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### OUR PRESIDENT'S JULY REPORT

As we move into the second half of the year we are still very actively involved with a number of projects and our membership has never been higher which says a lot about the viability of our Club. The interest, involvement, commitment and camaraderie of our members are the thing that keeps the Club alive. If I may coin a phrase from John F. Kennedy 'it is not what my Club can do for me but what I can do for my Club'. Our membership fees are kept low by the contributions of time, skills and goods by a dedicated number of members and I thank them for their enthusiasm and contributions to the Club. If you feel that you would like to do more to further your Club, don't be shy - approach myself or one of your committee members and we will welcome your input.

In June the Club was involved for three days in Technology Week at St Joseph's College, Ferntree Gully with Demonstrations and Displays of Woodturning, Rocking Horses and Wood Carving, in endeavouring to generate interest in Wood Crafts among youth. We had three very successful days with not only interest shown by students but also many of the staff of the college. My thanks to Joyce Brown for organising the Woodturning and to Cliff Walsh, John Emptage, Peter Jordan and Bob Plant for their demonstrations, to Joe Semenow for organising the Rocking Horse display and demonstrating his techniques and to Gerry Daelmans for his demonstration and display of Wood Carving. Thank you all, you did the Club proud. The Management and Staff of St. Joseph's appreciated your efforts so much, they presented us with a Certificate of Appreciation and a donation cheque of \$ 100.

Our 'Be In It' Competition and Open Day on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August is only 6 weeks away and I hope that every member

will enter into the spirit of the day and enter some of their work from the past 12 months. The Day is very important in the Club Year as it gives us the opportunity to show our public face to all members, their families and friends. It allows everyone to see and appreciate the quality, quantity and variety of items that our members have made. It also enables members old and new to pick up ideas, which they can use in their future endeavours. Here is an occasion that you can help the Club with your entry and attendance on the day. I look forward to meeting you and your family there.

Paddy McCann

### The Tsunami Appeal

Our Club has made a \$500 donation to "The India Tsunami Relief Fund" on behalf of all of our members.

Your Committee

### Join in the annual Auction Night at the 2<sup>nd</sup> December meeting

Start sorting your unwanted items from your workshop and sheds etc ready to donate them for the auction night.

Come along, as the night is always fun, and remember the money raised goes to the Club

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## Rocking Horse Raffle at Bunning's Ferntree Gully, Sat/Sun 8/9<sup>th</sup>

October

Remember to mark your diary for either of these days as we need your help to sell tickets. Details will be given at future meetings and will be on the notice board.

## Timber or items left at the Club

A Club rule is that timber, projects or personal items are not to be left at the Club. This rule is for the logical reason that if a number of our 170 members left items we would not be able to move!!

If however, for any unavoidable rare reason, items are left then ensure they have your name clearly visible on them, and when they will be collected, so others know to leave them alone. Your committee

## Stringybark Festival Sat/Sun 22/23<sup>rd</sup> October

This is one of our two major fund raisers for the year that help minimise your annual fees. Your help will be needed, so mark your diary. Details will be given later on the notice board and at the meetings.

## The Australian Woodturning Exhibition 17-19<sup>th</sup> June 2005

Those who visited this Exhibition would surely be inspired with the variety and quality of the exhibits. It is a national exhibition with entries from as far away as Western Australia and Queensland.

We had four of our members exhibiting and achieving excellent results:-

Cliff Walsh was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Open Laminated / Built Up category

Mick Durrant received a 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize for his Carriage Clock in the Novice clocks category

Joyce Brown gained a 3<sup>rd</sup> place for her Lidded box in the Novice section.

Bob Plant gained two 3<sup>rd</sup> places for his small bowl and a vase in the Novice sections.

This is an excellent result for the club and it should be noted that this was the first time Joyce and Mick had entered the exhibition. It would be great to see more of our members in next years show. Bob Plant

## Donation of pipe clamps by Manfred Shores

A special thanks, on your behalf, to Manfred for donating the 4 clamps that are 2.4 metres long. They will certainly be useful for members constructing large items.

