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Our President's August report

I would like to open my report with a very big thank you to Paul Phillips and Bruce Allan for their hard work and dedication in making and erecting shelving and cupboards on site at Burch Memorial Pre School in Wonga Park as a Club Project for which the Club received a Letter of Appreciation and a Donation of \$1000!

Well Done Paul and Bruce.

Our thanks also to Max Holt who made and completed 12 Special Chairs for children with Cerebral Palsy and delivered the chairs to the Club a couple of days before he went into hospital for his operation, which was successful. I would like to take this opportunity, on your behalf, to thank Max for his efforts and to wish him a speedy recovery. We look forward to seeing you back at the Club very soon. Our Annual "Be In It" Competition and Open day is on Sunday 14th August at The Clubrooms with the timetable as follows:

Competition entries will be received and checked in on Sat. 13th between 8am-12 noon and Sunday 14th 9am-11am. Entries will be judged in their various categories between 12noon and 2 30pm. The Club Rooms will be closed during judging.

The display will be open for viewing by members, families and friends, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm with afternoon tea. (Please bring a plate suitable for afternoon tea).

The Presentation of Certificates to the winners of the Various Categories will be at 4.30pm

Last Year we had over 100 members and visitors. Your support will be gratefully appreciated. Come along early for an enjoyable afternoon.

Lastly I would remind all Members of our planned Working Bee on Saturday 13th August from 8am to 12noon in Preparation for our Open Day.

I look forward to seeing as many Members as possible on both days.
Paddy McCann

Community Support Activities undertaken by the Club

Description	Recipient	Status
(1) 4 Small Tables	Kallista Kindergarten	In Planning
(2) "Reach Out for Kids" Plaque	Reach Out for Kids	In Planning
(3) Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In Planning
(4) Rocking Horse	Angliss Hospital	In Progress
(5) Rocking Horse	Stringybark Festival	In Progress
(6) Clock	Stringybark Festival	In Progress
(7) Wood turned Platter	Stringybark Festival	In Progress
(8) Rocking Horse	Knox Festival	In Progress
(9) Kids Corner Kits	Stringybark & Knox Festival	Continually In Progress
(10) Toys	Disadvantaged Kids	In Progress
(11) Show Rocking Horse	Club Display	In Progress

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Around the Club



Here is Paul Phillips in the early stage of construction of the set of shelving and bookcases (together with Bruce Allen) for the Burch Memorial Pre-School at Wonga Park, as mentioned by

Paddy.



Peter Saxby, Rachael Robins and Robert Woodham all attend the Club on Wednesday

They have been working on a very sturdy workbench for some time with guidance from people like Paddy McCann and Peter Sleeman etc and it is now almost complete.

I wondered why members used to question when Perla Garcés was going to next attend the Club to do some work. I found out this week when she brought in a box of lovely fresh cakes and biscuits for morning tea and lunch. She apparently does this often to the appreciation of all those present on the day! I'm not going to say what day she attends otherwise there won't be enough biscuits to go around! Karen Button even put those left over into the cupboard for later sessions. Thanks for the cakes Perla! It is nice to see members like Perla and Joyce Brown, to name just a few, who bring enough morning tea for others.

Karen Button and Joyce Brown are intrigued by the photograph storage box Perla is constructing to give to her "very spoilt niece" (Perla's words). She is copying a box - it holds 120 photos - which she was given as a gift.



Peter Jordan has made a lovely stool with turned top and legs. The secret of success with items such as this is to get the played angle of all four legs exactly the same so the stool not only looks right but is totally stable.

Charles Bruckner is working hard on drilling holes in a number of circular discs for a



person who paid the Club to have them done for her. Thanks Charles.

A founding member remembers us

Walter Berger was a founding member of our Club and he still has fond memories of his time with members in the early days of the Club. He hasn't forgotten his woodwork skills either, as he has recently built a Post and Beam house and a separate cottage in Gembrook.



I have included photos of each he sent to Gary Pope. Naturally, all the interiors are totally in wood and absolutely superbly and tastefully finished. The golden afternoon sun on the house and the morning sun on the cottage just compliment his excellent craftsmanship. Walter sent excellent pictures of the construction stage and interiors but limited space precluded their inclusion.

Rocking Horse Ramblings



Joe Semenow is proudly showing the latest size 3 horse called "A Gareth" he has made. It created great interest at the July meeting as it is made from flat stock timber with no intricate carving, consequently it is far less costly to make and importantly can be made with less skill and time than the traditional rocking horses made at the club. The other bonus is it is as sturdy as the traditional horse and is easier for younger children to mount and ride. It is designed to take the weight

of an adult holding a young child and I proved its sturdiness by riding it myself, as you can see!

