'Connor 9879 7512
Friday	Evening	Each week	Rocking Horse Group	Joe Semenow 9758 6024 Allen Brookes 9762 4032

## What's On and Coming Up etc.

### Our Club Activities

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
Monthly General Meeting.  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Break Up Party  
**No Monthly Committee Meeting in December.**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
Monthly General Meeting.  
**Sat/Sun 18/19<sup>th</sup> March**  
Knox Festival "Kids Corner"

### In The Big "Woodies" World

**4-19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Fine woodworking at the Meat Market, North Melbourne ("Create from a Crate", Start" and "The VWA Exhibition")  
**12-17<sup>th</sup> January 2005**  
Queenscliff & District Woodworkers Exhibition & Sale.  
**25-28<sup>th</sup> March 2005**  
Bendigo Woodturners Easter Exhibition.  
**8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April 2005**  
Turn-Fest, Mt Tamborine, Queensland

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### On Sale at the Club

Club Caps \$10  
Club polo shirts \$20  
Rasps \$1  
Screws (packet) \$2  
Nails (500gm 2" x 12G) \$2  
Dowels (packet) \$2

Contact Bob Plant 9754 5920 for:

Pen kits (pack of 5) \$15 & \$22  
Velvet covers (pkt of 10) \$4.50  
Super Glue - thick & thin \$14  
Accelerator \$15  
Pen Blanks - Pack of 6 \$5

### For Sale

Tough Woodturning Lathe – older model. Complete with sanding attachment and accessories. VGC \$1,150  
Contact Cliff Walsh 9725 9505  
Air Filtration System – JET  
new, remote control. Mount on wall or ceiling. 30x24 inch. Extracts very fine dust particles from a workshop, office or clubrooms. \$395.  
Jan or Ray Brown 9762 1063

### Need assistance around your house?

Woodworker member available for housecleaning, washing, ironing and/or cooking. \$12 per hour.  
Ring Elysha on 9778 9313

**Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection, face protection and dust mask when using Club equipment. Also, remember to wear appropriate gear when near other members using Club machinery!! Your health is important, look after it.**

**THINK SAFE WOOWORKING**