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OUR PRESIDENT'S MARCH REPORT

We have an early start to another busy month with The Knox Festival on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March. The Festival is one of our Major Fund Raising Activities and **ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND AND ASSIST** with the running of Our Stall during the two days. The tasks are not difficult and we will train, on the day, anyone, who has not been involved previously. Our 'Kids Corner' is very well patronised by the public and requires a constant supply of members to assist the Kids in putting the kits together. I can assure you that you will get as much, if not more, enjoyment assisting the Kids as they get from making up their kits.

Assistance will also be required for the sale of raffle tickets for our major 'Rocking Horse Raffle', this is not a difficult task but it also requires constant staffing on both days. We will also have members who have volunteered for our Wood Carving and Woodturning demonstrations. If you would like to volunteer or assist please inform a Committee Member.

I encourage all members and especially our newer members, who may not have experienced the public face of our Club's commitment to Community Activities, to come along and enjoy the festival. We know that we all have busy schedules and may not be able to attend for the two full days but please make the effort to come along for whatever time you are able and do not leave the work to the usual 10 or 12 Members who will give up their whole weekend to run the stall, because of their dedication and commitment to Your Club. Remember every one of you benefits from the funds raised. So make the effort and support us on the day.

The Knox Festival will be held at the Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve, adjacent to our Clubrooms. The Festival and our Stall will be open to the Public from 10am Saturday 5th March, our Stall will close at 4.30pm Saturday and reopen at 10am Sunday 6th March and close at 4.30pm Sunday.

Our Stall Site Number is A1

We will have access to our stall from 7am Saturday, so that we can move our equipment and stock on site. We will meet at 7am Saturday at our Clubrooms with trailers and transport to load and move the equipment and stock to the site and set up the Stall as required. All vehicles must be off the Festival Site by 9am.

On Sunday afternoon we will require our transport again at 4.30pm to load equipment and stock to be transported back to our Clubrooms to be unloaded and stored. Our stall must be cleared by Sunday afternoon.

You know when you are available so come along and lend your support as many hands make light work. Please wear your Club Badge at the Festival, as this will save you having to pay an entrance fee.

Thank you all in anticipation and I look forward to seeing you at the Festival and around the Club

Paddy Mc Cann

Safety Report

An "Equipment Maintenance Book" has been established by Max Holt to ensure we know what, and when, work is done on our machinery.

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Around the Club



Our President, Paddy Mc Cann, is busy as usual doing work for others. In theory on this occasion he has “many hands making light work”. But unfortunately only his hands are working as the other hands “flatly” refuse to work!! He is sanding these hands for school children to assemble into paper serviette holders and then decorate to give as presents to their

Mothers for Mother’s day. Paddy has helped out at the school for several years.

At our February meeting Peter Sleeman gave an interesting talk on his experiences making clocks of all sizes and shapes over the years. He showed us a range of those he has made. He has kindly made the clock in the photo for our raffle. Most members were surprised at the variety of clock movements you can now purchase at very reasonable cost, even for large clocks like grandfather clocks.



Have you been into the turning room lately? The overhead ductwork for the exhaust system is gradually being installed and when completed will make a major

difference to the level of dust in that area and be a much more pleasant working environment.



I am surprised Chris Gerritzen does not get tired of cutting and sanding kid’s corner cars. I have seen him on several occasions with a pile of them in front of him at the machines. Well done Chris! There is a dedicated group helping out on the toys but



the group is always seeking additional helpers. Another dedicated volunteer helper is Michael Talbot seen here also working on kid’s corner cars for the Festival. How about volunteering?

10 volunteers helped 35 children assemble kits at the Rowville

Community Centre in February.

Carvers Corner



It is great to see Laurie Ham fully fitted up with ear protectors and face mask while working in the shop. The ear protection is particularly important when someone is using the thicknesser. He is concentrating on

cutting out a “Scandinavian roadworker” shape from a piece of camphor wood to then finish off with hand carving. He has got the “carving bug” as I saw him a few days earlier beginning to carve a very stylish penguin shape he had seen in a carving book.

Jim Lobley is demonstrating his skill at what we called a “stippling” effect on the background of a carving while Willy Schlaf and Manfred Shores looked on. They had a lively discussion on the best way to do it and with what tools. Nobody knew the correct name for the stippling or dappling effect they were producing. It certainly allows carvers to relatively quickly fill in background sections with a



neutral pattern. Brian Douds is helped by Paddy Mc Cann to reinforce the holding of these very hard messmate timber pieces while drilling to produce several candle holders. Either the Forstner bit was blunt or the timber very dry and dense!!

A warm welcome to our New Members

We hope our 7 newest members get great enjoyment out of the Club. If you see them around, have a chat and make them feel part of the Club family. With everyone wearing their name badge it is easier for them to quickly settle in.