Your Committee

## A former member, Mal Winter

Mal and his wife, Margaret, who now reside at Warburton East, were seen at the Warburton Winterfest in June. Mal's only regret is the Club is too far away for him to easily visit. They are both well and send their best wishes to all their old friends. Jim Gray

## The Club dust extractor system

Please remember, it is a **dust** extraction system!! Some members have been sweeping pieces of timber etc into the floor inlets in the shop when sweeping in their sawdust. This can result in blockages on the system. Please separate wood etc and place in the appropriate bin before sweeping the dust into the inlet.

## The "Be In It" Competition on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Are you working on your items to enter in the competition this year?  
Mark the date in your diary and bring your family or partner.

## GTR Abrasives

Eric Foster, the successful June monthly meeting guest speaker, left a copy of his extensive catalogue at the Club. Look through it, as he has offered Club members a substantial discount. He has offered to deliver the items to the Club if we order more than \$100 worth in one order so talk to Paddy Mc Cann because if he gets sufficient interest he will place the one order.

## Community support activities being undertaken by the Club

Description	Recipient	Status
(1) 10 Special Chairs	Cerebral Palsy Aids for Kids	In Progress
(2) Making & Erecting shelves and cupboards	Ringwood North Kindergarten	In Progress
(3) Kid's Corner (30th June)	Rowville Library	Completed
(4) Kid's Corner (5th July)	Knox Leisureworks YMCA	Completed
(5) 4 Small Tables	Kallista Kindergarten	In Planning
(6) "Reach Out for Kids" Plaque	Reach Out for Kids	In Planning

## 4 Demonstration days at St Joseph's

I feel the club's demonstration of Carving, The Rocking Horses and the Woodturning was an outstanding success, so much so that we have been invited back again for next year's "Technology Week".

John Emptage woodturned a beautiful osage orange pen, which intrigued the students. Cliff Walsh turned a large

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number of handles for plastic bags, and as fast as Cliff turned them he gave them away.

Joe Semenov did us proud with quite a lively interest taken in the two rocking horses he took, stimulating many questions. Joe has made templates and a pattern so the boys can make the less involved horse. One lad told me he is going to make one for his 4 year old cousin. They were even more delighted when Joe said they could have a ride on the horses, long queues for that too.

Gerry Daelmans and his magnificent carving had quite a crowd around his area all the time. Gerry was unable to attend on the Friday so there were some disappointed teachers, as they had come in especially to see his work. Quite a few students stayed there a long time asking questions, so we generated a good deal of interest in our "technology". Paddy did a wonderful job keeping everything going, describing the work and answering questions and giving advice.

Peter Jordan turned a Stool, which quite impressed the students.

I and Bob Plant did woodturning, Bob also being an ex-teacher had a good rapport with the kids.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our days and received a great deal of pleasure in helping out. Joyce Brown

## Pointers to ponder with turning tools

1. It is important to have them sharp.
2. Blunt or badly sharpened tools cause a poor finish and frustration.
3. Use the correct tool for the job.
4. When sharpening tools, **DO NOT** dip them in water, if they become blue from over heating, allow the tool to cool down naturally.
5. Profiles should be kept correct.
6. Jigs to assist in sharpening spindle gouges are in the cupboard.
7. If in doubt, ask. Bob Plant

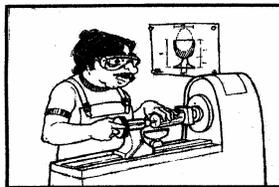
## Recent concerns in the woodturning workshop

1. Tools not being put away.
  2. Sandpaper & scrap wood being left on benches.
  3. Drives, both headstock and tailstock, damaged including grinding off the points, working with chisels too close to the point and damaging them. These drives cost about \$40 to replace.
  4. Extending chucks beyond their capacity and shearing off lock pins.
  5. Turning tools "profiles" being radically changed when attempting to sharpen them.
  6. Equipment missing, including Pen mandrel.
- We have an excellent facility so please do not abuse it. If you are in the turning shop and you see someone abusing or misusing equipment challenge them or let a committee member, or some one in authority, know.
- If people are found misusing or abusing equipment then they will be obliged to pay for repair or replacement of the items. Bob Plant



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## Turners' Talk



to book in.