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Several members can be seen already cutting out templates for the new "Gareth" horse and several members have already begun construction.

The "rocking horse man" Len Elliott has very kindly given us his patterns for this horse and the only stipulation for all members is we respect his generosity by only constructing the horse for our personal family etc use and not for general sale.



Noel Rippon is close to completing a magnificent size 6 carousel horse. This is his 7th horse in several sizes that he will have made at the Club, as he has 11 grandchildren. He is very complimentary of Joe Semenow's assistance and training over the time. This horse will be finished in bright carnival colours and may even have crackle finish on it. Most of the design of this horse is his own and been decided as he progressed. A great effort Noel!



Paul Lucas

Christmas Toy Count

The count up to now is still only just over a disappointing 100 toys.

There is not much time to go!

Bring them in as they are progressively completed so we can monitor the tally.

Want to use timber from the Club's wood racks and storage?

Please remember, **THIS TIMBER IS NOT FREE IF IT IS FOR YOUR PERSONAL PROJECTS.**

For small pieces of timber, we expect members to put a **minimum** of gold coin donation in the honesty box.

For larger quantities of timber or sheets of chip board etc please refer to the key holder for a price before taking the pieces.

We will now report on the money raised from timber sales in the newsletter each month.

We trust this will result in us getting a fairer return for the wood taken, as we do not want to introduce more stringent controls on everyone when it may be just a few abusing the system

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 smiling friendly selves over the coming period and back at the Club telling us all how great it is to be well again!.

They are: Rennie Van Aken
Doug Dell
Bruce Powell
Merv Kann
Max Holt

Got a copy of the "New Member Introduction Guide"?

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the newly revised guide that clearly, and in an easy to read format, explains what we expect of all members to continue running the Club in the successful and friendly way it does. This is not just for new members. Copies are in the box beside the sign-in book.

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: Barry Ellis
Murray White

Frank O'Connor

Stringybark Festival Sat/Sun 22/23rd October

The second major fund raiser for the year, that helps minimise your annual fees.

Your help is needed, so mark your diary. Details will be on the notice board and at the monthly meetings. Write your name on the list on the notice board.

Equipment status

The docking saw and the ripping bench saw will be evaluated to determine whether they can be economically renovated to bring them up to standard for performance and safety or whether we need to investigate alternative new equipment. The costs involved could be substantial so final decisions will be subject to further detailed discussion.

The "Be In It" Competition on Sunday 14th August

Only a week and a half to go!!

Don't forget to get your items in before the cut off time of 10am Sunday 14th.

Bring your family or partner and friends to see what members are achieving at the Club.

Don't forget a plate of afternoon tea.

Website reference

www.veneerinlayaustralia.com.au for a catalogue of veneer products to incorporate into your project

Workshop Hours

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

6 th August	9:30 am	12:30 noon	Brian Douds	9758 2173
13 th August	9:00 am	12:00 pm	WORKING BEE	
20 th August	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Ladislav Toman	9758 9146
27 th August	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 Festival Kit development	Willy Schlaf 9762 2206 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 3rd August
Monthly General Meeting.
Geoff Pearce from "Classic Chain Saws and Mowers" is the guest speaker.

Saturday 13th August
WORKING BEE

Sunday 14th August
"Be-In-It" Competition
and Club Rooms Open Day.

Wednesday 24th August
Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 5th October
Annual General Meeting.

Sat/Sun 8/9th October
Rocking Horse raffle sales at Bunnings, Ferntree Gully.

Sat/Sun 22/23rd October
Stringybark Festival "Kids Corner".

In The Big "Woodies" World

2-4th September
Canberra "Working with Wood" Show

24-25th September
Mildura Woodshow 2005

7-9th October
"Working with Wood" Show, Melbourne.

August 2005

19-20th November

Moe Latrobe Woodturners at the Pioneer Village

19-20th November

Eltham Club Annual Exhibition, Pitt St, Eltham

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

The lighter side of life.....

Ever wondered why....
The sun lightens your skin but darkens your hair?

Why you don't ever see the headline "Psychic wins lottery"?

Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

Why doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?

Why they call the airport the "terminal" if flying is so safe?

Who tastes dog food when it has "new and improved flavour"?

Why lemon juice is often made with artificial flavour, while dishwashing liquid is made from real lemons?

Remember to wear appropriate clothes, shoes, safety glasses, ear protection, face protection and dust mask when using Club equipment. Your health is important, look after it.

THINK SAFE WOODWORKING