Our new members are:

- Geoff Wheeler
- Bob O'Dea
- Janette Briscoe
- Mike Peele
- Bill Ireland
- Tony Truett
- Dick Kors Jnr

Club Bus trip to the Shepparton Woodworking Show on Sat 12th March

The bus leaves at 8 am SHARP so do not be late, as it will not wait and you do not want to miss a great day.

Club Bus trip to Victoria's version of "WoopWoop" on Sat 2nd April

Peter Sleeman has organised another excellent trip for members with 2 buses booked. See the details on the whiteboard and get your name down quickly. The cost is \$34 per person and includes morning tea at Woodend, a visit to "Woop Woop" to see Australian style art, sculptures and their gardens, then a 2 course BBQ lunch in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. There will be free time to walk around Castlemaine and the bus will drive around to view all the town's highlights. Arrive back in Melbourne around 5 pm. The bus will leave at 8:30 am SHARP so do not be late, as it will not wait.

The Knox Festival on Sat 5th & Sun 6th March

Considering this Festival is one of our major fund raisers for the Club there are, at present, a disappointing number of names on the board to attend to help. We can only assume you will nominate yourself at the last minute, but we would appreciate it earlier in future so we can better plan resources.

As Paddy mentioned, success at this event keeps your annual fees low.

We expect all members to attend and assist in some way - even if it is just for a few hours.

(Don't forget to return your raffle tickets)

GET INVOLVED. **Your Committee**

Housekeeping in the Club

It was highlighted at the last monthly meeting that we all have a part to play in general housekeeping within the Club. Most members remember to clean up their work area after working on projects but some forget we unfortunately do not have servants or a cleaning service for the kitchen and

toilets etc. Please thoroughly wash your cup and plate **and** dry them, then put them away in the cupboard, otherwise a committee member has to waste their time doing it.

Workshop Equipment Status

A DVD player and a VCR unit have been purchased to enable us to watch demonstration films etc on the large TV now set up in the workshop.

You will have noticed that the extraction system is being extended into the wood turning room to further reduce airborne dust in the building. However, this will put added strain on the extraction efficiency if the shut-off valve to any machine is left open when a machine is not in use. **DO YOU REMEMBER TO CLOSE OFF THE SHUT-OFF VALVE AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED WITH**



**THE MACHINE?
EQUALLY
IMPORTANT, DO
YOU REMEMBER TO
OPEN THE VALVE
BEFORE USING THE
MACHINE??**

Graham Perends recently donated this jigsaw to the Club. He did not know its age but it is certainly well made as they were years ago.

It was too large and took up too much space in his home workshop.

The February Working Bee

The Committee was most disappointed to have only 17 members out of a Club membership of over 160 attend the February session.

Perhaps a roster system may be the only way to get some members to contribute just a few hours each year to Club site work?

A useful Website reference

www.ukic.org.uk/fw/cn/73-3.htm

There are plenty of sites giving instructions on how to bend wood, but very few on making wood **straight** as this one does. Warped wood is a major problem in the restoration of antique furniture etc. This site brings together many of the options open to helping with the problem.

Not getting your email copy of our Newsletter?

Perhaps you have not advised your email address or have changed your email address?

Advise Paul Lucas, so I keep the email listing up to date.

Know of any Sponsors for our newsletter?

Know of anyone, a business or organisation who would be interested in contributing to sponsoring your newsletter?

Workshop Hours

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

Saturday Morning Events and the Key Holder

March 5 th			KNOX FESTIVAL	
March 12 th	9:00 am	-12:00 pm	Jan Brown	9762 1063
March 19 th	9:30 am	-12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
March 26 th	9:30 am	-12:30 pm	Brian Douds	9758 2173
April 2 nd	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	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

Sat/Sun 5/6th March

Knox Festival "Kids Corner". Stall site A1.

Sat 12th March

Bus trip to the Shepparton Woodworking Show

Sat 2nd April

Bus trip to "Woop Woop" and Castlemaine.

Wednesday 6th April

Monthly General Meeting.

Sunday 14th August

"Be-In-It" Competition
and Club Rooms Open Day

In The Big "Woodies" World

Sat/Sun 12/13th March

Wagga Wagga Turn About

Sat 19th March

Pakenham Show

Sat/Sun 19/20th March

Ballarat Woodworkers Guild Wood Expo.

25-28th March 2005

Bendigo "Men in shed"
Woodturners Easter Exhibition.

8-10th April 2005

Turn-Fest, Mt Tamborine,
Queensland

17-19th June

Australian Woodturning
Exhibition. Whitehorse Centre
Nunawading. Details for entry
on the notice board.

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
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

Nova "3000" Teknatool lathe
(NZ made). Still under
warranty. Price \$1,095. Contact
Joyce Brown on ph 9754 2232

European Woodworking bench.
2100x600. Very sturdy and
professional. \$550

Dawn woodworking vice, as
new. \$150

Set of 4 Marples chisels
(unbreakable). New. \$60.

Contact Ralph Negrin on ph
9876 9659

Saying of the month

"Part of the secret of success in
life is to eat what you like and
let the food fight it out inside"
Mark Twain

**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**