Remember Ken Port, from Woodcut Tools NZ, will demonstrate on Monday 19th September from 9am-3pm. No charge to attend, but a small fee for a simple lunch. Contact me or Paddy Joyce Brown

## Christmas Toy Count

As Paddy said, the count to date, is still only 73 toys. Bring them in as they are progressively completed so we can monitor the tally.

## Members welfare

A number of our members continue to be unwell and are receiving various treatments so we trust they will all be back to their normal selves over the coming period.

They are: Rennie Van Aken  
Doug Dell  
Bruce Powell  
Merv Kann Ian Stanfield

**The AGM**  
**is the 5<sup>th</sup> October monthly meeting**  
Remember this meeting, and renew your membership.

## Do you take and use timber from the Club's wood racks and storage??

Please remember, **THIS TIMBER IS NOT FREE.** Timber has been disappearing and people have not been doing the right thing and making a reasonable donation to the Club in the honesty box.

Apart from the fact people donate the timber so the Club benefits financially, there is considerable time spent by a few dedicated members to collect the wood, stack it, and then maintain the stacks in neat order over time.

On that note – a special thanks to Paul Phillips and Peter Sleeman for their recent efforts in restacking the racks. Naturally, these comments on using the timber do not apply to members taking timber for Club projects!!

## A warm welcome to our New Members

Help our new members get as great enjoyment out of the Club as we do by making 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: George Giummarra  
Campbell McKillop  
Frank O'Connor

## Workshop Hours

<b>Monday (the day session is for woodturning)</b>	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	John Emptage	9758 6103
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bill Longden	9758 2438
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Peter Horsburgh	9879 5144
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bruce Allen	9754 5774
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am - 3:00 pm	Paddy McCann	9758 3920
	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Frank O'Connor	9879 7512
<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 Morning Events and the Key Holder

9 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 noon	Brian Douds	9758 2173
16 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
30 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ray Norton	9763 5728
<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	John Emptage 9758 6103
	Evening	Each week	Carvers	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206
			Festival Kit development	Peter Horsburgh 9878 5144
Tuesday	Day	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, Coming Up and For Sale etc.

### Our Club Activities

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**  
Monthly General Meeting.  
Chris Vesper of "Chris Vesper Tools" is the guest speaker.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
Committee Meeting.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
Monthly General Meeting.  
Geoff Pearce from Classic Chain Saws and Mowers" is the guest speaker.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
"Be-In-It" Competition and Club Rooms Open Day.

### In The Big "Woodies" World

**29-31<sup>st</sup> July**  
Adelaide "Working with Wood" Show

**2-4<sup>th</sup> September**  
Canberra "Working with Wood" Show

**24-25<sup>th</sup> September**  
Mildura Woodshow 2005

**7-9<sup>th</sup> October**  
"Working with Wood" Show, Melbourne.

### 19-20<sup>th</sup> November

Moe Latrobe woodturners at the Pioneer Village

### 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 ph9754 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

7 sets of dowelling jigs.  
Retail \$180 – sell for \$100 per set.  
See Paddy McCann

### A Thanks to Charles Bruckner

Thanks Charles, for preparing and issuing the June newsletter while I was away overseas.

I will be away again overseas for the September and October issues but Charles has decided he cannot do these 2 newsletter issues.  
Any volunteers? – if so, contact me for details. Paul Lucas

### Why no photos in this newsletter issue?

Unfortunately there was simply no room, after many of the written segments were included!!

I will endeavor to include unused submitted items and pictures in future issues.  
Don't be discouraged by this, if you have contributions, submit them to me.

Naturally, to be fair, articles/photos are generally given preference in the order in which I receive them, so get yours in early!!

The absolute cutoff date for items is the Wednesday before each monthly meeting.

Paul Lucas

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