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Newsletter of the

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Woodworkers Club*



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Our President's November report

I would like to take this opportunity to say welcome to the New Executive Committee and thank them for nominating for election. It is good to have Doug Dell back on committee, welcome Doug. My thanks also go to Bill Longden, Ron Ralph, and Max Holt who retired from committee.

Like other years we have started this year running, with the sale of raffle tickets at Bunnings on Sat/Sun 8th/9th October. Thanks to Charles Bruckner for organising this activity, thanks also to the 20 members who gave their time selling tickets, you raised \$441. Well done everyone.

On Wednesday 12th October we hosted a visit by 13 members of Southern Peninsula Woodworking Club at our Clubrooms. Thanks to the support of 18 members on the day we had an enjoyable and successful day. Our visitors praised our welcome and hospitality.

The weekend of Sat & Sun 22nd & 23rd October we had a very busy and successful two days at Stringybark Festival at Rowville. Thanks to the 29 members on Saturday and 37 members on Sunday and the weather being kind to us, we are extremely pleased with the monetary outcome, which looks like a record for our festival activities. A Special thanks to those members who produced our raffle prizes i.e. Joe Semenow and the Rocking Horse Group, Peter Sleeman for the Granddaughter Clock and Peter Jordan for the turned Banksia Bowl.

Coming up, we are hosting a visit from Queenscliff Wood

turners Club on Monday 31st October. We are expecting about 18 of their members and wives to attend and we would appreciate as many members as possible to support us to make it an enjoyable day for our visitors.

On Saturday 19th November we have our Annual Stall at the Friends of Fern tree Gully Fair from 9am till 3pm. We need volunteers to staff our Kids Corner activity.

We are remiss this year in not advertising our End of Year Christmas Break up & Carols by Candlelight Function which will be held on Saturday 3rd December and apologise for this late notification. Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be coming along. Last year we had over 100 members, families and friends attend and had a very enjoyable afternoon and night.

I look forward to meeting and speaking to you around the Club.
Paddy Mc Cann

Saturday 3rd December **Christmas Spit Roast Breakup Party** **Dinner followed by Carols by** **Candlelight**

Only \$10 per adult & \$5 for children under 12 yrs.
Arrive from 5pm for dinner at 6pm.

Bring your own folding table, chairs & drinks.
A good time will be had by all. BOOK NOW!

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Ferntree Gully Community Fair **Kids Corner 9am-3pm**

Helpers are needed to assist kids assemble kits (similar to Stringybark.) When? Saturday 19th November.

Will you put your name down to help?

Community Support Activities undertaken by the Club

Description	Recipient	Status
Honour Board	Reach Out for Kids	In Progress
Rocking Horse	Knox Festival	In Progress
Toys	Disadvantaged Kids	In Progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Progress Continually
Kids Corner Kits	Stringybark and Knox Festivals	Continually Mon nights & Tues days
4 Small Tables	Kallista Kinder	In Planning
Occasional Table	Angliss Hospital	In Planning
Set of Steps	Friends of FTG Fair	In Planning
Clock	Knox Festival Raffle	In Planning
Turned Bowl	Knox Festival Raffle	In Planning
15 Special Chairs	Cerebral Palsy Assoc	In Planning
14 Adjustable Stools	Cerebral Palsy Assoc	In Planning

Remi Verchot woodturning demonstration Sunday 13th November

I have engaged Remi, Professional French wood turner, to demonstrate at our club from 9am-4pm. Cost is \$20 which includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. To meet this low cost I have invited members from several others clubs to have at least 40 people. I was fortunate to see Remi woodturn at Vic Woods. I came away inspired and two days later turned a small really thin goblet that he had demonstrated. This was held in the chuck only, no tailstock support - I couldn't believe I did it! Remi has turned, demonstrated and taught, plus sold his turnings all over the world and has his work in all the major galleries. He is counted as one of France's "Treasures". Don't miss the opportunity to see this demonstration!

Joyce Brown

Christmas Toy Count

The toy count is slowly creeping up when the soft toys are included. Time to finish off all those you started and get them into the Club ready for distribution to the chosen charities. We know the kids love them for Christmas.

Around the Club

A professional maintenance check of all major equipment in the club revealed all is in good working order. Sharpening and/or replacement of saw and buzzer blades, router bits and the triton router are anticipated to cost over \$2,000. While this is normal maintenance it just highlights the reason why we need everyone's help at our fundraising

events, to ultimately keep membership costs as low as possible.

A subcommittee has been created to progress discussions with the Council on potential expansion of our building facilities at the Club site to allow for improved and increased storage space. We will keep you informed! Charles Bruckner was a "one man band" at the recent Knox Baptist Community Church family fun day with a static stall of photos etc publicising the Club. He enjoyed the day and thinks several people who took information will eventually join the Club. Thanks Charles!

Our antique March treadle lathe (manufactured in 1840) has been moved to the Ambleside Park Historical Home and Museum on "indefinite loan" as it will be better displayed, seen and admired by their many visitors.

Joyce Brown is seen proudly receiving the Bill Gillingham Memorial Award for Outstanding Services to the Club in 2005, from Jean Gillingham. Joyce is the first woman to win this award. Well done, Joyce!



Picture by William Ireland

Jim Gay organised a successful matinee session for a group of us members to see the comedy "Pull the other one" by the Knox Theatre Company. Well done Jim!

A visit by Southern Peninsula Woodworkers club members

We had the pleasure of entertaining 13 members of the Southern Peninsula Woodworkers on October 13. Weather was fine, Paddy, Peter and Pat put on a feast that would have suited a Queen.

Of course there was quite a lot of woodturning talk as well. They seemed very impressed with our set up and especially liked the legs that Max Holt had turned on the router lathe. The Horse that Max made at his home and the beautiful dapple grey horse that Joe Semenow and crew made were the hit of the day. Well done gentlemen.

They are arranging a return visit to their club. They only have 70 members, but 8 lathes, apparently all set up individually with their own chucks etc. So folks, keep the date in mind when it becomes available as they are a very friendly lot of people and would make us very welcome, as we did them.

Joyce Brown

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. I am sorry it has taken so long to get your new name badge ready due to being away for 10 weeks but it's worth the wait as you can now wear it with pride!

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Here are our 11 new members since August:

- Sharon Sammells
- Howard Walsh
- Ray Hamono
- Barry Ellis
- Murray White
- Ray Charlton
- Paul Eftathiou
- Damien Bradley
- Peter Dolan
- Joseph Lovasz
- Lawrence Brown

A recent Woodturning demonstration at the Knox Library

Peter Jordan and I demonstrated woodturning at the Knox Library with approximately 20 public in attendance. We may gain four new members, as there was quite a deal of interest shown. Bill Longden made a really excellent Public Relations man, covering the history of the Club and a very good description of the Club activities, so much so that I was concentrating on what Bill was saying instead of paying more attention to my turning. Peter very quickly had a pear completed, and was onto a lidded box in no time.

Joyce Brown

THE STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL

Can you guess who had “Meals on Wheels” lunch service at the Festival? He had a meal delivered to him by his wife that had been prepared by his next door neighbour.

I asked my wife, Maureen, to provide a similar service – but I won’t repeat what she said to me!! See the end of the newsletter on page 4 if you do not know who it was.



As Paddy mentioned, the Festival was a marvellous success with the kids having a great time assembling kits and our members having fun helping them. Here is Robyn Covington accepting the

2nd prize from Paddy Mc Cann, and the clock-maker Peter Sleeman. It was nice to see that 2 of our own members actually win a prize in the rocking horse raffle:

- 1st prize - Ray Pike
- 2nd prize - Robyn Covington
- 3rd prize - Jim Marshall



Here are 2 photos which justify all the work done by members. A Dad helping his daughter burn a pattern using pyrography and Mum & Dad proudly looking on while their two boys assemble their kits.

One of our new members, Sharon Sammells, and her daughter and Karen Button did a sterling job helping the kids choose which kit to buy while having a lot of fun doing it.



With a total of 66 helpers over the 2 days there had to be bacon and eggs for breakfast, sausages and onions for lunch and cakes for morning and afternoon teas to go with the endless tea and coffee. Here Hughie Gaynor and myself (Paul Lucas) kept them satisfied!



Mike Peele added some interest to the “demonstration corner” with his distinctively styled carvings. The woodturners and other carvers also added interest to our overall stall display. Several people took our brochures so we may gain a few new members in the coming months.

The whole function was a great financial success that is a tribute to those members who helped over the months making kits, making the prizes, selling raffle tickets and helping at the actual festival with selling and assembling kits, cooking, carving and woodturning demonstrations etc:

The net result was a terrific \$4,476 towards Club funds.

MORE PHOTOS NEXT MONTH

Paul Lucas

Demonstration by Ken Port from NZ

The demonstration by Ken Port, from Woodcut Tools NZ, on September 19th, was well attended with 27 members, plus Bruce Talbot and Ron Hart from Phillip Island and Helen Longton from Waverley Club. Thanks to all who helped with the setting up and clean up. A special thanks to John Emptage for his help with the video camera and John DiDonna and his wife who did the catering with a delicious meal that was enjoyed by all.

Ken covered a wide range of tools and their sharpening. His son John and Hurtle, handled the sales. We were shown the use of several deep hollowing tools and the bowl saver, which generated a great deal of interest. It was a hands-on operation, with quite a few members having first hand experience with the bowl saver etc.

Joyce Brown

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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

5 th November	9:30 am	12:30 noon	John Emptage	9758 6103
12 th November	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Brian Douds	9762 3323
19 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Alistair Green	9754 2727
26 th November	9:30 am	12:30 pm	Chris Smith	9729 1886

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	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

Saturday 19th November
Ferntree Gully Village
Community Fair. 9am-3pm
Wednesday 23rd November
Committee Meeting.
Saturday 3rd December
Xmas Spit Roast Breakup Party
Wednesday 7th December
Toy distribution night at the
General meeting

In The Big "Woodies" World

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

For Sale

75mm and 100mm steel face plates for woodturning. See Frank O'Connor – \$15 & \$20 each respectively

That's Life!

A man phoned home from the office. "Something has come up, darling," he told his wife. "I've a chance to go fishing with a very important client." "It's a wonderful opportunity. Would you pack my clothes, my fishing equipment and my silk pyjamas? I'll be home this afternoon to pick them up."

A week later he returned home. "Did you have a good trip dear?" his wife asked.

"Yes, it was great" he said. "But you forgot to pack my silk pyjamas." "No I didn't." she replied.

"I put them in your tackle box."

Submissions for the Newsletter

I am always interested in members providing articles or photos etc. I must receive them before the Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting. Please do not be offended if items do not

appear, or appear in later issues, as space is always very limited.

WHO WAS THE MEMBER WHO RECEIVED "MEALS ON WHEELS"?
MAX HOLT.

A big thank you to John O'Rorke

It is good to be back home after a marvelous holiday in Canada, USA, England and a wildlife safari in Kenya and Tanzania. I especially thank John O'Rorke for filling in as editor for 2 months as our members appreciated getting their newsletter!
Paul Lucas

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